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

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

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A SERMON AGAINST THE BAPTISTS

SOME GOOD ADVICE FOR YOUNG MINISTERS

Here is some timely advice to young Baptist preachers, which if you will take, will greatly advance Christ's cause and your ministry.

1. Preach THE WORD of God nothing added nothing subtracted.

2. "Be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves."—Matt. 10:16.

3. "Pray without ceasing, in every thing give thanks."—1 Thess. 5:17,18.

4. Live a clean life. Do not use tobacco in any form. "Let us cleanse ourselves from ALL filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God." You will have more influence to take this advice.

5. Keep out of crooked politics. Do not allow any church to run you for pastor over or against some other preacher. It is unscriptural and always genders strife.

The Bible way of calling a Pastor is let the "HOLY SPIRIT" lead.

The call if you take the Bible way is not once a year but indefinitely.

6. The only thing a Minister ought to belong to is a New Testament Church. No one of the apostles belonged to an oath bound society.

7. Do unto all preachers as you would have them do unto you.

Love your brethren, pray daily for them, seek to help them in every way you can. There is a strong reason to love all God called ministers.

8. Be strictly on time in meeting all financial obligations. Many have hurt their influence by failing to pay debts on time. The best rule is to live on your income.

9. Never take sides with gossiping members. Always speak well of the absent party under discussion. Have a prayer with the tattler, it will have the best effect.

10. Never be guilty of loving money too much, so as to be led like Balaam to go against God's Word for money. "Filthy lucre." Many ministers are spiritually dead today over the spirit of Balaam.

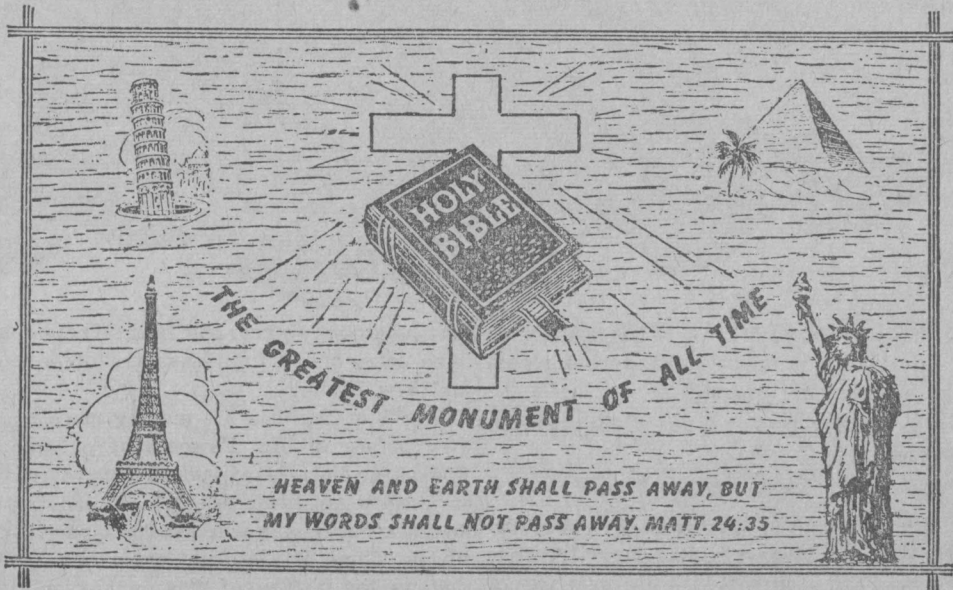
11. Be Holy Spirit led, take God's program and be shy of all man made programs.

12. Major on soul winning. The devil can not answer the soul savor. The last days are here. Oh dear Brethren take this advice.—Fellowship Courier.

What Then?

Said the old College Professor: "Well, your College course is finished!" "Yes," said the young man, "I graduate to-day." "And then?" "Oh, I shall take up my profession, marry a fine woman, make a fortune, and make my way in the world." "And then?" "Then I shall retire, travel, and take life easy." "And then?" "Well, old age will come, but I hope to enjoy that, too." "And then?" "Well, then I shall have to die, I suppose." "And then?" But the young man had no answer ready; HAVE YOU, my reader?

The Bible Indestructible



"Forever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven."—Ps. 119:89.

"The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever."—Is. 40:8

UNBELIEVABLE TESTIMONY

A young lawyer by the name of McClellan attended an evangelistic service where he heard testimonies of people concerning whose genuineness and intelligence he could not question.

Such testimonies would have to be accepted in any court, he thought to himself. Then he determined to give God a chance at his own life by going forward in personal surrender to Christ. Surely it could do him no harm.

When he left the church that day, he went rejoicing in the experience of regeneration. As he entered his home with the joy of the Lord in his heart, he at once told his wife that he had become a Christian and wanted to have a word of prayer with her.

"Be quiet," she said. "There are five lawyers waiting in the next room to see you."

"Let's go in and have prayer with them" he said. "I want them all to know the stand I have taken."

