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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."—(Isaiah 8:20).

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## A Bottle of Tears Sent To A Liquor Dealer

By L. GAUGH

A beautiful young Christian girl marched down the aisle with a fine looking young man to the marriage altar. She went to live in a mansion with beautiful grounds and lovely flowers. She wept for joy and said, "This is heavenly."

Before long, however, her husband came home drunk and abused her. When a little daughter was born, he stood at the foot of the bed and cursed. Then he choked his wife until she was black in the face.

Time passed. One night the wife was sick, and he was gone all night. In the morning his three-year-old daughter met him in the yard (they lived in a shack now) and said, "Mamma was sick and lonely all night, you will be good to me, won't you, papa?" He kicked her as far as his strength would allow.

Not long after, four colored men brought him and laid him on the front porch and handed his wife a note saying "your husband was shot while in our place." It was a gambling den.

After the funeral the keeper of the booze joint sent her another note saying, "I have a

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## "SABBATICUS MORBUS"

By R. F. HALLFORD,

A dreadful Disease

The mention of a dreadful disease immediately brings to our minds such terrible things as tuberculosis, typhoid fever, cancer, diphtheria, and the like. Surely we are all agreed in the realization that these are terrible diseases. But there are afflictions which are far worse than these. We have reference to those in the spiritual realm. They can cause more genuine suffering and other tragic results than any physical affliction could possibly bring.

One of the most terrible as well as tragic diseases to which professing Christians of today become a prey is known by its Lat'n name, "Sabbaticus Morbus," meaning Sabbath Morbidity, or that unparalleled dullness which comes to so many people on the Lord's Day.

It is necessary for one to know the symptoms of a disease in order to be able to prescribe intelligently and effectively for its treatment. This disease has just about the most peculiar symptoms of any disease which comes to man. Here are some of the more prevalent ones:

It very seldom attacks one ex-

cept on the Lord's Day. If attacks do come at any other time they occur on Wednesday evening or during a revival, just before time for the services. The patient finds it almost impossible to awaken on Sunday morning, and if he does he is much too tired to arise. However, he finds it possible to eat a hearty breakfast without any ill effects. Just about time to dress and make preparations to go to church the patient is seized with a violent headache. This is often accompanied by numerous other pains and discomforts. Going to church is just out of the question for him then. However, after the rest of the family get away and the service is well started, he rapidly recovers, is able to dress, and spends the remainder of the morning reading the Sunday paper, or goes uptown, and "hangs out", enjoying a time of joking, story-telling, and smoking with "the fellows." When the noon meal is served, he can eat very freely, still without any ill effect whatever. He then finds it very easy to lie down and take a good, leisurely nap, without any disturbances from his illness of the mid-morning.

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## "Why I Love The Bible"

ELD. NELSON WEBB, Georgetown, Ky.

The wise man said: "Of making many books there is no end." I suppose that the books which have been written are innumerable, even as the sands of the sea, but there is one which in many respects outclasses them all: It is the Bible. The Bible occupies a class by itself. This was well expressed by Sir Walter Scott who, while lying upon his death bed, asked his son-in-law to read to him out of the Book, and when Lockhart asked him, "What book?", Sir Walter replied, "There is only one Book, the Bible." These were not mere words of a sentimental dreamer for these words express the sentiments of over fifty million martyrs who gave the last full measure of devotion to "the faith once delivered to the saints." Neither does the list of Bible lovers end there for of them, like the making of books,

there is no end. But the Bible is not without its foes. As its friends are countless so are its foes. They have lived in every age and many are living at this moment, however, the Bible still stands an impregnable fortress, even as Gibraltar. And God declares that, "The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of God shall stand for ever" (Isa. 40:8). Also the endurance of the Bible, despite its opponents, has been beautifully and appropriately set forth in the following poem:

Last eve I passed beside the blacksmith's door,  
And heard the anvil ring, the vesper chime;  
Then looking in, I saw upon the floor,  
Old hammers worn with beating years of time.

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## Notes About Some Of Our Fellow-Helpers

Out in Chickasha, Oklahoma is Elder Jim Hulse, who is working in the state of Oklahoma as missionary, being sent out by the Baptist church of Chickasha. We had a fine letter from him recently, in which he sent us ten new subscriptions (he had just sent us two a few days before), and in which he said:

"I have been reading your paper for nearly a year. I really like it. In public gatherings, such as Fifth Sunday meetings, I mention it and get some subscriptions for it. Let me know when my subscription expires, for I don't want to miss the paper."

Then down in Kessler Field, Mississippi, Billy Stephens has been representing THE BAPTIST EXAMINER, just as he did when he was at home (Whitley City, Ky.) before entering the army. He gave a copy to a

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## Christ And Missionary Examples

W. LEE RECTOR, Ardmore, Oklahoma

In this study, we are assuming that missions is a labor of making disciples in regions abroad. Though we make this assumption for the sake of discrimination, we know that evangelism and missions are one in spirit. If a local church evangelizes it obeys the Lord's command to make disciples, and if a local church sends forth missionaries it obeys the Lord's command to make disciples. Accordingly, the spirit of evangelism and the spirit of missions are one and the same. However, through practice, and for the sake of clarity, we have come to accept evangelism as a role of making disciples round about, and at the same time we have come to accept missions as a role of making disciples in regions abroad. It may be that we Baptists are wrong in making such discrimination. When we speak of association missions,

state missions, home missions, and foreign missions, we lay a foundation for many false attitudes and assumptions. Missions is missions, without reference to the place and the distance involved in which disciples are made.

