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"To the law and to the testimony; if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them." (Isa. 8:20).

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WHOLE NO 328

I Should Like to Know . . .

1. I am the mother of six children. I have been elected as Vice-President of the W. M. U. Should I serve?

That depends. If your W. M. U. is content with teaching missions and sends all its money through the church treasury and does not violate the Scriptures by women talking in public nor by putting on suppers and bazaars and other forms of worldliness: but confines its work to Bible study and work with and for and among women and girls, so far so good. But even then as a "worker at home," which Paul says women ought to be, you ought to be at home, when your children come in from school and make your home the most happy place on this earth for your husband and children.

2. What do you think of a Baptist who says that he thinks that the Lord thinks too much of them to want them to do just any thing for Him?

The mildest and kindest thing I can say about such a Baptist is that he is grossly ignorant and pitiable selfish.

My opinion is that he is utterly destitute of the grace of God and of the love of Christ. The Master's own words concerning that question are: "There is no man that hath left house or brethren or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands for My sake and the gospel's, but he shall receive an hundred-fold now in this time, houses and brethren and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life. Mark 10:29-30.

3. Are all sinners punished alike? No: it is more tolerable for the heathen and those who have no light, than for the ones, who have a chance to hear the gospel. Matt. 11:20-24.

4. When Jesus chose Judas, did He know that Judas would betray Him?

Yes. It was prophesied in Ps. 41:9. In John 6:64 it is said that Jesus knew from the beginning, who would betray Him.

5. Is it Scriptural and proper for a Baptist church to elect a deacon? (Continued on page four)

His Help

By Dorothy A. Sylvester

Never say, "I can't do this!"

Just try — you know you can;

Life is meant to get things done.

That's why our God made man.

Things seem hard at times, we know,

But always do your best;

Never say, "I can't," then quit,

But try and meet the test.

You have a Friend to help you,

And He will see you through—

The things you think the hardest,

Your God will help you do.

STOP! LOOK! LISTEN!

SOMEONE IS COMING!

SOMEONE IS COMING! Prophecy is history pre-written. The history of nations, even to present-day happenings, is vividly set forth in the prophetic word. All was foretold by the Spirit through holy men. Prophecy gives the clearest, most conclusive evidence that the Bible is the inspired and infallible word of God. SOMEONE IS COMING! But the motor car rushes on, its chauffeur all unconscious of the prophetic word which declares that "IN THE DAY OF HIS PREPARATION the chariots shall be with flaming torches; the chariots shall range in the streets; they shall jostle one against another in the broad ways; they shall seem like torches, they shall run like the lightnings." (Nahum 2:4, 5).

SOMEONE IS COMING! But the pleasure-loving public rushes on in search of some new delight, regardless of the solemn warning that "IN THE TIME OF THE END, MANY SHALL RUN TO AND FRO." (Dan. 12:4). "They shall be lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; hav-

ing a form of godliness but denying the power thereof." (II Tim. 3:5).

SOMEONE IS COMING! But the inventor looks with pride upon his wonderful achievements, and the public gladly avail themselves of new discoveries in the realms of medicine or of science, of pleasure or of business. Their thoughts and words glide swiftly through the air, obliterating space, whilst they themselves are heedless of the fact that God is working; for has He not said that "IN THE LAST DAYS KNOWLEDGE SHALL BE INCREASED?" (Daniel 12:4).

SOMEONE IS COMING! "As is evidenced by the enormous increase of missionaries hastening to every heathen land, proclaiming in highways and byways, in streets and lanes," that "all things are now ready," for "this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness to all nations; and THEN SHALL THE END COME." (Matt. 24:14).

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Those Whom The Bible Denies Us To Eat With

"But now I have written unto you not to keep company, if any man that is unbeliever or a fornicator or a detestable or an idolater or a railer or a drunkard or an extortioner, with such an one no not to eat." I Cor. 5:11.

"No not" is a double negative. In Greek that is not bad grammar but makes the language doubly strong. Paul forbids staying in the church with that kind of members. He did not say stay in and try to run a white-wash shop. He said two things: not to keep company with them and not to eat with them. That does not mean stay in the church and sneak out on the night the supper is observed to keep from eating with them. Paul said not to keep company with them. As long as you stay in the church you are keeping company with them and are partners and partakers of all their corruption. The command not to keep company is just as far-reaching as the command not to eat. Both of them mean not to stay in a church that has any of these characters. (Continued on page four)

25 Campbellite Heresies

Because Campbellites immerse, many ignorant people think there isn't much difference between Baptists and Campbellites. Their ignorance is not only colossal but eternal, if deceived thereby. Rom. 10:3.

In many vital doctrines Campbellites and Catholics are essentially one. Here are 25 heresies taught by Campbellism.

1. Human head — A. Campbell.
2. Heathen name — Christian.
3. Weekly Communion.
4. Baptismal remission.
5. Baptismal regeneration.
6. Keys given to Peter.
7. Church salvation.
8. Church a monarchy.
9. Preacher receives members.
10. Sacerdotalists.
11. Sacramental grace.
12. Alien immersion.
13. Open communion.
14. Apostasy.
15. Arminians.
16. Deny the direct work of the Spirit.

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How I Ascertain The Will Of God

By George Muller

1. SURRENDER YOUR OWN WILL.

I seek at the beginning to get my heart into such a state that it has no will of its own in regard to a given matter. Nine-tenths of the trouble with people is just here. Nine-tenths of the difficulties are overcome when our hearts are ready to do the Lord's will, whatever it may be. When one is truly in this state, it is usually but a little way to the knowledge of what His will is.

2. DO NOT DEPEND ON FEELINGS.

Having done this, I do not leave the result to feeling or simple impression. If I do so, I make myself liable to great delusion.

