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"Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel."

"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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A 22 Year Old Sermon Very Much Up To Date

Somewhere in the word of God, we read "Be ye not unequally yoked with unbelievers."

It is with hesitancy that I present this subject, "That Interchurch Movement" — for day's consideration. But after much prayer, and thought, I am impressed that it is the will of God, that His saints at this place should know the truth.

It was only about two years ago that this same subject, only under a different title, came before us as a Baptist people, and your pastor crossed opinion with one of our honored and distinguished denominational leaders. In the reply of this honored leader he stated that it would be denominational suicide to oppose interdenominational work.

This Movement is wholly out of line with the Word of God, and is antisciptural, and undemocratic in its set up. I make this statement upon the basis of the following characteristics of the so called "Interchurch Movement":

IT IS TAINTED WITH THE SPIRIT OF AUTOCRACY

The Movement owes its origin to self ordained, men who were not satisfied with the Bible way of doing things or even with the methods of the different churches going forward in their own respective ways, but claim it is necessary that we all move together. This within itself is inconsistent, if they are conscious of their own Way being right. If they are in the minority, they are afraid of competition; if they are in the majority, they are not satisfied with what they are teaching, and to some extent conscious that they in some way short of all the truth.

This Movement started outside the church. I wonder among whom? If outside the church, then among UNBELIEVERS. "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers." If

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Deplorable Conditions

A recent poll directed by George Gallup of the American Institute of Public Opinion, shows that more than five Americans in very ten (54 per cent to be exact) say they have laid money on the betting line at least once in the last twelve months or played for stakes in some game of chance.

The largest percentage of Americans taking a chance in some form of gambling were those taking part

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THREE NOBLE MEN OF GOD



Freddy Graves — E. A. Spencer — Chas. Graves

Yes, the editor knows and believes them to be just as he refers to them—three noble men of God. Brother Charles—princely young preacher that he is — keeps the home fires burning and carries on the work at Monticello. Brother Freddy and E. A. Spencer travel and give themselves to the work of evangelism. No finer evangelistic team ever existed.

The church which the three have built through God's help at Monticello, Kentucky, comes nearer measuring up to the New Testament pattern than any church of which the editor knows today.

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A NAZI FLYER

The following story is related in Aeroplane magazine:

"A Nazi pilot was brought in after having bailed out in a dog-fight. Evidently he was one of Hermann's tough eggs. Although considerably shot about he bore himself arrogantly and showed little give-and-take spirit. He spoke good English and all the while he was being stitched and dressed he kept up a running fire of abuse against England, the nurses, the doctors and anything else which met his eyes.

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"To round off the job they gave him a blood transfusion, settled him in a nice, clean bed and left him with the words, 'Now, my lad, you have two pints of good Jewish blood in you. We hope it will improve your manners.'"

What was really at fault was the pilot's nature; and although a blood transfusion may change the condition of his health, it is expecting too much of it to expect it to change a person's nature!

What is needed for such a radical

"My Pastor Is A Clown", Laments A Business Man

Gilbert Guffin, Merchantsville, N. J.

A business man holding a ranking executive position in an important concern of one of our greatest cities, invited me to lunch with him in order that he might discuss with me some personal problems relating to his spiritual life. This man, the father of two most promising young medical doctors, came to me, as a patient to his doctor, for advice. In the course of our conversation together, mention was made of a former pastor of the business man. My friend remarked, "I could never go to him for spiritual advice. I never felt that I cared to open my heart to him. You see, Mr. B— is a clown."

"My pastor is a clown." What a characterization for a minister!

No, the business man in question is not a dyspeptic sort of person. Far from it. He is an affable fellow who really enjoys fun. He told, as a matter of fact, how he had enjoyed having the preacher referred to in his home on numerous occasions, and how this preacher had always kept things lively with his antics, but—and this is the significant point—but he did not "care" to discuss the deep matters of his spiritual life with this man. He looked upon the preacher only as a clever clown!

No doubt this preacher thought himself popular with our friend. He was well received. His antics were evidently enjoyed. But what a tragedy! If he had only known it, he had chosen to be a Court Fool rather than to be His Lord's Ambassador.