When we turn to the book of Acts and trace the history of the first church and some other churches in the work of missions, we find some very interesting facts.

First, we find that missionary endeavors in every instance were initiated by a local Baptist church—There are no exceptions. The practice of redelegation of church authority was unknown and unrecognized by the early churches. This practice is

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## A FARMER'S LOGIC

An old farmer attending a church convention was deeply interested in the program and the several addresses. It was not the first convention that he had attended, but he had always heard about the same things. "See here, parson," he said to his pastor, "there's one thing always amuses me when you church people go at the business. You've had papers and discussions all day on how to get people to come to your meetings. I've never heard a single address at a farmers' convention on how to get cattle to come up to the rack. We put all our time in on the best kind of feed. I sort of have a notion that if you put more time on what to put into the rack you wouldn't have to spend all the time discussing how to get folks to attend." — Watchman-Examiner.

## HOPE IN DEATH

Robert Owen, the infidel once called on a friend who was a Christian. Together they visited the cemetery and the friend showed Owen his family grave. "There is one thing I have over you," said Owen, "I am not afraid to die; but if some of my business was settled, I should be perfectly willing to die at any moment." "Well," said his companion, "You say that you have no fear in death; have you any hope in death?" After a brief, solemn pause he replied, "No!" "Then," replied the Christian, pointing to an ox standing near, "you are on a level with that brute; he has fed till he is satisfied, and stands in the shade whisking the flies, and has neither hopes nor fears."

## THE FIRST BAPTIST PULPIT

### "LIFE AS A STRUCTURE"

"For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; Every man's work shall be made manifest; for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. If any man's

work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire. Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are."—I Cor. 3:11-17.

Two men were walking down the streets of London, Elder William Pennfather, and Reginald Radcliffe, an able Liverpool

lawyer. A beggar came up and looked hurriedly into the face of each. Without a moment's hesitation he said to the preacher, "O man, with Heaven shining in your face, give me a penny!"

Long years ago when Moses had been communing with God for eighty days, when he came down from the mountain, it was written, "That Moses knew not that the skin of his face shone" (Ex. 34:29). In the early days

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## "WHY I LOVE THE BIBLE"

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"How many anvils have you had," said I.

"To wear and batter all these hammers so?"

"Just one," said he, and then with twinkling eye,

"The anvil wears the hammers out you know."

"And so", I thought, "The anvil of God's word

For ages skeptics blows have beat upon,

Yet, though the noise of falling blows was heard,

The anvil is unharmed, the hammers gone."

This being true, beloved, it is with no small degree of pleasure that I take my place in the ranks with Scott and contend for the Book—the Bible. Nor do I hesitate to set forth with paper and pen, the following reasons why I love the Bible:

The Bible is an old acquaintance to me. In the realm of books the Bible is my oldest acquaintance. I was introduced to it by my father when I was a mere child at his knees. Father was a Baptist preacher and he would often take me and tell me simply the stories of the Bible which appeal to a child. He told me of Noah's ark and related events of Moses' life from beginning to end; of little David, the shepherd, musician and warrior who finally became a King. He told me too of the Hebrew children who were cast into the fiery furnace and Daniel who was cast into the lion's den because they were true to God. Then he told of the prophet Jonah who for disobedience was thrown overboard to the big fish that God prepared to swallow him. And he never failed to tell me of the child who was born in Bethlehem and that He is God's Son—that He came into the world to save sinners.

Now I have read many books and heard many stories which I have long since forgotten but I have not and shall not forget the Book I first learned to know and love.

"Blessed Book, blessed Book divine.  
God is its author, I feel the anchor line.

I know some people doubt it, but I couldn't live without it;

Blessed Book divine."

The next reason why I love the Bible is, that through it the Lord has revealed to me His plan of Salvation for me, and not to me only but to an innumerable company which He has

chosen in Christ before the world began.

Let us take a few passages now from the Bible for proof texts: "The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the Soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple". (Ps. 19:7). "And from a child thou hast known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto Salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus". (II Tim. 3:15). "Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith." (Gal. 3:24). "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto Salvation to everyone that believeth". (Rom. 1:16).

From the Bible I learned that I needed to be saved. (Isa. 64:6; Rom. 3:23). I learned that I could not save myself (Tit. 3:5; Jn. 14:16). But I Pet. 2:24 and John 3:16 tells me that the Lord has provided salvation for me. Then I find that my soul is secure. (John 10:28, 29; II Tim. 1:12). Now in connection with this I give you the testimony of a college student. He says, "The principal thing that led me to Christ was the simple reading of the New Testament". Well may he and I and everybody else love the Book which tells of One who is able to save to the uttermost all who will come unto God by Him.

