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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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WHOLE NO. 63

A Deck Of Cards

The peril of compromise has been vividly revealed in an incident which occurred in a meeting conducted by Major J. H. Cole, who vouches for its accuracy. "A tramp entered the meeting. At the close it was thrown open for anyone to speak; he arose and said: 'This is the Chapel I used to attend when I was a little boy. My father was an officer in this church. He used to sit in that pew. There were seven of us boys in our Sunday School teacher's class and we very much loved and respected her. She used to take us home on Saturday afternoons, and we used to have music and refreshments, and then we had to look over the lesson for the following day. After a bit, in order to keep hold of us she introduced us to cards. She showed us a number of tricks, and so on. We soon began to ask her to have a little less of the lesson and a little more of the cards. Shortly after that we began ceasing to go to the house at all, we took the cards and cigarettes, at other places. Then we took to gambling, and as a matter of course we left the Sunday School. I want to tell you what become of those boys. Two of those seven boys were hanged, three others are in State prisons for life, the sixth one if the police knew where he is, would be here too, and if they knew that I was here I should be behind the bars in double quick time. All I have to say is, that I do wish my Sunday School teacher had never taught us how to play cards.' He had no sooner finished than a woman dressed in black, staggered forward and fell at his feet exclaiming, 'My God, my God, I am that Sunday School teacher!'"

—Canton Christian

Boys Wanted

100 boys wanted for new customers. We are constantly losing our old customers as follows:
10 committed suicide last month.
20 are in jail
8 are in the chain gang.
1 is condemned to die.
15 are in the poorhouse.
3 have been sent to the insane asylum.

The few left are of little use to us, as they have no money now. If we don't get the new customers we'll have to close the saloons. We don't care whose boy you are, you'll be welcome, and once we get you you'll stay a customer as long

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"WHEN THOU PASSETH THROUGH THE WATERS"

Isaiah 43:2

I

Is there any heart discouraged as it journeys on its way?
Does there seem to be more darkness than there is of sunny day?
Oh! it's hard to learn the lesson, as we pass beneath the rod,
That the sunshine and the shadow serve alike the will of God!
But there comes a word of promise, like the promise in the bow—
That, however deep the waters, they shall never overflow.

II

When the flesh is worn and weary, and the spirit is depressed,
And temptations sweep upon it like a storm upon ocean's breast,
There's a haven ever open for the tempest driven bird,
There's a shelter for the tempted in the promise of the word;
For the standard of the Spirit shall be raised against the foe,
And, however deep the waters, they shall never overflow.

III

When a sorrow comes upon you that no other soul can share,
And the burden seems too heavy for the human heart to bear,
There is one whose grace can comfort, if you'll give to Him abode;
For the precious promise reaches to the depths of human woe,
That, however deep the waters, they shall never overflow.

IV

When the sands of life are ebbing, and I near the Jordan's shore,
When I see its waters rising, and I hear its billows roar,
I will reach my hand to Jesus, in His bosom I shall hide,
And 'twill only be a moment till I reach the other side.
It is then the fullest meaning of the promise I shall know—
When thou passest through the waters, they shall never overflow."

(Copied from "Amazing Grace", Feb. 17, 1939.)

—Author unknown.

BIBLE QUESTIONS

1. What slave-boy engineered a successful corner in wheat?
2. Who drove away an invading army by a song?
3. When did politeness save fifty-one men from death by fire?
4. What prophet wept to see a man's bloody future in his face?
5. What general was cured by a little slave-girl?
6. Who was killed and guarded by a lion?
7. Who won a dinner and a wife by standing up for seven girls against a lot of bullies?
8. What baby became a prince by crying at the right time?
9. When did five golden mice help save a nation?
10. Who paid for a man's head with their own hands and feet?
11. What men were allowed to ransom their lives with their right eyes?
12. What man escaped from a trap by sticking to his work?

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The First Baptist Pulpit

Some Scriptural Reasons Why Peter Was Not The First Pope

"For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus."—2 Tim. 2:5.

The present Pope, Pius XI, inaugurated into office in 1922, is the 261st successor of Peter, according to the claims of the Catholic Church. He was crowned with imposing ceremonies in the great basilica of St. Peter's at Rome. 100,000 people packed the edifice. A similar number filled the space in front, extending through all of the adjacent streets. He was brought from the Vatican, his palace of 1100 rooms to sit upon the chair of state. He wore the three-fold crown, proclaiming his power and authority in Heaven, Earth and Hell. He was preceded by the Vatican guard in their sixteenth century costume, bearing long and gleaming pikes. Knights with white tunics and crested helmets, stood facing each other, forming a double row as a living pathway, along which to welcome him as the "Prince of Peace." The censers swung before him, until the air was filled with incense. 100,000 people fell on their faces and called him "Our Lord God, the Pope." Then

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Sermon Stirs Association

On Sunday, January 29, 1939, at a ministerial oration held with the Solida Baptist church, South Point, Ohio, the following sermon was preached. The editor was not present, but getting the "back-fire" from it, he felt impressed and asked Bro. Brammer to prepare it for the readers of our paper. We are happy to share it with you.

SAUL THE PERSECUTOR AND PAUL THE PREACHER

P. J. Brammer, South Point, Ohio

We first hear of Saul of Tarsus when we find him holding the garments of those who stoned Steven (Acts 7:58; 22:30). Here he was cut to the heart with the gospel (Acts 7:54) and turned from the place exceedingly mad (Acts 26:11) From the high priest he gets authority to further persecute Christians (Acts 9:2). But as he proceeds to Damascus a heavenly light shines upon him (Acts 26:13) From whom came this heavenly light? "The lamb is the light." (Rev. 21:23).

Saul, falling to the ground, hears a voice in the Hebrew tongue saying: "Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?" He said: "Who art thou, Lord?" And the answer came, "I am Jesus." Then Saul said: "Lord, what wilt thou have me do?"

When Saul asked, "Who art thou, Lord?" he was not asking an idle question. He knew the Lord of heaven was speaking, but by whom was he speaking? Being versed in the Scriptures, Saul knew that God does not speak to any man save through a chosen man or a mediator. Heb. 1:1.

No wonder Paul was surprised
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The Minister's Roast

A minister in giving up his charge once said: "Brethren, I have decided to leave this field of labor. There are many reasons for this. In the first place, you do not love me, for you have not paid me a cent of last year's salary; you do not love each other, for there has not been a wedding in this parish for many months; God does not love you for there has not been a funeral since I came here; you do not love God, for you are doing nothing to promote His kingdom here on earth. I have decided to take the position of chaplain at the city hall and have de-

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