She tried to steer him into the kitchen, but he said: "I've never had the Lord in my home before. I'm not going to take Him into (Continued on page four)

ONE REASON WHY HE WASN'T CONVERTED

A pastor, passing a big department store, followed a sudden impulse to go in and talk to the proprietor on the subject of his salvation. Finding him, he said: "I've talked beds and carpets and book-cases with you, but I've never talked my business with you. Would you give me a few minutes to do so? Being led to the private office, the minister took out his New Testament and showed him passage after passage which brought before that business man his duty to accept Jesus Christ. Finally the tears began to roll down his cheeks, and he said to the pastor: "I'm seventy years of age. I was born in this city and more than a hundred ministers, and more than five hundred church officers have known me in a business way, but in all these years you are the only man who ever spoke to me about my soul."—Dr. J. E. Conant.

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

QUESTIONS FOR YOU

1. Does my life please God?
2. Do I enjoy being a Christian?
3. Do I cherish in my heart a feeling of dislike or hatred for anyone?
4. Am I studying my Bible daily?
5. How much time do I spend in secret prayer?
6. Have I won a soul to Christ?
7. Have I ever had a direct answer to prayer?
8. Do I estimate the things of time and eternity at their true value?
9. Am I working and praying for anyone's salvation?
10. Is there anything I can give up for Christ?
11. Where am I making my greatest mistake?
12. How does my life look to those who are not Christians?
13. Do I place anything before my religious duty?
14. Am I honest with my Lord's money?
15. Am I neglecting any known duty?
16. Is the world better or worse for my living in it?
17. Am I doing anything I would condemn in others?

-- The First Baptist Pulpit --

"Why Does God Permit Evil To Continue?"

"Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world."—Acts 15:18.

This is the question which has perplexed the world through the ages. I rather imagine that the philosophers of the world even from the antediluvian period have pondered this question. Surely through all ages it has stood out in the minds of the people of God so that in every age God's people have wondered why in His providence God should allow evil to continue.

I IN THE PAST, EVIL HAS TRIUMPHED WHILE RIGHTEOUSNESS AND GOODNESS HAVE LANGUISHED. This has been true since the days of the Garden of Eden. Two sons were born to Adam—Cain and Abel. When they came to worship God, Abel's offering, being an offering of blood and made in faith, was accepted, whereas Cain's offering, being not of blood and not by faith, was rejected. Jealousy and revenge as well as anger came

into the heart of Cain, resulting in the murdering of Abel. Thus you see that the evil man lived while the good man died.

The same was true in the days of Pharaoh. The Egyptians could never be spoken of as being God's people in any respect. For approximately four hundred years they oppressed the Jews who were God's people. With blasphemous rebellion they oppressed the people of God, and even God Himself. Listen:

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By W. C. Taylor

I preached it. It is not a habit I recommend or practice. But this once in life I preached with all my soul, strength, mind and heart against the Baptists.

We were concluding a notable protracted meeting, which had resulted in some 64 conversions in eight days. They wanted to continue, but I said:

"No, I am to preach the annual sermon to a Baptist convention and there needs to be preached a sermon against the Baptists. The opportunity and the conviction are mine, and I must deliver my soul. Our people are superior to any outside critic that will arise, and can silence or ignore him. It is needful that one rise from their inner circle and point them away from current faults to a more excellent way."

The church was half full of preachers, and the flower of our denomination in the state filled every space in sight of the pulpit, within and without the church building. A look of half-amused, slightly pained, and very incredulous amazement came over their faces as I announced that the annual sermon would be: "A sermon against the Baptists." I came across the notes of it today. Maybe they will interest or admonish my readers a bit.

As the Jews were the peculiar people of the ancient Scriptures, so the Baptists are Gods peculiar people of the New Testament Scriptures. We have no original doctrines, and I should be as contemptuous of a doctrine invented by the Baptists as of one pronounced by the Pope ex-cathedra. We as the Jews have as our only reason and goal of existence absolute fidelity, to our Scriptures, but my present quarrel with the Baptists is that, in so many cases, they don't love, obey or respect the Scriptures. Like the Jew, they spend all their energy boasting of their call and fail in exactly the thing whereunto God called them. Let's see if that is so.

1. You see it when the Bible is read. Baptists pay attention to good singing, good preaching, announcements and motions and disputes. But this very night when I announced I would read the Word of God, it was a general signal for inattention. Some of the messengers began to caucus over convention business, a (Continued on page four)

Power Of The Spirit

Mr. Spurgeon once preached what in his judgment was one of his poorest sermons. He stammered and floundered, and when he got through felt that it had been a complete failure. He was greatly humiliated, and when he got home he fell on his knees, and said, "Lord, God, Thou canst do something with nothing. Bless that poor sermon." And all thru the week he would utter that prayer. He would wake up in the night and pray about it. He determined that the next Sunday (Continued on page four)

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In our shop we are in need of another good printer — a combination linotype and floor man.

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We have reprinted two, forty page booklets which are immediately available to our readers.

They are:

The Bible Doctrine Of Election

A Frank Exposure Of Masonry The first was written by Eld. C. D. Cole of Mortons Gap, Ky. and the second was prepared by your editor in answer to Bro. Ben Bogard of Little Rock, Arkansas, who said I was ignorant of Masonry.

You may procure this booklet on Masonry by writing to The Christian Cynosure, 850 W. Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois.

As for the one on Election, write to Elder C. D. Cole, Mortons Gap, Kentucky, for a generous supply. They are free, but don't forget to include postage.