The pastor under discussion is quite a popular fellow. He has moved to one of the finest churches in one of our Northeastern States. He is usually the center of a group who watch his antics or listen to his witticism with avidity. Perhaps he is envied by many of his less popular and enter-

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Pres. Wilson Meets Moody

How long does a life last? As long as its influence lasts. Good and bad characters of long centuries ago still live. The late President Wilson before passing made this remark: "I was in a barber's shop, sitting in a chair, when I became aware that a personality had entered the room, a man who had come quietly in upon the same errand as myself, and sat in the next chair to me. Every word that he uttered showed a personal interest

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"IF I HAD BUT ONE SERMON TO PREACH—"

"JESUS IS COMING BACK AGAIN."

(By Forest Sparks, Catlettsburg, Ky.)

Text—Acts 1:11. "Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven."

There are many things in this world that are very uncertain. Because of the uncertainty and falsehood that abound in the world one is often brought to the place where he must choose between that which claims to be true and certain and that which is really true and certain. We believe that the Bible is true, and, thus, we conclude that all of the teaching of the Bible is true and will certainly come to pass. The Bible teaches us that Jesus came into

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in Church lotteries, the number of such being 24 per cent, slot machines 24 per cent, playing cards or dice for money 24 per cent, punch boards 23 per cent, betting on elections or athletic events 21 per cent, betting on a horse race 9 per cent, playing the numbers game 8 per cent.

We are told by this report that some who reported they had bought tickets in church lotteries said they didn't consider they were engaged in gambling, since the proceeds went to charitable causes! Thus "sin marches on in the professing church of Jesus Christ." What a disgrace, what a nauseating, sickening sight in the eyes of a world that seeks help and comfort and hope for the future!

—Wealthy St. Ch. Calendar.

ROCK OF AGES

By Franklin Eifert

The strangest singing convention that I ever heard of took place far out in the turbulent waters of the Atlantic, hundreds of miles from land. The facts of this little story have been gathered from the brief report of a Fisk University singer who is mentioned here, and who played a part in this bit of drama.

When the steamer "Seawanhaka" left her moorings one day several years ago and nosed out into the broad expanse of the ocean, the weather was so clear and peaceful, and everyone seemed to be in such fine spirits, as people always seem to be at the beginning of a voyage, that, like the passengers of the ill-fated "Titanic," they did not dream that there was a possibility of anything disastrous about to happen.

A few days out from land there suddenly came a cry from somewhere on the ship — a cry that never fails to chill the heart — "Fire!" The Fisk University singer and his wife

rushed out upon the deck and saw great billows of smoke arising from amid ship and the fire spreading so rapidly that the sailors were unable to get it under control. So crowded were the life boats that many of the passengers were forced to strap on life belts and jump into the sea, among them the singer and his wife. As they were putting on their belts, a crazed person who could not locate one cruelly snatched one of them away and dashed back into the milling throng. With courage and faith that was theirs as the result of their complete trust in God, the colored jubilee singer calmly strapped on his belt, and taking his wife in his arms, dropped into the merciless waters of the sea.

For many hours the brave woman clung to the shoulders of her husband while they were tossed about in the waves. Fear clutched the hearts of many who shared their fate, but these two had committed themselves into the hand of the Lord, and now they quietly awaited the death that seemed inevitable. Finally, in sheer exhaustion her hands began to slip, and, looking into the face of her husband she whispered, "I can hold on no longer. I'll have to leave you."

The tired man wrapped his almost paralyzed arms tighter about his wife and said, "You must not let go. Hold on a little longer." Then lifting his face to the sky he whispered a brief prayer and began to sing with a clear baritone voice:

"Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee."

As the sweet melody of this old hymn was carried through the wind to the ears of the dying throng, it carried with it a note of strength that penetrated their hearts and they too lifted their voices and began to sing with the Negro man from Fisk University.

From "The Answer"

A SURRENDERED LIFE

By John L. Bray

Let one thing be kept in mind: merely going to church and being a Christian is not what is meant by living or having a surrendered life.

We wonder sometimes why it is that people are not being saved like they should, and why our prayers aren't answered, and why we seem so defeated, and why many other things aren't as they should be. The reason is, I am sure, that we are not living surrendered lives unto the Lord.

Take, for instance, soul-winning. Why aren't we winning as many people to the Lord as we should? Let me ask you a question. If you were a sinner, would you be influenced more by a person who said he was a Christian but who really had no life to back up his statement, or by the person whom you knew was what he professed to be — on the out-and-out for God? Certainly you would be influenced by the one whose life evidenced an inward surrender to the Lord. And because of this, I feel that many people are not saved. They have

no one to point them to the right way.