Again I offer as a reason why I love the Bible, that it is my nature now to love divine or spiritual things and I regard the Bible as divinely inspired. Here I have reference to the new nature which I did not always possess and in connection therewith I ask your consideration of the following Scriptures: "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things have passed away; behold, all things are become new". (II Cor. 5:17). "Being born again not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth forever". (I Pet. 1:23). "Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature." (II Pet. 1:4). I believe it can be clearly seen from these passages that a saved person (and I profess to be such) has a nature foreign to this world and which seeks those things above—spiritual things. It only remains, therefore, for me to show that the Bible is divinely inspired and thus my reasons will be shown as well taken.

Is the Bible a divinely inspired Book? We could consume lots of time and space with this question but for this occasion let a few proofs suffice.

1. It says that it is such a Book. "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God." (II Tim. 3:16). "For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Spirit." (II Pet. 11:21). This is sufficient proof for me and I believe it should be enough proof for every born again person. But there are other proofs.

2. The fulfilled prophecies of the Bible prove beyond peradventure of doubt its supernatural origin and authority. Its predictions are daring beyond human conjecture. They have been so marvelously fulfilled that they have stopped the mouths of scoffers and changed the lives of infidels.

3. Now as a final proof that the Bible is divinely inspired, we maintain that man's heart would not have prompted him to write a book condemning him-

self. No:

"The Holy Bible must have been Inspired of God and not of men. I could not, if I would, believe That good men wrote it to deceive; And bad men could not if they would, Nor would not, surely, if they could

Proceed to write a book so good; And certainly no crazy man Could e'er conceive its wonderful plan.

Behold, what other kind of men Than do these three groups comprehend?

Hence it must be that God inspired

The words which souls of prophets fired."

If then you agree that the Bible is God's Word. I have a good reason for loving it for God is my Heavenly Father.

I come now to another reason why I love the Bible. I love it for its perennial challenge to search the Scriptures daily, as did the Bereans, whether those things are so. Herein is a fact peculiar to the Bible. No other book offers such a challenge. With two or three readings most books become stale but the Bible, never. It is perennially fresh. Paul desired that the Ephesians might comprehend the breadth, the length, and depth, and height and to know the love of Christ which passeth knowledge. And after delving into the great scheme of Salvation as touching both Jew and Gentile and seeing how effective and precise the plan was, he exclaims, "O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and his ways past finding out!" So there is ever new thought to be discovered in the Bible. That is why I love it.

Last but not least, I love the Bible because it is a beacon to guide me through this world of sin. Hear what it has to say in respect to this matter. "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path." (Psa. 119:105). "The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding to the simple." (Psa. 119:130). "Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel, and afterward receive me to glory." (Psa. 73:24).

Now note that when Israel was journeying through the wilderness, which thing is a picture of our journey through this world, it is said: "The Lord went before them by day in a pillar of a cloud, to lead them in the way; and by night in a pillar of fire, to give them light; to go by day and night: He took not away the pillar of the cloud by day, nor the pillar of fire by night, from before the people". (Ex. 13:21, 22). They didn't have a Bible then so what the pillar of a cloud and pillar of fire were to them the Bible is to me. It is the pilgrim's staff—the traveler's chart. As the pillars were not taken from Israel till they came to Canaan so the Bible will not be taken from me till as the Psalmist says, "Thou shalt—afterward receive me into glory."

As a guide the Bible is the most competent of all books. Yes, for it is "profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." (II Tim. 3:16). Please note the expression, "thoroughly furnished" and "all good works." Everything we need to guide us here below in the matter of good works is laid out for us in the Bible.

Husband, wife, father, mother, and child can all find their proper course by consulting the Bible. Likewise the citizen and the public official can do so. Yes, and a church member can find how he ought to behave himself in the house of God which is the church of God, the pillar and ground of the truth.

For every circumstance of life the Bible has a message. I wish we might enlarge upon this thought but I hasten to bring this paper to a close. However, whether I am blue, tempted, discouraged, fearful, forsaken of friends, or what not, the Bible always strikes a responsive chord.

"And should my soul be torn with grief upon my shelf I find

A little volume, torn and thumb-ed,

For comfort just designed.

I take my little Bible down

And read its pages o'er,

And when I part from it I find I'm stronger than before."

That's why I love the Bible.

## NOTES ABOUT SOME OF OUR FELLOW-HELPERS

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friend there in the camp, which resulted in the friend subscribing for himself and another friend. This new subscriber writes:

"Mr. William Stephens who is here at Kessler gave me one of your papers. I enjoyed reading it very much."

We appreciate the help of Brother Hulse and Brother Stephens. Why can't we have more helpers like these two? May God bless them and may he raise up many more, who have the interest of the Truth we stand for, at heart!

"Through someone's courtesy I have been getting your paper for about a month. I surely do enjoy it very much. I had not heard of it before, but if it be the will of the Lord, I will not be without it now. I am a young Baptist preacher"—Eld. Shelby Hightower, Wooster, Ark. At the same time he sends a "sub" for his father. Thank the Lord for our friends, who introduce the B. E. to their friends and relatives.