At the same time you should get a copy of the editor's booklet on "The Security Of The Saved." These small books will be a blessing to you and you in turn can thereby be a blessing to your friends.

A PRESSING NEED

It is now time to buy another ton of newspaper upon which to print the Baptist Examiner. A ton lasts us about 9 weeks and costs a little better than \$90.00. This purchase of paper is doubtlessly the biggest burden we have.

Perhaps some servant of the Lord has some of His money and may feel disposed to meet our needs now by such a purchase. Or your gift of \$10.00 will approximately take care of this item for one week.

May He lead you and if you are directed to send such a gift to us, it will be thankfully received.

BOOK REVIEWS

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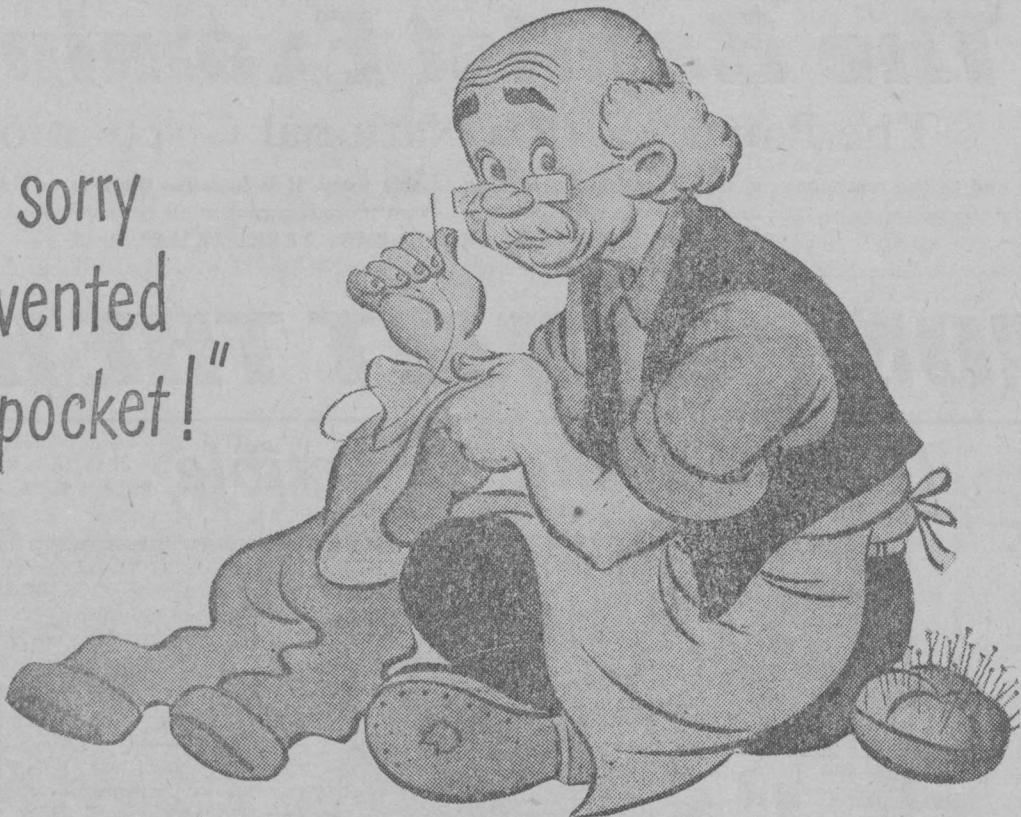
SONGBIRD OF THE SIERRAS

Basil Miller

178 pages, price \$1.25

This story is an interesting, exciting one which grips your interest from the first. It tells of a talented young girl, Sunny, whose life was diverted from

"I'm sorry
I invented
the pocket!"



"If I had known what a lot of Baptists were going to do with their money, I'm sure I would never have invented the pocket."

Yes it is a shame what a lot of Baptists do with their money!

God demands at least a tithe of ones income.

"Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation. Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."—Mal. 3:8-10.

"Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the

law, judgment, mercy, and faith: These ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone."—Matthew 23:23.

Lots of Baptists are making more money than ever before in life. Farmers have bank accounts who never thought of such a few years ago. Tobacco crops are bringing high prices. Men and women are working in war plants at enormously high wages. There is more money in circulation today than in the history of this generation.

What are you doing with the money you have? Are you tithing? Is a good share of it going to church? Are you giving according to your means or your meanness? Are you honoring God or thinking only of self?

When you go to church, don't forget to take your money with you and leave a liberal portion there! Also don't forget that The Baptist Examiner could use a liberal contribution just now for God's own glory!

one of night-clubbing to one of rich Christian service by the message of the gospel. Dr. Quentin Desmond, who has devoted his life to helping cure the wounds of the world comes to realize that he has missed The Way in shutting God out of his life. He accepts, Christ as his Savior and he and Sunny together find a life of love and happiness and service. This intriguing story will be of interest to both young and old and is well worth reading.

RENDEZVOUS WITH VICTORY

Ella M. Noller

184 pages price \$1.25.

