

If You Give Someone A Cup Of Milk, Don't Skim It.

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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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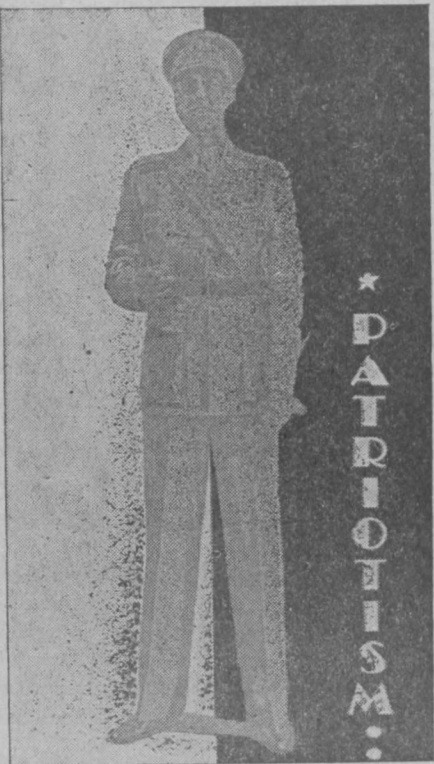
## Patriotism Is Not Enough

October 12, 1942, in the land of Nazi dominated Belgium. There were those who could somehow find courage to steal to foot of a monument to deposit bouquets of roses — their tribute to the memory of a brave and noble soul, a foreign woman, but her name will never die, her memory never perish.

That English nurse who ministered to the needs of wounded Belgian, French, German and English soldiers alike will never be forgotten. She forfeited her life because of her kindness and sympathy toward those wounded English soldier boys she helped to escape to the land they loved, beyond the "dear cliffs of Dover."

Twenty-seven years ago, Edith Cavell looked with gray eyes, calm and unafraid, into the gun-muzzles of the German execution squad. They were about to tie a handkerchief around her eyes in preparation for her execution. She wished to say something. They allowed her to speak and leave to the world her last message. In a quiet voice she spoke, "I am glad to die for my country, but, standing as I do on the brink of eternity, I realize that patriotism is not enough . . ." She said more to effect that faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us at Calvary is the only safe ground on which to face eternity and to enter it.

That patriotism is a noble thing no one would be so foolish to deny, but as that brave and patriotic nurse said, it is not enough to prepare one for eternity, for a meeting with the Prince Holy God, for the sinless courts of Heaven. Nothing (Continued on page four)



## When A Great Big Smile Won

Dr. R. A. Forrest tells how before he went to a certain city some years ago for a meeting, they asked him for a photograph of himself. He wrote, back and said that only good looking men were photographed, but one of the students connived to get a photograph of him one day as he stood on the administration building porch. Someone told a joke and Dr. Forrest leaned back and laughed with his mouth wide open. This boy got a snapshot and sent it to where Dr. Forrest was to hold services.

Dr. Forrest said he got off the train and the first thing he saw was that great big mouth staring him in the face. He saw a poster and said, "Me? I didn't send that picture." He went to the Travelers' Aid to ask about a hotel and he found a little card there — a smaller picture but the same big mouth. He was averse to pictures anyhow. Here they had gotten the most ridiculous looking one that you could imagine, with a mouth wide open.

Dr. Forrest started down the street with his grip. A drunken man stumbled up to him and said, "Just a minute, Buddy. I know you."

Forrest said, "What do you mean? This is the first time I have ever been in this town."

"Ah, but I know you. Say, I got you right here in my pocket." He pulled out one of those pictures and said, "Look at it." Then he said, "Mr., I don't know much about you, but I like the way you smile. You know, Mr. if you could tell me how to smile like that, I'd give everything I've got in the world. Of course, I ain't got much but I would give it all to you, if you just tell me how I can smile like that."

Forrest said, "All right, I will tell you how you can smile like that but you won't have to give anything. You come down to the meeting at the Municipal Auditorium tonight and you be on the front seat and I'll tell you how to smile like that."

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## Two Great Churches With Seminary Pastors Get Wrong Doctrinally

Huntington, West Virginia and Gainesville, Florida are 1500 miles apart, yet doctrine is abandoned, the Bible is forgotten, and heresy espoused in the same identical manner.

The Fifth Avenue Baptist Church in Huntington, West Virginia is pastored by E. B. Willingham.

The First Baptist Church of Gainesville, Florida is pastored by Thomas V. McCaul, who incidentally has been pastor there for nineteen years.

Both pastors are students and graduates of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary of Louisville, Kentucky. In fact, Mr. McCaul is one of the Board of Trustees there. We've already said enough that you can anticipate that both in Florida and in West Virginia there is something wrong which is very much akin to Denmark. Yes, in each instance, it is so rotten that it smells to high Heaven.

"Way down south in Dixie," Mr. McCaul has been fraternizing with the various so-called churches in his city for his Sunday evening

services. In his bulletin of July 16 is the following announcement:

Summer Schedule For Sunday Evening

Union Services 1943 8:00 P. M.

