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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."

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Should Like To Know . . .

Is it right for Baptist women to go into the Federated Women's Club composed of women of the various denominations? No. Plain violation of 2 Cor. 14-18.

Is it right for a Baptist church to go into a union meeting with Methodists, Presbyterians and Campbellites with a Methodist to do the preaching? No. Campbellites preach salvation by works. Methodists preach partly by grace and partly by works. Presbyterians preach inherited grace—children in covenant relation with God, if either parent is a believer. If they are daughters or grand-daughters of the mother of the church, all of them deny the Lordship of the Lord Jesus. Baptists are yoked up with unbelievers. What does the Lord Jesus think of His Bride-to-be running around with other men and not acknowledging them as their heads, thereby denying the Headship of Christ?

Is it possible for a person under the power of the Holy Spirit to do or preach things contrary to the Scriptures? No. Saved men, who preach

contrary to the Bible, work in the flesh or under the power of Satan. Compare Peter in Matt. 16:21-23. All women preachers do what they do ignorantly or in the energy of the flesh. I Cor. 14:32-37, Rev. 2:20-27.

4. Has any one any time in the history of the universe ever had a second chance to be saved? No descendant of Adam has, after he died.

5. Is it right for a member of a Baptist church to commune with the Methodists or Campbellites?

No. The Bible plainly forbids the members of a Baptist church communing anywhere except in the Baptist church, to which they belong. Acts 2:42, I Cor. 10:17, 11:18-22 (R. V.).

6. Explain Heb. 10:26. This is a sin which saved people may commit. A wilful sin is contrasted in the Bible with sins of weakness and sins of ignorance. Wilful sin is sin described in Luke 12:47-48.

Wilful sin is knowing your duty and refusing to do it or knowing a thing is forbidden in the Bible and yet deliberately going on in disobedience. Here are (Continued on page two)

Thanksgiving I Give Thee Humble Thanks

Thanksgiving! Never did it mean more than it does today!

Autumn with its abundance causes our hearts to ask, "What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits to me?" I am sure we shall be glad to say with the Psalmist, "I will take the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord."

We thank God for our printing equipment. While we do not have all that we need, we thank Him for that which we do have. We rejoice to be able to send out this first issue printed in our own shop.

We thank God for the souls that have been saved through this paper. Many have written and told of finding Christ and many will be in glory from whom we have never heard.

We thank God for those who have been blessed and endocrinated. Even though already saved, many who were weak in the faith have been helped by the doctrinal stand of this paper. Rarely does a day pass without hearing from some preacher who claims to have been made bold by the position taken in these columns. (Continued on page four)

For all the gifts that Thou dost send,
For every kind and loyal friend,
For prompt supply of all my need,
For all that's good in word or deed,
For gift of health along life's way,
For strength to work from day to day,
I give Thee humble thanks.

For ready hands to help and cheer,
For list'ning ears Thy voice to hear,
For yielded tongue Thy love to talk,
For willing feet Thy paths to walk,
For open eyes Thy word to read,
For loving heart Thy will to heed,
I give Thee humble thanks.

For Christ who came from heaven above,
For the cross and His redeeming love,
For His mighty power to seek and save,
For His glorious triumph o'er the grave,
For the lovely mansions in the sky,
For His blessed coming bye and bye,
I give Thee humble thanks.

"By Him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to His name" Heb. 13:15

More Evidence of Unitarianism In N. B. C. Seen By Action of Wayland Academy

A Chicago paper recently stated that Wayland Academy of Beaver Dam, Wisconsin had for their graduation speaker this year Preston Bradley, who is pastor of the People's Church in Chicago. Now, everyone knows that Bradley and his church are rankly Modernistic and Unitarian.

Some time ago, the following letter was sent to Mr. Bradley, asking for information on various religious issues:

2645 N. Laverne Ave.
Chicago, Illinois
March 8, 1935

Preston Bradley,
Pastor of the Peoples Church
Lawrence Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

We had a discussion in our office the other day regarding the average layman depends upon a minister of the Gospel who studied matters which are essential to salvation, I am wondering if you would be kind enough to give me some help on

THE LORD'S SUPPER RESTRICTED

1. Restricted as to place—in the church. I Cor. 11:18.
2. Restricted as to motive—the idea is forbidden. I Cor. 11:21-22.
3. Restricted as to purpose—to discern the Lord's body. I Cor. 11:29.
4. Restricted to those who are baptized. Matt. 28:18-20.
5. Restricted to church members. Acts 2:41-42.
6. Restricted to those who are orderly. 2 Thess. 3:6.

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The Watchman-Examiner Wobbles On Doctrine

Under the title of Convention Gleanings, the Watchman-Examiner (June 8, 1944), which has always stood for Baptist orthodoxy and which has always taken the historic Baptist position on all matters of the Faith, bestows the following boquet:

"Mrs. Orrin R. Judd, of Brooklyn, made a spiritual contribution in the pleasing address she delivered. Mr. and Mrs. Judd are two of our great assets. They have the love and appreciation of countless thousands in our Christian fellowship."

