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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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Incidents of the World War Which Prove That The Lord Is Still Reigning

(Continued from Last Week)

He Giveth Seedtime and Harvest

5. By the spring of 1917 the German scientists had solved the problem of growing food and grain, and perfected it as it had never before been perfected in the history of the world. They announced that Germany would have the potato crop of all time; that they had put in each potato hill that which would kill every enemy of the potato under ground and above ground. And how the potatoes of Germany grew. When those uncounted acres and miles were in blossom, lo, a blight heretofore unknown swept the potato fields of Germany, and in a day they were scorched, scabbed, shrivelled as though fire-swept, and hungry Germany learned the bitter truth uttered by Napoleon. "An army travels on its belly, and will not travel when the belly is empty." A mutiny broke loose in the army that forced the abdication of the Kaiser and brought the armistice. Ludendorff, in his history of the war, says that it was the failure of the potato crop of 1917 that lost Germany the war.

That same spring, though we started with the coldest and wettest spring for years, nevertheless, we raised such a bumper crop of potatoes and wheat and everything, that we were able to feed ourselves and the Allies. Verily "He giveth seedtime and harvest." "He sendeth the early and the latter rains," and also the blight. One of the plagues of Egypt spread death to the growing crops. The record is, "And there remained not any green thing throughout the land of Egypt." It is according to the Book: "There shall be neither earing nor harvest." "I will make their harvest a heap of ruin and they shall beg in the harvest."

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A Visit To Spruce Lick

On Tuesday evening, February 11, the editor visited with Pastor Taylor Lycan and the Spruce Lick Baptist Church, located on Route 37 about thirty miles from Huntington.

There were a number of reasons for this visit.

First of all, just to be with pastor Lycan and his church is sufficient reason in itself. Then too, a number of the readers of THE BAPTIST EXAMINER live in that community. Likewise, there are a large number of folk there who listen to our radio programs. Then, finally, in view of the fact that Mrs. Gilpin and I took dinner with Brother and Sister Audra Lester previous to the preaching engagement, and enjoyed the fellowship and hospitality of their home—we all these are just mighty good reasons.

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"ARE YOU READY?"

There is a Man in yonder glory,
I have loved for many years.
He has cleared my guilty conscience,
And has banished all my fears.
He is coming in a moment,
In the twinkling of an eye,
And no time will be allotted
Just to utter one goodby.
No time to kiss the husband
Or embrace the loving wife,
If they are but united
In the bonds of holy life.
Are you ready, Christian, ready
For the shout, and trump, and voice?
Will His coming make you tremble,
Or cause you to rejoice?
Are you walking, talking with Him,
Daily making Him your care?
Do you live so close to heaven
That a breath would waft you there?

—Horatius Bonar.

A Good Woman's Record In Reading God's Word

Over at the Leach Station Baptist Church near Catlettsburg, Kentucky, Sister Emma G. Alley read her entire Bible through twice last year, and the New Testament fourteen times. It is with the utmost joy that we commend her to our readers and urge each of you to "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." (2 Tim. 2:15).

Brother Joe Alley, her son, tells me that he has not missed but one Sunday morning listening to our radio broadcast in a year, and that was because of work. It is easy enough to know why Brother Joe is interested in a radio program that is based on the Bible in view of the way in which his mother has

read God's word in the past year.

Brother Alley not only declares that the radio program has been helpful to him, but furthermore says, "I cannot find words to express my appreciation for THE BAPTIST EXAMINER and what it has meant to me."

May God raise up many mothers and many sons like Sister Alley and her son, Joe.

The Moral: If Sister Alley can find time to read her Bible thus, why can't you find time to read it through once in 1941?

Moral No. 2: If Joe can find time to listen to the radio program each Sunday and read THE BAPTIST EXAMINER and get a blessing from it, why can't you?

A Discussion On Tithing Wherein Good Brethren Widely Differ In Beliefs

Our old friend, Ben Bogard, used practically the entire issue of "The Orthodox Baptist Searchlight" under date of January 25, reporting a debate between Brethren Stephens and Ballard on the question of tithing, Brother Stephens denying that the tithe was binding upon Christians today, and Brother Ballard making the affirmation that it was. Then at the close of the discussion, Brother Bogard had a lengthy editorial in which he likewise denounced tithing. He said in part, "The tithing system as a system to be enforced, is VICIOUS and WICKED."

