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A PAPER WITH A NATIONAL CIRCULATION

"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. 78

W. T. Pelphrey Writes About N. T. Overseers

Our heart has been greatly impressed with the thought of a text found in Acts 20. The text is verse 28 of that chapter. "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood."

This word of instruction is addressed to the Ephesian elders or bishops, but is written for all time and is profitable to all bishops or overseers of churches today.

This text first of all declares that God makes men to become overseers of local flocks or churches. If God has not placed a preacher over the flock he is trying to pastor, his work is doomed to failure. If God has placed him there he should never consider leaving until he is definitely led of the Holy Spirit to do so. But when he is so led, he ought to leave the field immediately and never in any way use his influence thereafter to direct the policies of the church nor the thinking of its members. After God leads a preacher away from a church, that preacher is no longer responsible before God for the conduct of the church or its members. Much harm has been done to both church and pastor by the return of former pastors to conduct funerals, revivals or even just to visit among their very intimate friends of their former pastorate (No pastor ought to have members with whom he is more intimate than he is with all). No such return should

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Modern Philosophy

1. If the Lord blesses you with material things, call it "good luck".
2. If you don't like the preacher, starve him out.
3. If a Scripture seems unreasonable, call it myth or allegory.
4. If the government is breaking down, blame the Jews.
5. If there's difficulty in the church, stay away.
6. If "making a living" interferes with serving the Lord, slight the Lord.

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THE MASTER OF MY BOAT

Joseph Addison Richards

"I owned a little boat a while ago
And sailed a Morning Sea without a fear,
And whither any breeze might fairly blow
I'd steer the little craft afar or near.

Mine was the boat, and mine the air,
And mine the sea, not mine, a care.

My boat became my place of nightly toil,
I sailed at sunset to the fishing ground.
At morn the boat was freighted with the spoil
That my all-conquering work and skill had found.

Mine was the boat, and mine the net,
And mine the skill, and power to get.

One day there passed along the silent shore,
While I my net was casting in the sea,
A Man, who spoke as never man before;
I followed Him—new life began in me.

Mine was the boat, but His the voice,
And His the call, yet mine, the choice.

Once from His boat He taught the curious throng,
Then bade me let down nets out in the Sea;
I murmured, but obeyed, nor was it long
Before the catch amazed and humbled me.

His was the boat, and His the skill,
And His the catch, and His, my will."

—The Pilot.

BIBLE QUESTIONS

1. What swift runner was killed with the handle of a spear?
2. What crippled child was cared for by a king, and why?
3. What king had an income in gold of over nineteen million dollars a year?
4. Who rewarded with death the slayer of his worst enemy?
5. What is the first curse in the Bible?
6. What psalm was probably sung as the ark of God was brought through the mighty gates of an old fortress?
7. Whose army was defeated by two hundred and thirty-two men?
8. On what man was a curse laid that in his family there should always be a leper, a cripple, a pauper, one with an incurable disease, or one who died a violent death?
9. What king and what architect had the same name?
10. When was the wood of a cart burned in honor of its load?
11. What tree cost Adam, Eden, and what tree cost him his life?
12. Who called himself the music of his enemies?

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The First Baptist Pulpit

"The Head Or The Tail"

"And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the Lord thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth: And the Lord shall make thee the head, and not the tail. But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes which I command thee this day; that all these curses shall come upon thee, and overtake thee. The stranger that is within thee shall get up above thee very high; and thou shalt come down very

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Radio Contract Signed By Rus- sell Baptists

A new radio contract between radio station W. C. M. I. and the First Baptist Church, of Russell, Kentucky has been entered into, whereby the editor will broadcast two messages on Sunday instead of one.

For many months we have been broadcasting each Sunday evening a Gospel message and on Sunday morning, we have been conducting a hymn program. According to our new plans we will continue our Sunday evening broadcast as usual and will also broadcast our morning sermon, beginning at 9:30 o'clock.