Why aren't our prayers answered at times? It is because we have failed to be in God's will and to obey Him. If there is anything that God wants, it is a loving obedient heart — one that is surrendered to Him. God wants to answer our prayers, He wants to bless us, He wants to prove His power, but He is hindered many times because we are not ready to be bent toward His will.

Then there is a reason for a defeated life. Truly, the life that is surrendered to God knows no defeat. Perhaps there will be times of testing, times of trial, and times of temptation; but never will there be defeat. The life that has put itself into the hands of God is content to rest there and to realize that all things work together for good to them that love Him and are called according to His purpose.

What about your life, friend? Are you merely a nominal Christian, with no knowledge of a real, deeper life with the Lord Jesus? There come times in all of our lives when we must make decisions. The greatest decision you have ever made was when you accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as your Saviour. But have you ever realized that there is another decision which you can make — and must make if you are to be what God wants you to be? That other decision is that of whether or not you will give yourself completely, wholly, and unreservedly into the hands of God.

Christians have lived in the past — some really given over to God in surrender to Him, and others just living in an average, normal way. But those who have been surrendered to Him have been the ones who have been blessed of Him and found happy, victorious, Christian lives. They have had power in their lives, and have witnessed in remarkable ways of God's power to meet every need of the heart.

Which life do you want, Christian friend? Will you make a whole-hearted surrender to God today? Will you give your life, that He might take it and make something out of it for Himself? God is waiting for you to do that, and nothing short of it will satisfy His longing heart.

From "The Answer"

GOSPEL PETE SEZ:

If dese ole hipperkritis what is allus prescribin fur uthers wood take der own medecine we woodant knead so menny spiritual hospittles. YESSUM!

He who abandons himself to God, will never be abandoned by God.

When God bolts the door, don't try to get in through a window.

Only when we die to all about us do we live to God above us.

The man with time to burn never gave the world any light.

Faith is the soul's intake, love is the soul's outlet.

"JESUS IS COMING BACK AGAIN"

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the world "to seek and to save that which was lost," that Jesus lived a life of perfection the flesh and after giving up His earthly life returned to sit at the right hand of the Father until the appointed time when He will return to the earth to take His own people home to glory, and that the salvation Jesus procured for man is offered freely to all mankind now.

I

Jesus came into the world as a little baby born in Bethlehem of Judea in fulfillment of many prophecies. God had spoken in the Garden of Eden after Adam had sinned and brought the curse of God upon the world and said, "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel." Gen. 3:15. Thus, God, the creator, had promised a redeemer for the man He had created. Isaiah, the Prophet, prophesied a long time before Jesus was born telling the people, "Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel." Isa. 7:14. Micah, in his prophecy, had told the people exactly where the Messiah would appear. "But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting." Micah 5:2. Many other prophecies related to the appearance of Jesus so that we need not doubt that He was and is the Christ, the Son of God.

Jesus came into the world with a distinct purpose. Sometimes we wonder why we have been born into the world. Some people never seem to fit into anything, but Jesus had a divinely appointed task to perform and He knew what that task was and made every day and every minute count toward the fulfillment of His duty in the world. Jesus came to reveal God to the world. "Neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him." Matt. 11:27. "No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him." John 1:18. "God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them." 2 Cor. 5:19. The law showed man's sin and God's justice to the world; Jesus revealed God's mercy and tender compassion toward sinful man.

Then, too, Jesus came to seek and to save that which was lost. When Jesus walked this earth He did not give any special invitation to the kings and lords to be special guests in His services. He did not offer the rabbis a better place of service or the scribes an easier job if they would follow Him. No, those people were satisfied with being descendants of Abraham and were content with their religious ceremonies. They felt no need of the new birth and Jesus left

them alone in their self-satisfied complacency and spent His precious time with the poor, the publicans, the sick, the lame, the blind, the crippled, yes, with the "sinners." When Jesus was in the house of Zacchaeus, a chief publican, He said, "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." Luke 19:10. Ye Ys, Jesus revealed Himself to the Samaritan woman at the well, the demoniac in the tombs, the woman who was taken in the act of adultery, those that were possessed of devils, the people that had need of a Saviour. Jesus was seeking those who were willing to be saved. He still seeks that kind.