We do not wish to enter a discussion with any of the brethren on this matter, but we heartily agree with Brother Ballard, and think he has done a fine job in presenting Biblical and logical reasons why Christians ought to tithe. In all kindness, we say that Brother Bogard and Brother Stephens are either "closed" on the subject, or else are woefully blind.

It is the contention of this editor that every one, both saint and sinner, should be a tither. Matthew 23: 23: "Woe 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."

This was spoken to the unsaved. Surely they as well as God's own should honor Him with a tithe of their income today.

We still contend that if a Jew under law were required to bring a tithe, then certainly a Christian under grace ought to do as well. To us, he is no longer under grace, but rather disgrace, if he fails to do so.

Modern Beautitudes

"Blessed is the man whose calendar contains prayer meeting night."

"Blessed is the man who is faithful on a committee."

"Blessed is the man who loves the church with his pockets as well as with his heart."

"Blessed is the man whose watch keeps church time as well as business time."

"Blessed is the man who has grace to leave the critical spirit on the sidewalk when he comes to church."

"Blessed is the man who loves his own church enough to praise it."

"Blessed is the man who has patience as well as piety."

—Gravett.

The flowers of Christian graces grow only under the shade of the cross, and the root of them all is humility.

The First Baptist Pulpit

"THE CHRISTIAN'S GREATEST CAUSE FOR REJOICING"

"After these things the Lord appointed other seventy also, and sent them two and two before his face into every city and place, whither he himself would come . . .

And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name.

And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven. Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven."

—Luke 10:1, 17-20.

As I begin this message, I am reminded of a Christian man who visited an old friend who had grown quite wealthy since their last meeting. In driving over this wealthy friend's estate, they passed a number of herds of cattle, several troops of horses, and various flocks of sheep. They drove around beautiful lakes, tracts of virgin timber, and beautiful growing crops. When they had completed the tour of inspection over this entire estate, with pride in his voice, this wealthy man declared that

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Total	\$58.17

This means that we have a total of \$58.17 to apply against our bill for January, amounting to \$72.14. In other words, we still lack \$13.97 having our bill for January 1941, paid.

THE BAPTIST EXAMINER

During the months of January and February the following individuals have made possible THE BAPTIST EXAMINER. Part of these contributions are by way of subscriptions, and part by way of gifts. As a result of these contributions, we now have all of our bills paid, and a small sum on hand for the printing of the paper. Thank God!

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A VISIT TO SPRUCE LICK

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sons why we were happy to visit with these brethren and sisters in Christ, and to have this privilege of preaching.

We are always happy to have invitations such as these. It is our expectancy this spring to go out for a number of one and two night services on Monday and Tuesday evenings. In fact, we would be happy to visit any church on Monday or Tuesday evening, or both nights, and bring messages from God's Word.

We have a number of invitations for Bible Institutes this spring, and we are looking forward with a great deal of expectancy to services in various churches. If we can be of service to you in any way, please feel free to write us.

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I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW--

1. Is it right for a Methodist minister to fill the stand of a Baptist church in absence of the pastor?

No. II John 1:9-11.

2. Is it right for Baptists to give the use of their Church grounds to the Masonic Lodge, for the purpose of having a barbecue? If not, give Scripture on same.

No. John 2:13-17. The same zeal for God's house that Jesus had would cause them to run all such worldlings off church property when used by Godless worldlings, who won't even let a man pray in the name of Jesus.

3. What steps should a Baptist church take to prohibit card playing on church grounds on Sundays by folk from different localities?

Get the sheriff or his deputy or constable to hang around and arrest them and give them the limit of the law for trespassing on church property. They are as bad as boot-leggers. Go after them the same way and show them no mercy.

4. When Bible quotations are called for in a prayer meeting, is it a violation of the teachings of the Scriptures for a woman to quote a verse?

Isn't that teaching? Read I Tim. 2:12.

5. At a recent "Union Meeting" with which the Baptist pastor had nothing to do, there were some converted and immersed by a Baptist preacher (in name only), who holds credentials of ordination from a Baptist church. The persons were immersed without any church authority whatever except credentials. If any of them should apply for membership, what is wise course.