"I like your paper very much. I am sending my dollar for renewal and also one dollar to send the paper to my daughter." So writes Eld David Goddard, Mt. Vernon, Illinois. That's the kind of letters we like. Notice, a father is thinking of the spiritual welfare of his child away from home.

That reminds me of Mrs. O. A. Crump, Follett, Texas. She not only renews for herself and son, but subscribes for another son, her sister, three Baptist preachers, a Methodist preacher, the city judge, and another friend, \$5.00 worth of "subs" in one letter. Why can't many more do likewise?

"We enjoy THE BAPTIST EXAMINER so much. No paper has so enlightened us as this paper has on many things. For instance, on Masonry, my husband has been helped so much. Thank you, Brother Gilpin, we realize more than ever in our life what it means to live close to the Lord. We need your prayers at present as we are being persecuted much for following close to our blessed Lord. May God bless you in all your work".—Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Hughes, Clintwood, Va.

Talk about joy. What editor wouldn't like to receive a letter like that one? I received a letter recently in which I was called "a carping critic," and "heresy hunter." Well such as the above or the one that follows takes the sting out of those written by our enemies.

"Please find enclosed for THE BAPTIST EXAMINER the sum of fifty (50.00) dollars from the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Trusting and believing that doing fulfills the Biblical command of Mt. 28:19, 20."—W. B. Snell, North Kenova, Ohio.

Now let all those who say that "Nobody pays any attention to Gilpin" sit up and take notice. Remember this was the pastor of a whole church, made up of good people and pastored by a good man (Brother Alva Jenkins). Also, don't forget that this isn't the first time the church has made contributions to us. The number of those times is legion.

"I surely like the Baptist Examiner. I like to read it," says George W. Jennings, of Gladys, Virginia, subscribing at the same time for his daughter. Thank you, beloved, for the kind words and for the new "sub".

Then there's Brother George Boyer of Plant City (Berea Baptist Church), Florida who says "I have been taking THE BAPTIST EXAMINER for about two years and consider it the most orthodox paper published. It has been a blessing to me. I wish every Baptist would read it." So do I, Brother Boyer and also would like to have the Campbellites, Methodists, and Holy Rollers read it too. If they did, Baptists would soon have lots of new members.

"I have been a subscriber to your paper for ten months. Can't say that I enjoy it more than any paper I ever read. It is new to the Bible with me," so writes Mrs. Frank Bone, Butler, Georgia. At the same time she sends two new "subs". Go thou and do likewise.

## A BOTTLE OF TEARS SENT TO A LIQUOR DEALER

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mortgage on your furniture and everything. Move out and do so today."

She was about to break the last crust of bread in a saucer for her little girl when the door arrived. She thought she had cried all that it was possible for a human being to cry, but a fount of tears broke loose and flowed until they nearly covered the bottom of the saucer.

Then she put the tears in a bottle and sent them to the booze seller with a note which read: "This bottle contains my tears. These tears have a history. In them are represented my love, my home, my husband, my hope, my all. Take them too. It is all I have got." She picked up her baby, with the other little girl, started down the road a homeless and broken-hearted woman.—National Voice

## Why Don't They Get Ready?

When Ben's master died, the Lord told him that he had gone to heaven. Ben shook his head and said "I 'fraid massa no go there." "But why, Ben?" "Cos whine massa go North, or go on a jorum, nney to the Springs, he talk about a long time, and get ready on a never heard him talk about going to heaven; never see him ready to go there."—The Lord on the



## LIFE AS A STRUCTURE

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Christianity, the witness of the apostles was truly effective, or do not the Scriptures say, Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus" (Acts 4:13). When I remember this experience of Moses and that of the New Testament apostles, I pray for grace that the world may be able to see Heaven shining in my face. I am interested in the members of the church of which I am pastor having faces wherein Heaven does shine. Further, I am interested in the members of my invisible audience being people who have Heaven shining in their faces. It is because of this desire that I preach this sermon, "Life As A Structure".

## I

Our text declares to us first of all that there is a foundation to be laid. "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ" (I Cor. 3:11). This is the most important part of any building. Philadelphia, opposite the Eastern Theological Seminary, there stands a great hotel building, which cost over two million dollars, and yet it has never been used. A building inspector condemned it as unsafe, even before it was fully complete because imperfect material had been put into the foundation. How much more important is the foundation upon which each of us is to build his life!

The only foundation upon which we can build is the Lord Jesus Christ. "Wherefore also it is contained in the structure, behold, I lay in Zion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded. Unto you, therefore which believe he is precious; but unto them which are disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same made the head of the corner" (Peter 2:6, 7). "Be it known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole. This is the stone which was set at nought of your builders, which is become the head of the corner. Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:10-12). Jesus Christ then is the foundation. We cannot take these words too literally. The foundation of all the world's hopes and of every man's salvation is Jesus Christ to himself.

Our hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness; dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; other ground is sinking sand, other ground is sinking sand.

