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

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Catholic--Protestant Marriages

Yielding To Temptation. . . .



Protestants would be insensitive indeed if they did not resent with all the force of righteous indignation the insolent, not to say insulting, attitude of the Roman Catholic Church to the effect that Protestant marriages are immoral and Protestant children are illegitimate. Naturally that hierarchy would scarcely dare to assert its position in so many words but there is no possible escape from the logic of its official utterances and practice before our eyes today. It is a wonderful testimony to the patience and tolerance of the American people that we have remained so silent under the imputation which stigmatizes the sanctity of our marriages and questions the legitimacy of our children.

Since nothing could be fairer than to allow the Catholic Church to interpret its own attitude to non-Catholic marriages, we will listen to her voice and see the inevitable conclusion she leaves for us to draw.

It is well known that the basic law of the Roman Church on the marriage question, as well as many others, is the Council of Trent. On page 313 of the Catechisms of the Council of Trent we read: "Without the presence of the priest or some priest commissioned by him, there can be no valid marriage. Those who attempt to contract marriage otherwise than with the parish priest, the holy Synod renders them incapable of contracting and declares such contracts null and void."

In the Manual of Christian Doctrine of the Catholic Church, page 498, we find: "A marriage performed between two Catholics, or between a Catholic and a non-Catholic, by a civil magistrate, alderman, notary public or Protestant Minister is henceforth null and void."

The Canon Law of Rome, page 422, goes so far as to declare marriages contracted otherwise than prescribed by the Catholic Church as "Legalized Concubinage."

Pope Leo XIII, who died as late as July 20, 1903, in his Great Encyclical Letters, page 18, uses (Continued on page four)

A Man Of God

"Thoroughly furnished unto all good works"

2 Timothy 3:17

Amazing thought! That man, once sinful and corrupt, Who "from the beginning" Self-will's pathway trod, Loving the devious ways of sin; could be brought back, Transformed by grace, and be called a man of God!

Yet such is the wonder of God's marvelous love, Imputing all the righteousness of His own Son; Cleansing; renewing; instructing by His Holy Spirit, Until at last, Behold, a trophy grace has won!

A man "of God's own heart", who seeks to speak His Truth; A man whose power in prayer brings blessings down. A man whose godliness is shown in daily life; Who counts "reproach for Christ" greater than world renown.

A man whose once proud heart has learned obedience Through "fires of affliction," as his Master had before. Whose heart-burden now is for souls of fellow-men, Filled with the love of Christ, from out of His boundless store.

Whose roots are planted by the "Living Waters"; Who knows sweet meditations through many a quiet hour. Who fills his own heart first, at love's crystal fountain, Then bears forth to others in overflowing power.

Whose fruit is manifest, and follows in its season; Known by his patience and consistent, blameless life; Seeking not earth's great ones, but those of low estate, In walk which preaches Christ amidst a world of strife.

A man, e'en in old age, still flourishing and fruitful; A veteran, following the path his Captain trod. Unwavering eyes upon "the prize of His high calling"; Transformed and worthy of the name, "A man of God".

Baptists Hang Heads In Shame In View Freeman's Last Compromise

THE CAT IS OUT OF THE BAG, AND WHAT A CAT IT IS!

I'm not much of an authority on cats. The feline specie of animals has never interested me much. I probably couldn't tell the difference between a Persian and Maltese. However, I do know when one smells.

When I was a poor country boy on a hill farm in Northern Kentucky, I earned my spending money during the winter when I went to school by trapping pole-cats. I know considerably about those that smell.

And this one smells to high heaven! John D. Freeman, editor

DIFFERENCE INSIDE

Let me tell you the story of a girl I knew when I was in London. Her name was Beatrice, and before her conversion she was found three or four nights a week—as often as she could afford it—in the theatres; and after her conversion she turned her back upon it all, and for several (Continued on page two)

of the Western Recorder, appeared on the Asbury College radio program on Sunday, April 22, as guest speaker.