Reject his baptism. His baptism was alien any way you look at it. It was more like Campbellite baptism than Baptist and no better than Campbellite.

6. What do you deem the best

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defense against Campbellism in regard to Acts 2:38?

Peter's own words in Acts 10:43-47 and 15:7-11. If no difference between the household of Cornelius and Pentecostians, then the Pentecostians received remission of sins before baptism.

7. How are we to reconcile the statements of Paul and James with reference to justification? (Rom. 4:2; 4:5; 5:1, and James 2:21, 24.)

Paul speaks of justification before God. James speaks of justification before men.

8. Are not most Baptists who are Fundamentalists also pre-millennialists? And are not most Baptists who are Modernistic, and who endorse some theory of evolution, also post-millennialists? Do you see any connection between post-millennialism and evolution?

Yes. The fundamental principle of both is the same, namely, that the world is getting better.

9. How are we to reconcile the following passages: "Who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will," (Eph. 1:11), and "Who will have all men to be saved," (I Tim. 2:4), and "Not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." (2 Peter 3:9)? The question is—if God works "all things after the counsel of His own will," and He wills that all men be saved, why are not all saved?

Because they will not be saved. John 5:40.

10. What do you think of a Baptist pastor who opened his church baptism for Methodist preachers to immerse in, and that too without asking his church?

I think he is guilty of four sins:

(1) He is guilty of encouraging people to disobey the Bible. Luke 7:30 plainly says that those who reject John's baptism (Baptist baptism) reject God's counsel against themselves. This preacher is guilty of encouraging people to disobey God by rejecting Baptist baptism.

(2) His second sin was in encouraging people to accept and submit to Methodist baptism, which has only the authority of uninspired men behind it and is not acceptable in God's sight. Methodist or Campbellite baptism is no better than the church that administers it. If their baptism is Scriptural then this Baptist preacher ought to receive it. If he would not recommend his church's receiving it, he sinned grievously against God and the souls he helped to deceive by encouraging them to receive what he does not receive and to believe that their immersion was baptism. They are no more baptized than if they had been sprinkled. The Son of God made much of where baptism came from. Matt. 21:25. Methodist baptism did not come from heaven and is therefore no account.

(3) The third sin this Baptist preacher was guilty of was being a partaker of other men's sins. "Whatsoever is not of faith is sin." For a Methodist preacher to immerse people in the name of the Holy Trinity, and then call immersion indecent as most of them do, is blasphemy and hypocrisy. This Baptist preacher is "particeps criminis" of both of these sins.

(4) Then he was guilty of despising the church and its authority; for the ordinances were delivered to the church, not to the preachers.

"THE CHRISTIAN'S GREATEST CAUSE FOR REJOICING"

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he had 3600 acres of land worth from a hundred and fifty to four hundred dollars an acre, without a cent of indebtedness against it. Then after rejoicing with this wealthy man over his estate and his fortune which God had given him, this Christian friend asked about his riches in the skies. There was no pride in his voice, nor a look of superiority on his face which appeared then, but rather, there was regret which characterized his crest-fallen countenance when this wealthy man was compelled to admit that he had given no thought as to heaven.

Personally, I trust that the day will speedily come when we will not only sing, but we will live as well the words of the old song:

"Lord, I care not for riches,
Neither silver nor gold;
I would make sure of heaven,
I would enter the fold.
In the Book of Thy kingdom
With its pages so fair,
Tell me, Jesus, my Saviour,
Is my name written there?"

My personal conviction is that there is nothing quite so great as to have one's name written in heaven. As great as money is, it can't begin to compare with the joy of knowing that one's name is recorded in heaven. Even honor and fame, and to be held in esteem by the men of this world, won't begin to compare with that of knowing that one's name is written in the Lamb's Book of Life. Jesus even declared that for one to have his name thus inscribed in the portals of heaven was greater than for that one to have the ability to cast out devils. In the light of the words of Jesus, we are to rejoice in what the Lord has done for us rather than what we do for Him.

Now, why is it that we are to rejoice in that our names are written in heaven?