3. SEEK THE SPIRIT'S WILL THROUGH GOD'S WORD.

I seek the will of the Spirit of God through or in connection with the Scriptures. (Continued on page four)

25 Methodist Heresies

Lots of folks say there is not much difference between Methodists and Baptists. They only reveal their ignorance, who say so. Methodists are a great deal more like Catholics than they are Baptists. The Catholic church is the grand-mother of all divisions of the Methodists and the grand-daughters have many very striking likenesses to their old-grand-mother. We give you a list of 25 heresies of Methodism.

1. Arminianism, which is damnable heresy.
2. Romish Liturgy.
3. Holy Catholic Church.
4. Universal Church.
5. Invisible Church.
6. Human Head — John Wesley.
7. Infant Baptism.
8. Union of Church and State.
9. Sprinkling for Baptism.
10. Pouring for Baptism.
11. Unregenerate Members.
12. Church Autocracy.
13. Episcopacy.
14. Grades in the Ministry.

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Why The Editor Does Not Observe Easter

That is a good question. If Baptists do not observe Easter, they ought to let folk know why they don't. This is a good time to tell why they don't. Every Baptist preacher and teacher in this country should have told on Easter Sunday why they do not observe Easter and show where the other folk got their Easter frolic and fashions. Like everything else that came from the Catholic church, it repudiates the Bible and teaches the commandments and precepts of men. Here are 12 heresies connected with Easter-precepts of men and contrary to the Bible.

(1) It repudiates the Bible as our only rule of faith and practice and follows the Catholic church. (2) It makes void spiritual worship and substitutes a combination of heathenism and ritualism therefore. (3) It is an observance of days, which the Scriptures forbid. (4) It makes the Lord's Supper a sacrament, with saving grace conferred. (5) It rejects the God-ordained way of testifying to the resurrection of Jesus, namely, in baptism and substitutes. (Continued on page two)

The First Baptist Pulpit

"A BATTLE WITHOUT A SWORD"

"And they stood every man in his place round about the camp and all the host ran, and cried, and fled." — Judges 7:21.

There is much of the Old Testament which is exceedingly rich in spiritual truth for our meditation. Particularly is that true in the period when the judges ruled Israel.

After the death of Joshua, the peo-

ple began to worship idols and to stray from God. Accordingly God brought neighboring hostile nations upon them to force them to return to Him. Then He would raise up judges who would deliver His people. Othniel delivered them from Mesopotamia. Ehud delivered Israel from the hands of Moab. Shamgar, as the third judge, delivered them from the Philistines. Deborah, the

only woman judge, was used of God in a deliverance from the Canaanites.

After forty years under Deborah the people again did evil. As a result of their sin, God gave them into the hands of Midian for seven years. Midian was not only the enemy of Israel, but of God as well. After seven years servitude under the peo-

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THE GOD THAT HATES

The God of the Bible is a great hater. He hates every abominable thing in His whole creation that man has made hateful and does not mince words in saying so. The soft, sentimental preaching of love, so common today, is a caricature of the God of the Bible. That kind of a preacher or Baptist is among the objects of Jehovah's hate. All such are destitute of the grace of God and need to be. (Continued on page two)

THE NO-HELL DOCTRINE

A number of years ago, four men were fishing from a boat in the River Niagara some distance above the world-renowned Falls. As the fish were not very hungry the fishers got into a controversy regarding future punishment. Three of the number contended that there was no such place as Hell, whilst the fourth accepted the testimony of Scripture on the subject. The discussion became so heated. (Continued on page two)

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RAMBLING WITH THE EDITOR

Brother George Boyer of Plant City, Florida orders three more copies of the "New Topical Text Book," which makes seven in all that he has ordered. He says, "My preacher friends will not let me keep them on hand. Every preacher who sees it wants it." It is a wonderful book. I have used it more than all others. We can send it to you for \$1.00 postpaid. Every Christian who wants to study his Bible should buy a copy.

Pvt. Norman Thompson recently sent us a gift of \$25.00. This is a habit with Brother Thompson. Ever since he left his home at Kenova, W. Va., to go into the service, nearly three years ago, he has sent us many contributions to subsidize this paper. God's blessings on Him!

Then there's Bill Goff of Rand, W. Va., who through the years has been a close friend to this editor and a most faithful helper to the Truth, who sends us a list of twenty new "subs" and a check for \$35.00. He says: "I have been enjoying THE BAPTIST EXAMINER very much lately. Keep right on hitting us with the Truth, because that is what makes us grow and I love it. I have seen the paper grow from a weak organ of the Gospel, supported by worldly advertisements, to a strong fearless paper, with no advertisements, proclaiming the good news of God's Word, in a land where others are afraid to do so, for fear of what man may think."

It seems strange that God should give us friends like Brother Thompson and Brother Goff, who seemingly enjoy sending their contributions to help in the spread of the Truth, whereas some others seem content to receive the paper without even renewing their "sub." Be sure that you are paid up if you want to continue receiving this paper.

Mrs. Clyde Meek, Louisa, Kentucky sends us two more subscriptions saying, "One of these (new subscribers) is a recent convert. My husband has been giving him our paper for the last few weeks and he is very much interested. He has commented on the fact that you always give a Bible reference to prove all of your statements. The Baptist Examiner is next to the Bible in our home."

Zach Savage, Gainesville, Florida, sends us ten new "subs" and an additional subsidy of \$10.00. Thank the Lord for this friend and helper to the Truth. His letters are always a

benediction to this editor.

Recently we enclosed a mimeographed sheet urging our friends to secure new subscribers for us. A large number have really taken us most seriously. Our thanks to Brother Ray Hughes, Henderson, Ky. who sends us ten. Ditto to P. R. Whitfield, Sr., of White Plains, Ky. The same to Mrs. R. L. Salyer, Bradley, Ky. How we do thank God for these who add their works to their prayers, wishes, and words in our behalf! If these can send us ten each, why can't YOU?