And who is Mr. and Mrs. Judd? Mr. Judd is a member of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society and is a Modernist. He said less than a year ago:

"Did not Jesus say that God was able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham? If we concede any latitude for privilege (Continued on page two)

The Spiritual Drift Of Northern Baptists From Day Of Pres. Coleman Down To Date

The election of Mrs. Leslie E. ("lovely lady") Swain as president of the Northern Baptist Convention is not the beginning of Northern Baptist spiritual and Scriptural looseness. In reality for years there has been an undercurrent, becoming more and more open, outward, and turbid.

As far back as 1928 when W. C. Coleman of Wichita, Kansas was president of the N. B. C., he wrote in the Universalist Leader, saying:

"My idea of a church would be so big and broad . . . that no one would think of having more than one such institution to serve any given community. You would find within its fellowship, Jew and Gentile, Protestant and Catholic, Trinitarian and Unitarian, ritualist and evangelist, native and foreign, rich and poor, black, white and yellow, employer and employee, radical and conserva-

tive, socialist and capitalist, and everyone else who sincerely desires to serve and follow the Lord Jesus Christ according to the light God had given him . . . I have even seen so-called Atheists who would not hurt such a spiritual fellowship in the least."

NOTICE THE DRIFT IN 1942

The Northern Baptist Convention, meeting in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1942 was broad enough to put Campbellite ministers on a par with all ministers of the N. B. C. A paper was read and adopted which declared that the Committee on Relation To Other Christian Bodies had secured the affiliation with the Church of Christ to the extent that if any Northern Baptist Church should desire to call a minister of the Church of Christ or if any church in the Church of Christ denomination desired the services of any Northern Baptist pastor, the church might call him. The only requirement was that the minister making the switch should be in good standing with the Minister's (Continued on page four)

-- The First Baptist Pulpit --

"GOD'S APPOINTMENTS"

"Behold the nations are as a drop of a bucket . . . all nations before him are as nothing; and they are counted to him less than nothing . . . It is he that sitteth upon the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers . . . to whom then will ye liken me, or shall I be equal? saith the Holy One." — Isa. 40:15, 17, 22, 25.

We active Americans know full well the meaning of appointments, for we live and work by

them. "I have an appointment for a permanent," says a high school girl.

"I have an appointment with a good prospect," says a business man.

"I have an appointment to meet my boy friend," says the young lover.

One suffering from ill health says, "I have an appointment with my doctor."

And so it is in our lives, just one appointment after another.

Well, beloved, God works by appointments too. He does not do anything in a hap-hazard manner. He does nothing by chance. There isn't anything that takes place that can be called an accident from His point of view. Everything is according to His well determined, pre-arranged, and fore-ordained plan for our lives. Listen:

"When they therefore were come together, they asked of him (Continued on page three)

MY HOUSE IS IN ORDER

I was spending the night in the home of a fine old physician. We were in what he called his "den." Handing me a book he said, "Look over that while I finish a few things here at my desk." Presently he put down the roller top of his desk and smilingly turned to me with this cryptic sentence, "My house is now in order." After a moment he continued "You see I have a heart ailment and so every night before I retire I close up all my affairs. If I don't awaken in the (Continued on page two)

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MORE NEWS AS TO OUR EXPANSION PROGRAM

Elder A. D. Mize, writing editorially concerning the hardships of independent religious papers recently said:

"The late Dr. J. W. Porter and the late Dr. T. T. Martin launched 'The American Baptist.' I was close to both of them. I knew all that was being done. A layman was financing it. The paper was published on the grade of paper, style of print, and the format of the old style of The Western Recorder. Porter was editor of The Recorder for fourteen years. They sunk \$18,000 in it before they knew what had happened. Scores of men of my knowledge who made them every promise in the world never turned a hand to help, but more than one of them turned in the most harsh criticism of them.

"Another friend of mine who belongs entirely to what is called 'The liberals,' launched a paper for the express purpose of being an absolutely open forum for free expressions of all honestly-held views in doctrines, theological interpretations, and denominational practices and policies. He sank over twenty-five hundred dollars of his own money, worked himself into wrecked health, did the hardest piece of able editing ever done on a religious periodical, and the men who were so enthusiastic for such medium of free and unhindered expression never touched it, so far as helping him, was concerned."

While I recognize the fact that often men make promises of financial support and fail to keep those promises, yet generally speaking, Bro. Muses editorial does not touch "side, edge, top nor bottom" of THE BAPTIST EXAMINER. In reality, just the opposite has been true. The warmest group of friends whom the editor has ever had has been those who have stood with us, prayed for us, and contributed of their means through the past five and one half years.

When THE BAPTIST EXAMINER was launched, dire and many were the predictions that were offered as to its failure. When the first issue was published one Southern Baptist editor wrote, saying:

"I welcome you into the editorial fraternity. You are surely ambitious. If you can float a weekly in these heathen times in competition with a horde of publications, you'll prove yourself a miracle man. A 'fool's advice': Begin at once to change to a monthly, and save yourself much grief, including complications over

WHICH CREED IS YOURS?