How happy we are today, for the way in which God has lead us! To Him be all the praise! A few weeks ago things looked exceedingly dark for us financially. Coal strikes, men out of work, and no pay days brought us face to face with God, in a glorious way. In it all we can see His guiding hand, and we praise Him for His ways, which so often are hard to understand.

We do not mean to leave the impression that we have all the money needed to carry on our broadcast for the entire year of our new contract. However, we believe that He will provide the balance.

The cost per week will be \$22.69 for these two Sunday broadcasts. Our radio fund today stands as follows:

Amt. previously reported	\$220.65
Anonymous	4.25
C. L. Bandy,	
Russell, Kentucky	1.00
Mrs. E. E. Collins,	

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World's Fair 'Satan'

Except for the 700-foot Trylon, Soviet Russia's 259-foot column of red marble, topped by a 79-foot stainless-steel statue of a brawny worker, towers over all structures at the New York World's Fair. Last week its height became the object of an unofficial Catholic boycott.

The Rev. Dr. Edward Lodge Curran, president of the International Catholic Truth Society, predicted before 10,000 listeners at Freeport, Long Island, that a full-fledged boycott would result. State Sen.

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WILL JONES



Elder Will Jones, who went to
Brazil in 1923 as an independent
Baptist Missionary to labor among
the destitute regions of the Ama-
zon Valley of South America, has
been, and is seriously ill.

A few days ago we received a
letter from him which he began
on April 28, and writing a part
of it also on May 3 and May 10.
We do not quote the entirety of
the letter because it is personal in
the main to Brother Dickerson. We
quote his first paragraph in which
he says, "Dear Brother Dickerson
Your letter of March 14 reached
me some days ago, but I have
delayed answering it because of
my health. I am always sick, but
am some better now and have some
hope of getting on my feet again."
The entirety of the letter indicates
the ill health under which he is
laboring to carry on the Lord's
work.

For approximately seventeen
years, Will Jones has been labor-
ing in the Amazon Valley. As soon
as possible, he will be joined by
Brother C. W. Dickerson. We are
happy to know that Brother Jones
will have some one to carry on his
work soon.

We are more than anxious that
Brother Dickerson shall get to
Brazil and get on the field before
it will be necessary for Brother
Jones to leave Brazil to come
home. In view of this fact, we
make an especial appeal to you to
have a part in raising the passage
money for Brother Dickerson. We
have over half of it on hand to-
day, and by the grace of God, we
sincerely trust that we shall soon
have the balance. We invite you
to have a part in this work.

A FRIEND DEPARTS

Denver Stewart

Denver Stewart, an old friend
of the editor, and a member of the
Pollard Baptist Church of Ash-
land, Ky., departed to be with his
Lord on Sunday evening, June 4,
after an illness of several weeks.

The funeral services were held
Wednesday afternoon at the Pol-
lard Baptist Church with Elder W.
K. Wood preaching and the editor
assisting him. It was a great mes-
sage Brother Wood preached, fol-
lowing the instructions of the de-
ceased and directing his message
to the unsaved, speaking from the
subject, "The Precious Blood of
Christ."

To the wife, the sons, the moth-
er, the brothers and the sisters we
extend our sincere sympathy in
this hour. May I urge you if you
know not the Lord Jesus as Sav-
iour, that you put your trust in
Denver's God and Saviour, and be
ready when Jesus calls or comes
for you.

To eulogize or praise him would
be impossible, as it would have
been necessary to know him to
have appreciated him. The family
has lost a wonderful Christian
husband, father, son, and brother.
The Pollard Baptist Church has
lost one of its most devoted con-
secrated Christian workers. The
editor and others of his friends
have lost a friend indeed. Surely
this Scripture expresses it well:
"Know you not that there is a
prince and a great man fallen this
day in Israel." (2 Sam.3:38).