When this news was brought to me, I could not believe it. I realize that John D. Freeman is not the Baptist that I used to (Continued on page four)

-- The First Baptist Pulpit --

"WOULD CHRIST BE CRUCIFIED IF HE WERE TO RETURN TO RUSSELL TODAY?"

"Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven."—Acts 1:11.

When I was, a high school boy living on a farm in Boone County, Kentucky, I became a member of the 4-H Club, and as a project one year, I raised a Poland-China gilt which I showed at the fair at Florence, Kentucky, in the

early part of September. I shall never the morning I took this pig to the fair. Of course, that was in the days before automobiles and trucks were as numerous and plentiful as they are today, and I drove in a spring wagon the ten miles from my home to the fair, leaving home at two o'clock in the morning. I truly believe that it was the darkest night that I can remember in all my life. Not a star could be seen and not

a ray of light pierced through the darkness of that night. Late in the night, or perhaps I should say, early in the morning, there appeared a brilliant star in the eastern sky. Possibly if the stars had all been shining throughout the night, it would not have appeared so beautiful, yet in view of the dense darkness of the night, when this one star did appear, it was a most beautiful (Continued on page two)

Further Evidence Of Duplicity Of Frank Norris And His Reply To Us

NORRIS REPLIES TO THE BAPTIST EXAMINER

THE BAPTIST EXAMINER of April 21, 1945, carried an extensive and informative article as to the settlement of the libel suit brought by Elder R. E. White, against J. Frank Norris. Although

Mr. Norris secures The BAPTIST EXAMINER by way of an exchange, I sent him a special copy of this particular issue as soon as it was printed.

Of recent date we have a reply from him headed by these words:

"Envy is a very seductive as well as destructive sin."

To be sure, this statement from Mr. Norris is very true, and yet, lest Mr. Norris' ego might permit him to think that I'm envious of him, I want to state at once that THERE ISN'T ONE THING ABOUT J. FRANK NORRIS PERSONALLY, HIS COURT (Continued on page four)

A. CAMPBELL SPEAKS

"From the Apostolic age to the present time, the sentiments of the Baptists and their practice of baptism have had a continued chain of advocates and public monuments of their existence in every age can be produced." (Campbell and McCalley debate, p. 378). "There is nothing more (Continued on page four)

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OUR THANKS TO BRO. BOGARD FOR THIS NEW "SUB."

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

I have read one copy of your paper and it has the right "ring" on Bible doctrines, which are Baptist doctrines.

I have read after Bro. Bogard of the Orthodox Baptist Searchlight for over 40 years, but I can't swallow his Masonry.

I learned of your paper through his "write up" on Masonry in view of what he said of your paper.

If Masonry is all Bro Ben says it is, then I don't see why Jesus Christ ever built His church.

Yours in Christ,
J. W. CHANDLER,
Johnson City, Tenn.

WHY HE LAID HANDS ON HIM

A little girl about eight years of age, says the Pacific Christian Advocate, witnessing the ceremony of ordination at one of our recent conference sessions, was much impressed and after the service, asked her mother what it meant. "What do you think it meant?" the mother inquired. "I don't know," was the answer, "unless the bishop was feeling of their heads to see if they had any brains before he sent them out to preach."—Clipped.

"We have been subscribing to THE BAPTIST EXAMINER for six years. We still enjoy the 'food' for our souls and the 'light' for our everyday living. Am very glad others express themselves as receiving such blessings from it"—Mr. and Mrs. William Bell, Elberton, Virginia.

"I thank you for you paper for the last two years. It has been a great help to me. It has a wonderful message from God's Bible"—Elder James F. Hall, Ashland, Kentucky.

WHEN PATRICK HENRY DEFENDED THREE BAPTIST PREACHERS

The following article is taken from "The Life of Thomas Jefferson", by James Parton. It shows that attempted efforts to persecute Ministers of the Gospel, even in this part of the world have been made.