This is a romantic yet timely novel, with its plot built around episodes of the present war. Dr. Thor Ivorsen and Nurse Loonna are working at the same hospital. Complications arise when Dr. Thor is led to believe, through a diagnosis of a false friend, that he has an incurable brain tumor. He goes away, feeling he must lose himself from his friends, to await the end. He is reunited with Nurse Loonna in the Philippines as they each minister to the physical and mental suffering of our soldiers. They find happiness and redemption in Christ, and point many sad and suffering soldiers to the Savior of the world. This story will hold your interest and will be an inspiration to greater service to all who read it.

ABUNDANTLY ABOVE

Harold Lindsell

150 pages, price \$1.25.

This, the first Christian novel by Dr. Lindsell, is a good and interesting one with an active, fast moving plot. It will have a

special appeal to young men and women of college age as it is the story of Mark Brandon and his life on a College Campus. The author shows an unusual knowledge of the struggles, desires, ambitions and temptations with which young college students meet. How Mark was victorious over these temptations, and how Gail Andrews, daughter of the Dean, and a Christian girl, comes into his life to play an important role, makes a story you will not want to miss reading.

SOUNDING BRASS

A. C. Wyckoff

160 pages, price \$1.25.

This story so ably and forcibly shows that what individuals need today is not reformation but regeneration. Ward Ellman, weak and wayward, made several attempts to reform and to desire the better things of life, but the lure of worldly pleasures would always draw him from his good intentions. Ashamed of his weakness and failures before his friends, he leaves his home town to sink deeper and deeper in sin. Racine Lawton, a school chum, finds him, nurses him back to physical health. Together with

Scotty, a mutual friend, they point him to the Christ as Savior. Ward's winning of Racy's love gives this story a romantic note, and altogether it is interesting as well as a spiritual help.

HARVEST OF HEARTS

John Van De Water

62 pages, price 75 cents.

This book pictures the kind of work that is being done in the Fulton Street Mission at Grand Rapids, Michigan. The author who is the city missionary of the Christian Reformed Churches of this city relates some of his experiences with the people with whom he has been laboring. This book is written for the purpose of arousing the interest in mission work and to direct the Christian to a greater need of such work.

People who are engaged in mission work will be benefited and encouraged by reading this book.

MOON OVER WILLOW RUN

Dan E. L. Patch

175 pages, price \$1.25, cloth binding.

When Thryilla MacIntyre left

AN OPINION

William Lyon Phelps of Yale University—called the most beloved professor in America—has on more than one occasion stated: "I thoroughly believe in a university education for both men and women, but I believe a knowledge of the Bible without a college course is more valuable than a college course without the Bible."—Selected

her parents' missionary outpost on the Burma-Chinese border in far-away India and came to America for the first time, it was a new experience. Facing the uncertainty of the future, she wondered what opportunity this new land might offer her. The author paints a vivid picture of scenic beauty as she travels eastward to the college where she is to complete her training before returning as a missionary to India. The outbreak of the war alters her plans but she continues her missionary work among her associates and wherever she goes.

This is truly a wonderful Christian novel, highly entertaining, interwoven with love, yet bringing out a wonderful Christian message.

NEST AMONG THE STARS

Louise Harrison McCraw

230 pages, price \$1.25.

This is a story which will have a special appeal to all lovers of Christian fiction, written by one who has established a reputation for herself in *Shining After Rain, Blue Skies and Hearts That Understand*. This modern-day story centers itself around the lives of John Claiborne, an author and editor who was using his talents in the work of his Savior, Don Elison, a young lawyer, Miriam Elliot, Mr. Claiborne's secretary, and beautiful and accomplished Dortha Norton. The authoress weaves a most intriguing love story involving all the characters. There are blinding things and disillusionment, yet there are portrayed two strong Christian characters in the lives of Dr. Claiborne and Miss Elliott. The consummation of their love makes a happy ending to a rich spiritual message.

BLUE SKIES

Louise Harrison McCraw

262 pages. \$1.25.

This is another story by the gifted authoress who wrote *Nest Among The Stars*. This is a beautiful story destined to help correct the existing relations between Jews and Gentiles. It is a story that will encourage earnest Christians to seek to make known the Gospel to those from whom it first came and who are largely ignorant of it today. The love of God which does not discriminate between Jew and Gentile, can alone solve Jewish-Gentile relations. How Aaron Ruthenburg, a Jew, wins the love of beautiful Edith St. Clair, and their portrayal of courage and strong Christian character make a story that will appeal to every reader of Christian fiction, and will be an inspiration for greater Christian service.

YEAR TO LIVE

Dorothy Richards Bryant

176 pages, price \$1.00.

Lovely young Betty Lane thought she had only one year to live. How should she plan her life with only twelve months on this earth? This was the problem which confronted her, an attractive young lady of twenty-one years. How she found the courage to face a future so dark, and how she was determined to make these few months count in service for her Saviour make a heart-gripping story and one that will command your attention and interest. How she helps to win young Dr. Fielding to Christ, their love for each other, and her discovery that she has many happy years yet to live according to the providence of God, make a happy ending to this intriguing, attractive romance.

**"WHY DOES GOD PERMIT
EVIL TO CONTINUE"**

(Continued from page one)

"And Pharaoh said, Who is the Lord, that I should obey his voice to let Israel go? I know not the Lord, neither will I let Israel go." — Ex. 5:2.