II

After Jesus finished His redemptive work He left a little band of followers to continue His work of reconciliation and went back to the Father where He waits until the appointed time of His return to the earth. He is as a king who has gone on a far journey and has left His kingdom to servants until His return. The servants do not know just when the King will return, but we do know that He will return. Two men stood by the Apostles as they stood watching the clouds after Jesus had disappeared from their sight and told them "this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven." Acts 1:11. "And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world? And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many. But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only. Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come." Matt. 24:3-5, 36, 42. (Read the entire 24th chapter of Matthew.) We do not know just when Jesus is coming back to the earth and it is difficult to determine the order in which the events that precede and accompany His return will take place, but we do know that He is coming back and that for a definite purpose.

When Jesus comes back to the world He will come as Lord and King and not as a child. He was born once in Bethlehem as a tender helpless baby. This probably signified that during His physical life He would deal with men in a tender, loving, merciful, compassionate manner. The Bible teaches us that He did thus deal with men throughout His life, even as He hung on the Roman cross. The mercy of God is still extended to men and will continue to be extended to those who are lost in sin until Jesus comes back to wind up the affairs of this old sinful world. John was permitted to look in upon several scenes that are to take place in connection with that marvelous event of the future. One of these scenes shows the utter dependency and helplessness in that great day of those who refuse to receive Jesus as their Saviour today.

"And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; and said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?" Rev. 6:15-17. Yes, Jesus is today a merciful Saviour but one day He will sit as a righteous judge whose wrath has been kindled. In that day every person that has ever lived in this world must come before God. "For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself; And hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man. Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation." John 5:26-29.

Those who have received Jesus as their Saviour and are serving Him as Lord and Master find a great deal of comfort from the fact that Jesus is coming back to the earth. We do not fear His return because we are His friends. We long for His return because then will our redemption be complete. Jesus comforted His Disciples by telling them that He would come back to receive them. "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 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. The Apostle Paul rose to a high spiritual plane when writing to the Thessalonians about the second coming of Christ and explained that the dead in Christ shall rise first and then the living believers shall be caught up to meet the Lord in the air when He comes back. Then Paul concludes by saying "And so shall we ever be with the Lord." (Read 1 Thes. 4:13-18.) Yes, it is a glorious thought to one who is redeemed from the curse that "this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven; shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven." Acts 1:11.

III

In view of the fact that Jesus has already come into the world and wrought out our redemption, thus, providing the only way for man to come into fellowship with God; and in view of the fact that this same Jesus is coming back into the world to take His own people out of the world and to judge the world because of sin, it behooves each one of us, individually to prepare NOW to meet God. Amos called upon the children of Israel to "Prepare to meet thy God, O Israel." Amos 4:12. If national Israel should prepare to meet God surely the nations of today should

prepare to meet God. Those nations that are responsible for this war must give an account to God. Germany, Italy, Japan, France, England, America and all of the others must render an account to God for their actions, for their sins. Not only so, but you and I and every individual must account before God for our deeds, yea, for our very thoughts. We need to get ready to meet God because it is certain that we must meet Him. None can escape.

We need to prepare now to meet God because we have no promise of any future opportunity to make our preparation. James says, "Go to now, ye that say, Today or tomorrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain: Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away." James 4:13, 14. No, we do not know whether we will be living tomorrow or not. Neither do we know Jesus will appear and bring to a close this age of redemption before tomorrow's sun shall rise in the East. We do know that Jesus is now the Saviour of those who repent of their sins and believe in Him. Paul tells us, "Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation." 2 Cor. 6:2.

Many people are willing to put off the matter of their soul's salvation until some later time although they do want to be saved before they die. Let them remember that life is very uncertain, that death and the judgment are certain, and that Jesus has provided the only way of redemption from sin. Let them also remember that after this life has passed we have no more opportunity to make our peace with God. "If the tree fall toward the south, or toward the north, in the place where the tree falleth, there it shall be." Eccl. 11:3.

O, my friend, that you may know that God loves you and is even now calling you to repent of your sin and receive Jesus as your Saviour. He has done everything that He can do for your salvation. Now it is left for you to accept Jesus or to reject Him. "And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take of the water of life freely." Rev. 22:17.