July 25 Presbyterian Church — Dr. Paul Packard, Christian Pastor.

Aug 1 Baptist Church — Dr. U. S. Gordon, Presbyterian Minister.

Aug 8 Methodist Church — Musical program, Baron Smith, organist and choir.

Aug 15 Christian Church — The Rev. J. Sterling, Episcopalian Student Pastor.

Aug 22 Episcopal Church — The Rev. A. Charlesworth, Director of the Wesley Foundation.

Aug 29 Presbyterian Church — Dr. H. W. Blackburn, Methodist Minister.

Sept. 5 Baptist Church — The Rev. F. Wakefield, Episcopalian Minister.

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## A Bandit Saved

Paul Tichomiroff, as a boy emigrated with his parents from European Russia to Siberia, where farming outlook seemed more promising. On the long journey eastward the parents died of cholera, and the boy, after bitter vicissitudes, joined a band of robbers. These taught him to steal, and even to kill. For eight years they terrorized a wide farming neighborhood. One day the band overpowered and slew two men and carried away all their possessions, among them two books saved for rolling cigarettes. One was "The Voice of Faith," the other the New Testament. "Greasy," for such was the name given him as a boy by the thieves, opened to Romans 3: 11-18 that night as he lay in his bunk, and read: "There is none that seeketh after God . . . Their throat is an open sepulchre . . . Their feet are swift to shed blood; destruction and misery are in their ways: and the way of peace have they not known."

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## Mr. Buttrick, A Modern Example Of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde

A few years ago, some wit gave a definition of a Fundamentalist as: Shailer Matthews, when he occupies a Southern Baptist pulpit.

In this current year, Dr. George A. Buttrick delivered some messages to the annual conference of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in March. When in Louisville, he was a fundamentalist. When he is at home, he is a modernist. He is a twentieth century example of the literary characters of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde.

Though his discourses in Louisville were startlingly sound on the surface, his writings elsewhere are permeated with all the maliciousness of the leaven of modernism.

The Western Recorder says of him:

"In discussing Jacob's wrestling with the angel, he was more explicit. After the dogmatic statement, 'I want to tell you that the angel with whom Jacob wrestled was not Jesus . . . ' It is probable

that it was one of the river gods . . . You know there were several river gods in that day."

Elder W. B. Riley, in the Pilot, says of him:

"For the information of my believing brethren in Kentucky who may not yet have read the books of George Buttrick, I want to quote from him some of his rank rationalistic views. For instance, writing of the Bible he says, 'the doctrine of literal infallibility is slain' . . . 'Literal infallibility of Scripture' is a fortress impossible to defend' . . . 'That avowal, held to its last logic, would risk a trip to the insane asylum.' In other words, only crazy men believe the Bible to be infallibly inspired.

"Again, concerning the contents of the Bible, hear Dr. George Buttrick speak, 'Here is a library of books as BIBLE implies. The library covers two thousand years of stirring history. It comprises myths by which the stories of Mt. Olympus or the City of Asgard are cast in shade; tales more gallant than those of Arthur's Court; (Continued on page four)

## THE HAMMER

Consider the hammer.

A good one doesn't lose its head and fly off the handle.

It finds the point and drives it home.

It looks on the other side and clinches the matter.

Occasionally it makes mistakes but it rectifies them.

It keeps pounding away until the job is done.

It is the only knocker in the world that does constructive work. — The Optimeter.

## The First Baptist Pulpit

### "Some Words Commonly Used Today"

"And thou shalt hear what they say." — Judges 7:11.

There is very little connection between my text and my message. In reality, it merely serves as a point of departure that I might bring you some spiritual truths from God's Word.

Actually, the text is taken from that portion of God's Word which tells of the valiant and heroic efforts of Gideon's three hundred

faithful men. When Gideon needed encouragement ere he went into battle, God directed him to go with his servant, Phurah, near to the camp of the enemy. As we know by reading the whole incident, Gideon overheard a conversation which inspired him to believe that God was going to deliver the enemy into his hand. When God was directing him to go near to the camp of the enemy,

he said, "And thou shalt hear what they say." Here Gideon was to be instructed by what the Midianites and the Amalekites said.

It is thus that I speak to you. I want us to be instructed in our thinking through some common words that are used today. There are a number of these which have come into existence since the beginning of this present world war. (Continued on page three)

## CATHOLIC GAMBLING

According to the Scottish Rite News Bulletin of July 5 the Ohio legislature has passed a bill exempting bingo and other games of chance conducted for church or charitable purposes from the penalties of the anti-gambling laws. Now the Bishop of Cincinnati and his hosts can rejoice because they have an unfettered hand in filching from their victims millions of cash with which to carry on their propaganda and conduct their world-wide program of restoring (Continued on page two)



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## A DECIDED CONTRAST

The first president Columbia University ever had, declared: "The chief thing that is aimed at in this college is to teach and engage the children to know God in Jesus Christ and to love and serve Him in all sobriety, godliness, and righteousness of life."

The present president of Chicago University, Mr. Hutchens says: "Our confusion is so great that we can not make clear even to our own students what we are trying to do."