Israel was compelled to build Pithom and Rameses and other store cities of Egypt, part of the time being compelled to gather the material out of which they made the brick; and at the same time, being required to produce the usual number of brick each day. The cruel whip of the Egyptian task-master unmercifully cut the flesh of these Israelitish slaves for about four centuries. Thus Pharaoh, as king of the Egyptians, in all of his evil, triumphed, while Israel, many of whom in truth and reality, loved the Lord, suffered at the hands of these base-born Egyptians.

This was likewise true in the days of David. He looked upon the wicked, and saw that they prospered while at the same time he saw that the righteous oft times languished. He even went so far as you think that in all probability it was vain that he and other of God's people were living for the Lord. As David observed the wicked and the evil prospering, while the good and the righteous languished, he said:

"For I was envious at the foolish, when I saw the prosperity of the wicked. For there are no bands in their death: but their strength is firm. They are not in trouble as other men; neither are they plagued like other men. Therefore pride compasseth them about as a chain; violence covereth them as a garment. Their eyes stand out with fatness: they have more than heart could wish. They are corrupt, and speak wickedly concerning oppression: they speak loftily. They set their mouth against the heavens, and their tongue walketh through the earth. Therefore his people return hither: and waters of a full cup are wrung out to them. . . . Verily I have cleansed my heart in vain, and washed my hands in innocency." — Ps. 73:3-10, 13.

That which was true in the days of David, was likewise true in the days of Jeremiah. All of us remember how Jeremiah wept over the sins of his people. Evidently there was plenty of sin in his day, and the strange thing was that those who sinned seemed to prosper more than those who abstained therefrom. Hear his plaintive wail and complaint:

"Righteous art thou, O Lord, when I plead with thee: yet let me talk with thee of thy judgments: Wherefore doth the way of the wicked prosper? wherefore are all they happy that deal very treacherously?" — Jer. 12:1.

Even in the days of Jesus, evil triumphed. Consider especially Jesus' birth. At that time Herod, a blood-thirsty monarch, was on the throne. He had even killed a number of his own children so that in Jerusalem there was a proverb which said: "It is safer to be Herod's swine than his son." Well, this blood-thirsty monarch killed all the babes in Bethlehem two years and under in an effort to kill the baby Jesus. Thus this evil-minded beast of a king triumphed and little innocent babes, never having done right nor wrong, perished.

Not only was this true in the time of Jesus' birth, it was also true of Jesus Himself. He went about doing good. He never did evil to anyone. He never sought revenge of those who did evil to Him. In His entire thirty-three years of life on earth, he never sinned, — no, not even once. Lis-

What My Faith Means To Me

Life is a ship on a moonlit sea
With sails all set for eternity!
The Captain knows his ship right well;
Of many a ship-wreck he could tell.
Of storms at sea in the dead of night
When nature won in the tragic fight,
And souls were lost as the ship went down,
While the sad news flashed from town to town.

But this Captain never has lost a ship!
He has weathered storms with stern-set lip,
He has sailed the seas throughout the years,
He has stilled the winds that each sailor fears
By a word of command. It isn't odd,
For He is Christ, the Son of God!

With faith in a Captain such as He,
Who knows each path of the restless sea,
Who charted the ship upon which I sail,
How could I think that He would fail
To reach that port that I long to see,
Where those I love, are waiting for me!

What, you ask, does my faith mean to me?
Ah! It means all the world, and eternity!

—IDA B. BOTTS

ten:

"For he hath made him, who knew no sin, to be sin for us; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him." — 2 Cor. 5:21.

"Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot." — I Pet. 1:18, 19.

Instead, He went about healing the sick and ministering to those who were oppressed. He opened the eyes of the blind; He fed the hungry. He comforted those who mourned. He raised the dead to life. In fact, He was goodness incarnated. In view of both His negative and positive goodness, one would expect Him to be revered. It would seem that such a benefactor of society would be loved by all mankind. But not so. Instead, they called Him a devil, and they spit in His face. For three years His enemies sought to kill Him, and finally, they took Him to Calvary and slew Him. Therefore, it can be seen that even in the experience of Jesus, evil triumphed while goodness faltered.

Even after Jesus had ascended back to the Father, He sent His disciples out to preach. He told His disciples that they were to witness to those who had murdered Him and that they were to preach, telling these murderers that Jesus had come to save them. Yet, this had no more effect upon them than Jesus's own ministry. Instead, they murdered His followers until at least fifty million of them died as martyrs to the cause of Christ. Hence, it appears that through all ages of the past,

while evil has triumphed, it has been at the expense of goodness and righteousness.

II

IT IS STILL TRUE THAT EVIL TRIUMPHS WHILE RIGHTEOUSNESS AND GOODNESS LANGUISES. Not only has this been true in the ages gone by, it is still true today.

This is true among the nations of the world. Glancing backward across the international tragedies of the last few years, and one is amazed in view of the fact that apparently evil has triumphed continually among the nations of the world.

A few years ago Mussolini ran rough-shod over the little nation of Ethiopia, which, in itself, was an international crime. When one of Mussolini's near kin visited in the United States afterward, he described with much glee and joy swooping down in airplanes over those natives of Ethiopia who were armed only with spears and crude native weapons, and of the helplessness of this group when machine gun fire was turned upon them. This is nothing short of an international crime.