Jesus Christ is the only foundation which will stand when the day of testing comes. Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a man, which built his house upon a rock; and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not:

for it was founded upon a rock. And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell; and great was the fall of it" (Matt. 7:24-27). In view of this scripture, you need to be sure that you are building upon the Rock; and what is the Rock? "And the Rock was Christ" (I Cor. 10:4).

The foundation thus is what God does apart from man to enable him to begin to live rightly before God. Man does not do one thing in order to put in the foundation of his life. When Jesus died on the cross, He said, "It is finished" (John 19:30). Everything that was needed for man's salvation was thus completed. Even today though man repents, his repentance is a gift from God. "Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins" (Acts 5:31). "When they heard these things, they held their peace, and glorified God, saying, Then hath God also to the Gentiles granted repentance unto life" (Acts 11:18). "In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth" (II Tim. 2:25). Actually the faith which one exercises in salvation is a gift of God: "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast" (Eph. 2:8, 9). Is not salvation thus considered throughout the scripture as a gift of God? "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift" (II Cor. 9:15). "For the wages of sin is death: but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Rom. 6:23). "But Peter said unto him, Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money" (Acts 8:20). "Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money: come ye, buy, and eat; yea, buy wine and milk without money and without price" (Isa. 55:1).

No man can begin to live rightly just as he is. Sin has come into the very springs of our nature, and has touched and tainted the deepest things in us. We have been depraved, polluted and enfeebled by its presence. There is no part of our nature which we hold today in purity. Immense numbers of men are busy in a vain attempt to lay a foundation of their own. As builders drive in piles into the marshy ground and throw in vast loads of earth and stone, so men pile up their good deeds and sufferings, their penitential regrets, their sacrifices, and their recognitions of Divine mercy, and lay these down as a substantial basis upon which they hope to raise their life as a structure. What vain toils are these! The gulf is too deep to be filled up by man; the materials cast into it have no real strength or worth. God has thus declared man's inability and the futility of man's labors; "But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness" (Rom. 4:5). "Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law" (Rom. 3:28). "Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, that we

might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified" (Gal. 2:16).

Truly the foundation is of the Lord! Long years ago, old Jonah declared this truth. "Salvation is of the Lord" (Jonah 2:9).

## II

There is a building to be raised upon this foundation. As the foundation is built by God, so the structure is to be raised by man. God somewhat retires after laying the foundation, and leaves the building in our hands. Does He not say, "If any man build upon this foundation?" (Vs. 12). In verse 13 He declares "The fire shall try every man's work", and again in verses 14 and 15 He says, "If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire". Thus in these four verses (I Cor. 3:12-15), God five times refers to what is put upon the foundation as man's building.

He tells us what we may build, and what we ought to build. We may build a house; we ought to build a temple. The apostle seems to refer to the building of a house when he speaks of "wood, hay and stubble". Wood was used for the posts and doors; "hay" mixed with mud was used for the walls; and "stubble" was used for the roof. These are brittle, inflammable materials used for the building of a house, but never for a temple. The temples were built of precious stones, but durable and beautiful, and were adorned with gold and silver. Each man then is called upon to build a temple and not a house, as man's life is to be a temple of God. We are not to make a living, but a build a life. The man who just makes a living is building of "wood, hay and stubble", while the one who builds a life is rearing a temple unto God.

While it is true that the building is to be of man's labors and effort, it is also a cooperative work of man and God. "Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure" (Phil. 2:12, 13).

While it is true that the foundation of our life as a structure was finished at Calvary, it is equally true that the structure that we built was begun at Calvary. "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them" (Eph. 2:10). "This is a faithful saying and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works" (Titus 3:8).

By every deed which we do, after we are saved, we lay on a stone. Be sure you use the right materials. There are six of these mentioned which it is possible for us to use in the building — "wood, hay, stubble, gold, silver, and precious stone." Every man must use one or more of these six materials.

Just what is included in "wood, hay and stubble"? Our evil tempers, our worldly habits, and our religious errors. Did you loose your temper yesterday? Then a little "wood, hay and stubble" was placed into your building. Have you as a

professing Christian spent this evening at a picture show, a card party, or a dance? Then some more "wood, hay and stubble" has come into your structure this day. Have you as a preacher or teacher labored to advance some religious error, and have you as an individual Christian put your stamp of approval upon that error by your presence? Then more "wood, hay and stubble" has been put into your structure. All errors, but especially religious errors, are very abundant. How easily it is to build them up into our system of faith. Likewise the vices of the world abounding on every hand, are besetting the Christian both fore and aft. So easily, vices work their way into the structure we are building; if we are not careful they may become a part of us, and thus "wood, hay and stubble" goes into our life-temple.

"He smoked cigars three times a day.

Ten centers, too, at that. Then gave a nickel to the church. When the deacon passed the hat.

"She gave one cent for mission work.

Then spent two cents for gum. And really bowed her head and prayed

O Lord, Thy kingdom come.

"They sat at home and wondered why

The church did not succeed; She chewed her gum and couldn't tell,

He puzzled, smoked his weed."