What a revelation this brings as to the drift in America's higher education. Certainly with the secularization of education, there has come a bewilderment in the minds of even the educators themselves.

## BOOK REVIEWS

From MacMillan Company, New York City.

The Highway of God, by Ralph W. Sockman

228 pages. Cloth binding. Price \$2.00.

The contents of this book is based upon the Lyman Beecher lectures delivered not long ago at Yale University. Using as a Scriptural approach the character of John the Baptist, the author presents a striking standard for preachers and helpfully points through the wilderness of confusion in our troubled changing world. It certainly presents an unusual challenge to the minister of today. Every preacher will face his problems more effectively and will do a far better task in making his ministry a challenge to those about him, by reading and absorbing this book.

## THE BEST DOLLAR YOU CAN SPEND

I have been asked repeatedly through the years as to the book which I use most next to my Bible. Without any hesitancy, I have always answered, "The New Topical Text Book." It sells for a dollar and will be worth more to you than any dollar which you can spend for any other book. If you order from us, we'll be happy to include two or three other small books free.

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## TWO GREAT CHURCHES WITH SEMINARY PASTORS

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Then in Huntington, West Virginia, Mr. Willingham on Sunday evening has been practically duplicating this program. A series of messages, entitled, "Our Neighbors In Christ," presented by six ministers and representing as many denominations has been the feature of the summer program of activities of his church, as follows:

June 13 Dr. S. Roger Tyler (Episcopalian) "The Episcopalians"

June 20 Ira D. Black (Congregationalist) "The Congregationalists"

June 27 Carl R. Plack (Lutheran) "The Lutherans"

July 4 Homer E. Wark (Methodist) "The Methodists"

July 11 T. Henry Patterson (Presbyterian) "The Presbyterians"

July 18 Ralph E. Valentine (Campbellite) "The Disciples of Christ"

It seems a shame that Mr. Willingham should stop short in presenting only six of the heretics of Huntington, when there are several others he might have included. He should have Dr. Smell-fungus speak on "The Virtues of the Scribes and Pharisees" and Rabbi Sky-buster describe "The Good Points of the Sadducees." What a shame that he did not succeed in getting the Most Holy Right Reverend Dr. Cloud-smasher to discuss "Our Lord God, the Pope." Certainly it is to be regretted that these eminent Divines were not included in this religious "comedy of errors." However, it is our guess that if Mr. Willingham can secure them for a later engagement, he will do so.

What a travesty, beloved, is this in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ! In Florida, the hash is made of Campbellites, Presbyterians, Episcopalians, Methodists, and Baptists. In West Virginia, it is seasoned a little more with a pinch of Congregationalism and a dash of Lutheranism. (It might be that some of you would like the full recipe for this hash. Just write the Seminary who taught Mr. Willingham and Mr. McCaul. They should be able to furnish it to you along with several other recipes of similar sloppy spiritual soups).

What a diet to offer to the constituency of two great Churches on Sunday night! It is enough to produce not only religious weakness, but spiritual inertia and dyspepsia as well. No wonder the sheep don't grow. It is a wonder they are alive at all, for such a summer diet not only starves but poisons the soul.

Of course, there is a reason for all of this: Boys are never taught the Bible (In the Seminary) don't know anything about the Bible and therefore can't preach the Bible. Both Mr. McCaul and Mr. Willingham are merely following the advice and example set before them by their teachers. As long as Dr. Sampey refers to these heretics as "our allies" you can expect the lads who go there to align themselves with "our allies." As long as the Seminary continues to bring in modernistic preachers for their annual conferences as they did this

year, they can expect a full nest of fledglings like Willingham, McCaul, Kelly Barnett, and other "speckled birds" to be hatched out, and turned out, on unsuspecting Baptist Churches.

By the way, the trouble with most of these seminary preachers is, they are just like a "hot dog:" they are all one size, they are all filled with the same thing, and they are all joined together.

For the benefit of Willingham, McCaul, et al, we might cite some Scriptures bearing on the matter of unionism:

"Can two walk together except they be agreed?" — Amos 3:3.

"Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them." — Rom. 16:17.

"Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away." — II Tim. 3:5.

"Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us. And if any man obey not our word by this epistle, note that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed." — II Thes. 3:6, 14.

"If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: for he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds." — II John 1:10, 11.

Now, what is the ultimate and logical outgrowth of such teaching and practices. Pulpit affiliation leads to open church membership and in both of these churches this is practiced, since each of them receive members from other denominations without baptizing them. In Florida particularly, this practice was taken up at the insistence and persistent requests of Mr. McCaul. Of course, one is not to be surprised when unionism is practiced so flagrantly.

When I remember the practices of these two churches in Florida and in West Virginia, my mind wonders back to the days of Jesus. I never remember that He asked one of the ministers of the Sadducees to preach for Him. Neither do I recall an instance when He had one of the Pharisees lecture to the group of preachers whom Jesus gathered about Him. I don't recall that He ever had one of the scribes administer baptism in His behalf. I don't remember of Him ever recognizing one of these heretics in any manner, nor do I recall one single instance of pulpit affiliation nor of alien immersion on which Jesus put His stamp of approval.