"THE CHRISTIANS CREED"
(I BELIEVE)

"I BELIEVE:

In the inspiration of the Bible.
In the absolute authority of the Scripture.
(2 Timothy 3:16).

"I BELIEVE:

In the deity of Christ.
In the virgin birth of Christ.
In the sacrificial death of Christ.
In the resurrection of Christ.
In the ascension of Christ.
In the intercessory work of Christ.

"I BELIEVE:

In a personal God.
In a literal heaven.
In a literal hell.
In a life beyond the grave.
(Revelation 20, 21, 22).

"I BELIEVE:

That Jesus is coming back to earth again to reign.
That Jesus has power to answer prayer.
That Jesus was, is, and evermore shall be, God.
(Acts 1:11; John 14:7-14).

"I BELIEVE:

That all men are sinners.
That the wages of sin is death.
That eternal life depends on 'Faith in Jesus Christ as Saviour.'
(Romans 3:23-24; Romans 6:23; Ephesians 2:8-9).

"I BELIEVE:

That whatever the Bible says is true!
If the Bible says it;
That settles it.
I believe it.

I AM A 'FUNDAMENTAL' CHRISTIAN."

"THE MODERNISTS CREED"
(I DO NOT BELIEVE)

"I DO NOT BELIEVE:

Certain statements in the Bible.
That the Scriptures are absolutely accurate.

"I DO NOT BELIEVE:

In the deity of Christ.
In the virgin birth of Christ.
In the miracles of Christ.
In the sacrificial death of Christ.
In the resurrection of Christ.
In the ascension of Christ.
In the intercessory work of Christ.

"I DO NOT BELIEVE:

In a personal God.
In a literal heaven.
In a literal hell.
In a life beyond the grave.

"I DO NOT BELIEVE:

That Jesus is coming back on earth to reign.
That Jesus has power to answer prayer.
That Jesus was, is, and evermore shall be God.

"I DO NOT BELIEVE:

That all men are sinners.
That the wages of sin is death.
That eternal life depends on 'Faith in Jesus as Saviour.'

"I DO NOT BELIEVE:

That everything in the Bible is an accurate record.
That the Bible is an infallible guide."

THIS IS JUST A PART OF WHAT I DO NOT BELIEVE.

Yet, of course,
I call myself a Christian.
I preach in a Christian Church.
I am supported by Christian members.
I am proud to say
I AM A "MODERNIST PREACHER."

—Upward

postal privileges. Unless you have a heavy private subsidy, the weekly frequency will collapse sooner or later, probably sooner."

Well, thank God, we haven't collapsed yet, and the prospects are that by God's help, we won't. We have seen our paper increase until we now mail nearly 8,500 copies weekly, and God has taken care of the debts. All praise to His glorious Name!

Not only has the Lord taken care of our expenses, but he has now given us over \$3,800 toward our goal of \$6,000 for our printing machinery.

Of course, THE BAPTIST EXAMINER is not an "open forum for liberals," nor do we play kite-tail with the convention. It is just what its name implies. It is an old-fashioned Baptist paper, and if you don't believe that it is an "examiner," you just let the editor hear of some of your heresies, and we promise you a genuine examination. This last we say in the light of I Tim. 5:20, "Them that sin, rebuke before all, that others also may fear."

In order to keep such an independent paper going and to enable us to enlarge it through owning our own printing equipment, why not send in your contribution TODAY?

Everything a shepherd is to sheep, Jesus is to us.

I SHOULD LIKE TO KNOW . .

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some examples. Moses—Num. 20:10-13; David—1 Chronicles 21:8-17; Uzziah—2 Chron. 26:20-21; Ananias and Sapphira—A.5:5-11; Church at Corinth—1 Cor. 11:22-32; Woman prophetess—Rev. 2:24.

7. What does the Bible say about mistreating the old?

2 Ki. 2:23-25; Lev. 3:3, Ex. 20:12, 21:17; Lev. 19:32, 20:9.

8. Is it your candid opinion that not only in Texas, but in Kentucky and other Southern

states, what is commonly called the denominational machine is slowly but surely supplanting the independency of the churches?

Yes, and the executive committee is the head of this machine and the only way to kill it is to cut its head off.

9. In the Holy Spirit's directing the preacher in his life, does He select the field of labor for the preacher; also his subjects to preach on, when and where, etc; and should the preacher seek such guidance and as best he can follow that guidance?

Yes. God chose the fields of Moses, Jonah, Paul and all the balance. He chose them and the 12 and the 70 and all the balance of God-called preachers. God selected their fields and gave them the very message He wanted

them to deliver and so He does today. God's command to all preachers that He sends is to go preach the preaching, that I bid thee; and He tells them to preach the Word He sends, if like Jeremiah and John the Baptist and the balance of their kind, they have to go to jail for doing it.