Surrounded by vices, temptations, and evils, some may suspect that there is no possibility of their building except with "wood, hay and stubble", but that is a jaundiced view of life. The good and proper materials are likewise available, for does not the apostle refer to "gold, silver, and precious stones"? Did you go to church today and worship in spirit and in truth? (John 4:25). Have virtue and truth found a welcome in your life throughout your wakeful hours this day? Have you visited others with an idea of helping them? Has your life been filled with right and proper living? Have the true scriptural doctrines of the Bible been given the proper place in your life? Then, if so, into the building today has gone some gold, silver, and precious stones.

Here are the six materials before us with which to build. No one builds entirely of the good, nor yet entirely of the evil. At best our building is but a patch work. Here is a structure before us. Above the foundation there may be five or six courses of good, massive stone, well cemented and joined together; then a mass of poor material, just thrown at the structure; then a little more good; then some "hay and stubble". Possibly at the top there is a marble slab. No one would think of putting up a building like this, and yet it is thus we build our lives as structures before God. The greatest characters of the Bible, by their examples, have thus built. If you will read the lives of Jacob, Simon Peter, and David, you will find that even these great men of God built their lives just as we build today, with the six materials, intermingling them with no thought of architectural beauty and design.

Near Gallipolis, Ohio, there is a building called the "crazy house", not because of the mental condition of the occupants thereof, but because of its appearance due to a lack of archi-

tectural conformity. I am told that it was built by a man who was a carpenter, and from each job that he had, he would carry home a brick, a piece of board, or some paint. It is built of various sized and shaped doors. The weather boarding is of odds and ends. There are many colors and styles of brick in the chimney. The colors of paint on the outside are too varied for calculation. I wonder if perhaps the structure which each of us is building by way of our lives does not look a great deal like this "crazy house". Possibly in God's sight my life structure has no more architectural conformity and beauty than does the house referred to above. Doubtless your life is an even greater "crazy house", and if you could see the kind of a house you have built, you would perhaps disdain the ownership thereof.

## III

The work of building goes on. In storm, in shade, summer and winter, the work continues. When the builder is active and conscious, and when he is weary and helpless, this mystic temple continues to rise, and at death the cap-stone is placed, and the whole work is finished. This leads us to declare there is a time given to finish the work, and when that time comes not another stone can be laid on by the builder. "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). "And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power" (Acts 1:7). "To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: A time to be born, and a time to die" (Eccl. 3:1, 2).

Go out to a cemetery and look at the tombstones. Here is a marker which tells that an infant was born, who wrestled with mortality for but a few days, and then died. It may seem that that life was wasted, but depend upon it, that little history was the building of a temple, and when it was finished, the angels carried the little builder away.

Or here is a stone which marks the resting place of one who was a little worker, who had just been saved. He was only permitted to take a few tiny steps in following the Master. Many would say that he had done nothing to make a finished life. Even you perhaps would say, "Too bad he could not finish his life". Wrong you are, that little workman will never be ashamed, for when God called, he had finished his temple life.

Or the next stone you see may give you a maiden's name, just a young virgin, ready to marry. As she looked toward her bridal day, she was snatched away. Her parents and lover read, "Her sun is gone down while it is yet day" (Jer. 15:9). And they say, "How true it is of her". But they are wrong again, for the angels have written, "Evening tide", and the Saviour has written, "Finished", and her life's temple was complete.

Or perhaps here is a great business man. He has been making money and giving it liberally. His name stands as a synonym of justice, truth, honesty, and Christianity. He sickens and dies, as it seems to us prematurely. It looks like a calamity. It seems that nothing was finished, but his temple life was complete.

And now we come to the grave (Continued on Page Four)



**"LIFE AS A STRUCTURE"**

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of an old pilgrim. He had lingered long in this world. The shock of corn seems more than ripe. He was blind, deaf, in pain, and helpless as a child. He wants to die; he begs to die; maybe others even want him to die. Finally God hears his cry, and he passes out into the skies. Would not it have been better if he had gone years before? No! No! It was the right time, it was just his "even-tide".

**IV**

Our text further declares that there will be a testing fire. "Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is" (I Cor. 3:13). Our day is now; God's day is coming. We spare our vices, sins, religious errors, worldly habits, and evil tempers, and all these go into our house. Some day these will be burned, when the testing fire of God is applied to our life structure, and nothing but the good and the true will be left. "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad" (II Cor. 5:10). Our building may be a mixture of good and bad, but when God's testing fire burns over it, the evil which we have spared will all be burned.

Our text seems to imply that there may be some who will have nothing left except the foundation. "If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire" (I Cor. 3:15). Others will have but very little. This we do know that all that has been done in Christian service in the name of, and for the glory of God, shall endure. "And every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour" (I Cor. 3:8). When one builds a house, the architect has to give his certificate before the builder can get his final pay. Truly before any of the redeemed may secure their rewards, the Divine architect of our lives even Jesus, must test that which we have built and only that which endures the test to which He submits us will be found worthy of recognition or rewards.

When that day of testing comes, the gold, silver, and precious stones will not crumble; they will not lose one atom of their weight. All that we have done which has been worth while shall stand as a basis of our rewards. Even the least deed that we do, will receive its rightful reward. "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).