Instead I distinctly hear Him say, "Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the sadducees." (Mt. 16:11). So mote it be!

## CATHOLIC GAMBLING

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the Roman hierarchy to absolute control over the people of the world. And, knowing its persistent efforts to overthrow the Ohio anti-gambling laws so as to leave it free to debauch the people through church-run gambling, we may easily foresee what will happen to the world if Rome ever again has the mastery of world politics. Mrs. Margaret E. Keller of Cincinnati plans to contest the constitutionality of this exemption. All power and support to her. Surely, if our National Supreme Court has any sense of legal justice they will de-

# What Young Converts Should Do

By doing these four things no one can write the word "backslider" after your name.

First . . . Every day say something to God.

"Be careful for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God." Phil 4:6.

"If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you." John 15:7.

"Therefore I say unto you, that what things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them and ye shall have them." Mark 11:24.

"Call unto me and I will answer thee: and show ye great and mighty things, which thou knowest not." Jer. 33:3.

"Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another that ye may be healed. The effectual, fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." James 5:16.

"Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled down upon his knees three times a day and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime." Daniel 6:10.

"Evening and morning and at noon will I pray and cry aloud and he shall hear my voice." Psa. 55:17.

"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways: then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." II Chron. 7:14.

Neglect praying, and you will backslide.

SECOND . . . Every day let God say something to you.

"Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of my heart." Jer. 15: 16.

"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." II Tim. 2:15.

"As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby." I Peter 2:2.

"And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God." Eph. 6:17.

"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." Pst. 119:105.

"This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein; for then shalt thou make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success." Josh. 1:8.

Set apart at least ten minutes a day for your Bible, and let God declare such an act purely "class legislation" and throw it out as unconstitutional. — Western Record-er.

speak to you.

Third . . . Every day say something for God.

"What if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." Rom. 10:9-10.

"Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." Matt. 6:16.

"Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, and my servants whom I have chosen." Isa. 43:10.

"Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and my words, in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed." Mark 8:28.

"Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God." I John 4:15.

"Sing unto the Lord, bless his name: shew forth his salvation from day to day." Psa. 96:2.

"Return to thine house and shew how great things God hath done unto thee." Luke 8:39.

Fourth . . . Every day do something for God.

"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord." I Cor. 15:58.

"Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15.

"I must work the works of him that sent me while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work." John 9:4.

Let him know that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins." James 5:20.

"And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness, as the stars forever and ever." Daniel 12:3.

"And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward." Matt. 10:42.

"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me." Matt. 25:40.

"Say not ye, there are four months, and then cometh harvest? Behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields: for they are white already to harvest." John 4:35.

"Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit." John 15:8.

— The Defender

He who is on the road to Heaven will not be content to go there alone.

Some men pray high but give low.



## WORDS COMMONLY TODAY

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expressions as "duration," "victory," and an "all-out" are common words in the vocabulary of each of us. There are a number of other words that have come into existence in the last two years and from these I think we can learn spiritual truths.

I first of these words is the word "rationed." So common is it, it is used so much that even the youngest child is acquainted with it. Especially is this true of everything in life today. While making an appointment of recent years, Gilpin and I picked up a group of girls who were walking to the church services. As I was joking, I asked them if they had used up their ration stamps. I guess in a year there is quite a little truth in that. For years I used to ration my time, but my weddings have been cut to the bare minimum.

Barleycorn is being rationed. I carried a cartoon in the BAPTIST EXAMINER several months ago wherein I pictured a number of household articles which are today rationed and commented thereon that it was a pity that our government should ration these commodities and never say one word about the sales of whiskey, beer, and deep down in my heart I am grateful today in some states these alcoholic beverages are now rationed. I would to God that they were rationed the same way and that each individual in this world had already received all of his ration points for the remainder of his entire life.

There has been no rationing to the Bible. It is the life for the soul; it is the life; it is the Water of Life; it is the Word of God can grow in the knowledge of the Father from it. If one is to understand astronomy, chemistry, or physics, it is necessary that one look on these particular subjects. If one wishes to know a little better, it is necessary to make much of the book which tells us about Jesus. There is no such book — the Bible. We thank God that in the world wherein practice the commodities and the necessities of life are rationed, that the Bible still stands unrationed. I read it as often as you wish as much as you wish. I read it morning, noon, and night. You may read it on and during week days. It is not necessary to be a miser. It is necessary that you use it in your use and application. Thank God the Bible is unrationed.

O thou holy book divine, precious treasure, thou art mine; tell me whence I came; tell me what I am; rebuke me when I rove; show a Saviour's love; thou art to guide and guard; punish or reward;

comfort in distress, in this wilderness; show by living faith, thy triumph over death; tell of joys to come,

And the rebel sinner's doom,  
O thou holy book divine,  
Precious treasure, thou art mine.