10. Is there any Scripture in 1 and 2 Tim., giving a woman a right to be a deacon?

No. There are some plain things I can not be dogmatic about; but I can be on that question. The Bible plainly says a deacon should be the husband of one wife. Since a woman can not be the husband of one wife, I am sure no woman, should be a deacon—neither a she-deacon nor a he-deacon.

11. Is there any Scripture for

women preaching?

No. There is not only no Scripture authorizing a woman to preach, but every God-called preacher in the Bible was a man. The 12 and 70, all pastors and missionaries, who preached were men. I Cor. 14:32-37, I Tim. 8-15 and Rev. 2:20-24 plainly forbid women preaching speaking in the churches. And more than that Paul says in I Cor. 14:32-37 that the woman who gets up in a church to talk is ignorant.

12. What is the scriptural statement to take, if a brother has complained with all three steps in Matt. 18:15-17?

The church should promptly exclude him without any further effort to win or reclaim.

MY HOUSE IS IN ORDER

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morning everything is in order. I am at this minute at peace with my God, my fellow man, and myself."

Years later I met the same woman again. A girl had slipped and broken her neck. The doctors were about to take her to the operating room. Her mother was on the way from a distant city. She asked me to give him this message in case she did not come back from the operating room. "Tell him my house is in order."

Just recently I met another again. A little hunchback radio operator waited after the evening service to talk to me: "I have a feeling I won't come back this time. I was torpedoed last time. My ship leaves me to-night. I wanted to talk to somebody about the things of the other world. But please don't get the wrong impression. My house is in order." — The Teacher.

LORD'S SUPPER RESTRICTED

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7. Restricted to those who live correct lives. I Cor. 5:11.

8. Restricted to those who are judged by the church and found worthy. I Cor. 5:12, 13.

9. Restricted to those of the same faith. Heb. 13:8-10.

10. Restricted as to the elements used—bread and wine. 26-26; Luke 22:19-20.

11. Restricted as to design—remember the Lord. Luke 22:19.

12. Restricted to a united church. I Cor. 11:16-20.

13. On top of all this the individual must undergo a self-examination. Instead of the self-examination being the only requirement it is in addition to the other restrictions. I Cor. 11:28.

—Elder Roy Flippo in Church Bulletin, Amarillo, Texas

THE WATCHMAN-EXAMINER WOBBLES ON DOCTRINE

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vate interpretation of the Scripture, we should not refuse fellowship with those who give primary weight to the fact that Christ's Davidic lineage is traced through Joseph and who believe that God could beget a divine son through a human father as well as a human mother." (The Watchman-Examiner, October 1943).

What sacrilege! What blasphemy! and what compromise! I think that the Watchman-Examiner would commend and compliment any Modernist who even hinted that he believed that Jesus had a "human father."

How are the mighty fallen! May God give the Watchman-Examiner and its editor "space to repent!"

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GOD'S APPOINTMENT

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...ing, Lord wilt thou at this
...restore again the kingdom
...Israel? And he said unto them
...is not for you to know the
...times or the seasons, which the
...Father hath put in his own
...power." — Acts 1:6,7.

The word translated "times"
...in the word for "long periods" and
...the word translated "seasons" is
...the word "short periods." Thus
...we see that long periods, the
...short periods, the times, and the
...seasons are all in God's Hands.

But now this verse (Acts 17:
...16) "And hath made of one blood
...all nations of men for to dwell
...on all the face of the earth, and
...hath determined the times before
...appointed, and the bounds of
...their habitation."

This would indicate that not
...only are our times, but even our
...habitations are according to
...God's appointment. What a start-
...ling thought this is then that
...even the place of our residence
...is determined by the Lord. Of
...course, we realize that this was
...particularly true of the Jews in
...that God placed them in their re-
...spective habitation: "When the
...Most High divided to the nations
...their inheritance, when he separ-
...ated the sons of Adam, he set
...the bounds of the people accord-
...ing to the number of the child-
...ren of Israel." — Deut. 32:8.

...ing every thing there is a sea-
...son, and a time to every purpose
...under the heaven.

A time to be born, and a time
...to die; a time to plant, and a
...time to pluck up that which is
...planted;

A time to kill, and a time to
...heal; a time to break down, and
...a time to build up;

A time to weep, and a time to
...laugh; a time to mourn, and a
...time to dance;

A time to cast away stones,
...and a time to gather stones to-
...gether; a time to embrace, and a
...time to refrain from embracing;

A time to get, and a time to
...lose; a time to keep, and a time
...to cast away;

A time to rend, and a time to
...sew; a time to keep silence, and
...a time to speak;

A time to love, and a time to
...hate; a time to war, and a time
...of peace." — Eccl. 3:1-8.

Surely if no other verses in all
...the Bible might indicate that
...God has a set time and purpose
...for all events—then surely these
...verses offer enough proof to lead
...us to thus believe.

Thus we see that God works by
...appointment. He has the times,
...the seasons, the places, and the
...purposes of our lives already
...mapped out, and that which
...comes to pass is according to His
...pre-determined plan for us. That
...is to say, God works by appoint-
...ment.