Mrs. A. E. Callison, Rainelle, W. Va., sends us eight new "subs." Our thanks to her for this order and for the many like orders she has sent us in the past.

In the same mail comes four new "subs" from Mrs. Nellie Raben, Tampa, Florida. Two from Mrs. Phoebe Gwinn, Paint Lick, Kentucky, two from Alonzo F. Maddox, LaGrange, Ky., two from Mrs. Pat Gideons, Dequincy, La., and two from H. P. Duckworth of Dade City, Florida. Bro. Duckworth says, "A friend gave me a copy of your paper and I like it so much that I want to be a regular subscriber." Our eternal thanks to these friends.

And then there is Elder G. B. Trivett, Sugar Grove, N. C., who continues to send us new "subs." Only the Lord knows how many he has sent us from time to time. How blessed to have friends like him.

THE BAPTIST EXAMINER is indeed grieved to learn of the death of W. A. Snell, North Kenova, Ohio who passed away on April 2. He was one of our best friends and was a most loyal supporter of this paper. God's blessings on his memory and may God comfort his family!

God has given us a number of friends who contribute regularly to the support of THE BAPTIST EXAMINER. How thankful we are for these who regularly provide for the ongoing of this paper, as follows:

Mr. and Mrs. Wade Daugherty, Monticello, Ky., \$25.00.

Mrs. Beulah Blalock, Lake Charles, La., \$10.00.

W. L. Heffner, Hunt Dale, N. C., \$5.00.

James Simpkins, Kenova, W. Va., \$2.00.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Cornutte, Louisa, Ky., \$2.00.

What a blessing these individuals are who contribute to our work from time to time. Only eternity can and will reveal the great amount of good actually accomplished through our combined efforts in serving HIM.

When Brother A. W. Robinson, Ashland, Kentucky recently sent us \$5.00 for THE BAPTIST EXAMINER, he said, "We enjoy your paper so much. It not only brings a blessing in its sound teachings, but an uplift and an inspiration too."

One of the finest letters we have received in many days came from Mr. and Mrs. William Bell, Elberon, Va. In it was money, subscriptions, and the finest expressions of Christian love. They close by saying: "We have our Gilpin calendar resting between a Bible and the radio, convenient to notice. For it we say 'thanks so much!'"

The editor conducts a broadcast each Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings (W. C. M. L.) at 7:45 E. W. T. Invite your friends to lis-

ten with you.

Our old friend, G. E. Walden, of McLeansboro, Illinois, continues sending new "subs" for THE BAPTIST EXAMINER. Thank God for these who continually seek to enlist their friends as supporters of this paper. May his tribe increase.

Mrs. Thurman White, Blairsville, Georgia, renews her subscription and sends in a new one for a friend, saying: "Would to God we had some preachers in this part of the country that would teach and preach as you do. Our country is filled with Post-Millennialists who as a whole are poisoning the people." That's sadly true everywhere, my sister, as Modernism, Unionism, Feminism, Arm-inianism, and Post-Millennialism are the vogue today.

One of our soldier boys, William L. Stephens, located at Tampa, Florida says: "Brother Gilpin I'm really proud of you that you stand up for the Lord as you do."

Elder L. G. Cannon of Memphis, Tennessee writes, "I think your paper is one of the best publications I receive, and I am sending you another subscriber." Some of your friends would appreciate your thoughtfulness if you would introduce them to THE BAPTIST EXAMINER.

Mrs. Nellie Creel of Orlando, Fla., renews her subscription saying: "I think THE BAPTIST EXAMINER is a grand paper. I try to remember you and your great work in my prayers daily."

Elder Kenneth Smelser, Mannington, W. Va., wrote recently asking for 50 copies of an issue of this paper which carried the article "The Evils Of The Mourner's Bench." He said, "It is a splendid and needed article." Incidentally, we have had by far more comment on this than anything that has ever been published in the columns of this paper.

When Mrs. S. V. Weldon of Columbus, Ohio, sent us a contribution recently, she said, "Your calendar hangs in my room and every-time I look at it, I offer up a prayer for you." We covet the prayers of all of our readers.

Elder Barney E. Antrobus of Elkhart, Indiana is another of those good old-time stalwart Baptist preachers who has written the editor about the recent article in this paper, entitled, "The Evils Of The Mourner's Bench." He says, "Years ago I failed to find anything that looked like a mourner's bench in the New Testament, but by force of habit I have kept on speaking of the 'altar.' From now on I shall try to break myself of that unscriptural habit."

That's right Brother Antrobus, no man can find the mourner's bench in the Bible. Don't ever look in the Bible if you want to find a mourner's bench. There's nothing but Truth in the Bible, and there is no truth concerning the mourner's bench. It is one of the many lies of Satan for his dupes. If you want to find a mourner's bench look in some heretical, unscriptural church pastored by some heretodoxical, compromising preacher. Selah! and Amen!

A fine appreciated letter containing several new "subs" for THE BAPTIST EXAMINER has just been received from H. E. Hart, Akin, Illinois. How we do thank God for these

friends who just continually keep sending us subscriptions.

All of which reminds us that since we received the good news from the Court of Appeals the last of March that we have taken in 350 new "subs" not counting renewals. This is an average of about ten each day. Keep up the good work. Remember, we are expecting your list of ten new ones TODAY.

Sister Leland Morris, Hazel, Ky., says that she failed to receive two copies of this paper in April, and further states, "I like the paper so well that I don't want to miss a single one of them."

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Rhoades, Belle, W. Va., who have sent us many subscriptions and a great number of much appreciated gifts in the past sent us ten new "subs" this week. Blessings on these faithful helpers to the Truth. A few days later, they sent us another \$5.00 bill for the paper.