"If I have rightly understood," said Patrick Henry, "the King's attorney has framed an indictment for the purpose of arraigning and punishing by imprisonment, three inoffensive persons before the bar of this court, for a crime of great magnitude, as

disturbers of the peace.

"May it please the court, what did I hear read? Did I hear it distinctly, or was it a mistake of my own? Preaching the Gospel of the Son of God?"

Amid a silence that could be felt, Patrick Henry waived the indictment three times around his head and exclaimed, "Great God!" At this point the audience relieved their feelings by a burst of sighs and tears.

The orator continued, "May it please your worship, in a day like this, when truth is about to burst her fetters; when mankind are about to be aroused to claim their natural and inalienable rights, when the yoke of oppression that has reached the wilderness of America, and the unnatural alliance of ecclesiastical and civil power is about to be disavowed—at such a period when liberty—liberty of conscience, is about to awake from her slumbering, and inquire into the reason of such changes as I find exhibited here today in this indictment." . . . Here another of his appalling pauses—"If I am not deceived, according to the contents of the paper I now hold in my hand, these are accused of preaching the Gospel of the Son of God!"

He waved the document three times around his head, as though still lost in wonder, and then with the same electric attitude of appeal to Heaven he gasped, "Great God!" This was followed by another burst of feeling from the spectators and against this, the master of effect plunged into the tide of his discourse.

"May it please your worship, there are periods in the history of man, when corruption and depravity have so long debased the human character, that man sinks under the weight of the oppressor's hand, becomes his servant and abject slave—but may it please your worships, such a day has passed.

"From that period when our fathers left the land of their nativity for these American wilds, from the moment they placed their feet upon the American continent, from that moment despotism was crushed; the fetters of darkness were broken and Heaven decreed that man should be free—free to worship God according to the Bible. But may it please your worship, permit me to inquire once more, for what these men are about to be tried? This paper says, 'For preaching the Gospel of the Son of God, and the Saviour to Adam's fallen race!'"

Again Patrick Henry paused for the third time, slowly waved the indictment around his head, and then turning to the judges, looking them full in the face, exclaimed with the most impressive effect, "What laws have they violated?"

The whole assembly was now painfully moved and excited. A Judge ended the scene by saying, "Sheriff, discharge these men."—From "The Western Voice."

IF JESUS WERE TO COME TO RUSSELL WOULD HE BE CRUCIFIED TODAY?

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sight. This was the morning star, and as such, was the herald of the dawning day. It was therefore, a sign that the night was about to come to an end and that day was about to dawn.

The Lord Jesus Christ is the morning star. He referred to Himself as such. Listen:

"I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and

the bright and morning star."—Rev. 22:16.

This night of blackness and rebellion and sin cannot last always. Even though we may be surrounded by spiritual and moral darkness, we have the assurance that the morning star will arise and that the morning will come. May our prayer therefore be: "Oh, Lord Jesus, thou bright and morning star, come — come quickly."

IT IS AN EVIDENT FACT THAT JESUS CHRIST IS COMING BACK TO THIS WORLD SOME DAY. Before He took His departure, He told His disciples that he would return. In the most comforting words that He ever spoke when they were grieved at His going, He said:

"And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself, that where I am, there ye may be also."—John 14:3.

A little later when He had been betrayed by Judas and arrested by His enemies, He spoke of His second coming when on trial. He said:

"Thou hast said; nevertheless I say unto you, Hereafter shall ye see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven."—Matt. 26:64.

After His resurrection, He ascended unto the Father. While the disciples stood looking at Him on Mt. Olivet, He was suddenly taken up from them, being received into the clouds. Then it was that the promise came from heaven as to His return:

"And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus which is taken up from you into heaven shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven."—Acts 1:10, 11.