Look at Russia with her diabolical government. Hitler, Tojo, and Mussolini, Satan controlled as they are, cannot begin to compare with Stalin, for he and the leaders of Russia are surely inspired of Satan. Christians by the multiplied thousands have been killed while churches have been destroyed. If there is any spot in the world tonight where the devil reigns supreme, it is in Russia. One could never think of the destruction of churches and the killing of Christians without realizing that it is still true that evil prospers at the expense of righteousness.

Or consider Germany to not

the triumph of evil. It was considered a moral outrage when Austria was annexed, but that was a mere trifle in comparison to the brutality, rape, ravage, theft, and plunder of the weaker nations of Europe, including Greece, Poland, Normandy, Belgium and France.

Or look at Japan how that they have been successful in the Orient. In China there are four hundred million people who have only one request — namely, that they be left alone. Yet they have been mistreated and brutally abused by the Japs for several years. One would never be able to think of Italy, Russia, Germany and Japan apart from realizing that evil still triumphs among the nations of the world.

Even in the business world it is still true that evil triumphs. I am ready to grant that there are some honest business men. Yet, they are very few. The majority are dishonest and devoid of conscience. Apparently those who are the least scrupulous prosper more than those who attempt to live in the light of God's Word. Seemingly, the more dishonest the business may be, the more it triumphs and prospers in this world.

Surely in the religious world it is true that evil triumphs while righteousness and goodness languish. As an example, consider Catholicism. It certainly was founded, has been controlled, and is still domineered over by the devil. It is Satan's masterpiece of religious deception. About 99 per cent of it is error and 1 per cent truth. In truth we can apply the words of Paul to this monstrosity, Satanical, deceptive, counterfeit of religion:

"O full of all subtilty and all mischief thou child of the devil, thou enemy of all righteousness,

wilt thou not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord?" — Acts 13:10.

Though this is true, Catholicism has the patronage of the world. Even this is true in the movies. I don't go to them, but as a boy I used to. If a part in a movie required a preacher, a Catholic priest was always used for a position of honor; and if the producer wished to put a preacher in an embarrassing awkward position, or in a comedy, he always used a Protestant preacher. Thus, while Catholicism is devoid of spiritual truth, it has the complete and sure support of the world. Evil is thus triumphing religiously.

The same is true of Christian Science, Russellism, and many of the false cults. In fact, the less truth and the more error, the more popular the religion is.

This is also true in the moral realm. Beer parlors, saloons, road houses, and dens of iniquity prosper while the cause of temperance has failed and failed completely. This is enough to indicate that while righteousness languishes, evil prospers.

III

THERE IS NO HOPE THAT CONDITIONS WILL EVER BE CHANGED. While it has been true in the past and is still true in the present that evil triumphs while righteousness languishes, there is not one hope that conditions will ever be changed one bit. Even the Lord Jesus prophesied that conditions would thus become worse and worse. He said:

"For whosoever the carcass is, there will the eagles be gathered together." — Matt. 24:28.

The word for "eagle" is the word "buzzard." Whenever you see an old buzzard floating around in the air, you know there is something dead. In this passage Jesus says that when He comes back to this earth society will be in a rotting, putrifying condition. He also said:

"But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark." Matt. 24:37, 38.

By these verses, He declared that human nature would never be improved. Human nature will continue until He comes just as it was since the days of Noah. There is positively no hope that conditions will ever be any better.

That which Jesus preached, was also taught by the Apostle Paul, for he said:

"This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good. Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God: having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away. But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived." — 2 Tim. 3:1-5, 13.

While it is true that through the past evil has prospered, and while this is still true today, we have no hope that conditions will ever be one whit better, for in the light of the Scriptures we are led to believe that evil will always triumph within this world.

IV

WHY THEN DOES GOD PERMIT EVIL TO CONTINUE? In view of what I have said, why does God permit these conditions (Continued on page four)

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to go on? If He is all powerful, He has the power to stop these iniquitous and evil practices. He has the power to regulate and control sin. He has the ability to counteract evil and to cause righteousness to prosper. Yet He permits evil to seemingly triumph. There must be a reason for His actions.

There is a reason, and that reason is that **THERE IS A RECKONING DAY COMING.** Some day God is going to reckon with this world. He merely allows evil to continue until that day. Listen:

"Rejoice, O young man, in thy youth; and let thy heart cheer thee in the ways of thine heart, and in the sight of thine eyes: but know thou, that for all these things God will bring thee into judgment." — Eccl. 11:9.

Literally, this text says: "Go on, young man, and sow your wild oats; go on, young woman, and plant your crop of sour grapes; but just remember that there is a judgment day coming." Other Scriptures declare the same truth:

"For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil." — Eccl. 12:14.

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

"The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished." — 2 Pet. 2:9.

"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 for the dead." — Acts 17:30,31.

In this last verse God declares that now He is winking at sin—that he is just passing it by because there is a day coming in the which He is going to judge the world.

We can see that God permits these evil conditions to go on in view of the fact that some day He is going to reckon with the world.

It seemed that Cain in killing Abel, triumphed for the time being. Yet, in a little while he was brought to justice and was driven out as a fugitive and vagabond upon the earth. In lamenting his lot, Cain said: "My punishment is greater than I can bear." (Gen. 4:13).