I

MY MINISTRY IS AN AP-
...POINTMENT FROM GOD. No
...man ever lived who was more de-
...finitely certain that his ministry
...was of God than was the apos-
...tle Paul. He said concerning it:
..."Whereunto I am appointed a
...preacher, and an apostle, and a
...teacher of the Gentiles." — 2
...Tim. 1:11.

Not only does he declare here
...that God has appointed him to
...be a preacher, but in other of his
...writings, he makes the same
...statement. Listen:

"But when it pleased God, who
...separated me from my mother's
...womb, and called me by his
...grace. To reveal his Son in me,
...that I might preach him among
...the heathen; immediately I con-
...ferred not with flesh and blood."
...— Gal. 1:15,16.

AMERICA NEEDS



A kneeling army as well as a standing army.

Even when He would send An-
...anias to the home where Saul
...was staying during the period of
...his blindness,—God even de-
...clared to Ananias at that time
...that Saul was definitely appoint-
...ed unto His ministry.

"But the Lord said unto him, Go
...thy way: for he is a chosen ves-
...sel unto me, to bear my name be-
...fore the Gentiles, and kings, and
...the children of Israel: For I will
...shew him how great things he
...must suffer for my name's sake."
...—Acts 9:15,16.

When Saul was sent forth on
...his first missionary tour with
...Barnabas, he was definitely cho-
...sen and selected for this work by
...the Lord. Listen:

"Now there were in the church
...that was at Antioch certain pro-
...phets and teachers; as Barnabas,
...and Simon that was called Niger,
...and Lucius of Cyrene, and Man-
...aen, which had been brought up-
...with Herod the tetrarch, and
...Saul. As they ministered to the
...Lord, and fasted, the Holy Spirit
...said, Separate me Barnabas and
...Saul for the work whereunto I
...have called them." — Acts 13:1,2.

Thus it would appear from
...these several Scriptures taken at
...random from Paul's life, that his
...ministry was an appointment
...from God. Well, that which is
...true of Paul, is likewise true of
...every God-appointed minister to-
...day. I am ready to grant that
...some preachers enter the minis-
...try because it is an easy pro-
...fession. Others get into it be-
...cause of the influence of some
...older Godly preacher, or because
...of undue persuasion on the part
...of mother. However, all true
...preachers are called of God.

What a blessing it is to me to
...know that my ministry is a de-
...finite appointment of God. When
...the trials, difficulties, and heart-
...aches appear, it surely is re-
...freshing to know that the minis-
...try which I am experiencing is
...of God's appointment.

II

OUR AFFLICTIONS ARE OF

GOD'S APPOINTMENT. There
...is not one of us but what ex-
...perience various afflictions at
...sundry times in life. It is true
...that some of these we bring on
...ourselves. Others, apparently, as
...was true of Job, are engineered
...by Satan. Yet, regardless, back
...of it all, is God. Irrespective of
...how He permits them to come,
...these afflictions are of His ap-
...pointment.

Surely Job suffered as greatly
...as any man in all the Scriptures.
...He lost his property, his child-
...ren, his wife's sympathetic in-
...fluence, his health, and his
...friend's comforting counsel. Pos-
...sibly this experience lasted thru
...several months. Job realized that
...it was of God. He knew that this
...experience was of God's appoint-
...ment, hence he said:

"So am I made to possess mon-
...ths of vanity, and, wearisome
...nights are appointed to me." —
...Job 7:3.

Paul had many trying experi-
...ences in his ministry, and the
...churches which he established
...likewise suffered many afflic-
...tions. In order to encourage the
...suffering saints of Thessalonica,
...he wrote to them declaring that
...their afflictions were of the
...Lord.

"That no man should be moved
...by these afflictions for yourselves
...know that we are appointed
...thereunto." — I Thess. 3:3.

In the days of His flesh, Jesus
...healed a man who had been
...born blind. His disciples wondered
...as to the cause of the man's
...blindness, thinking that possibly
...it may have come about because
...of his sin or the sin of his pa-
...rents. Jesus declared to them that
...this man's blindness was merely
...a part of God's program for him
...and that his blindness was God's
...appointment for him.

"Jesus answered, Neither hath
...this man sinned, nor his parents;
...but that the works of God should
...be made manifest in him." —
...John 9:3.

Surely in the New Testament

no one suffered more for the cause
...of Christ than did the apostle
...Paul. Listen to his own words as
...he tells of his sufferings:

"Of the Jews five times receiv-
...ed I forty stripes save one.
...Thrice was I beaten with rods,
...once was I stoned, thrice I suffer-
...ed shipwreck, a night and a
...day I have been in the deep;

In journeyings often, in perils
...of waters, in perils of robbers,
...in perils by mine own countrymen,
...in perils by the heathen, in perils
...in the city, in perils in the wild-
...erness, in perils in the sea, in
...perils among false brethren.

In weariness and painfulness,
...in watchings often, in hunger and
...thirst, in fastings often, in cold
...and nakedness. Beside those things
...that are without, that which
...cometh upon me daily, the care
...of all the churches." — 2 Cor.
...11:24-28.