Furthermore, salvation is not rationed. Listen: "Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeming he ever liveth to make intercession for them." (Heb. 7:25). What a challenging text this is that God is able to save to the uttermost. The worst man or the lowest woman in all the world may find salvation, peace, and safety in Jesus. If you could find the individual who would wear a placard upon his back and thereby announce to the world that he was the meanest man in the world, I would still point him to Jesus and tell him that God's salvation was not rationed and that he could be saved by simply trusting in the Son of God. What a joy this brings to personal workers and to those who attempt to lead lost souls out of darkness and into the marvelous light of the liberty of God. Salvation isn't rationed.

Furthermore, grace for the Christian is unrationed. Listen: "Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the Lord delivereth him out of them all." (Psa. 34:19). It is true that day by day we have many difficulties, burdens, and afflictions. Yet how good it is that while these are accumulating, God is in the business of providing grace that we might be delivered therefrom. These are surely trying days through which we are passing, with the world in the throes of war, with morals cast to the wind, with apostasy prevailing on every hand, with modernism threatening at every door, and with the Word of God discounted by the majority. In view of these distressing circumstances, it is truly a comforting revelation for the Christian to know that grace for God's children is still available for all.

### II

The second of these common words whereby we may be instructed is the word "absenteeism." I have been reading in various papers, both secular and religious, of the problem of absenteeism. It seems that due to drinking and other moral delinquencies that many days labor are lost weekly in the defense plants because of absenteeism. In other words, as a result of moral turpitude, many of the employees both men and women, absent themselves from work quite often. In all the plants of the country it has been estimated that the equivalent of many years labor on the part of each person is lost daily in the various defense plants.

Yet, beloved, this is no new problem. While it may be the country at large is having to grapple with it for the first time, it is an age old problem as far as God's people and the churches of Jesus Christ are concerned. Every pastor could produce volumes on the subject of absenteeism.

There are three Scriptures which particularly bear upon this subject. Listen: "And thou shalt be missed, because thy seat will be empty." (I Sam. 20:18). This was spoken at a time when David and Jonathan were making a love covenant. David was leaving, and bidding him good-bye, Jonathan reminded him he would be missed at the religious feast of the morrow because of his empty seat. That which was to be true of David, has been true of every Christian who absents himself from the house of God. His presence is missed because his seat is empty.

A second scripture in this respect pungently asks, "Why is the

house of God forsaken?" (Neh. 13:11). Many are the excuses which are offered as to why God's people absent themselves from God's house. Yet, in the main, one's absence can usually be analyzed because it is a lack of concern relative to the house of Christ. It is true that we do in life just about what we want to do. People go to church or they don't go to church, depending upon whether they want to.

Then there is a third Scripture which deals very strongly with this question of Christian absenteeism. "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is." (Heb. 10:25). This text would indicate that it was already a problem in Paul's day, for he says, "As the manner of some is." If the problem of the loss of thousands of man hours in our war plants brings a serious threat to the defense forces of our country, then how much more does this absenteeism in the realm of spiritual realities produce a definite religious and spiritual loss.

The day of worship and the place of worship should mean much to the Christian for they certainly mean much to Christ. Certainly an individual can have personal fellowship with the Lord without going to church services. Yet, there does come to us an added encouragement which is found no place else except by mingling with God's people. As the burdens of this present era grow greater, and the shadows lengthen, we are not to slacken nor to become careless concerning our church attendance. We need each other's fellowship more than ever. There is something for us to give and there is something for us to get by going to God's house.

Critical as this matter of absenteeism is in the war plants, it is far more serious concerning the spiritual and church life of our nation.

### III

The third word or expression from which we can learn some spiritual truth is that expression which has been most popular in the last two years, — "Remember Pearl Harbor." This expression grew out of the sneak attack of Japan on Pearl Harbor on the morning of December 7, 1941. Since then, it has been the cry of most Americans and the battle call of our citizenry, actually designed to stir up war spirit. Back of it all is the motive of revenge.

Far be it from me to commend or even to condone the attitude of Japan. Yet, may I say that personally I do not hate any individual Jap and that frankly I would do anything and everything within my power to teach any of them the story of God's blessed grace.

However, when you come to the matter of our personal experience, revenge, which grows out of this expression, "Remember Pearl Harbor," revenge should be the last motive to be found in the life of a Christian. In the Old Testament, David was driven from his throne through the rebellion of his son Absalom, Shimei, one of David's trusted men, followed David as he left the city of Jerusalem, throwing stones at him and cursing him and in the most scabrous manner derided David as a "bloody man" and a "man of Belial." Abishai, who remained faithful to David, asked David's permission that he might kill Shimei, thus seeking revenge in behalf of his king. This permission was not granted, for David said, "It may be that the Lord will look on mine affliction, and that the Lord will requite me

good for his cursing this day." (2 Sam. 16:12). As every student of God's Word knows, the day came when Shimei prostrated himself in the presence of David. May every child of God remember from this that it is far better to leave one's enemies in the hands of God for Him to settle with them than it is to take vengeance in one's own hands. Do you recall the words of the Apostle Paul when he said: "Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath; for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord." (Rom. 12:19).