Every time we observe the Memorial Supper, we have a promise of His coming, for each observance of the Lord's Supper is a silent reminder of His return to this earth. Listen:

"For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come."—I Cor. 11:26.

We do not know the time nor the hour of His return, but the fact remains that Jesus is coming back to this world again. What a blessed truth! And how we do rejoice in the prospect of His return.

II IN VIEW OF HIS RETURN, AND ESPECIALLY IN THE LIGHT OF MY SUBJECT AS TO WHETHER HE WOULD BE CRUCIFIED IF HE WERE TO COME BACK TODAY, TWO THINGS ARE APPARENT.

First of all, it is noticeably obvious that the carnal mind is at enmity against God. To be sure this is nothing new. Throughout the ages it has always been such, and today the carnal mind is definitely opposed to God. Listen:

"Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be."—Rom. 8:7.

Monument To Judas
We have a good illustration of this in the monument that was erected sometime ago—a monument to Judas Iscariot. I quote from the secular press:

"Russian atheists have recently unveiled at Kassar on the Volga, a monument to Judas Iscariot. The monument is the giant figure of a man with his fist raised in threat against heaven. The speaker at the dedicatory service

"HE THAT LIVES BY THE SWORD SHALL DIE BY THE SWORD."



MUSSOLINI . . . DICTATOR

"Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."—Gal. 6:7.

dedicated the monument to the cause of atheism, and stated that the government had at first debated whether it would be a monument of Lucifer, Cain or Judas. It was finally decided in favor of Judas because he had betrayed Christ. The Godless movement organization has founded seminaries, where missionaries of atheism are being trained to professionally represent the movement, first in Russia, and later in foreign lands. This eulogy of and memorial to one of the most despicable and loathsome characters in human history is but another indication of the real

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"I receive seven papers in all, but THE BAPTIST EXAMINER tops them all as spiritual food. I sometimes get the skeleton of three sermons from one of yours"—Elder Roy I. Pedigo, Altus, Oklahoma.

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years seemed to be one hundred per cent for Christ. One day she came to me in great sorrow. She said, "Pastor, I do not know whether I am a Christian or not." I said, "What is the matter?" "Oh," she said, "I have gone back

again into the ways of the world." And I said, "Will you not tell me about it?" And she replied, "You know all my former associates were nice girls, and the other night they came to me and said they were getting up a theatre party and asked me to join them, and I had not the strength to say 'No'; in a moment of weakness I consented—went." I said "I am sorry to hear that, but how did you get on? Did you enjoy yourself?" "Not a bit." "Well just tell me about the experience." She said, "All I know is that I was never more miserable in my life." And I said, "How have you got on since?" "Oh, the misery has continued." (When I was down South I got used to the talk of some of the negroes, and I found they never have a "pain" in their heads; a negro down South will tell you he has got a "misery" in his head—it is always a "misery," not a pain.) Well this girl had a "misery" in her heart, and was as uncomfortable as she could be. I knew her very well, and I said, "Beatrice, let us talk this thing through a little bit. Before you were converted what was your habit?" "Why," she said, "I was often in the theatre." "Why?" She said, "Because I liked it." "You really enjoyed it?" Oh, greatly. Every evening I could possibly manage it, I was there, and had a good time according to that standard." "All right," I said, "now before you were converted you were in the theatre in the company of certain friends, and you enjoyed it. Now after you were converted, last week, you were in the theatre—the same place?" "Yes." "In the same company?" "Yes." "Was everything exactly the same?" "No." "What was the difference?—There was no difference in your outward circumstances; you were in the same place, and in the same company—where was the difference?" "Why," she said, "before I was converted I enjoyed it, and last week I did not enjoy it at all." "Well," I said, "where was the change, outside or inside?" She said "It must have been inside." "Yes," I said, "and Who makes the changed interest?" Instantly her face brightened and she said, "Only God could do that." I said "Certainly, shall we bow down here now and tell Him you are sorry, and let Him blot it out, and will you walk with Him again?" and she did.—Shields.