In view of all of this how shall I as a child of God treat this body of mine? Shall I smoke, drink, eat gluttonously, over sleep, under sleep, over work, or under work? Shall I go to church, shall I pray, shall I abstain from the world, shall I serve God according to the Bible, shall I crucify my flesh? In view of this testing fire, may you answer these questions remembering that the "wood, hay and stubble", must be consumed, while the "gold, silver, and precious stones" must endure.

"I will go where you want me to go, dear Lord,  
Real service is what I desire,

I will sing a solo any time, dear Lord,  
But don't ask me to sit in the choir.

"I will do what you want me to do, dear Lord,  
I like to see things come to pass,  
But don't ask me to teach girls or boys, dear Lord,  
I'd rather just stay in my class.

"I will do what you want me to do, dear Lord,  
I yearn for the Kingdom to thrive,

I will give you my nickels and dimes, dear Lord,  
But please don't ask me to tithe.

"I will go where you want me to go, dear Lord,  
I'll say just what you want me to say;  
I am busy just now with myself, dear Lord,  
I'll help you some other day."

Oh, may this attitude be foreign to the lives of all my audience tonight! Rather, may you now cry out, saying, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" (Acts 9:6).

Keith L. Brooks, the editor of "Prophecy" told recently of missing some tracts off his desk; suspecting that his little daughter had taken them, because of the colored picture on the front page, he stepped into the room where she was playing. She had all of her dolls lined up along the wall—rag dolls, china dolls, and even a Shirley Temple at the head of the class. In front of each of these, she had placed a tract. When Mr. Brooks asked about the tracts before the dolls, she said, "I want them all to know about Jesus". May such a spirit characterize us as we build our temple-lives!

Many months ago I preached this message for the first time. At its conclusion, one of the best Christian men I have ever known said, "I wish I could tear down the shack I've been building, and start over on my life's temple." Perhaps many of us wish the same. Well, none of us can do so, but this day we can begin to be more careful that we build of "gold, silver, and precious stones", and use less and less of "wood, hay and stubble".

Perhaps some unsaved one is listening, who never has begun to build properly. All of his life has been wasted. May the foundation tonight be put into your life, by repentance and faith, and now begin to build your temple for eternity.

**"BE STRONG"**

Haggai 3:4

- I. "Say to them of a fearful heart, Be strong" (Isaiah 35:3, 4).
- II. "The Lord hath chosen thee, Be strong" (I Chron. 28:10).
- III. "Be strong — your work shall be rewarded" (II Chron. 15:7).
- IV. "Keep all the commandments—that ye may be strong" (Deut. 11:8).
- V. The people that do know their God shall be strong" (Dan. 11:32).
- VI. "Be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus" (II Tim. 2:1).
- VII. "Watch ye, stand fast in the faith—be strong" (I Cor. 16:13).
- VIII. "Finally—be strong in the Lord" (Eph. 6:14).

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Reputation is your photograph.  
Character is your face.

**CHRIST AND MISSIONARY EXAMPLES**

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simply a human invention, and an ecclesiastical perversion of the authority the Lord delegated to His local churches to carry on for Him.

Surely we would expect the Lord, who possesses infinite intelligence and wisdom, and who having given His churches a world-mission program, to leave concrete examples of how He did His mission work in His early churches. In this He does not disappoint us.

1. We find the Lord giving the Holy Spirit to His churches to stand in them in His stead, and through Him carry on His work of comforting, teaching, testifying, preaching, and guiding. Jno. 14:16-17; Jno. 14:26; Jno. 15:26; Jno. 16:7-13. Except the Holy Spirit consent to betray Christ, whom He represents in the Lord's houses, He will lead according to the Lord's instruction, Jno. 16:13, and thus He will go the Lord's way. Churches are under divine entreaty to turn to the Holy Spirit for instruction and guidance. Revelation, chapters 2 and 3.

2. We find the Lord's churches looking directly to the Holy Spirit for guidance and direction in their evangelistic and teaching endeavors. The Jerusalem church evangelized under His immediate and personal supervision, Acts. 2:1 to Acts 13:1. All missionary journeys were initiated and supervised by the Holy Spirit. In Acts 13:1-4, we find the Holy Spirit choosing Saul and Barnabas and leading the Antioch church to send them forth into regions abroad, Acts 15:40-41; Acts 16:5-11; and Acts 21:4-13. Acts 27:1 to Acts 28:31 disclose Him in the same supervisory labors. Why do we not willingly let the Holy Spirit make our programs today? Surely He has the understanding and the wisdom to lead in this work. Second, we find further in the Acts of the apostles—

1. That the Holy Spirit is the spokesman, the program-maker, and the superintendent of the Lord's churches in their work. Scriptures submitted above demonstrate this.

2. That He leads them ever according to the patterns, or examples, He set for them as recorded in the book of Acts, Acts 2:1 to Acts 28:31.

3. That the local churches are wholly dependent upon Him for light, and endowment, and guidance, Jno. 14:26; and Jno. 16:7-13.