The Dickerson Fund

Amt. previously reported	\$372.65
Baptist Church, Perryville, Tenn.	1.00
Gertrude Lee, Catlettsburg, Kentucky50
Carson Hensley, Rice, Kentucky	1.00
Zig Hensley, Rice, Kentucky	1.00
George Hensley, Rice, Kentucky	1.00
D. V. B. S. Russell, Ky.	11.42
Total	\$388.57

Our Tract Fund

Amt. previously reported ..	\$45.60
Gertrude Lee, Catlettsburg, Kentucky50
Total	\$46.10

AN APPRECIATED LETTER

I was very much impressed with
the sample copy of the "Baptist
Examiner" which you so kindly
sent me sometime ago. Especially
good was the sermon under "The
First Baptist Pulpit" and the one
by Brother Hamilton. If the paper
is always as good as this copy, I
feel that I can hardly afford to
be without it. Enclosed you will
find fifty cents for my subscrip-
tion, and I shall look forward to
its coming.

Most sincerely yours,
L. L. JESSUP
Newport News, Va.

WAS THIS YOU?

The story is told that some Bap-
tist deacons were out hunting one
Wednesday night until after mid-
night. One finally said, "This is
prayer meeting night, and here we
are hunting." "Well," replied one
good deacon, "I couldn't have gone
anyway because one of my child-
ren is sick." — The Baptist Voice.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Positively no more baptizing in
my pasture. Twice here in the
past two months, my gate has
been left open by Christian people,
and before I'll chase my heifers
all over the country again, all the
sinners can go to hell.

—From a Mississippi paper

Well, what do you think about
that? There's no need in asking
what denomination he belongs to.
Father Alexander must automat-
ically claim him.

A FREE BOOK TO EACH OF THESE

I love Jesus because He became
my substitute in death. I love Him
because He maketh intercession to

the Father for me. Heb.7:25.
I love Him because He bore my
sins and by His stripes are we
(am I) healed.

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I love Jesus because God loved
Him, Luke 3:22; He first loved
us, 1 Jno.4:19; He willingly laid
down His life for me, Jno.10:17,
18. Through His shed blood He
redeemed my soul. Nothing else
was sufficient, 1 Pet. 1:18,19. He
is my elder brother, Rom.8:17.

"God is love". Consequently true
love cometh of God. "God loveth
with an everlasting love." Jer.31:3.

MRS. WILLIAM BELL
Elberon, Va.

I love Jesus Christ because He
gave His life that through His shed
blood the human race might have
remission of sin and receive eternal
life.

He taught us a great lesson
when He was tempted by satan in
the wilderness.

He left us a great example to
follow when He prayed the pray-
ers of Gethsemane. He taught us
to love one another.

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"THE HEAD OR THE TAIL"

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low. He shall lend to thee, and thou shalt not lend to him:

he shall be the head, and thou shalt be the tail"——

Deut. 28: 1,13,15,43,44.

This is the first Sunday of a new year. What a greeting this new year has already received in the hands of the world! When the new year was ushered in, a few were in Church services. Yes, in comparison with earth's population there was very, very few.

In contrast many were in pleasure resorts, road houses, and hotels. Dancing, drinking, carousing and forgetfulness of God characterized better than 90 per cent of this country's population. Truly it could be said that the majority were on the road to Hell with the throttle wide open and the machine in high gear.

The world at large greeted the new year being in the grip of war and blood shed. In Japan, China, and Spain, it was not a new year which began, but a bloody gruesome experience of death and sorrow. Standing near by these nations which are already in war were Italy, Germany, and Russia, with their respective dictators, Mussolini, Hitler, and Stalin, ready to enter the bloody turbulence should even half a pretext arise.

Thus the world in such Chaotic state entered the new year threatened with Communism and Fascism, both of which leave God out completely.

In the portal of the historic church of San Jose in Madrid Spain, stood a statue of the Christ Child. This statue had been transformed into a Child Communist. This new representation has a pistol in his uplifted right hand. In its left hand is a red banner held aloft; cartridges are in the belt. And this is Communism! Communism seeks to banish from the minds of the people all thought of Christ and God.