PRES. WILSON MEETS MOODY

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in the man who was serving him; and before I got through with what was being done to me, I was aware that I had attended an evangelistic service, because Mr. Moody was in the chair. I purposely lingered in the room after he left, and noticed the singular effect his visit had upon the barbers in that shop. They talked in undertones. They did not know his name, but they knew that some person had elevated their thoughts. And I felt that I left that place as I should have left a place of worship." — Dr. Peter Wiseman, in Free Methodist.

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this outside movement can find shelter beneath the folds of the banner of Christ, what else may arise and ask admittance upon an equal footing?

Why argue that such was born of the spirit, when it sprang from a source outside the recognized body of Christ?

With a number of the leaders in this movement, their own denominational bodies refused to adopt a budget for the expense of this great movement as they call it.

All the leading officers are either from New York, or have recently moved there so as to be near the heads of the church movements. New York, like Rome boasts of being headquarters for preachers.

This movement has not only originated the phrase 'Drive', which naturally signifies there being a driver, but it has also insinuated the same phrase into the denominations. Even the secular press has condemned the enterprise, and stamped their disapproval by asserting that the churches have begun to engage in 'Wildcat Ecclesiastical Campaigning'.

The question which is so vitally before us, will we again bow our knees to the force which drove our Fathers from Europe during the 16th century?

IT IS UNREASONABLE IN EXPENDITURES

It has already borrowed huge sums of money on the credit of the denominations. They are holding their gatherings in the most expensive centers; they have done more advertising than is necessary for any business. Men termed devout men have laid down the pastoral charge, when there are already so many pastorless churches who need their assistance, in order to hold lucrative positions in this movement, doing sums in arithmetic, when they have stated that **THE LORD HAD CALLED THEM TO THE GOSPEL MINISTRY.**

The Southern Baptist put a campaign over the top for \$75,000,000. at a cost of less than one per cent, and yet this venomous beast is asking for 5 per cent.

ALL THEIR METHODS ARE WORLDLY

The departure of the true mission of the church has drifted so far, that the secular press is criticizing. The Philadelphia Inquirer said the other day, "When a church becomes a vaudaville, and a forum for men who have axes to grind, and salaries to earn, it becomes a source of irritation to most folk."

This movement from the very first has tried to attract attention; and started into business by putting on a big show called the **WAYFARER.** This play contained no less than thirty persons whom we have been informed do not even confess Christ. They played the crucifixion, and charged admission. This is worse than Judas did when he sold the Christ for thirty pieces of silver.

I do not object to organization, but it should properly follow internal reformation. These self appointed leaders have made the gospel message mechanical instead of spiritual; they are using the hurry up method, together with spectacular attraction. They seem to think that about all folk need to serve the Lord are bright lights and a brass band.

This movement trusts in man instead of God; it seeks financial responsibility of man, before man is won to God.

IT IS INFERENTIALLY UNTRUTHFUL

It says that it is the agency created within the church. That is not the truth. It says "Put the church in town, and vice and disorder will disappear." Now we all know this is not the fact. The church has been functioning now for 19 hundred years, yet vice still increases.

THIS MOVEMENT SETS ASIDE THE PURE GOSPEL

The **WORLD OUTLOOK** the official organ of this body says 'Its main object is to show "The practicability and attractiveness of Christianity, not creed." Thus only those things that are practicable and attractive are to be set forth in this movement. Doubtless to them "The preaching of the cross is foolishness", but we who really are saved know that it is the power of God.

WHAT IS THE RELATIONSHIP OF US BAPTISTS?

For more than six months we have been arguing about this phase. Many things have been said for and against, and some of them did not sound very Christ-like; but in spite of all that the devil has tried to cover up some things have spilled overboard.

At the Denver Convention the Baptists voted to co-operate with the Interchurch Movement in this great **DRIVE**, with some reservations. They flooded the country with literature concerning this move, but thousands of our people were determined not to be bartered into such an action. So many of our denominational leaders began to deny that we had any relationship with the Interchurch.

You remember that I stood here a few months ago and told you that as Baptists of the North we stood in the same relationship with the movement as one state stood with the Union; but several of you thought I did not know whereof I spoke. Some thought I was wholly ignorant about the movement. Because I am not a church dictator, but only an advisor, I chose to remain silent on the subject until the truth leaked out, which I was confident would happen.

Some of you were afraid to accept my advice and sought information elsewhere; for which I am glad.