WHY?

By Sylvanus M. Gillam

A tiny plant was twisted by the storm,
It seemed unfair that it should suffer so,
But when I saw the oak's majestic form,
I knew that only thus the plant could grow.

A piece of ore was thrown into the fire
And melted by the fierce and burning flame,
And why intensest heat did it require?
I knew of when from the fire pure gold it came.

A piece of clay was whirled upon the wheel
It seemed to be the plaything of mere chance,
But when the Potter's hand the clay could feel,
I knew the way to honor and advance.

The loving Master wants to have you reach
The heights there are for character of soul,
And so by pain and hardship does He teach,
The way that brings achievement and the goal.

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character of the diabolical principles upon which Russian Communism is founded. Note its heroes, Lucifer, Cain, Judas! Heroes of the kingdom of Hell. Now let them announce their principles of this kingdom of the underworld, hatred, dishonesty, murder, violence, strife, bloodshed, and disloyalty and their program will be complete. Surely even the most glib can now see in this movement the 'mark of the beast'."

I saw a cartoon months ago of a Russian peasant climbing a ladder into Heaven with a mallet in his hand, a sneer on his face, and on his lips were these words, "Now that we've finished with the earthly czars, we'll tackle the Heavenly ones."

A missionary from Russia told me of seeing a door mat in front of a school, with the name of God on it that the children were required to wipe their feet on as they entered the school.

Yet, beloved, the atheism and infidelity of Russia is the same as that which we face day by day. Not only in Russia, but around the world the carnal mind is at enmity against God.

How enormous this guilt is! God is our Creator. He supplies our wants. He keeps us alive. He has given to most of us a healthy body and not one that was deformed at birth. He has brought us out of difficulties from which there was no escape in ourselves. We eat God's food; we drink God's water; we enjoy God's sunshine; we live off his bounty each day. Not only has He blessed us in time, but also as to eternity. He might have sent us to Hell, but instead, He has spared us, and has sent Jesus to die for us. Certainly in the light of what He does for us, both temporally and spiritually, it is an enormous guilt whereof sinners are guilty in their rebellion against God.

No person of sane mentality and with an ounce of self-respect would hate an earthly benefactor who fed and clothed him. After all that our parents do for us, surely no man could hate his father and mother. Well, God has been better to you than even your parents. He has done more for you than any and all earthly benefactors. Oh, what a diabolical crime then this is that man's mind should be at enmity against God. Certainly we can see the Satanic enormity of this sin in that the carnal mind—the unregenerated mind, is in opposition to God.

Thus, in answering this question of my subject, it stands out in a most apparent manner that the carnal mind is definitely opposed to God. Yet, one other thing is just as obvious and apparent.

The doctrines which Jesus preached are hated here in Russell today.—Not only in Russell, but around the world.

When Jesus was here in the flesh, one of the greatest sermons that He preached is recorded in John 6. In it, He emphasized four great doctrines of faith alone, and the security of the believer. In the beginning of His sermon, He had an audience of at least five thousand men, not counting women and children. Then He concluded His message, and found all that remained were the twelve apostles.

Then Jesus said unto the twelve, Will ye also go away? Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou

The Dead Can't Change Their Minds. . . .



When the Chaplain has finished the service, and the last note of taps has died away . . . it's too late for the dead to change their minds.

"It is appointed unto men once to die but after this the judgement."—Heb. 9:27.

"And I saw the dead small and great stand before God; . . . And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire."—Rev. 20:12, 15.

hast the words of eternal life."—John 6: 67, 68.

Those four great doctrines which Jesus preached on that memorable day were hated then and they are hated just as much today. For the past sixteen years as I have tried to preach His Word here in this town, I have found these four doctrines especially distasteful to those who have been unregenerated by the Spirit of God. Whenever I have preached from any of these truths, the unregenerated and those who are enemies of the truth, have gone out from God's house to lie against God's servant and the message that he had preached. Again and again this has happened so that I know full well by personal experience how the doctrines which Jesus preached are hated here within this town.