One of the first friends THE BAPTIST EXAMINER made years ago was a business man in Savannah, Georgia, — Brother F. B. Austin. Many, many times he has sent us subscriptions. We are the recipients of four new ones through him today.

No letter that has been received in months is appreciated more than one from our old brother J. W. Campbell of Burlington, Ky. He was pastor for about 25 years of the Bullittsburg Baptist Church in North Bend Association until advancing age compelled him to retire. He was a great inspiration to this editor when but a boy preacher. Brother Campbell says concerning THE BAPTIST EXAMINER, "I like it for its loyalty to the Baptist faith. Continue to preach the old time doctrines in their purity and I am with you 100 per cent."

THE GOD THAT HATES

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born from above. The Bible has much to say about abominable things, which God hates — too much to be said in one or two short messages.

"Howbeit I sent unto you all My servants the prophets, rising early and sending them, saying: Oh, do not this abominable thing, that I hate." Jer. 44:4. Now what was "this abominable thing," which Jeremiah specially mentions as being hateful to God? Idolatry and burning incense to heathen gods. All Easter worship and all lodge worship belong to the abominable things, which God hates. God hates all Easter worship because done in the name of Mary instead of in the name of the Lord Jesus: for Easter and all the things connected therewith came from the heathen and the Catholics. All lodge worship is hateful to God because all lodges forbid praying in the name of the Lord Jesus.

A third thing that is abominable to God and that He hates is women of all sizes and ages wearing men's clothing: "The woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man, neither shall a man put on a woman's garment: for all that do so are abomination unto the Lord thy God." — Deut. 22:5.

Plain English is that. No evasion, quibbling or dodging. Vengeance on all such is God's. That is one reason why so many small girls have ear and eye and throat and nose troubles. They are wilful violators of God's plain commands about not wearing men's clothes. God demands obedience to the letter of His Word. You pay the penalty if you disobey: for

He hates all abominable things which are contrary to His Word.

THE NO-HELL DOCTRINE

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ed that they failed to observe that their boat was getting perilously near the sweep of the current. Perceiving their danger, they seized the oars, and rowed with all their might to a safe spot on the river. "If there is no such place as Hell," said the believer in God's Word, "why were you so afraid of going over the Falls?" One of them replied, "The 'No-Hell' doctrine is good enough to go a-fishing with, but it is very poor to go over the falls with." — Copied.

Why The Editor Does Not Observe Easter

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therefore the invention of the Roman church. (6) It destroys the other testimony of the resurrection, namely the Lord's Day and substitutes therefor Easter, a yearly observance, instead of a weekly obedience. (7) It is heathenish in all such things as Easter eggs, Easter rabbits, dances, bon-fires, tapers, etc. (8) It is modernistic, if not atheistic, in its teachings as to the origin of life. (9) It is a gross perversion of New Testament Christianity, in that it is a denial of godliness and denies the power thereof. It leaves the impression upon the minds of millions that observing Lent and Easter is religion and that they can live as they please the balance of the year. In that alone it has damned millions. (10) It is formalistic in that more and more are becoming obsessed with the notion that Easter is the stylish time to join the church. Watch the papers any year as to the large numbers of folk who were taken into the churches on Easter. A magnifying of forms and externals with no new heart and no life.

(11) It dethrones the Lord Jesus as the Lord of men's lives and turns His worship into the worst forms of idolatry. (12) It is a grievous and sacrilegious abuse of holy things by turning things intended to glorify our risen Lord into a day of fun and frolic or a day of show and hypocrisy. That Campbellites or anybody else, who practices immersion declaring the resurrection of Jesus, should join with Catholics in the observance of Easter, which was invented as a substitute for the scriptural observance of the resurrection of Jesus, is the worst sin of observers of Easter. Beware of the observers of Easter. Having a name to live, they are dead. By their fruit ye shall know them.

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19. Salvation by Works.
20. Apostasy.
21. The Mourner's Bench.
22. Universal Fatherhood of God.
23. Sinless Perfection.
24. Probation.
25. Unionism with Harlot Daughters of Rome.

We do not have fellowship with such heretics neither do we unionize with those, who do. Every man to his own liking. We are not an Unionist but a Separationist of the Pauline type. 2 Cor. 6:14-18. Selah!

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of Midian, God purposed their deliverance. He chose Gideon, a very weak man, to be judge. Unlike most politicians who are seeking office to make a name for themselves, Gideon made all manner of excuses as to why God should not choose him. Listen:

And he said unto him, O my Lord, whereby shall I save Israel? behold, my family is poor in Manasseh, and I am the least in my father's house." — Judges 6:15.

In this, Gideon sounds very much like the average politician seeking an office today. However, when he was convinced that God had definitely called him, he began his leadership by cutting down his father's idols. This definitely identified him with the people of God against Midian and against the idolatry of both Israel and Midian.

After Gideon had thus identified himself with God and God's people, Satan put in a temptation and Gideon began to doubt as to whether he had been called of God. Then it was that he made the Lord a proposition. He put a fleece of wool down on the ground and in substance declared that in the morning the fleece was wet and the ground was dry, he would take this as assurance from God that he was definitely called for special service of the Lord. The next morning he found his fleece dry whereas the ground was wet, but Satan produced him again. He imagined that maybe somebody might have poured water on his fleece which would account for the fact of its being wet and there was probably no dew the night before. Hence, Gideon reversed his proposition with the Lord and looked forward to the next day to see if perhaps the ground would be wet and the fleece dry. On the next morning he found it to be thus that the ground was wet and his fleece was dry. Hence this definitely convinced him that God had actually called him into His service.