Now let us turn to last week's Baptist Banner and see what Brother Bartlett the Editor of that stand says, and he is the same Brother Bartlett who said from this stand that they were separate and distinct Movements. I quote "There is little doubt that we would be over the top in **OUR** campaign, but for our relationship with the Interchurch."

What does relationship mean? I told you we were related months ago, but these leaders said we were not. Dr. Bartlett goes on and quotes Dr. Laws' article from the Watchman-Examiner. Now heres what Dr. Laws writes: "As we proceed to discuss the weak points of the Interchurch Movement, let it be remembered that we are discussing a movement in which the Baptists are leaders, a co-partnership in which Baptist had to furnish twice as much money as anybody else. . . . We are discussing affairs that belong distinctly and uniquely to our denomination as a part, and a big part of the Interchurch Movement." . . . He further states: "Shall Baptists continue their co-operation? Let the Northern Convention at its Buffalo Meeting withdraw from the Interchurch World Movement. If we made a mistake at Denver, we can correct the same at Buffalo."

I am now wondering if there is anyone who will still argue that we have no relationship to this gigantic world machine, when men like these say the opposite.

The time is here when men must think for themselves. Think as they have never thought before. Study the good old book, and believe in the supernatural power of God. I have been criticized concerning my stand against this movement; but I was only honoring My God according to the dictates of my conscience.

It is not my will to dictate to anyone, but I feel this church should know my position NOW because if I go to the Convention I am expecting to cast my vote against the Movement; also I expect to vote for a re-adjustment of money received in the denominational phase. I am far more interested in the mission end than I am the philosophy that is being crammed down the throats of our young ministers of this day.

God help us to liberate our feet from these shackles, which are binding us so tightly.

(Ed. Note:)

Twenty-two years ago Elder O. S. Stump delivered the above message to the North Clarksburg, W. Va., Baptist Church. "The Interchurch Movement" was one of the fore runners of the Federal Council of Churches. Let all true believers read and beware of undenominational, inter-denomination, interchurch, Federal Council agencies. They were conceived of Satan born in Hell, nurtured of falsehood, and reared on hypocrisy and deceit. Christian beware!

"MY PASTOR IS A CLOWN," LAMENTS A BUSINESS MAN

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taining fellow ministers. But the title given him by our business friend who, as a matter of information, was one of this preacher's deacons (and a loyal one at that) is not enviable. For a minister of Jesus Christ and a Herald of the Gospel to be called a Clown is not complimentary. Much less complimentary is it for a minister to conduct himself in such a way that his people do not care to consult him in spiritual matters and will not

open their hearts to him.

Ministers, it is admitted, ought to be pleasant and winsome, and, at times, even entertaining, but no minister can afford to become a clown. With what dignity, with what grace, with what consciousness of his office, ought an Ambassador of the King of kings carry himself.

One does not need to exalt himself in order to magnify his office, but a good minister of Jesus Christ will do the latter. Dr. B. H. Carroll was eminently right when he said, "I maintain that there is no other office known among men that calls for the kind and degree of qualifications which God's Word requires for the ministerial office. He must have gifts, graces and character such as no human law requires for any earthly office."

Paul's admonition, "Let no man despise thee," does not mean that we shall endeavor to be popular, but, on the contrary, that we shall so live as to avoid the contempt of man.

Dr. Truett has well said, "Terrible is it beyond all words for Christ's preacher to be the wrong kind of a man. The Christian ministry is not for prigs and fops and charlatans. . . . Every preacher ought to be such a sincere and unselfish man that his community would be willing to trust its life into his hands."

When we laid down our tasks as ministers of the Gospel, our people ought to be able to say no less of us than Mark Anthony said of Brutus:

"His life was gentle, and the elements so mixed in him that Nature might stand up and say to all the world:

This was a man."

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Many engagements are being scheduled for the year by this evangelistic team. They will be with Pastor Sam Sloan and the First Baptist Church of Catlettsburg, March 1, and with Brother Everett Branham and the saints at Williamson, West Virginia, immediately thereafter. We urge all of our readers within going distance, to attend these meetings, and to prayerfully consider these men of God when in need of an evangelistic meeting.

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change is the impartation of a new— a divine nature. And this has been made possible by a certain case of blood-shedding, not by blood transfusion.

At the place called Calvary the precious blood of the Lord Jesus Christ was freely shed for the remission of sins — for "without shedding of blood is no remission." (Hebrews 9:22).

—Faith and Works