Thus the world in such Chaotic state entered the new year. Surely, in view of this, we need to turn to the Old Book as we begin the new year.

Our text takes us back to the days when Moses was preaching in the plains of Moab just before Israel entered the land of Canaan. The entire book of Deuteronomy from which our text comes, consists of the parting words of Moses delivered to Israel in view of their impending entrance into Canaan. The entire book required just 37 days for the deliverance of this message. Throughout the entirety of the book and especially in our text, Moses urged upon the Jews their duty of obedience, and even promised that if they were obedient that God would make them the head and not the tail. He likewise declared the converse of this truth that God would make them the tail instead of the head, if they were disobedient.

Throughout the ages this has always been true. For a great while after entering Canaan, the Jews were obedient to God and thus they were the head. Later, especially beginning with the days of King Saul, they became disobedient and God has made them from that time the tail. The country of France offers a good example. From 800 when it was formed by Charlemagne, to 1800, France was a dominant world power. Then infidelity arose in the land. The country itself spent millions yearly for the printing, publication, and distribution of infidel literature. Since then France has been the tail.

This is likewise true of Churches. In the days of the Apostle Paul there was no church that was the equal of the church at Rome. Listen to Paul's own words spoken to that church: "First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, that your faith is spoken of throughout the whole world" (Rom. 1:8). In those days when this church was obedient to the teachings of the Lord, it was the head. However about the year 251, this church adopted the dogma of Baptismal regeneration, namely; that one must be baptized to be saved. This was the beginning of the Papacy. From that time, though they possessed the patronage of the world, that church has in God's sight been the tail, for Roman Catholicism which this church developed into, is miles removed from obedience to the word of God. In contrast with the church of Rome, look at the church at Philadelphia. The apostle John said of this church: "I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name. Behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee. Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth" (Rev. 3:8-10). That church has been obedient to the teachings of Jesus through the ages. With God's promise resting upon it, it has continued to be the head and not the tail. From it comes all Baptist principles which we hold today.

What is true of nations and churches is likewise true of individuals. King Saul of the Old Testament intruded into the priest's office and offered sacrifices which was contrary to the Word of God. He thus incompletely obeyed the Lord and God through Samuel said to him: "Hath the Lord as great delight in burnt-offerings and

sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams" (1 Sam. 15:22). From that time Saul became the tail. Much in contrast was the Saul of the New Testament who became the great Apostle Paul. Obedience to the Divine will of God characterized his life from beginning to end. As he made his final defense to King Agrippa he said: "Whereupon, O king Agrippa, I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision" (Acts 26:19). All through his life he was obedient to God, and thus was the head and not the tail.

Joseph though tempted by a wicked woman to enter into sin with her obeyed God even though it cost him at least two full years' experience in prison. Because of his experience, God caused him to be the head ruled over Egypt. When the king of Babylon gave a command that no one should pray to any God other than to himself, Daniel spurned the king's commandment and obeyed God even though he spent the night in a lion's den. God protected him and made him the head because of his obedience, even lifting him up to a most exalted position in the court of Babylon.

What has been true of nations, churches, and individuals is likewise true of you. On the basis of your obedience, what were you in 1938—the head or the tail? Were you obedient or disobedient? Regardless of what you were last year, what do you intend to be in this new year of 1939?

"He came to my desk with a quivering lip,

The task was done.

'I want a new sheet, dear teacher,' he said,

'I've spoiled this one'.

I took the sheet so stained and blotted

And gave him a new one all unspotted

And into his tired eyes smiled,

'Do better, now, my child'.

I came to God's throne with a quivering soul,

The year was done.

'Hast thou a new sheet, dear Father', I said,

'I've spoiled this one'.

In place of the sheet so soiled and blotted

He gave me a new one all unspotted

And into my tired heart smiled,

'Do better, now, my child'.

In order to assist you in determining whether you shall be the head or the tail in this new year, let me offer a few test questions.