When Jesus was here, He submitted to Baptist baptism. In fact it was the only baptism that He ever had. The man who administered it was sent of God. The only one who has any authority to baptize are those who are the direct descendants of John the Baptist—namely, Baptists. No one else has the authority, and all other so-called baptisms regardless of the form administered, are spurious, alien, and null and void. When Jesus submitted to Baptist baptism at the hands of John the Baptist, by His act He endorsed Baptist baptism, which we endorse and preach today. Yet, here in this town Baptist baptism is hated by all those who have never received it. In their rejecting of it and in their hatred and animosity toward it, they act precisely as the Pharisees of old. Listen:

"But the Pharisees and lawyers rejected the counsel of God against themselves, being not baptized of him."—Luke 7:30.

The church which Jesus started is here today. There isn't one shadow of a doubt in my mind but that when Jesus was here, He established a Missionary Baptist church. Yet, to preach this truth causes those who are not Baptists to despise and hate His church. In Revelation 17 we read of the old whore and her harlot daughters, which represents Catholicism and the harlot churches that have come out of Catholicism. In this town there are some of these—the Methodist organization is merely a granddaughter of the Catholics, coming through the church of England. The Campbellite organization is another granddaughter coming by way of Presbyterians. Then the numerous holiness sects about this town are the great granddaughters and great great granddaughters of the Catholics, most of them having sprung from the Methodists. All these, realizing that by this truth they stand unchurched, thereby hate the truth concerning the church which Jesus built.

As an example of their hatred, on many occasions when I have thus preached that Jesus established a Baptist church when here in the days of His flesh, these individuals have gone out to declare erroneously, falsely, and maliciously that I had said that anyone who was not a Baptist was going to Hell. Such a statement is but a revelation of the hatred which is thus manifested toward His church.

Then there is the doctrine of the security of the saved. To me there is no more precious nor wonderful

teaching in all the Bible than that when Jesus saves a soul that one is saved forever. Listen to His own words:

"And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand."—John 10:28, 29.

Yet, many times when this precious truth has been preached from this pulpit, those who did not believe it, have gone out to declare that I had stated that if one were saved, he might live any way he wanted to and still go to heaven when he died. Such false accusations against this and all these other great truths and doctrines are but revelations of the animus and animosity and the hatred which exists in the hearts of those who know not the truth.

In the light of our subject, these two things then stand out as apparent:

The carnal mind is at enmity against God.

The doctrines which Jesus preached are hated here today.

III

WHEN JESUS CAME TO EARTH 1900 YEARS AGO, HE CAME TO BE CRUCIFIED. HE HAD NO OTHER PURPOSE IN HIS COMING. Listen:

"For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost."—Luke 19:10.

However, when Jesus arose from the grave and ascended on high, that work of dying for the unsaved was finished. He had been crucified as was planned from the foundation of the world. God's Word makes it clear that

He was crucified once, and that once was sufficient. Listen:

"By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins: But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God. From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool. For by one offering he had perfected for ever them that are sanctified."—Heb. 10:10-14.

Therefore, if Jesus Christ were to come back to Russell today, though the carnal mind is just as much at enmity with Him today as it ever was, and though the people of this town hate the doctrines which Jesus preached, today, just as they have always hated them, still Jesus Christ could never be crucified. He came for that purpose once. He was crucified. He finished that phase of His work and therefore He cannot be crucified again.

IV

WHEN JESUS COMES TO THIS TOWN AGAIN, HE WILL NOT COME TO BE CRUCIFIED, HE WILL COME TO REIGN. Concerning this there can be no doubt. Listen:

"Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, amen."—Rev. 1:7.

"And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself.