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First of all, we are to rejoice that our names are written in heaven in view of the fact that since they are written there, the individual is not going to hell. Of this we have definite assurance within God's Word. Listen: "And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire." (Rev. 20:15) This text would indicate that the only book that counts is not the church record book, nor baptismal certificates, but the Lamb's Book of Life. Therefore, that individual whose name is written in heaven in the Book of Life is not going to hell.

I want to impress upon you the fact that there is a hell. Jesus Himself spoke most emphatically concerning it. Listen: "And if thy hand offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter into life maimed, than having two hands to go into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched: Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched. And if thy foot offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter halt into life, than having two feet to be cast into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched: Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched. And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out: it is better for thee to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire: Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched." (Mark 9:43-48.)

Notice also the words of Jesus concerning the rich man and Lazarus: "And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the

angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried; And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame." (Luke 16:22-24) The rich man and Lazarus are sample men. Both lived, both died, and both lived on after death—one in heaven, and the other in hell.

I say then, beloved, in the light of the words of Jesus Himself, there is a hell. Of this I am sure, and I don't want to go there. There are many reasons why I certainly don't want to spend my eternity in hell. The devil is going there. "And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever." (Rev. 20:10) I certainly don't want to spend my eternity in the same place with the devil. He has caused me so much difficulty and so much trouble here in this world that I surely don't want to spend my eternity with him.

Then too, all the unsaved church members are going to hell. When I think of all the heartaches and grief that have come to me through them, I certainly don't want to go to hell and have to spend eternity with them.

Then, there will be no babies in hell. I feel convinced that every babe who dies before it reaches the age of accountability, goes immediately into the direct presence of the Lord Jesus. I don't believe there will ever be a babe but what will be in the presence of God in heaven.

Then, there will be no songs in hell. I'm not much of a singer, but I do enjoy hearing,

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

I also enjoy hearing

"Just as I am, without one plea,
But that Thy blood was shed for me,
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come! I come!"

Then there's my favorite of all hymns

"Jesus is tenderly calling thee home—
Calling today, calling today;
Why from the sunshine of love wilt thou roam
Farther and farther away?"

There will never be a time though that these, or any other hymn, will ever be heard in hell, for there will be no singing there.

And above all else, the Lord Jesus Himself will not be there. He is going to be with the redeemed of God in heaven. Listen to His own words: "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would not have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself: that where I am, there ye may be also." (John 14:1-3.)

I say then, beloved, that there is a hell, and that I don't want to go there because the devil is going there, and the unsaved church members are going there, and there won't be any babies there, and there won't be any songs there, and Jesus, my Saviour, won't be there. In view of these facts, I say that I don't want to go to hell. And, beloved, here is something wherein I can rejoice: I am not going to hell, for my name is written in heaven. Every

redeemed child of God knows that his name is recorded in heaven.

I say then, beloved, this is the first reason that we have for rejoicing that our names are written in heaven—namely, that the individual who thus has his name written in heaven is definitely positive that he is not going to hell.

II

In the second place, we are to rejoice that our names are written in heaven in view of the fact that we will never have to meet our sins again. Every one outside of Jesus Christ will have to meet his sins at the judgment bar of God. What a solemn scene it will be when the unsaved stand before that great white throne. Listen: "And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of these things which were written in the books, according to their works." (Rev. 20:12) You will notice that this text says, "the books were opened." These are the books which God has kept concerning the lives of those who have lived here in this world. Every deed has been written down. Even the secret things which were unknown to man, but known to God, have been recorded. Listen: "In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel." (Rom. 2:16) The words that have been spoken have likewise been preserved. Listen: "But I say unto you, that every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned." (Matt. 12:36, 37)

I say, then, beloved, that every word, every deed, every secret sin, and all the sins, both of omission and commission, have been recorded, and at the judgment of the great white throne, every one outside of Jesus Christ will have to meet his sins.

Let me ask you a question today: Would you like to meet those sins now? Suppose the ten blackest sins of your life were written on the walls of your house, or suppose they were written across the sky that the eyes of the world might read them. In all probability, the majority of this world would be turned into raving maniacs within forty-eight hours if such were possible that the whole world might know the sins of their lives. Yet, some day, beloved, this will be true. Not only will those sins be known to your household, and not only will they be known by your friends and neighbors; but some day, when God opens His books wherein He has kept a record of those sins, they will be made known before all.