What is your attitude relative to world evangelism? There is no duty given in the Scriptures which is clearer and more emphatic than the command for saved ones to give the gospel to the world. "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world" (Mt. 28:19,20). "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Spirit is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:8). Yet there are those listening to this broadcast who persistently refuse to support foreign missions and who simply say, "I'm agin it". How such a one needs to learn:

"In Christ there is no east or west

In Him no south or north

But one great fellowship of love

Throughout the whole wide earth.

In Christ now meet both east and west,

In Him meet south and north,

All Christly souls are one in Him

Throughout the whole wide earth."

"How long is it since Christ died for sinful people," asked an old Mohammed woman. She said, "I have given alms, gone to holy shrines, prayed and fasted, but it is useless. Where have you been all this time?" An old Eskimo said, "And you've known this good news since you were a boy and your father knew it. Then why did you not come sooner?" In the snowy heights of the Andes a man said, "How is it that all the years of my life that I have never before heard these precious words?" In the white sands of north Africa a native of Morocco said to the Bible seller, "Why have you not run everywhere with this book, and why have you hoarded it to yourself." Thus it is the cry of the four winds; we've waited for Jesus.

"The great world's heart is aching, aching fiercely in the night,

And God alone can heal it, and God alone give light;

and needs of our existence that need of man and pur living word,

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Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Lowe,	
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Total	\$234.15

Would you like to have a part in carrying on this portion of our ministry? There is a way whereby all can help. You can join us in prayer that God shall provide the necessary funds for this broadcast. It may be that God shall lead you to have a part in supporting it financially. Many who read these lines could pay for one Sunday's broadcast (\$22.69). Others might even give more. Others might give smaller sums from month to month through the year. We urge you to pray for us and then do what He tells you to do.

WORLD'S FAIR 'SATAN'

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John McNaboe of New York denounced the statue as "subtle propaganda". In Elizabeth, N. J., Mgr. Fulton J. Sheen told a church audience that "no American should go to the World's Fair until the American flag be placed above that of Communism."

In the June 3 issue of America, influential Catholic magazine, appeared a imaginary dialogue between Christ and the statue, (Satan in disguise):

CHRIST: "In the beginning you were disguised as a serpent, now you are disguised as a worker."

SATAN: "I am winning, O Christ. I expect to deceive many ... in this garden of Flushing, as I deceived their parents in the Garden of Eden. This is the World of Tomorrow....You are not in it."

—News Week

It isn't often that we agree so thoroughly with the Catholics. We have had to differ with them so many times that when we can agree with them, it brings us a real sense of joy. In this instance we are in hearty agreement. Russia's Communistic anti-God exhibition is an insult to every true-blooded American who attends the fair. We join with the Catholics in asking for either a change in the exhibition or a boycott.

You may be a Buddhist without Buddha, a Mohammedan without Mohammed, a Zoroastrian without Zoroastes, but you cannot be a Christian without Christ.

"THE HEAD OR THE TAIL"
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Are you and I, my brothers, and the millions that have heard.

Can we close our eyes to duty? Can we fold our hands at ease?

While the gates of night stand open to the pathway of the seas?

Can we shut up our compassions? Can we leave our prayers unsaid,

Till the lands which sin has blasted have been quickened from the dead?

We grovel among trifles, and our spirits fret and toss, While above us burns the vision of the Christ upon the Cross;

And the blood of God is streaming from His broken hands and side

And the lips of God are saying, 'Tell my brothers I have died.'

O voice of God, we hear Thee above the shocks of time, Thin echoes roll around us, and the message is sublime; No power of man shall thwart us, no stronghold shall dimay,

When God commands obedience and love has led the way".

I appeal to you, regardless of what you have been in the past in view of Jesus commission to evangelize the world, to be the head and not the tail during 1939.