And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.

And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS." Rev. 19:11-16.

As the old song has said:

"Jesus shall reign whe'er the sun Does his successive journeys run; His kingdom spread from pole to pole Till moons shall wax and wane no more."

Yes, He is coming—He is coming to reign. When He comes to reign, every knee shall bow before Him.

"That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth."—Phil. 2:10.

In closing, may I ask you a simple pointed and pertinent question: Are you ready for His coming? If he should come tonight, would you welcome Him? Are you ready to greet Him? No man can be ready through religion, good works, reformation, nor by the deeds of the law. The only way you can be ready is to be found in Him, washed in His blood, and clothed in His righteousness. If you are not ready, may God grant that you shall prepare yourself now for that hour when He comes.

"Repent ye, and believe the gospel."—Mark 1:15.

IT DOES NOT PAY

To "have a good time" at the expense of an uneasy conscience the next morning.

To lose your temper at the expense of losing a friend.

To cheat a corporation at the expense of robbing our own souls.

To go to church in the morning, if we are planning to go to the devil in the evening.

To sow wild oats if we have to buy our own crop.

BAPTISTS HANG HEADS IN SHAME OVER JOHN D. FREEMAN'S LATEST COMPROMISE

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think he was when he was editor of the Tennessee paper. Yet, I could not believe that it was true that he, as editor of our State Baptist Paper, had actually compromised to such an extent as to appear on a Methodist sponsored program.

Frankly, I was not willing to believe it until I called J. Byron Crouse, who directs the program of Asbury College, and had him to verify the fact. I called Mr. Crouse over long distance, and he in turn stated that though he personally was a Methodist preacher, and that Asbury College, while considered interdenominational at large, was, in reality, a Methodist school, that they had had Mr. Freeman as their guest speaker, and that his message was "so effective" that he would be invited again to take part on the same program.

Can you imagine the editor of the state Baptist paper bringing a message that was "so effective" as would elicit another invitation from an undenominational—Methodist school. Recently Mr. Freeman waxed bold in castigating the heretics of Worcester, Mass., and at that time I suggested a number of editorial subjects, hoping that he might lend his pen to further defense and confirmation of the faith.

But now those hopes are shattered.

Balaam wanted to run with Balak and yet at the same time "die the death of the righteous."

John D. Freeman associates with worse heretics than Balaam in Kentucky, and castigates and condemns lesser heretics beyond the confines of the State.

Several weeks ago when I mentioned through the columns of this paper Mr. Freeman's compromise with the Seminary and feminists, some of our brethren were shocked when I referred to him as a "boot-licker". Personally, I think that was a high tribute of praise since now he not only sells out the denomination to the Seminary in their unionistic and modernistic program—he not only sells out to the feminists in their revolt against the Scriptures, but now he sells out completely to the baby-baptizing, sprinkling, open communion, falling from grace, universal church, salvation-by-works crowd of Methodists.

This is just another of the reasons why that no true Baptist ought to give one penny to the Cooperative Program in view of the fact that the Western Recorder with its double-minded editor, secures his salary through the channels of the Cooperative program.

May God deliver Kentucky Baptists!

FURTHER EVIDENCE OF THE DUPLICITY OF J. FRANK NORRIS

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RECORD, HIS CHURCH EXPERIENCES, NOR ANY OTHER PHASE OF HIS LIFE, WHERE-

BY I AM ENVIOUS.

I certainly am not envious of him in view of the fact that all the courts of the state of Texas have declared that he was a legal liar.

I certainly am not envious of his mourner's bench, the pattern and picture of which he published in an issue of his paper several months ago.

I certainly am not envious of his unionism nor any of his attempts of fraternalizing with religious leaders of various denominations.

I certainly am not envious of his ability to continually lie deliberately and maliciously in his weekly paper.