However, in contrast, that individual who is in Christ has the assurance today that his sins are already blotted out, and that he will never have to meet those sins again. Listen: "For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures." (I Cor. 15:3) "He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God." (John 3:18) "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation, but is passed from death unto life."

(John 5:24) "And the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin." (I John 1:7)

What a blessed truth this is. The child of God need have no fear relative to his sins, for they are all blotted out in the blood of Christ. This then is a reason that we are to rejoice that our names are written in heaven. Certainly it gives us just cause for rejoicing. There should be nothing that could bring greater enjoyment to the Christian than to know that he will never have to meet his sins again. And he has all this because his name has been written in heaven.

III

In the third place, we are to rejoice that our names are written in heaven since thus supported we can meet any circumstance of life. There are some circumstances and experiences which would literally bring consternation and cause us much embarrassment were it not that the child of God is thus supported with the joy of knowing that his name is written in heaven.

Take for example, death itself. The thoughts of death would be a horrible nightmare to each child of God were it not true that he knew his name was written in heaven. In fact, it would turn night into a troubled insomnia, and day into a mirage if the Christian did not know that his name was written in heaven. Yet, when one is a child of God, he can face death triumphantly supported with the truth that his name is recorded in the Lamb's Book of Life.

The same is true concerning other experiences of life. Sooner or later, each child of God will come in for some slander, and will have his name linked to the tongue of some one who deals in gossip. It is a joy for the Christian to meet this experience of slander supported with the truth that his name is written in heaven. What matter it though his name may be maligned on earth, if only that name be written in heaven.

Then there are other experiences which befall the Christian. In fact, it is the common lot of practically all of God's people to have these experiences of sorrow. There is sorrow oft times because of the death of loved ones. Sometimes such sorrow almost drives us to despair, and yet even this experience can be met triumphantly by just remembering that our names are written in heaven. Suppose that our loved ones are taken in death, and suppose we do sorrow and grieve over their departure—well, it can't be for long, for at best within a few brief years we too shall leave this vale of tears and enter heaven. Surely the only hope that a child of God has in the time when he loses his loved ones by death—surely his only hope is the fact that his name is written in heaven.

Then also, each of us have our temptations. There also come times of financial difficulty. Well, these, just like sorrow, and death, and slander, and all the other circumstances of life—these can be met by the child of God being supported with the truth that his name is written in heaven. In fact, there is no circumstance of life, and there is no experience through which the child of God is called upon to pass but what he can be supported, and but what he can pass through them triumphantly, knowing full-well that his name is recorded in heaven. This is the tonic for each tired, halting, failing believer. This then

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"THE CHRISTIAN'S GREATEST CAUSE FOR REJOICING"

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supports the child of God in his hour of trial.

IV.

In the fourth place, the Christian is to rejoice that his name is written in heaven because it means that he is actually ready for death. Death has been the inevitable lot of all the dwellers of this earth since the days of Adam, with the exception of Enoch and Elijah. It will be the inevitable lot of each one who shall walk upon the earth until that day when Jesus shall come in the skies and catch away each of the redeemed. In fact, we are given ample advice in God's Book which which should stand as a warning in our behalf. "It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment." (Heb. 9:27.)

Since death stands as a grim monster across the path of each of us, it behooves us to make preparations for that hour. God's Word gives us abundant instruction in this respect. Long years ago in the midnight hour, a jailer cried out in the darkness of the dungeon at Philippi, and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" (Acts 16:30) The answer came back, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved." (Acts 16:31)

This is none other than an echo of the words of Jesus, for He Himself had already said, "He that believeth on me hath everlasting life." (John 6:47) I say then that the only preparation that one can make for death is to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ who died for sinners.

I rejoice that the one who has thus believed and is saved, is ready for death. Listen to the words of Paul: "We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord." (2 Cor. 5:8) What a blessed assurance this Scripture brings. But listen to a further testimony of Paul's own assurance: "For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better." (Phil. 1:23) I say then, beloved, that the individual is to rejoice that his name is written in heaven in view of the fact that this means that such a believer is now ready for death.