II

There is a second question which I offer. What do you expect to be relative to church attendance—the head or the tail? In the past year it has possibly been true many times that your pastor on noticing your absence has said, "Why is the house of God forsaken?" (Neh. 13:11). To continue as you have this past year will cause him to further say, "Thou shalt be missed because thy seat will be empty" (I Sam. 20:18). Do you realize that God actually commands church attendance. "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is" (Heb. 10:25).

"Is your father a Baptist?" asked a good woman of a child. "No mam", was the answer, "he is a seventh day absentist because he never goes to church". Could this be said of you? There are so many excuses offered as to why folk do not go to church. Some go so far as to say they are tired of the old preacher and they need a change.

"You say that a change would be better; I grant it—but here let me say A few solemn words to each member, In a brotherly, Christian way. Are you sure where the change is most needed, In the pulpit, or in the pew? Is the pastor the one who needs changing, Or, my friend, let me ask, is it you?"

Some go so far as to say that they went to church and their feelings were injured and thus they never went back again. To those may we repeat the saying of Hambone, "Some folks figuh dey's hurtin' de church w'en dey gits mad and quits, but dey's wrong 'bout dat—hit don't nvuh hurt de tree fur de rotten apple t' fall off". Have you ever noticed how the weather hinders some people relative to church attendance.

"No dashing rain can make us stay, When we have tickets for a play, But if a drop the walk bemirch, It is too wet to go to church."

Still again there are others who are suffers from Morbus Sabbaticus which is more prevalent in the summer time, though in a sense, it is a year-around disease. Morbus Sabbaticus, or Sunday sickness, is a disease peculiar to church members. The symptoms vary, but it never interferes with the appetite. It never lasts more than twenty-hours. No physician is ever called. It always proves fatal in the end—to the soul. It is becoming fearfully prevalent and is destroying thousands every year. The attack comes on sudden- (Continued on Page Five)

STRENGTH
If we are at peace with God and our conscience, What enemy among us need we fear?—"Horace Ballou."
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"THE HEAD OR THE TAIL"

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ly every Sunday; no symptoms are felt on Saturday night, and the patient sleeps well and awakes feeling well; eats a hearty breakfast, but about church time the attack comes on and continues until services are over for the morning. Then the patient feels better and is able to take a ride and read the Sunday papers. He eats a hearty supper, but about church time he has another severe attack and stays home. He awakens Monday morning refreshed and able to go to work, and does not have any symptoms of the disease until the following Sunday. Dear ones, do you suffer with this disease? Again I ask you, irrespective of the past, what do you expect to be in the future—the head or the tail.

III

Then there is another test question—that of Baptism. There are many tonight who claim to be saved who have never yet followed Jesus in scriptural baptism. "Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him. But John forbade him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me? And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now: for thus it cometh us to fulfill all righteousness. Then he suffered him. (Mt.3:13-15). Have you been scripturally baptized? Then if not you are disobedient in this respect; though you may be a head church man or church woman, in God's sight you are just the tail. May God grant grace to you to leave the spurious organization of which you may be member and like Jesus seek one who has the authority to baptize, and follow Jesus example as to baptism.

IV

How much practical holiness is there in your life? "For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ" (II Cor. 11:2). God wants us to be pure in our living. He actually enjoins purity and holiness upon us. "That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish" (Eph. 5:27). "Wherefore beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless" (II Pet. 3:14). But instead of living a life of holiness, is your life soiled and spotted with the world? Do you find more pleasure in association with people of the world? Does your name appear regularly in the social register showing that you have participated in the things of the world? Do you find joy in serving God and in obedience to him, or must your life be filled with the world's chiefest amusements, shows, dances, cards, and drinking, truly the Devil's big four. Hear the apostle Paul, "Whether therefore ye eat or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God" (I Cor. 10:31). In view of all this I ask you, are you the head or the tail? Is your life filled with purity or impurity, holiness or unholiness? Are you obedient or disobedient?