Gideon was convinced that God was to use him, God gave a call for an army. Thirty-two thousand responded at once. Gideon had tested God twice with his fleece and now God tested Gideon twice with his army. He told him first of all to send home all who were afraid to go to battle. Twenty-two thousand cowards, traitors, and turn-coats left immediately for home, leaving Gideon with an army of only ten thousand. God declared that he still had too many and told Gideon to bring them down to the brook and that He would test them for him again on the basis of their earnestness and sincerity of purpose. Ninety-seven hundred of his army lay down on "tail-fours" at the brook to drink. This crowd was not afraid to fight but they were not in any hurry to do so. There was no earnestness as to their purpose. Three hundred of them walked across the brook and lapped up water as a dog might, without even stopping. God told Gideon to send this crowd of ninety-seven hundred home and to retain his army of three hundred.

Thus after Gideon tested God twice and God tested Gideon twice as to his army, Gideon was ready to go forth to battle with an army of three hundred.

In order to encourage Gideon at the midnight hour, God sent him down to the camp of Midian and allowed him to over-hear a dream which one of the men of Midian was telling to his friend. He told how a loaf of barley bread had rolled down the mountain side and struck the tent

of Gideon and knocked it down so that it did not arise. Immediately these idolatrous heathen people concluded that it was an omen from the Lord as to their disaster in the coming battle with Gideon. This encouraged Gideon so that he went back to his little band of three hundred men ready to begin the attack.

Being inspired thus with an unusual courage, Gideon took his three hundred brave men and divided them into three equal companies giving to each of them a pitcher and a lamp. At the appointed hour, he struck terror in the heart of the enemy by the breaking of the pitchers which produced a great noise and by the waving of their torches which produced a great light. The noise, of course, awakened the camp of Midian and when they looked out into the darkness they saw all these lights waving about them, and then they heard a great shout from these three hundred men whereby they cried, "The sword of the Lord and of Gideon." Thus with all of Gideon's army standing, each person in his respective place, a victory was won in behalf of Israel.

It is most interesting to notice that every man had his place to fill. That is what our text declares: "And they stood every man in his place round about the camp." — Judges 7:21. These three hundred soldiers were stationed about the camp so that each man was a certain distance from his nearest neighbor. Thus it looked as though a whole army were drawn up outside the camp. In order that it might look this way to the astonished awaking Midianites, each man had to fill his respective place.

Regardless of personal feeling, each man took his place. No one could say, "I don't like the person next to me" and thus walk off. If he had, there would have been a breach in the ranks and the victory could never have been won.

No one could say, "I'm mad at Brother Gideon because he didn't give me some particular favor." No one could say, "I'm not going to stay here since the man next to me didn't speak to me." Each person stood in his place regardless of personal feeling.

Would to God today that in our churches each person would find a place and fill it. How many times today in our churches some one says, "I don't like the person next to me," or "The person who sat next to me didn't speak to me." If this had taken place in some of our churches today, you would doubtless have heard some one say, "I'm mad at Brother Gideon because he didn't make me chairman of the board of deacons." Or you could hear it said, "I don't like the way some of those folk do." Listen, beloved, if this little crowd of three hundred had stopped to consider personal feeling, the battle would have been lost before it was even begun. That's the reason who so many times in our churches we fail ingloriously since personal feelings are given complete prominence.

It has always been interesting to me to notice how that business houses use this plan by having each man to fill his own respective position. I never shall forget the first time I visited Sears Roebuck and Company and saw that large mail order house. It is doubtless one hundred yards wide and ten or twelve stories high, and it looked to me like it was at least three-quarters of a mile long. Hundreds of employees were working within it every day. It was amazing to me to notice the speed, rapidity, and efficiency whereby orders were filled.

And yet, it is easy enough to understand how that everything moves so smoothly in view of the fact that each employee has his own position to fill and he is not concerned as to what others may do. Would to God that in our churches, every pastor, every deacon, every trustee, every teacher, every officer, and every individual layman and laywoman might find his place and thus fill that position.

In the golden days of Greece, an ambassador came from Epirus to Sparta and was shown over the capitol of Greece. He expressed his amazement and surprise in that there were no walls of defense around any of the cities of Greece. Then it was that the king promised that he would show him the walls of Sparta the next day. The next morning the king showed his guest his army drawn up in battle array and said, "There you behold the walls of Sparta — every man a brick." What power, what blessings, and what influence each of our churches would have if God's people might each stand in this manner — every man in his place round about the camp.

When one of the last bridges was built across the Mississippi River, a sign was posted on it "No load limit." This merely said that the bridge would hold all you could get on it. However, this bridge does have one restriction, namely, that no group of people consisting of one hundred or more shall be permitted to walk across the bridge keeping step. There is a reason for it. If as many as one hundred people were to walk across the bridge keeping step, it would start up a vibration and every time the steps of all come down together, the vibration would increase. Engineers have said that it is possible for a hundred or more people keeping step to break that bridge even though the bridge is advertised as having unlimited load capacity. When I learned that, I thought of our churches. If God's people would just keep in step the Devil would have to call his cohorts and quit. Oh, that we might learn from this experience of Gideon our lesson that each of us have a place and through God's grace that we might be able to fill it.

There were certain qualities which these three hundred men possessed. In the first place, they were three hundred approved men. Gideon had put them to the test. First of all, he had said, in substance, "You that are afraid, go home." Then he had said, "You that are careless and unconcerned, stand on one side and be dismissed, whereas you that are anxious and ready for battle, stand to yourselves." By these two tests he had thus placed his stamp of approval on three hundred of them. Not only was it his stamp of approval, but God's stamp of approval also, for God directed Gideon.

It is no wonder that these men were victorious in view of the fact that they had God's stamp of approval resting upon them. Only with men whom God has tested and approved can victory come today. Whenever one goes to buy a piece of furniture, he usually looks for the little seal which says, "Tested and approved by Good Housekeeping Institute." This is an indication that this particular piece of furniture has been definitely approved for service. So it is with God. Whenever He places His approval upon one, that one is going to be victorious in his service for the Lord Jesus.