However, from this expression, "Remember Pearl Harbor," there comes another lesson to us, especially since it was the place of sacrifice. May the Christian and even the sinner, remember another sacrifice made one day two thousand years ago, and may our Christian battle cry be, "Remember Jesus Christ." The blood of many a noble American lad was spilled at Pearl Harbor and many there died in the name of, and in defense of, their country. Yet may this scene pass from your memory and may you visualize the hill of Calvary where God shed His blood in the person of His Son and where a sacrifice was made not merely that one nation might be free, but that the elect of God in all nations might be loosed from the thralldom of sin and made free men in the Lord Jesus Christ. While the world shouts, "Remember Pearl Harbor," may the Christian speak softly to himself, yet boldly to the world, "Remember Jesus Christ."

### IV

Another expression which is in common vogue today is that of a "post-war world." Many are the conferences that are being held today with plans, panaceas, and remedies for the world when the war ends. Over two hundred organizations are at work in America today planning for a post war world. Far be it from me to minimize the fact that this is a necessity and yet there are some spiritual truths that we may learn thereby.

The history of every nation of the past centers around three periods, namely, conquest, construction, and play. That is to say, that each nation in its incipency and beginning, passes through the period of conquest and the extension of its domain. Then comes the period of construction wherein roads, buildings, and improvements of all types are made. After the period of construction, comes the period of play which always ends in destruction and the rise of a new civilization. May we in America learn a spiritual truth. If there is to be a post war world for us, there must be a return to spiritual principles. Listen: "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." (2 Chron. 7:14). We have already long ago passed through the period of conquest and the period of construction. Today we are completely engulfed with the thought of play. Nobody wants to work. Even those who do work don't want to do common work. Short hours, high wages, vacations with pay, and many other concessions are clamored for. May God grant that we shall have in America a post war world, but in it, may there be a return to spiritual principles.

Let me remind you that sometime in the future, this post war

world is going to have a world wide dictator who shall control it. Greater than the dictators of the totalitarian states today will this one be. Listen: "And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast or the number of his name. Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six." (Rev. 13:16-18). Yes, there will be a post war world and sometime there may be a dictator who will make all the dictators of the present era pale into insignificance. May the world remember this and take cognizance of it as our leaders plan for a world when peace comes.

### V

From another expression we can learn spiritual truths whereby we may be edified. This is the expression "victory garden." As you know, this has been a year when folk who never attempted to grow anything before, have honestly and seriously tried to join the ranks of producers. Possibly many of these have raised more sweat on their faces and blisters on their hands than they have vegetables. Yet, in it all, there has been on the part of the nation, a serious attempt to produce food through victory gardens.

Well, the Christian likewise has his victory garden. In it nine types of fruit grow. Listen: "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law." (Gal. 5:22,23).

These fruit do not grow in the world nor are they the product of our flesh. These nine fruit are what the Holy Spirit produces within us.

In contrast, sin is our work. In our flesh we produce, "Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like." (Gal. 5:19-21). The law condemns these seventeen works of the flesh, but relative to these nine graces of the spirit which grow in the Christian's "victory garden," it is said, "Against such there is no law."

I sincerely trust that those of our friends who have attempted a victory garden this year have met with some measure of success. Yet, above all else, do I trust for you that you have met with a great deal more success in your Christian "victory garden." There have been lots of weeds for you to pull and lots of insects for you to kill in order that you might have a harvest in your vegetable garden. This too, has its spiritual counterpart. In order that you might have a good harvest in your Christian "victory garden" you must constantly keep on the alert lest Satan get an advantage of you. May God grant that your victory garden has produced an abundance of fruit and vegetables for your body, and may He especially grant a bountiful harvest in your Christian "victory garden" too.

### VI

Still again, there is another word which is commonly used today — the word "black out." While this is a new word, it is an old experience. Six thousands years ago sin brought to this world its first black out when Adam and Eve willfully disobeyed God in the garden of



Eden. From that hour sin has turned this world into darkness. Every person who is unsaved and who is yet in his sins, is in darkness. The only way that one can get out of the darkness of this moral and spiritual black out is through Jesus. Listen: "But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light." (I Pet. 2:9).

So great is this darkness and so interesting is it to the carnal natures of each of us, that men love it. Listen: "And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil." (Jn. 3:19).

The world is so blasted and blighted by the darkness of this moral black out that it cannot see the things of God. Each of us have been blighted thereby. "And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not." (Jn. 1:5).

Finally, this darkness, growing out of the black out caused by sin, leads into even more serious darkness, namely, **outer darkness**, — even hell itself. "And cast ye this unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth." (Matt. 25:30).

Still again, there is another spiritual analogy concerning black outs. Sometime ago, a radio star said, "There never will be a black out of freedom." Of course, this was just a pep talk to arouse national patriotism. Though I believe in fighting for liberty, the very opposite of the statement of this radio star is true, for there is a black out of freedom prophesied in God's Word. Listen: "And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six." (Rev. 13:16-18). When this anti-Christ takes possession of this world, all freedom will then be gone.