Well, these sufferings on the
...part of Paul did not come by
...chance nor by mere accident; God
...appointed them in Paul's behalf,
...for before Paul's eyesight return-
...ed to him, following his super-
...natural experience on the roadway
...to Damascus, God spoke to An-
...anias as to the sufferings thru
...which Paul was to pass, declar-
...ing that those sufferings were
...merely God's appointment for
...him. Listen:

"But the Lord said unto him,
...Go thy way: for he is a chosen
...vessel unto me, to bear my name
...before the Gentiles, and kings,
...and the children of Israel: For
...I will shew him how great things
...he must suffer for my name's
...sake." — Acts 9:15,16.

"When thou passest through the
...waters

Deep the waves may be and
...cold,

But Jehovah is our refuge,
...And his promise is our hold;

For the Lord Himself hath said it
...He, the faithful God and true:

When thou comest to the waters
...Thou shalt not go down, but

through."

Seas of sorrow, seas of trial,
...Bitterest anguish, fiercest pain
...Rolling surges of temptation
...Sweeping over heart and brain.
...They shall never overflow us
...For we know His word is true;
...All His waves and all His billows
...He will lead us safely through.

Threatening breakers of destruc-
...tion,

Doubt's insidious undertow,
...Shall not sink us, shall not drag
...us

Out to ocean depths of woe;
...For His promise shall sustain us,
...Praise the Lord, whose Word
...is true!

We shall not go down, or under,
...For He saith, "Thou passest
...through."

Truly, nothing could bring
...more joy to a child of God in the
...hour of grief and sorrow than to
...know that our afflictions are of
...God. Listen:

"And we know that all things
...work together for good to them
...that love God, to them who are
...called according to his purpose."
...— Rom. 8:28.

"In every thing give thanks;
...for this is the will of God in
...Christ Jesus concerning you." —
...I Thes. 5:18.

Here then are two Scriptures
...which take on a new meaning
...when our experiences are viewed
...in the light of this truth that God
...is back of every sorrow that
...comes to us. Through the years
...gone by, afflictions of various
...types have come to me, and that
...which has been true of me, has
...been true of you. These words
...may reach the eye of some suf-
...fering saint whose bed-ridden
...body is slowly but surely nearing
...the grave; or they may come to
...some one who is suffering finan-
...cial reverses, and even penury
...and want. These words may
...reach the eyes of some one with
...marital difficulties, or who may
...be discouraged over the slowness
...of his progress in the Christian
...life. Well, regardless of what
...your troubles may be, remember
...that each and every affliction
...which you have is of God's ap-
...pointment.

III

DEATH IS LIKEWISE OF
...GOD'S APPOINTMENT. Nothing
...could stand out more clearly
...than this in the Bible. Listen:

"And as it is appointed unto
...men once to die, but after this
...the judgment." — Heb. 9:27.

Surely Job believed that life
...and death were of God's appoint-
...ment, for again and again he
...spoke of death as being of the
...Lord. Listen:

"Is there not an appointed time
...to man upon earth? are not his
...days also like the days of an
...hireling?" — Job 7:1.

"If a man die, shall he live a-
...gain? all the days of my appoint-
...ed time will I wait, 'till my
...change come." — Job 14:14.

"For I know that thou wilt
...bring me to death, and to the
...house appointed for all living."
...— Job 30:23.

The old song has said:

"Swift to its close
...Ebbs out life's little day
...Earth's joys grow dim,
...Its glories pass away;
...Change and decay in
...All around I see—
...Oh, Thou Who changest not,
...Abide with me."

Certainly it is true that life's
...little day ebbs out exceedingly
...fast. Yet it is a blessing and a
...joy to know that when death
...comes, it is of God's appointment.

Jesus spoke to Simon Peter
...indicating that He knew not only
...the time, but the manner of Sim-
...on Peter's death long years be-
...fore it became a reality. Listen:

"Verily, verily, I say unto thee,
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"GOD'S APPOINTMENT"

(Continued from preceding page)
When thou wast young, thou girdest thyself, and walkedst whither thou wouldst: but when thou shalt be old, thou shalt stretch forth thy hands, and another shall gird thee, and carry thee whither thou wouldst not. This spake he, signifying by what death he should glorify God. And when he had spoken thus, he saith unto him, Follow me." — John 21:18,19.

He told Simon that he would not die until he got old, and indicated that he would die by crucifixion. Thus Jesus knew both the time and the manner of Simon Peter's death. He knew God's appointment in behalf of Simon Peter. Well, that which Jesus knew of Simon Peter, He knows of each and every one of us, which would indicate that death is merely by God's appointment.

We have an indication that death is of God's appointment in view of the fact that sometimes even a trivial accident may send one into eternity, while again that which would appear as a very serious catastrophe may amount to nothing. Years ago in my home town, a train struck a drunk sitting on a railroad track, and although the train was travelling at the rate of sixty miles an hour, and thereby hurled the drunk at least seventy to seventy-five feet down the tracks, the man got up, brushed the seat of his pants, and walked away unhurt. In contrast, here in Ashland a few years ago a druggist slipped on the sidewalk and fell, breaking his neck, which sent his soul into eternity within just a few minutes time. One could not observe such incidents or accidents as these without being convinced of the fact that death is of God's appointment.