V

Another question which comes close home to many worldly church members is the question of one's relationship to God in a financial way. God demands of all, both saint and sinner, that he give to God a tithe of his income, namely; one tenth. "And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's: it is holy unto the Lord. And concerning the tithe of the herd, or of the flock, even of whatsoever passeth under the rod, the tenth shall be holy unto the Lord" (Lev. 27:30,32). "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation. Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it" (Mal. 3:8-10). "Wee unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone" (Mt. 23:23). In this respect what was your life in 1938? Were you the head or were you the tail? The old year cannot be recalled but in this one which we have already started, you can begin now by bringing your tithes

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Answers To Bible Questions

1. Asahel, light of foot as a wild roe. (2 Sam.2:18-23)
2. Mephibosheth, the crippled son of Jonathan, was cared for by David for his father's sake. (II Sam. 9:13).
3. Solomon. (2 Chron.9:13)
4. David, when he ordered the death of the Amalekite who claimed to have slain Saul the king. (2 Sam.1:13-16)
5. The curse of the serpent. (Gen. 3:14,15)
6. Psalm 24, when the ark of God was borne through the old fortress of Zion into the city of Jebus, which was afterwards known as Jerusalem.
7. The army of Benhadad. (1 Kings 20)
8. This curse was laid on Joab by David because of his assassination of Abner (2 Sam. 3:28,29)
9. Hiram, king of Tyre, and Hiram, architect of the temple. (1 Kings 7:13,14)
10. When the ark of God came back to Israel. (1 Sam.6:14)
11. Adam was put out of Eden lest he eat of the tree of life (Gen. 3:22,23), and brought death to himself by eating of the tree of knowledge. (Gen.2:17:3:19)
12. Jeremiah. (Lam.3:63)

SOME DRINKER!

"A noted drinker of the country town;
Just listen a moment to what he drank down:
He drank up his crops before they matured
Drank a yoke of oxen, by appetite lured.
Six cows, four horses, one pig, and a goat
All traveled down the road of his throat.
He drank up his chicks while still in the shell,
While hopes of high heaven he drank up as well.
He said he could drink or let it alone;
Part of the statement was true, we must own!
For he drank up his farm; he trifled with God;
Now all that he owns is six feet of sod."

—Selected.

The dearest thing in the world is truth unapplied....What we know is not so important. It is the knowledge we act upon that counts.

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"THE HEAD OR THE TAIL"

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to the Lord Jesus. May God help you to do so, that when this year has passed into antiquity that you who have been a tail in the past, may look up to God and realize that in this respect you are made the head by the Lord.

Dear 1st man, you've never been anything but a tail. Would you like to be something different? Then listen to the words of Jesus: "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel" (Mk. 1:15). May God help you now to repent of your sins and to trust the shed blood of Jesus Christ that your sins may be blotted out and that you may begin this new year to walk hand in hand with the Lord Jesus.

"There is a fountain filled with blood
Drawn from Immanuel's veins;
And sinners, plunge beneath that flood,
Lose all their guilty stains:

The dying thief rejoiced to see
That fountain in his day,
And there may I, though vile as he,
Wash all my sins away.

Dear dying Lamb, thy precious blood
Shall never lose its pow'r,
Till all the ransomed church of God
Be saved to sin no more."

ONE SOLITARY LIFE

Here is a man who was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. He grew up in another obscure village. He worked in a carpenter shop until he was thirty, and then for three years he was an itinerant preacher. He never owned a home. He never had a family. He never traveled two hundred miles from the place where he was born. He never did one of the things that usually accompanies greatness. He had no credentials but Himself. While still a young man, the tide of public opinion turned against Him. His friends ran away from Him. One of them denied Him. He was turned over to His enemies. He went through a mockery of a trial. He was nailed upon a cross between two thieves.

His executioners gambled for the only piece of property He had on earth while He was dying and that was His coat. When He was dead, He was taken down and laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend.

Nineteen hundred centuries have gone and today, He is the center and the centerpiece of the human race and the leader of the column of progress.