Freedom of speech, freedom of press, freedom of private enterprise, freedom of worship, and even the freedom of normal thinking will be done away with. There is no need for us to hope for and predict, or even wish for that which is denied by God's Word. This radio star possibly had never read Revelation 13 or else she would not have been so emphatic. Truly this scripture describes the world's coming black out of freedom.

However, it rejoices the heart of God's redeemed to know that true believers will be caught away before that time comes. Listen: "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive, and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air and so shall we be with the Lord." (I Thess. 4:13-17).

Yet, beloved, I remind you that that day is fast approaching. Just as we have black outs today due to the war, the day is coming when there shall be an actual black out of democracy and freedom.

## VII

Another word which is common-

ly used today is that of "priorities." A few months ago this word was unknown to many and was but rarely ever used. Yet today it has a very prominent place in the vocabulary of most of us.

Well, beloved, there are some divine priorities which are stressed throughout the entirety of God's Word. When Elijah came to the Shunamite woman asking for room and board, though she was making a cake with her last oil and meal, the prophet of God asked that she make a cake for him first. His was a demand for priority and in serving the prophet of God, she was thereby serving God and was in turn serving herself, for the Word of God declares that the oil and the meal never failed from her house throughout all the famine.

The New Testament makes it clear that this divine priority exists in the Christian's life. Listen: "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." (Matt. 6:33). God is to be given first place. **Before we look after ourselves, we are to put His kingdom first.** In the context you will notice that He is speaking about the question of food and raiment. Jesus would remind us that even before we consider these, He is to be given divine priority.

The churches of Macedonia sought to render help in behalf of the famine stricken peoples of Judah. Paul said concerning them, "And this they did, not as we hoped, but first gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of God." (2 Cor. 8:5). These Macedonian Christians believed that everything they had and were belonged to God whom they represented. Thus they recognized divine priority.

Actually, the real trouble with America today is that we have not given God His rightful place in our national life. I think it is thus that His chastening rod has fallen upon us. We have put money, and pleasure seeking ahead of our service for Him. There is needed today a return to Christ and to His Word and recognition on our part of His divine priority. Oh, that God would grant that in our churches and our homes and in connection with our talents for service that we would put Him first and give to Him the priority which is rightfully and divinely due Him.

## VIII

Finally, another word which is characteristic is that of "**righteousness**" and it is characteristic and conspicuous by its absence. In all the newspaper stories relative to the war the word righteousness is missing. It might be called the missing word of this generation. And yet, beloved, how tremendously important that word is. Listen: "Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people." (Prov. 14:34). "Better is a little with righteousness than great revenues without right." (Prov. 16:8).

We are longing today for peace. It is our desire to see victory come at an early date, and yet beloved, there is seldom a mention of righteousness. Have you ever noticed how the Bible links righteousness and peace so often together? In fact, there can be no peace for our souls to experience apart from the righteousness of God. Righteousness and peace are inseparably joined together.

These are some of the words which are commonly used today. May we come back to our text for just a moment: "And thou shalt hear what they say." Just as Gideon was to be instructed by what

he over-heard, so may we be instructed by these common words of today. May God bless you all!

## WHEN A GREAT BIG SMILE WON

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"I'll be right there, I'll be right there," he said. And he was! Dr. Forrest got up to preach, looked down and there he sat.

Dr. Forrest preached that sermon and before he got through he picked up that card, told the incident, walked down to the front and took that drunkard by the hand and told him publicly how he could smile, with a new heart and a new life. The drunkard rose to his feet, went to the altar and gave his heart to Christ.

Fifteen years passed. Dr. Forrest went back to that city. It was announced he would be there. When he stepped off the train, a fine looking fellow stepped forward and said, "Dr. Forrest, I am glad to see you again."

He said, "Again? I have never seen you before."

"Oh, yes. You remember the drunkard whom you taught to smile when you were here before?"

"Why certainly, but that wasn't you."

"No, I know I am not the same, but I am the same man nevertheless; the same body but a new heart. You've got to come out to my house. I came down here to get first claim on you."

Forrest went out to his house and into the living room. The man said, "You be seated; I'll help my wife in the kitchen a moment." Dr. Forrest got up and began walking around the room and there over the mantle, framed, was one of those pictures. Fifteen years old — there it was — great big open mouth, wide smile. Forrest walked up there and stood looking at it, facing it with his back to the door. Suddenly he felt an arm go around him and he looked into the face of that big fellow whom he had led to Christ. Tears were coursing down his cheeks as he said, "Dr. Forrest, I can smile like that now. I have been able to smile like that for fifteen years. God has blessed me. See my wife and children see my home; see my business; God has blessed me; and I have a smile that will never disappear. Praise God."

That is Salvation. Salvation that results in the absolute revolutionizing of a life. Glorious Salvation! "The Fellowship Evangel."

## PATRIOTISM IS NOT ENOUGH

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but the precious blood of Christ is enough to enable one, like Edith Cavell, to look fearlessly into the face of death and down the endless corridors of eternity.

Nothing by the new birth can fit one for the Kingdom of God, for Jesus said, "Ye must be born again" (John 3:7). For this, patriotism is not enough.