As the poet has said:

"Death comes with reckless footsteps to hall and hut;
Think ye that death will tarry,
knocking when the door is shut?"

No, death does not tarry knocking. When the time of one's death comes, nothing can delay it. The superintendent of our local railroad yards died a few weeks ago, and less than a week before his death, I talked with him, and he apparently was in seemingly good health. In less than a week from the time I talked with him, he was dead. Six doctors of unusual ability were by his bedside from time to time; medicine was even flown in a plane from New York City for him; yet, in spite of all that was done, he died, which certainly would indicate to us that death is of God's appointment.

This is a sobering reflection and a solemn statement. Certainly, in view of this fact, then it is our duty to humbly await the hour when death comes to us.

"Oh, why should the spirit of mortal be proud?"

Like a swift flying meteor, a fast flying cloud;
A flash of the lightning, a break of the wave
Man passeth from life to his rest in the grave.

'Tis the wink of an eye, the draught of a breath;
From the blossom of health to the paleness of death;
From the gilded saloon to the bier and the shroud—
Oh why should the spirit of mortal be proud?"

Since then death comes by God's appointment, and must of necessity be the inevitable lot of each of us at God's decreed time,

then can you, as a professing Christian, say, as did Paul: "For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain." (Phil. 1:21).

IV
JUDGMENT IS OF GOD'S APPOINTMENT. "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment." — Heb. 9:27. The next solemn event which follows death, is the judgment. As death is appointed unto each of us, so is the judgment.

Surely Paul made this clear when speaking to the Stoick and Epicurean philosophers of Athens. He said concerning the judgment that it was definitely appointed of God, in that he declared:

"And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent: Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead." — Acts 17:30,31.

There is a fearful day coming wherein the unredeemed shall have to face their sins and the ungodly deeds of their lives.

"And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.

And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened; and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

And the sea gave up the dead which were in it: and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them; and they were judged every man according to their works.

And death and hell were cast into the like of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire." — Rev. 20:11-15.

How we rejoice that that day, though it is of God's appointment for the sinner, will not affect the believer in the least, for the child of God will have been judged and will have received his rewards long before. Yet, whether one comes to the judgment saved to receive his rewards, or unsaved to receive a curse—irrespective of whether one comes saved or unsaved to the judgment, the fact remains that the judgment is of God's appointment.

V
FINALLY, SALVATION IS OF GOD'S APPOINTMENT.

"For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ." — I Thess. 5:9.

In this world, all stand guilty before God, as all are sinners. God elects some to salvation and others He passes by. Those that He chooses, are thus appointed to salvation. He does not appoint the balance to wrath, but merely leaves them as they are in their sinful estate so that while salvation is of God's appointment, damnation is of man.

In all the Scriptures we are taught again and again that God appoints us unto salvation, or, in other words, He elects or chooses us unto salvation. Listen:

"But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren, beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth." — 2 Thess. 2:13.

"According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation

of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love" — Eph. 1:4.

"Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it to you." — John 15:16.

We have a remarkable illustration of how God chooses men unto salvation in the conversion of the Philippian jailer. God had elected this man unto salvation before the foundation of the world, and had determined that he was to hear the Word of God whereby he would be saved thru the preaching of the Apostle Paul. He had furthermore planned that an earthquake should take place whereby this jailer would be saved. Hence, in the light of His pre-arranged program, He placed the rocks in such a position near the city of Philippi that an earthquake should occur, and timed it perfectly that it might take place at the midnight hour when Paul and Silas were in jail. Thus it was that through this earthquake this jailer came to know the Lord, all of which would indicate that his salvation was of God's appointment from before the foundation of the world; and that which was true of him, is true of each and every one of us.

Ere I bring this message to a close, may I remind you that this may be God's appointed hour for you wherein you might receive salvation. If so, may you be saved now. "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel." (Mark 1:15).

A little while ago, Hendrick Van Loon, the Dutch historian and author, passed away at his home in Greenwich, Conn. At the time of his death, he was engaged in writing a book entitled "A Report To Saint Peter," which was an autobiography up to, and including, his twenty-first birthday. When he was last interviewed, he spoke of having a "wobbly heart" and he said: "When I die, I'll take a copy of this book and hand it to Saint Peter and avoid filling out all kinds of entry forms and blanks." Of course, Van Loon was speaking jestingly, and yet there are multitudes who think that they must give an account to Saint Peter. However, the Word of God makes it most definitely clear that our responsibility is not unto Saint Peter, but unto the Father Himself. Listen:

"For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God. So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God." — Rom. 14:11,12. And the only way that one can come to the Father is thru His Son. "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." — John 14:6.

It is true that Jesus called and commissioned His apostles, including Simon Peter, but He never did say, "No man cometh unto the Father but by the apostles."

In the days of His flesh, He organized His church, yet He never did say, "No man cometh unto the Father but my church."

