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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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## Rapid Increase Of Indecent Literature

Did you ever go into the corner drug store, or news agency, and investigate what kind of literature they sell? Sometime ago we reported that a men's club in a certain city looked into this matter, asked the vender of salacious literature to desist from selling magazines which tended to break down the morality of the community, and he complied with the request.

Fifteen million copies of obscene magazines, some of them disguised as "art", flood the United States every month, declared Dr. A. F. Schersten, professor of sociology at Augustana College, Rock Island, Ill., during a recent meeting in Chicago.

Never before has such a volume of salaciousness been turned upon the public, especially upon youth asserted Dr. Schersten. "There are hundreds of erotic periodicals in the nation," said he. "More than 100 magazines published in the United States are banned in Canada, four times the number of prohibited magazines from all other countries combined.

"From 1870 to 1919 there were hardly twenty-five lewd publications in the entire country. Between 1920 and 1935 the number jumped to 291. Since January 1933, ninety-four new obscene magazines have made their appearance of which sixty-eight were edited and published in New York City.

"The magazines not only parade nudity of a salacious type, but they also make it appear smart to violate the conventions. A flip-pant, unconcerned attitude toward  
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## Fancy Among Thieves

The theft of radium from a physician in Brooklyn, N. Y., and a similar loss in Detroit are not the only robberies that turn policemen's hair gray. Persons have been known to make away with disease germs, snakes, dynamite, and with objects so unwieldy it is hard to think they were removed.

Institutions which employ animal experimentation in seeking cures for disease have to be especially careful to guard against thieves.

Not long ago one of them sent  
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### STOP! CONSIDER!

"There is a time, we know not when,  
A point we know not where,  
That marks the destiny of men,  
To glory or despair.

There is a line by us unseen,  
That crosses every path;  
The hidden boundary between  
God's patience and His wrath.

To pass that limit, is to die;  
To die as if by stealth;  
It does not quench the beaming eye,  
Or pale the glow of health.

The conscience may be still at ease,  
The spirit light and gay.  
That which is pleasing still may please  
And care be thrust away.

Oh! where is this mysterious bourne  
By which our path is crossed,  
Beyond which God Himself hath sworn  
That he who goes is lost?

How far may we go on in sin?  
How long will God forbear?  
Where does hope end? and where begin  
The confines of despair?

An answer from the skies is sent:

"Ye that from God depart!  
While it is called today, repent  
And harden not your heart."

—Alexander.

### BIBLE QUESTIONS

1. What king installed water works in Jerusalem?
2. Who hid earrings and idols under an oak-tree?
3. Who were made to drink gold?
4. What man decided that it was more profitable to sell than to slay his brother?
5. Where is the first mention made of angels in the Bible?
6. At the sight of what city did men hiss and wag their heads?
7. What woman stole idols and sat upon them?
8. What woman received wages for nursing her own child?
9. What men were first called to fame and then doomed by the same prophet?
10. Who traded in apes and peacocks?
11. Who was advised to serve that he might afterward rule?
12. Whose hand was first withered and then cured by a man whom he sought to harm?

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## The First Baptist Pulpit

### Is Your Preacher Blind?

"And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch."  
(Matt.15:14)

I am preaching to you tonight from a subject which is a question: Is your preacher blind? I use the word preacher, beloved, in a wider meaning than that of one who stands behind the sacred desk on the Lord's Day. I use the word "preacher" to mean anyone who attempts to give religious instruction. It may be a mother, a father, a school teacher, some associate where you work, or it may be a preacher in the house of God. Any individual who attempts to give instruction relative to the Word of God, whether he stands before a congregation or whether he speaks to an individual, is a preacher to that extent.

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## Our Radio Fund Receives Two \$100 Gifts

This past week our hearts were gladdened by two gifts of one hundred dollars each. This, in addition to what we had on hand last week and other sums which we have received this week, brings our total now to \$220.65. A few weeks ago it began to look as though we might have to cease broadcasting. The coal strike which resulted in enforced unemployment for approximately 95 per cent of the membership of our church, came just at the time we were ready to renew our radio contract. And even though we have not had a pay day here in Russell yet, we are confident that the Lord is going to provide and supply. We believe that He has allowed this experience just as a matter of testing us, and to Him this morning we give all thanks.

Deep down in our heart we are singing a song of praise. The music box of the soul has been over-turned. The following Scripture expresses our sentiment today: "O give thanks unto the Lord; call upon his name: make known his deeds among the people. Sing unto him, sing psalms unto him: talk ye of all his wondrous works." (Psa.105:1,2)

This past week we received among other letters relative to our broadcast, the following for which we give thanks and which is indicative of the letters which we receive from week to week:

Coal Grove, Ohio

Dear Brother Gilpin:

I am so happy to be able to send you this contribution on your  
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## Ways Of Giving

1. THE CARELESS WAY — To give something to every cause that is presented without inquiry into its merits.
2. THE IMPULSIVE WAY — To give from impulse—as much and as often as love and pity, and sensibility prompt.
3. THE LAZY WAY — To make a special offer to earn money for benevolent objects by fairs, festivals, etc.
4. THE SELF DENYING WAY — To save the cost of luxuries and apply them for purposes of re-  
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