4. That faithful churches, accepting His leadership, trek the course He lays out for them in the Word, and spurn all program suggestions emanating from brethren outside of their membership. SUCH CHURCHES REFUSE TO BE REBELS IN HIS NAME.

And brethren, who could be so competent as the Holy Spirit to lead our churches? Why should anyone want other leadership? Without question, He is divinely responsible for making church programs, and without question New Testament churches are obligated to accept and work at them. To be fruitful, they must follow Him—not boards, not committees, not headquarters, not the Baptist denominations.—"Thou shalt not follow a multitude to do evil." Exo. 23:2.

In the light of present-day defense of programs initiated by boards and committees, does it not seem surpassingly strange that the Scriptures nowhere disclose the Holy Spirit calling a counsel of outstanding brethren

to deliberate upon missions, or education activities, or teaching programs for our churches. Sure enough, isn't it odd indeed, that He should at no time seek the mind and the will of the revered "Bell Wethers" in maturing plans and programs for the churches?

We can ever depend upon the Holy Spirit to lead according to the Word. We can depend upon Him to trek the way the first churches treked, and thus doing, we shall neither default on our faith nor on the Holy Spirit, the Vicegerent of Christ in His churches.

Now, when deference to human leadership invades and churches have "respect to persons", then hero worship obtains; and praise for our great "Bell Wethers," and for our great "Baptist traditions," and for our "man-made" institutions abound more than extoll for our great Lord and for His blessed Word, and for His blood-bought churches. What a travesty!

**"SABBATICUS MORBUS"**

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In the afternoon, following the nap, the patient can go joy-riding, visit friends and relatives, or even play several rounds of golf. No one would guess that anything is wrong with him. He returns home, eats very freely of the evening meal, and seems to be in the best of health. But just before time for the evening service, indigestion or another violent headache seizes him and he has to remain away from church. Strange as it may seem, later he can attend a movie, come back home and retire, sleeping well throughout the night. Monday morning he rises early, eats a good breakfast, and goes to his work, apparently without any after-effects from the illness of the day before. There is no recurrence of the symptoms during the week, but the next Sunday it will probably happen all over again.

What is a good treatment for such a dreadful disease? A good dose of each of the following when symptoms appear: "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is" (Heb. 10:25). "O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together" (Psa. 34:3). At least one large dose every day of (John 14:15), "If ye love me, keep my commandments," and "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (II Tim. 2:15).

Christian, beware of this dreadful disease; Remember, "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." Don't let it lay hold of you and rob you of your job in the Lord and usefulness in His service.

"A Lord's Day well spent,  
Brings a week of content,  
And strength for the toils of the morrow;  
But a Lord's Day profaned,  
What'er may be gained,  
Is a certain forerunner of sorrow."

It was a Jew who brought the Gospel to Rome; a Roman who took it to France; a Frenchman who took it to Scandinavia; a Scandinavian who took it to Scotland; a Scotchman who evangelized Ireland; and an Irishman in turn made the missionary conquest of Scotland. No people have ever received the Gospel except at the hands of an alien.—Southern Christian Advocate.

**THE EDITOR'S EASY CHAIR**

It isn't often that your editor takes time out to reflect from an easy chair, such as you see on page one, but with this issue we begin the sixth year of publication. Hence we take a little retrospection.

253 issues of this paper have gone through the mails. Starting from a "zero with the knocked off," we now have a weekly circulation of 7400, all bills are paid to date. Some have been saved and lives have been blessed through the messages which have gone out week to week. Hundreds of even thousands of testimonies have we received from those who claim that their lives have been enriched and that they have come to understand the will of the Lord more perfectly.

We thus thank God and encourage today.

This paper is far from what we want it to be! We want to make it more doctrinal, more evangelistic, more missionary with more of the spirit of Christ within it; less compromise with sin and sinners; more God and less for the Devil. say it in other words: I want to make it harder for each reader to go to Hell, and easier to go to Heaven.

Pray for me! It is a big and big job. Heaven will reward us as we thus labor together for Him.

**INTO THE GARDEN**

Into the garden, I entered  
day.

There I knelt humbly, with  
sus to pray.

Over my spirit the loud bill  
rolled.

As there I journeyed, my  
to unfold.

There, in the garden, my Savior  
met me.

Anguish and woe in my face  
could see.

He knew my trials e'en before  
could speak,

As I approached Him, His mercy  
to seek.

Burdens so heavy, were light  
ed, made small.

Jesus, my Lord, heard petition  
ing call.

Over my soul came a wonder  
peace.

Trusting in Him, I found  
come release.

Oh, what a marvelous Savior  
know!

To Him, in joy, or in sorrow  
go.

Talking with Him eases  
weary load

As I tread forth on this  
Pilgrim Road.

—Mina R. Verse

**TOO OCCUPIED**

A little lad paused at the window for a last look at the heavens before he said his good night prayers. "Mummy, will you go to heaven some time?" "Dear, if you love Jesus," he will you be there?" he asked again. "I hope so, and Daddy be there, too." The little fellow shook his head emphatically. "My Daddy won't be there; he couldn't leave the store."—H. Coulter.

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