He instituted the ordinances, but never at any time did He say concerning these that, "No man cometh unto the Father but by the ordinances."

He fore-ordained good works for believers, but never once did He say, "No man cometh unto the Father but by good works."

While Mr. Van Loon spoke of

the filing of entry forms and blanks, it is rather obvious that the Scriptures are silent concerning these. In the realm of eternity these are unnecessary. The only means of entrance that any one can have is the Lord Jesus Himself, for Jesus said: "I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture." — John 10:9.

Again He said: "All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out." — John 6:37.

May God bless you!

More Evidence of Unitarianism In N. B. C. As Seen By Action of Wayland Academy

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and does one have to be born again to get into heaven?

4. Does one have to believe in the virgin birth of Jesus Christ to be saved?

5. Will there be such an event as the coming of Jesus Christ back to this earth, and if so, when may we expect Him?

6. Are we to take the Bible as the Word of God to man as our only authority in issues pertaining to God?

7. If one keeps the Golden Rule, is not that all that is necessary to get into heaven, outside of any faith in Jesus Christ?

8. Was Jesus Christ born without sin?

9. Will the so-called "wicked" be sent to an eternal Hell?

10. Did Jesus Christ ever say that a person had to believe in Him in order to be saved?

If you can find time to answer these questions and give me your comments on them, I would appreciate it very much.

Respectfully yours,

(Signed)

George F. Quilty

Later, the following reply was received from Mr. Bradley: Mach 9, 1935

Dear Mr. Quilty:

I thank you for your letter, but all of your questions do not disturb me nor my religion in the least, as I discarded them all long ago (the mumps and measles of religion).

I believe that the Fatherhood of God
Brotherhood of man
Leadership of Jesus
Salvation by character
Onward and upward forever,
is all the religion one needs in this world or any other. No creed, no virgin births, no denomination—just helping humanity to make this a better world.

With every good wish, I am
Sincerely yours,

(Signed)

Preston Bradley, Pastor

In view of its commencement speaker, and his own admitted beliefs, need any more be added than to merely say that Wayland Academy has gone over "boot and baggage" to the Unitarians. Good-bye to orthodoxy in the N. B. C. One by one its schools have departed from the Faith. Unless Jesus soon comes, God pity Northern Baptists! And Southern Baptists are well on the road, following them!

THANKSGIVING

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We thank God for the privilege of ministering to lonely shut-ins. We wish you could read their testimonies of blessing, comfort and hope. This ministry is one of our great privileges. Included with these are the elderly people—dear children of God who find

it hard to get out in bad weather and who can get the message a home by the printed page.

We thank God for your generosity. We want you to know that under God, it has made this vast ministry possible. We shall share alike in the reward.

Above all, we thank God for YOU, dear Christian friend. You are the ones who have made possible this paper by your generous support. It is those gifts which have carried us these nearly six years. It is those gifts which have made possible the ownership of our shop. It is those gifts which will carry us through the future.

We face the future expectantly. We plan to enlarge our paper. We plan to print thousands of Scriptural tracts for free distribution. We plan to print books (large or small) which will honor God's Word. All this we will do for God's glory as He wills.

You can help us. As the Spirit of God directs, send your gift toward this work of the gospel. As in the past, I know you will be generous, as you meditate upon God's goodness to you. We need NOW \$2,500 to complete the equipment of our shop. May you give as He directs you.

Send us your printing. We are equipped to do quality work and will do it reasonably as possible. Letterheads, envelopes, invoices, business forms or any type of ethical printing from cards to newspapers will be well come. Especially will we be happy to have manuscripts submitted to us for publication. In this manner, we can hold down the over-head on our shop, and ultimately do more free printing of tracts.

By all means, pray for us. This is a big venture. It calls for more faith than anything we've ever done. We need your prayers now as never before. May we count on you as a prayer-partner?

May the God of material abundance be with you and us in the fullness of His grace these days!

THE SPIRITUAL DRIFT OF NORTHERN BAPTISTS IN THE DAY OF PRES. COLEMAN DOWN TO PRESENT

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Council.

AND NOW IN 1944

Dr. Wilder, professor of New Testament in Andover-Newton (a leading Baptist school of the N. B. C.) recently preached for the First Unitarian Church in Chicago.

Just recently Northern Baptists were brought into still further disrepute through a compromise of the Divinity School of Chicago University. Though modernistic to the core, this school is still listed in the Illinois annual as a Baptist school and is likewise thus listed in the Convention records of the N. B. C.

This Divinity School of Chicago University affiliated its faculty with the faculties of the Chicago Theological School (Congregationalist), the Disciples Divinity House (Campbellite), and the Meadville Theological Seminary (Unitarian) for a week's preaching and teaching mission thus federated their faculties and observed "Pastor's Week" under the auspices of the combined faculties of these four schools.

All this is enough to upset the digestive organs of a turkey buzzard. To all the redeemed who are connected with this religious monstrosity of the N. B. C., there is but one admonition: "Come out of her, my people."