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"To the law and to the testimony; if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them" (Isa. 8:20).

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An Open Letter To Colonel Forgey

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My dear Mr. Forgey:

When I read your column on January 16, I was reminded of the professor whose homely wife caught him kissing his beautiful secretary. Said she, "I'm surprised;" to which the professor, always correct in his use of the English language, replied, "No, my dear; I'm surprised; you're astonished."

But, Mr. Forgey, in this case I am both surprised and astonished. I am dumfounded. I am flabbergasted. When Pat fell into an open well, Mike excitedly looked down into the dark and said, "Pat, Pat if you are dead, spake." Pat groaned and said, "I ain't dead Mike, but I'm spachless." Yes, Mr. Forgey, I am "spachless" too.

I used to read in my Greek studies that Homer nodded, but Mr. Forgey you have taken a nap—evidently one of the Rip Van Winkle variety.

And you an elder in a Presbyterian Church! Again words fail me. For fear you may have forgotten the article to which I refer, I quote it as I have copied it from your paper.

"We heard a funny story the other day that really has a point to it. Two Germans decided to go to California during the gold rush, back in '49. They met each other in California and Hans asked Fritz if he came by the Horn around Fritz said "No." "Vell, den, did you come the Isthmus across?" Fritz said "No." "Vell, den you have not arrived yet!"

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This Is The Way

A man went to a minister and said, "I have something against you and I have come to tell you about it." "Walk right in," the minister said. "You are one of my best friends, for it is a friend who will come and tell me my faults, instead of telling them to others. But first let us both pray and ask God to bless our interview."

They knelt down and both prayed. When they arose the minister said, "Now I will thank you my brother, to tell me what you have against me." "Oh" said the man, "I really do not know what it is;

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"BETTER FURTHER ON"

"I hear it singing, singing sweetly,
Softly in an undertone;
Singing as if God had taught it,
'It is better further on.'

Night and day it sings the same song,
Sings it while I sit alone,
Sings it so the heart can hear it,
'It is better further on.'

Sits upon the grave and sings it,
Sings it when the heart would groan,
Sings it when the shadows darken,
'It is better further on.'

Further on! how much further?
Count the milestones one by one?
No, no counting, only trusting,
'It is better further on.'

BIBLE QUESTIONS

1. What three lion-killers are mentioned in the Bible, and which one of them used only his bare hands?
2. What men lost their lives because they could not pronounce the letter "h"?
3. What wife was won by bravery, lost by treachery, regained by diplomacy, and divorced for mockery?
4. What recipe is given for getting friends?
5. What man learned a great lesson from a worm?
6. What is it that cannot be bought for gold, is worth more than rubies, and yet cannot be seen by man or be found on sea or land or in the depth of the earth?
7. When did fifty men search in vain for one neither living nor dead?
8. Who ate a book?
9. What unnamed biblical character died a death that no one ever died before or since?
10. Who added fifteen years to his life by a prayer?
11. What girl saved a great nation by doing her duty?
12. What two men were hidden from their pursuers in the best-concealed hiding-place described in the Bible?

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The First Baptist Pulpit

"Sanctification"

"But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption." (1 Cor. 1:30)

The question of sanctification has been in my mind from the earliest dawn of my recollection. I remember when I was but a wee lad, attending services in a church in my home community. At this meeting an elderly lady in her testimony said, "I have been sanctified, and I have been holified, and I have been glorified, and yes, praise God, I have been mortified." I am not saying beloved that she had not been. However, from that time, the teaching of sanctification has been in my mind and I have wondered just what it meant.

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First of all, let me tell you that sanctification is not the removal of the old carnal nature.

I recognize the fact that many who claim entire sanctification tell us that their carnality and depravity is gone and that they are now in a state of absolute perfection. This group speaks of it as "the second blessing" or "the second definite work of grace." I met one of these individuals sometime ago, and she said to me, "I'm just as good as Jesus Christ, and praise the Lord, I'm getting better every day."

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An Interesting Experience This Week

On Sunday evening just as I finished my broadcast, the news was brought to me that I was to conduct the funeral of G. G. Napier in Ashland on Tuesday afternoon, who had died on Sunday morning being 57 years of age. The services were held at the Missionary Baptist Church in Westwood, and we preached from the text, "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of His Son, that he might be the first born among brethren, Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them also justified: and whom he justified, them also He glorified. What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? (Rom. 8: 28-31).

A good number of a large crowd present, expressed their appreciation of the message, and several asked if they might procure a copy of it. May I remind each of our readers that the sermon preached was one of our radio messages which was reproduced in our book of sermons gotten out last year. (It and twelve others comprise the book, which sells for 25c postpaid).

Two things stood out in the experience of this death and funeral to make it of unusual interest.

First, Mr. Napier was sick less than 48 hours, having been stricken on Friday evening and dying Sunday morning. As I stood beside the casket and looked down upon

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Tragic In Extreme

"A pastor was passing a big department store, and followed a sudden impulse to go in and talk to the proprietor on the subject of his salvation. Finding him, he said: 'Mr. T., I've talked beds, carpets and book cases with you, but I've never talked my business with you. Would you give me a few minutes to do so?' Being led to the private office, the minister took out his New Testament and showed him passage after passage which brought before that business man his duty to accept Jesus Christ. Finally the tears began to roll down

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