I am far within the mark,

when I say that all the armies that ever marched, and all the navies that were ever built, and all the parliaments that ever sat, and all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of man upon this earth as powerfully as has that One Solitary Life. — Selected.

TIRED CHRISTIANS

There are tired Christians who will work if coaxed to do so. But the tired Christian complains so much that there isn't much joy in it for any one.

Second, there is the retired Christian. He believes that he has done his share and sits idly by, exercising his right to criticize.

Third, there is the rubber-tired Christian. He may go along if the way is clear and the road is smooth.

Finally, there is the flat-tired Christian. He was once active and faithful in service, but he suffered a puncture and has never recovered his wind.

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7. If spirituality interferes with style, stick to style.
8. If your church goes in for worldliness, fall in line.
9. If the sermon hits you, apply it to the other fellow.
10. If you can't have your way, don't play.
11. If the preacher possesses personality, preaches pleasingly and plays to the public, push for him.
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This?

"Turn off that alarm clock!"

"I never was so sleepy."

"Just one mire snooze."

"I'll be up in five minutes."

"It won't make any difference if I'm a little late."

"Think I'll sleep through Sunday school and then go to church."

"It's 11:00? Ho-hum! Too late for church."

"Where are the funnies?"

"I'm very sorry, pastor, but I was unavoidably detained last Sunday."

or This?

"Good Morning."

"Get up everybody. We've got to be on time today."

"For what we are about to receive, Lord, make us truly thankful."

"Hello! Glad to see the whole family on time today."

"Our Father, who art in heaven."

"Praise God! from whom all blessings flow."

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"Thou shalt not come to services late Nor for the Amen refuse to wait,

Thou shalt follow the usher up the aisle

Since to turn from him is not proper style,

Thy noisy tongue thou shalt refrain

When the piano speaks it's refrain,

But when the hymns are sounded out

Thou shalt lift up thy voice and shout,

The end-most seat thou shalt leave free

For more must share the pew with thee,

The offering box, thou shalt not fear

But give thy offering tithes with cheer,

Thou shalt the minister give heed

Nor blame him when thou art disagreed,

Thou shalt be careful not to nod

Remembering you're in the house of God,

The song-book thou shalt not destroy

But use them with the uttermost of joy,

For a man is surely nothing less than a crook

That will write his name in a church song book,

And when the entire service is o'er

Thou shalt speak to all that pass out the door,

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be made except by direct invitation from the pastor of the church in question. This is both a matter of common courtesy and scriptural teaching relative to the call and work of bishops.

Again this text admonishes the bishop whom God has placed over a certain flock, to take heed to himself. The minister's example is worth far more than his preaching. His life should be above reproach in everything. 1 Corinthians 9:27 says, "But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway." Too many preachers become useless or disapproved in God's service because they take undue liberties, and are unable to keep their human passions under control. Then also the pastor is his own boss, and too often is unable to discipline himself to staying on the job and doing all his duty. Oh that the Spirit of God might help us to take heed to ourselves.

Only after we have taken heed to ourselves as bishops can we take proper heed to the flock. The sheep require so much attention, and so often our flock is scattered. Pastors need by prayer and supplication, instruction and edification, visitation and personal appeal to tenderly care for the flock.

Last of all we wish to call attention to the reason for pastors thus taking heed to themselves and to the flock. God has purchased the redeemed at great cost. He shed his own blood on Calvary for them. If God has purchased these sheep at so great a cost, is it not the least the bishop can do to carefully feed them spiritual milk and spiritual meat in proper proportions, so that they might become

well-rounded and beautiful for God? May God help us whom He has honored with the work of an overseer to be faithful in the discharge of our duties as shepherds of the sheep.

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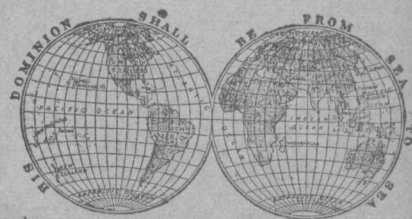
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