Though the children of Israel suffered in Egypt for years, at the end of four centuries God delivered them at the Red Sea and destroyed Pharaoh with his four hundred armed chariots and his host of fighting men. Seemingly Egypt was unchecked for these four hundred years, yet eventually God settled with that nation.

Though it appeared to David that evil prospered continually and that it was perhaps vain to serve the Lord, ultimately he realized that he was wrong, for he said:

"Surely thou didst set them in slippery places: thou castedst them down into destruction. How are they brought into desolation, as in a moment they are utterly consumed with terrors." — Ps. 73:18,19.

"For evildoers shall be cut off: but those that wait upon the Lord, they shall inherit the earth. For yet a little while, and the wicked shall not be: yea, thou shalt diligently consider his place,

and it shall not be. But the transgressors shall be destroyed together: the end of the wicked shall be cut off." — Ps. 37:9,10,38.

On that night long ago when the city of Babylon was besieged by the Chaldean army, while the besiegers stormed the city, Belshazzar feasted with his lords, nobles, and concubines. What a feast it was. The tables groaned beneath their weight of food. Hired Oriental dancers weaved in and out among the tables. Jest and repartee passed backward and forth across the tables. The ceiling of the room where this banquet was held was made to imitate the star fretted sky of the night. The walls were panelled and filled with nude and suggestive forms which spoke of license and liberty. Over the Mosaic marble floor, dancing girls, for the purpose of inciting lust, moved gracefully about. In their drunken revelry, they even debauched the communion service which had been taken from the temple at Jerusalem. As Belshazzar was drinking a toast to his comrades, a sleeveless hand wrote on the plaster of the wall of the king's palace, and in that night judgment fell upon that nation to the extent that Belshazzar himself was slain, and the kingdom passed into the hands of another nation.

Thus it is that this old world will end. While men are feasting and thinking in terms of pleasure, judgment shall become a reality. Thus while it appeared that Cain prospered for a time; while it looked as though the Egyptians were prospering with three million Jewish slaves; and while it would appear that Belshazzar was prospering greatly yet in the end there came a judgment for each of these. While today it appears that evil triumphs, just remember that there is a judgment day coming, and that at that time evil will be reckoned with. Though God may tarry long, and may permit evil to seemingly prosper now, eventually judgment must fall.

In closing, may I remind you that the only way you can be ready for the judgment is to be sheltered by the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. He is the sinner's friend, — He is our only hope. Listen:

"In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins." — Col. 1:14.

"And the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin." — 1 John 1:7.

May the Lord open your heart and help you to realize that there is peace and safety in His blood!

A SERMON AGAINST THE BAPTISTS

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miserable habit of many preachers. And it would be hard to find a more disrespectful people toward the Bible than we are. You are far more courteous to me than you are toward God. You listen well to my word, and poorly to the Word of God. In the place of our glory we have come upon a day of shame.

2. You see Baptist disrespect of the Bible in that so many in the Bible school never open a Bible, but teach men's quarterlies and the Bible is as tightly closed as it is on a Catholic altar.

3. The average Baptist shows fine zeal for obedience to the Bible that he himself has already performed, and a great apathy, or open antagonism, to the same divine authority in its commands that he finds irksome. He is strong on baptism and weak on the fruits of the Spirit. He will argue Close Communion and be

closer still in the use of his money for Christ. He is hard on dancing and easy on lying and slander. He is the foe of the heretic, and the prey of the demagog who leads him whither he will by the halter of his own shibboleths. How dare we choose between God's commands, leaving our obedience all in the past and despising the weighty obligations of the imperative NOW? Today if ye hear His voice harden not your hearts. Why provoke God against you? Many a Jew thought himself immune from the responsibilities of his religion because he was a Jew. And there are Baptists who have just that badly missed the whole meaning of life under the Baptist name.

4. Our Baptist people show this indifference to the Bible by not helping to print Bibles. All the Bibles we get come from the American Bible Society, and because of a forgotten controversy Baptists have no official part in its work. We let the other denominations pay for the Bibles we use. Isn't that disgraceful?

5. Another symptom is the little time given to Bible reading and the few who have read the Bible through. (Tests made of audience).

6. Erroneous citation (Examples of "Chimney Corner Scripture.")

7. Another symptom of Baptist indifference to the Bible is the small value they give to its educational potency. It makes diction, clarifies thinking, elevates thought, steadies and directs purpose, forms and guards character, and Macauley said the best way to learn a foreign language is by reading the Scriptures in it. These tremendous educational assets are despised by the average Baptist. He cares nothing for them.

8. We do not make the Bible the basis of home instruction of our children. Moses commanded that it be the theme as father and son walked in the field, or lay on the bed at night or sat in the repose of domestic circles. We are suffering a terrible loss of the children of Baptists. How terrible a loss to the loser! A San Paulo paper says over 80 per cent. of the children of believers in that state do not become believers. Our figures are better than that, I am sure but they are serious. We do not make much use of the catechism. The only alternative is Bible drill in the home.

9. Laymen complain to me every where I go that the preachers neither study nor preach the Bible. They are too busy with administrative cares. What are deacons for? Far better have no deacons, than to have some who will not carry the pastor's burdens. The deacon is the pastor's assistant and any deacon who does not so regard himself and his mission is a misonner. He ought to resign. So will we have a fine body of lay administrators of the Lord's business, and His called preachers may give themselves to prayer and the ministry of the Word.