Patriotism is not a passport to heaven. May God enable the reader of these lines to rest with the writer, for eternity, in nothing less than the finished work of Christ, depending only and alone in His sin-cleansing, wrath-appeasing, and peace-procuring blood. Nothing else is, or can be, enough.

Commendable, noble as it may be, as that dear English nurse testified, "Patriotism is NOT enough," and we might also add, good works, tears, church-going, the giving of money, religious rites and

ceremonies, yes, everything and anything short of faith in Christ is not enough, for such is the testimony of Holy Scripture.

"To him that worketh not, but believeth on Him that justifieth the ungodly, his FAITH is counted for righteousness" (Romans 4:5). "Being justified by FAITH we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" (Romans 5:1). Also Ephesians 2:8, "By grace are ye saved through FAITH." This is enough for the writer, for eternity. May it be enough for the reader, too.

"I want no other argument, I need no other plea; It is ENOUGH that Jesus died And rose again for me"

## A BANDIT SAVED

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Tichomiroff, whose name in Russian signified "quiet peace," meditated on the words, "their feet are swift to shed blood." He thought how he and his fellow bandits pursued fleeing travelers on swift horses and cut them down without pity. He noticed on the flyleaf of the New Testament the written words:

"May 15, 1898, the day of conversion to the Lord, my repentance and new birth. On this day He forgave my sins and washed me with His holy blood." He read on and on. The story in Luke of the crucifixion and the two thieves gripped him powerfully. He hardly slept at all that night.

The following day the books came under discussion. Some wanted to burn them, but it was finally decided that the New Testament should be read aloud. One bandit recognized it as the book his mother used to read, for she had been a Stundist, or believer. After a month of reading, this bandit and Paul decided to end their criminal life. When the matter was put before the others the whole seven agreed to go with Paul and surrender themselves to the authorities.

The local governor was astonished. Never before had he experienced any such thing. Himself an unbeliever, he with his wife felt impelled to read the New Testament nighttimes since it was the book which was the primary cause of this amazing transformation in the criminal band. The upshot was his conversion.

Tichomiroff preached to the prisoners in the jail, and as a consequence the local priest demanded that the prisoners should be isolated from him. But the fire of the Gospel spread from cell to cell. Even the guards memorized parts of Acts, the story of Peter's release from prison and of the conversion of the jailer of Philippi.

A year later the seven robbers were condemned to ten years of hard labor. When they were permitted to say a last word each expressed his sorrow for having wronged others and told of the effect of the Gospel on his life. They were sent to different prisons, and at their parting promised to remain in all situations honest, true to the Lord, and faithful in Gospel witness. Tichomiroff and George Solowjew were sent together beyond the Baikal Sea in Siberia. In all the transfer prisons they passed through they told of their salvation through the Gospel and of God's love to repentant sinners. After their two years in prison it was noticed that unruly convicts had become quiet, and the conduct of others was often faultless. Some years passed and as a re-

sult of a national festival Tichomiroff and George Solowjew were pardoned. When they leave of their spiritual children the prison camp all were in. They started to make their way foot back to Russia. In the nines en route they came on bers of Christian believers. In settlement where they testified a large congregation, a riot broke out and many turned to Christ. Back in Sosnowka Paul was gaged in constant evangelism, excited the opposition of Russian priests who stirred up the of the whole district. Paul was rested, and for a whole year sent from prison to prison. Where he preached Christ so Russian Catholic prison chaplains begged to be delivered from heretic. Finally, he was banished again to Siberia for two years his heresy. Here, too, he was faithful minister of the Word.

On the first page of the Testament which he had from the man he killed, Paul omiroff wrote: "Forgive me Christ's sake, beloved brother put you to death while I was dead in my sins. The hath forgiven me and raised me a new life. Thy untimely death was the means of leading only myself but many others to eternal life. The New Testament softened hard heart as a living sinner, stilled my thirst, and continuing flow further, quickening and ing life to other souls. For praise God, thine and mine."

It was the penitent word of Russian Paul addressed to an known Russian Stephen!

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## DR. BUTTRICK, A MODERN EXAMPLE

(Continued from page one) songs that are the music of the soul; dramas that might be called 'hocus' despair, prophet words of thunder, and (mark the conversion!) God's message, dictated by Him! How accommodating to us along with 'myths,' 'wild tales' and 'uninspired songs' and 'dramas,' some words (?) written by the guiding hands of God!

If space would permit, we show that this distinguished scholar is wrong on not only the above mentioned truths, but on doctrine of the church, salvation, baptism, Lord's Supper, feminism, unionism, Arminianism, the second coming, the authority of the Bible and a great many other things which Baptists hold dear and which Baptist martyrs by the millions have died.

We said when he came to Louisville, and we say now, that he has no place among Southern Baptists. The poison and virus of his egotistic utterances should be inhaled from the thinking of Baptist students.

When, oh when, will the inary learn to quit playing tail with the modernists! Let time Dr. Buttrick or any of his tribe come to Louisville the next day will graduate more men than Kelly Barnett. May God deliver.

He who honors the Lord will give Him his substance as well as his sentiment.

Some men pray high but low.