Not only were these men approved, they were three hundred earnest men as well. They really wanted to fight NOW. They were in earnest about the

task of ridding Israel from the hands of Midian.

Actually this is the only type of man that God can use. Whenever we work, we ought to convince the world that we are in earnest. Listen:

"Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might." — Eccl. 9:10.

When we pray, we ought to convince the world that we are in earnest by our praying. This was one of David's characteristics, — he prayed in earnest.

"I pour out my soul in me." — Ps. 42:4.

When the apostle Paul desired to visit the church at Thessalonica, he prayed most earnestly concerning the matter of his visit with them.

"Night and day praying exceedingly that we might see your face, and might perfect that which is lacking in your faith?" — I Thess. 3:10.

James would indicate that all of our praying is to be in earnest. "Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain; and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months." — James 5:15.

It was when Daniel was in captivity that he prayed three times daily, facing Jerusalem, for the deliverance of Israel from the hands of Babylon. Though he knew that an edict had gone out that no one was to pray to any God for thirty days except to the king, still Daniel went to an open window and with earnest devotion and sincerity poured out his heart to God three times each day.

I remember that when I was a student in Cumberland College several years ago, a girl whom I knew there, confessed to me that in praying before retiring one evening that she fell asleep on her knees and slept in that position until two o'clock in the morning. Well, I have seen lots of folk called upon to pray in the house of God who prayed with so little zeal and so little earnestness that one would almost wonder what keeps the individual from actually falling asleep standing in God's house.

Would to God that when we work and when we pray and whatever we do in His service, that we might do it with all the earnestness of our soul.

"Two little men stood looking at a hill

One was named 'Can't' and the other was named 'Will';

Can't said, 'I never in the world would climb this hill,'

So there he is at the bottom of it still.

Will said, 'I'll get to the top because I will'

And there he is at the top of the hill.

Two little men are living by the hill

At the bottom is 'Can't.' At the top is 'Will.'"

Not only were these individuals approved and in earnest, they were three hundred obedient men. Each man did exactly that which Gideon commanded. They did what they were told to do. Each man broke his pitcher, flashed his light, and shouted as he was instructed. It is no wonder that victory came to them in view of their obedience.

Certainly when the day comes that the people of God will be obedient to all the things written in His Book, then, and then only, can we expect nothing but victory. It is clearly written throughout the pages of God's Word that victory never comes through disobedience. I am sure that you will recall the time when Saul was commanded to slay all the Amalakites. The Scriptures tell us that he

saved King Agag and the best of the sheep and the cattle. When he was confronted by Samuel, he offered an alibi blaming the people for bringing back the cattle and the sheep for sacrificial purposes. Realizing that this was only a subterfuge, Samuel said: "Hath the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams." — I Sam. 15:22.

In these words Samuel uttered an eternal principle whereby victory or defeat is determined in behalf of God's children, depending upon their obedience or disobedience.

Likewise, these were three hundred believing men. They believed what Gideon told them. They believed what God revealed to them through Gideon. In other words, they were willing to take God at His Word.

I do not believe that any man will do his best work for God until he is willing to do likewise. The old colored preacher well rightly defined faith and trust when he said: "If God tells me to jump through a stone wall, it's my business to jump and it's God's business to make the hole that I might get through." Well, that's faith, and its through faith that God's children see victory and overcome the world. Listen:

"For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith." — I John 5:4.

At the battle of the Nile, young Casabianca, only thirteen years of age, stayed at the post assigned him by his father after the ship had taken fire and all the guns had been abandoned. He was killed in the explosion that occurred when the flames reached the powder. The poet Felicia Hemans, says:

"The boy stood on the burning deck
Whence all but he had fled;
The flame that lit the battle's wreck
Shone round him o'er the dead.

Yet beautiful and bright he stood,
As born to rule the storm —
A creature of heroic blood,
A proud, though child-like form.

The flames rolled on—he would not go
Without his father's word;
That father, faint in death below,
His voice no longer heard.

He called aloud:—'Say, father, say
If yet my task is done!
He knew not that the chieftain lay
Unconscious of his son.

There came a burst of thunder sound,
The boy—O where was he?
Ask of the winds that far around
With fragments strewed the sea.

With mast, and helm, and pennon fair
That well had borne their part;
But the noblest thing that perished there
Was that young faithful heart."

Look again at these men: They were approved, in earnest, obedient, and believing. Yet this is not all, they were three hundred united men. They were united in purpose, sympathies, and plans. As I look backward over my experience in the ministry, I am positively convinced that whenever God's people unite they cannot be stopped. On Kentucky's seal of state are these words, "United we Stand—Divided We Fall." Certainly this is true of every church. If Christians stand united, victory is sure, but if divided, defeat is just as certain to fall. Listen to these Scriptures:

"Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and

that there be no divisions among you; that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment." — I Cor. 1:10.

"And Jesus knew their thoughts, and said unto them, Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand." — Matt. 12:25.

In this connection, Jesus might just as well have gone farther and said that every church divided against itself is likewise brought to destruction. Years ago in the city of Atlanta, Georgia, a fire broke out. At that time, all the pumps of the city were driven by one motor. At the time the fire broke out, the governor on this pump was broken and before it could be repaired, a quarter million dollars worth of property was destroyed, and all because one little part of the machinery was not working properly. If it is necessary that there be unity on the part of an engine, how much more is unity necessary on the part of the people of God!

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Finally God gave the victory. In spite of all the qualities which these men possessed which God used, actually it was God that gave the victory. Numerically speaking they were very much unevenly out-numbered. If there were 135,000 against 300, this literally means that they were outnumbered 450 to one. Yet, beloved, this is nothing in the sight of God, for God is a majority in any crowd.