10. Neglect of opportunities of study (night Bible classes, teacher training, Bible institutes.)

11. We have preachers who live their lives under the shadow of a theological seminary or a Bible school. But they do not attend the classes and never make any systematic study of the Bible for themselves. They feel it would lower their dignity to take their places along by the side of young preachers and assume the attitude of learners. This pride wars against their own souls, and dooms their min-

istry to shallowness.

12. So many Baptists are rebels against God for the simple reason that they make such large portions of the mandatory Scriptures a dead letter by regarding them as impractical and not even seriously trying to carry them out.

Take the troubling of churches by personal issues for example. Every Baptist moderator ought to rule all that out of order. The by-laws of a Baptist church on that subject are in Matt. 18, and no man has a right to the floor to air a personal grievance until he has taken the steps Christ commanded. If our churches would take Christ seriously there, they would avoid 75 per cent of their present dissensions.

Finally, take for example our tolerance of slanderous rumors against our brethren. James classes the bridling of the tongue as one of the main distinctions between true religion and vain religion. But alas! The tongue of many Baptists would win the prize at a Western rodeo. They were never bridled.

A preacher came to me recently with a rumor of outrageous slander against our mutual friend and brother. I asked for proof. He seemed hurt that I should not accept at once his unsupported word in the echo of slanderous rumor. "But, brother," I said, "the Bible forbids what you are doing. Paul definitely forbids receiving accusation against an elder except on the testimony of two or three witnesses. Where are your witnesses to sustain this vile charge?" He looked at me with a scornful air of superiority and said:

"Huh! You don't expect anybody to obey that, do you?" Well I certainly do. I expect you, gentle reader, to obey it and that you and I shall help start a tradition among Baptists to destroy this work of the devil, for is he not "the accuser of our brethren?"

Nothing brought over from the Old Testament to the New receives more emphasis than this simple principle of justice — no accusation against a man except on the testimony of two witnesses. Jesus repeats it. Paul repeatedly repeats it. It underlies the whole fraternal spirit of the New Testament.

Moses said, "one witness shall not rise up against a man for any iniquity or for any sin that he sinneth, at the mouth of two witnesses shall the matter be established." — Dent. 19:15.

But you say, "What shall I do, just let a man go on in the church when I know he is guilty?" By all means, yes, if you are the only witness to his guilt. That is precisely what Jesus did with Judas. Give the sinner time. He will, like Judas, go to his own place. Soon there will be two witnesses. (I may say, that if his sin threatens the well being of a victim, be that victim an individual or a society, then the principle of the "watchman" proclaimed by Ezekiel comes into play. The two principles operate on different planes and are not contradictory).

A moment's thought would convince any one of the divine justice of this command. Suppose I rise up to accuse you. You have as much right to be heard as I. Your word weighs as much as mine. They balance. No decision is possible. The accusation can neither be proven nor disproven. It had better never have been made. God prohibits it.

So in a sentence the Bible

would end all Baptist gossip and slander and hear-say evidence and would put out of business a number of lying demagog Baptist papers and would end the whole demagog business at one divine blow.

And if we will not take the Bible seriously on so vital a matter, essential to the well-being of church and state and home and personal peace of mind, then let us lower our standard and no more say we are the peculiar people of the New Testament.

What are the remedies?

1. Repent. That means to change your mind. Revise your whole mental outlook on the Bible and its place in your life.

2. Begin today to teach it in your home.

3. Expository preaching. Let's quit making sermons and then seeking a text for an excuse or point of departure. Let the Word have a hearing.

Did my sermon bear fruit? The finest ever, some of it in the life of the preacher himself.

THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT

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he would redeem himself by preaching a great sermon. Sure enough, the next Sunday the sermon went off beautifully. At the close, the people crowded about him and covered him with praise. Spurgeon went home pleased with himself, and that night he slept like a baby. But he said to himself, "I'll watch the results of those two sermons." What were they? From the one that had seemed a failure he was able to trace forty-one conversions. And from that magnificent sermon he was unable to discover that a single soul was saved. Spurgeon's explanation was that the Spirit of God used the one and did not use the other. We can do nothing without the Spirit who helpeth our infirmities.

UNBELIEVABLE TESTIMONY

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the kitchen the first time." He went in with his visitors, told them of his stand and began to pray in their presence. All knelt with him without hesitation and three then and there accepted Christ.

Judge McClellan of the U. S. Supreme Court never thereafter doubted the reality of the experience of salvation, nor did he ever hesitate to show his colors for Christ wherever he was.

"For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of them whose hearts are perfect toward him. Herein thou hast done foolishly: Therefore from henceforth thou shalt have wars." — 2 Chron. 16:9.

Wouldn't you like to pray an earnest prayer the day before you die? Since you don't know when you are going to die, you had better pray every day.

WHERE WAS GOD?

A father received word that his son, a brilliant lad, had been killed in a railway accident. Turning to his minister, he cried in desperation, "Tell me, sir, where was God when my son was killed?" In that tense moment, guidance was given to the pastor. "My friend," he said, "God was just where He was when His own Son was killed."