I remember several years ago hearing Brother Findley Gibson of the Walnut Street Baptist Church in Louisville, tell of an experience when travelling in England. He left Birmingham one morning about nine o'clock, and travelled through the northern part of England. About three o'clock in the afternoon they neared the border of Scotland. All through the day there had been a dreary dismal fog which had settled over the land, and which had obliterated all northern England. As they neared the border, the guide came through the train and announced that they would pass through a tunnel, and when they came out of the tunnel they would be in Scotland. When they went into the tunnel, everything was dark and gloomy, and the fog which had hidden the beauty of northern England all through the day, was still so close to the car that they could only see a few feet from them. They were in the tunnel six minutes, and when they came out on the other side, they were then in Scotland. In the meantime the skies had cleared, and the sun was shining, and the raindrops were glistening on the heather as so many jewels under a great incandescent light.

This is just like death is for each child of God. Every Christian will come to the end of the way surrounded with darkness and the fogs of doubt; but he shall be just a little while in the darkness of death itself, and then he shall emerge into the light and the beauty and the glory of heaven to be forevermore with the Lord. As the poet has said,

"Sunset and evening star,
And one clear call for me!
And may there be no moaning of the bar
When I put out to sea;
But such a tide as moving seems asleep,
Too full for sound and foam,
When that which drew from out the boundless deep
Turns again home.
Twilight and evening bell,
And after that the dark!
And may there be no sadness of farewell,
When I embark.
For tho' from out our borne of Time and Place
The flood may bear me far,
I hope to see my Pilot face to face
When I have crossed the bar."

V.

In the fifth place, each child of God should rejoice that his name is written in heaven in view of the fact that when that name is once written, it can never be removed. Listen: "Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her." (Luke 10:42) Note the words, "which shall not be taken away from her."

Listen again to the words of Jesus: "And I give unto them eternal life, and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand." (John 10:28,29)

There is nothing that can take a believer out of the hand of God, for when once he is saved, he is saved forever. "For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Rom. 8:38, 39)

The Christian may sin, and may bring the church of which he is a member into disrepute, he may disgrace himself and his family; but when his name is once written in heaven, it can never be removed.

"I've found a Friend;
O such a Friend!
He loved me ere I knew Him;
He drew me with the cords of love,
And thus He bound me to Him.
And round my heart still closely twine
Those ties which naught can sever;
For I am His, and He is mine,
Forever and forever.
I've found a Friend;
O such a Friend!
He bled, He died to save me;
And not alone the gift of life,
But His own self He gave me.
Naught that I have my own I call,
I hold it for the Giver;
My heart, my strength, my life, my all,
Are His, and His forever.
I've found a Friend;
O such a Friend!
So kind and true and tender;
So wise a Counselor and Guide,
So mighty a Defender!
From Him who loves me now so well,
What pow'r my soul shall sever?
Shall life or death, shall earth or hell?
No; I am His forever."

In closing, let me ask: Is your name written in heaven? If not, then you are certain of spending your eternity in hell. Sinner friend, have you ever read, "The Sinner's Burial" by Horatio Bonar?

"Wrapped in a Christless shroud,
He sleeps a Christless sleep.
O Christless shroud, how cold!
O Christless sleep, how sad!
O Christless soul awake!
Ere thy last sleep begin;
O Christ, the sleeper's slumber break,
Burst thou the bonds of sin."

INCIDENTS OF THE WORLD WAR WHICH PROVE THAT THE LORD IS STILL REIGNING

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And Germany cried in the very words of Scripture, "The harvest is passed, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." The Book speaks of God as a God who forgetteth not. "He is the same yesterday, today and forever." And Germany lost because God is the God of the seedtime and the harvest.

"He Maketh the Clouds His Chariot"

6. The world recognized that Germany was superior in the air, and yet the world knows, and Germany conceded, that she was worsted in the air the last few months of the war. The head of the aerial service explained this by saying: "The Allies did not have superior airships nor fighters, but it was the accursed clouds that defeated us. Nearly every time when we had a bevy of the enemy's ships in a pocket ready to take them, one of those accursed clouds would be hanging handy by and would envelop them as thick as a blanket, and the devil himself couldn't find them, and they would escape at their leisure. It was the accursed clouds that did it." He spoke by the records. "My clouds shall curse them in that day, saith the Lord." Many of our boys who were in the air service report the same thing—"that just when they were in a tight corner, a cloud, coming from nobody knew where, canopied them, cloaked them as a tent." "A cloud came upon them to hide them." "The Lord hath covered His with a cloud."