There are five powers which govern society, namely, eloquence, wealth, learning, rank, and the army. The eleven disciples had none of these. In fact, all five were arrayed against them. The Lord Jesus threw these disciples against the world that was arrayed against them and they conquered Jerusalem, then Antioch, and then Rome, and ultimately the Gospel is being preached as His witness to the whole world.

May we always remember that all victory must come through God, for when God is with one, His little finger is thicker than the loins of Satan. World renowned victories have been won many times just through God's power. With the jaw bone of an ass, Samson slew a thousand men. With the blowing of rams horns, the walls of a fortified city fell down and lay flat in the days of Joshua. With sling and stone in the hands of a mere stripling, David slew the proud Goliath. With nothing more than a shepherd's staff, Moses routed the haughty Pharaoh and found a watery grave for all his hosts. When we ask the reason of these victories, it isn't hard to find. It wasn't Samson, Joshua, David, nor Moses that won the victory, — it was God who won the victory through these human instrumentalities whom He used.

It is rather interesting to notice that after the three hundred had turned the tide of the battle, there were many others who then wanted to join hands and aid Gideon and his faithful band. They even became so much interested they did not want to quit fighting. So complete was the victory that this little band of three hundred slew 120,000 of the Midians. Just so it is within each of our churches today. A few in Gideon's day stood faithful and started the victory and others joined in with their assistance. If, in each church, a few who are spirit-filled, spirit-led, and spirit-directed, might be found who are willing to stand for the things of God, there are many others who may be enlisted for the cause of Christ. May God grant that you might be one of

the three hundred on whom God has put His stamp of approval. May God grant that you will be one of the three hundred who will be earnest, obedient, believing, and united that God may give a victory thereby to His people.

"Who ordered Gideon forth To storm the invader's camp, With arms of little worth, A pitcher and a lamp? The trumpets made his coming known And all the host was overthrown."

Oh! I have seen the day When with a single word, God helping me to say, 'My trust is in the Lord,' My soul have quelled a thousand foes Fearless of all that could oppose.

But unbelief, self-will, Self-righteousness and pride, How often do they steal My weapon from my side! Yet David's Lord and Gideon's Friend Will help his servant to the end."

STOP! LOOK! LISTEN!

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SOMEONE IS COMING! But "this know also, that in the last days (just before His appearing) perilous times shall come: Perils on land and on sea; perils without and within: perils from wicked men: catastrophes which make people apprehensive of that which may still be in store. Surely "ALL THESE ARE THE BEGINNING OF SORROWS! AND THERE SHALL BE FAMINES, AND PESTILENCES, AND EARTHQUAKES IN DIVERS PLACES." (Matt. 24:7, 8). Perils, too, shall there be from false prophets, who shall deceive many, and, if it were possible, lead astray even the very elect.

SOMEONE IS COMING! "IN THE LAST DAYS," saith God, "I WILL POUR OUT MY SPIRIT UPON ALL FLESH, and your SONS and your DAUGHTERS shall prophesy." (Acts 2:17). This remarkable prophecy was partially fulfilled in the beginning of the Christian Dispensation, but now in the LAST DAYS it has been literally fulfilled in the most amazing manner. In every nation, tribe and people, there are to be found countless Christian believers who have been filled with the Holy Spirit in the same miraculous way as the early Christians were, according to Acts 2:4; 10:44-46; 19:1-6. SOMEONE IS COMING! Are you ready?

Soon we will hear the great proclamation "the marriage of the Lamb has come and His wife hath made herself ready." (Rev. 19:6-8; Matt. 25:10).

SOMEONE IS COMING! Who? The LORD JESUS CHRIST. He is the center and goal of all prophecy. HE IS COMING SOON! "Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? THIS SAME JESUS, which is taken up from you into Heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into Heaven. (Acts 1:10-11).

But what will take place when He comes a second time? The Lord Jesus gives the answer: "I tell you, in that night there shall be two men in one bed, the one shall be taken and the other shall be left. Two women shall be grinding together, the one shall be taken and the other left. Two men shall be in a field; the one shall be taken and the other left." (Luke 17:36-37).

SOMEONE IS COMING In that great and prophetic discourse which Christ gave upon the Mount of Olives, recorded in Matthew 24, we read, "When the disciples came unto

Him privately saying, "Tell us . . . what shall be the sign of Thy coming, and of the end of the world," He informed them of a number of outstanding things — NATION WOULD BE AGAINST NATION; KINGDOM AGAINST KINGDOM; FAMINES, PESTILENCES AND EARTHQUAKES; FALSE CHRISTS, THE JEWS RETURNING TO PAL-ESTINE.

These signs have characterized the history of the world for thousands of years, but NEVER have they characterized this age with such awful intensity as they have done during the past thirty years or so. Within this period of time the world has been visited by the GREATEST wars — the GREATEST pestilences — the GREATEST earthquakes — and the GREATEST famines it has even known. The present great European and world upheaval is prophecy FUL-FILLED.

SOMEONE IS COMING! Yes, at God's appointed time, it may be at midnight, or morn, or during the day Christ will suddenly appear in the clouds and receive unto Himself His prepared and waiting Church. In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, she will be translated — "caught up to meet the Lord in the air." (I Thes. 4:13-17).

Everywhere men and women will be surprised at the sudden and unaccountable disappearance of many persons — godly Christians — in the midst of their ordinary occupations. What human mind can comprehend the unutterable anguish, consternation and confusion this event — the translation of the Church — will bring to this earth? Who can translate into the language of human life the paralyzing effect this will have upon those who are LEFT BEHIND?

Dear reader, will you rise to meet the Christ who is coming in the clouds? or will you be LEFT BEHIND? — The Standard Bearer, Dunbar, S. Africa.