When the children of Israel were caught with the sea on the left side, the high mountains on the right, and the army of Pharaoh behind them—every way closed up—they cried mightily to God, and God dropped a thick cloud between them which to the Egyptians was a black wall, but to the Israelites was like an "aurora borealis." All the night the Israelites by the light of that cloud beheld Jehovah with His spade divinely made, digging, digging, throwing up the waters till He had uncovered the pavement of the sea, and the children of Israel passed through dry-shod, while all the time the Egyptians battered their heads against the wall of that cloud. "A cloud came between them." "He commandeth the clouds." "The Lord rideth upon the clouds." "The clouds are His." "The clouds are the dust of His feet." "He maketh the clouds His chariot." One hundred and sixty-two times the Bible speaks of God's doings and dealings with the clouds. Germany was beaten on the sea, beaten on the land, and beaten in the air, because, "Behold the sea, the earth, and the sky, they are Mine, saith the Lord." Germany ventured on the wrong reserves and lost.

"The Fool Hath Said 'No God'"

7. "Those that the Gods would destroy they first make mad." In those early days of the war Germany could easily have cut through to the Channel ports and had England at her mercy. But blinded and maddened like a mad and blind bull the Germans struck for Paris. They never reached Paris and they never reached the Channel ports, later to which they paid the price of nearly two million men; for Germany knew she must have the ports of the English Channel to win the war. Six weeks after she began the war she might have possessed every foot of the Channel, but mad and blinded she plunged Paris-ward, for the Kai-

ser must have his "Christmas dinner in Paris". The only possible explanation is—Germany was mad. "Let them alone," saith the Lord. "They are the blind leading the blind and if the blind lead the blind they shall both fall in the ditch." Mad and blinded she struck for Paris and that gave England time to get between the Channel and the enemy, and there she stood for four long years with her back to the wall, and Germany lost.

The armistice happened at the eleventh hour of the eleventh month, 1918. The eleventh verse of the eleventh chapter of the eleventh book of the Bible is at least more than suggestive—"Forasmuch as this is done of thee, O king, and thou hast not kept my covenants and my statutes, which I have commanded thee, I will surely rend the kingdom from thee, and will give it to thy servant." (I Kings 11:11). If ever that was done to any nation and any ruler, it was done to Germany and the Kaiser.

Through the battle of Marathon, 490 B. C., God settled that Grecian civilization should not go under the heel of barbaric Persia. Through the battle of Tours, A. D. 732, God settled that Europe should be Christian rather than Saracen. Through the battle of Hastings, 1066, God settled that Anglo-Saxon civilization should not perish from the earth. Through the battle of Waterloo, 1815, God settled that Europe should not become the slave of a military despot. Through the battle of Gettysburg, 1863, God settled that America should no longer continue half-slave and half-free—but all free. Through the Great War, 1914-18, God settled that the hands of the clock of civilization should not be turned back a thousand years by the bloody hand of the Hun.

Germany's doom was sounded when she turned from Christ to Krupp, from the cross of Calvary to the iron cross.

The day after the great earthquake and fire at San Francisco, a newsboy was showing a dazed man the way through and, as they walked, the lad philosophized—"It took men a long time to put all this stuff up, but God tumbled it over in a minute. Say, mister, 'taint no use for a feller to think he can lick God."

Oh, ye nations of the earth, 'taint no use for a nation to think it can lick God.

England, France, Italy, Japan, America, leaders of the new order and of the new day, your only hope for national immortality is in finding which way God is going, and going that way. For, 'taint no use for a nation to think it can lick God.

The cross points the only way out for the nations. It is Christ or chaos for the world. "Vox populi, vox Dei?" No, never! That is the rock on which Germany was wrecked. It is "Vox Dei, vox populi!" the voice of God is the voice of the people.

And now we are in the age of democracy. There is no more hope of a democracy than of an autocracy, save as it is founded on theocracy. Before all, behind all, beneath all—God. The Government must be upon His shoulder.—"The Biblical Recorder."

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