Those Whom The Bible Denies Us To Eat With

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ters in it. Note whom you are not to keep company with. Note further that Paul says "called a brother." That class are not brothers: they are just "Called brothers." hypocrites in the church but they are bastards, not brothers. Who are they?

1. Fornicators.

That includes harlots, whores, whore-mongers, men or women that have two living companions without Scriptural grounds for divorce, and all other kinds of profligates, men or women.

2. Covetous.

That includes every member of every Baptist church in the land, that does not keep his vows and support his church financially. That includes from 75 to 90 per cent of the members of the average Baptist country church and nearly as large a per cent of city and town churches.

3. Idolaters.

That includes all lodge and club men and women, who whittle out the name of Jesus in their worship. That includes all the Easter crowd. That includes all who teach the universal Fatherhood of God. That includes all Modernists and most Unionists and nearly all Feminists. That includes of course all Unitarians and Universalists and Christian Scientists and Mormons and Deists and Atheists and Agnostics and Russellites and many Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. secretaries and all heathen and all

others, that put the worship of the Lord Jesus down on the level with Mohammed or Buddha or Joe Smith or Mrs. Eddy or Madam Blavatsky or any other deadly and damnable heretics. All such art idolaters.

4. A Railer.

That includes a multitude of school folk and heretics, who spend their time railing on the Editor and other Baptists, who stand for sound doctrine and clean churches.

5. Drunkards.

That includes the drunkards and the drunkard-makers: the manufacturers, the sellers, the transporters of liquor and the folk who rent property on which it is made or handled or sold, and all officers who put the soft pedal of compromise with those, who make or sell liquor in any form. All that crowd and the officers, who wink at it, ought to be kicked out the back door of all Baptist churches.

6. The Extortioner.

That gets a mixed multitude. That includes many members of Mission Boards and School Boards and Church Boards of all kinds. Sometime ago there was one Baptist family, the members of which got \$13,000.00 from that one Board. Vile nepotists, that ought not only to be fired from office but from the church. Extortioners include multitudes of farmers and merchants and lawyers and doctors and bankers and even some preachers and lots of women and other classes who like Lot or Ahab or Jezebel have sold themselves to work evil and are already receiving double as God's Book says in Isa. 40:2.

They are the classes Paul plainly says we ought not to eat with nor keep company with. A good many of my former friends have sharply criticized me for obeying this Scripture. That is alright: but the Book says not to keep company with all kinds of notorious sinners and I am not going to stay in the church with them, if I lose every friend I have in the world.

Neither my friendship, convictions nor conscience are for sale.

One step I see before me; 'Tis all I need to see:

The light of heaven more brightly shines

When earth's illusions flee;

And sweetly thro the silence comes His loving "Follow Me."

So on I go not knowing;

I would not if I might:

I'd rather walk in the dark with God

Than go alone in the light:

I'd rather walk by faith with Him

Than go alone by sight.

25 CAMPBELLITE HERESIES

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Holy Spirit in conviction and conversion.

17. Universal Fatherhood of God.

18. Deny total depravity.

19. Deny personal unconditional election.

20. Ruling elders.

21. Another gospel.

22. Reverse the order of repentance and faith.

23. Are legalists because they have a law of pardon.

24. Universal church.

25. Church began at Pentecost.

How I Ascertain The Will Of God

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Word of God. The Spirit and the Word must be combined. If I look to the Spirit alone without the Word, I lay myself open to great delusion

also. If the Holy Ghost guides us all, He will do it according to Scriptures, and never contrary to them.

4. NOTE PROVIDENTIAL CUMSTANCES.

Next, I take account of providential circumstances. These often plainly indicate God's will in connection with His Word and Spirit.

5. PRAY.

I ask God in prayer to reveal His will to me aright.

6. WAIT.

Thus, through prayer to God, study of the Word, and reflection come to a deliberate judgment according to the best of my ability, knowledge, and if my mind is at peace, and continues so after or three more petitions, I proceed accordingly. In trivial matters, and transactions involving more important issues, I have found this method effective.

I SHOULD LIKE TO KNOW

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and ordain him, when his wife Catholic and his children have raised in a Catholic church?

No. In I Tim. 3:11 Paul plainly says that deacon's wives would be faithful in all things. If they are members of Baptist Churches, they must be elected deacons. I do not believe that any man ought to be elected deacon or pastor, whose wife is not a sound, consistent, consecrated member of a Baptist church.

6. Is there any Scripture for men teaching women?

Yes. The Scripture forbids women teaching men. I Cor. 14:32-37. Tim. 2:8-15. The Scriptures just plainly commands older women teach younger women in all duties of home and also in religious and church work and dress etc. 23:5. The Scriptures plainly tell in Joel 2:28-29 that women prophesy in the last days: but Paul shows in I Cor. 14:37 women will obey the prop. keeping silence in the churches.

7. How many members does it take to constitute a New Testament church?

Enough to obey the Scriptures. pastor ought to be a man. If have any deacons they ought to be men. The church in Jerusalem no deacons for a good while: but had 12 preachers, who were members. If the pastor is not a resident member of the church, then ought to have one or more deacons who are. There ought to be at least two grown men, to make and seal motions, before a church is organized. According to Mr. Thayer Tim. 2:3, where it says: "I therefore that men pray every where the word translated "men" means "males." The public praying is to be done by men. Personally I will not assist in organizing a church with less than two grown men, pray in public, and only then much prayer. It would be better have at least seven men, as demanded by some churches. I think it would be better to extend an arm or a mission, than to organize with less than seven men.

8. Does one church (Baptist) have a right to invite another church to commune with them?

No. Communion is in the church. I Cor. 11:18-32. A member of one Baptist church has no more right to commune in another Baptist church than he has a right to vote in another Baptist church. Both are under the control of the local church sets the table and does the voting.