As a sample of this continued and persistent lying, about the same time I published my recent article as to the facts concerning the law suit brought against him by R. E. White—about that same time he published again in his paper that "the court records show that the suit was knocked out." In the same article he blasphemously quoted Isaiah 54:17, and applied the same to his experience when he knew positively that one weapon had been formed against him in San Antonio that had prospered.

This editor realizes his own imperfections to be of a tremendous nature, and at times he sees others of whom he might at least be somewhat envious of them were it not for God's grace in restraining him. Yet, never in 20 years of observing J. Frank Norris have we ever noticed one characteristic which would in any wise at all cause us to be one whit envious of him.

After observing Mr. Norris for better than twenty years, I am convinced that his mind is not only well off the ordered track, but that his heart as well is not right in the sight of God. Why, I have even seen that which purported to be a telegram in his paper, supposedly sent to him from an influential and prominent Baptist preacher in Kentucky—a telegram, which if bona fide, would have cost a great number of dollars to have sent it, and yet this same preacher who was thus represented as having sent such a telegram to Mr. Norris has personally declared to me that he never sent a telegram nor even a letter—that the entire matter was fictitious and fabricated from beginning to end.

A preacher who would stoop to any act of this type is as devoid of character as was Balaam of old. J. Frank Norris is surely a snake and a saint within the same skin.

Whenever I recall the double character, the duplicity, the hypocrisy, the lying and the double talk of J. Frank Norris, I am reminded of a little verse about the dinosaur:

"Behold the mighty dinosaur
Famous in prehistoric lore
Not only for his weight and strength
But for his intellectual length.

As you observe, by these remains,
The creature had two sets of brains;
One in his head, the usual place,
The other at his spinal base:

Thus he could reason 'a priori'
As well as 'a posteriori'
AND HE COULD THINK, WITHOUT CONGESTION,

UPON BOTH SIDES OF EVERY QUESTION;

If one brain found the pressure strong
It passed a few ideas along.

Oh, gaze upon this model beast
Defunct ten million years at least!"

This ought to be a good poem to put on J. Frank's tombstone, and for an epitaph, I suggest: "He should sleep easily for he lies well."

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congenial to civil liberty than to enjoy an unrestrained, unembargoed liberty of exercising the conscience freely upon all subjects respecting religion. Hence it is that the Baptist denomination in all ages and in all centuries has been as a body the constant asserters of the rights of man and liberty of conscience."—(Campbell on Baptism, p. 409.)

CATHOLIC MARRIAGES

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this same expression and refers to marriages not performed by the priests as "legalized concubinage in the place of marriage."

On November 10th, 1918, there was published Ripalda's Catechism, bearing the imprimature of Vicar General, Jose Palmorola. This is a book for Catholic children setting forth the position of

their authority, it is little wonder that priests and editors of Catholic journals have not hesitated to declare the position of their church in this land. For instance, we hear Priest D. S. Phelan, editor of the Western Watchman, St. Louis, perhaps the leading Catholic magazine of the middle west, on March 28th, 1912, to the effect: "Civil marriage is only licensed cohabitation. There should be no such legal abomination and the church should be supreme judge of the marriage relation." A little later, January 30th, 1913, Editor Phelan went further to express his loyalty to the teachings of his church as well as to reveal the refinement of his nature, by writing in his paper: "This country is ceasing to be Yankee and Protestant because Yankee and Protestant women will neither be virgins nor mothers." Still later, November 26, 1914, Priest Phelan again,

Pope Pius IX calls it "filthy concubinage."

Perhaps the quickest way to discern the practical working of the Catholic attitude towards the validity of a marriage performed by Protestant ministers is when a Catholic and Protestant are about to be married. The Catholic Mission Book, pages 462, 463, plainly states that when a Catholic is to marry a Protestant the marriage shall be performed by a priest, must be outside of the church buildings, and only then on condition that the Protestant party sign a pre-nuptial agreement that all children of the marriage be reared and educated Catholics.

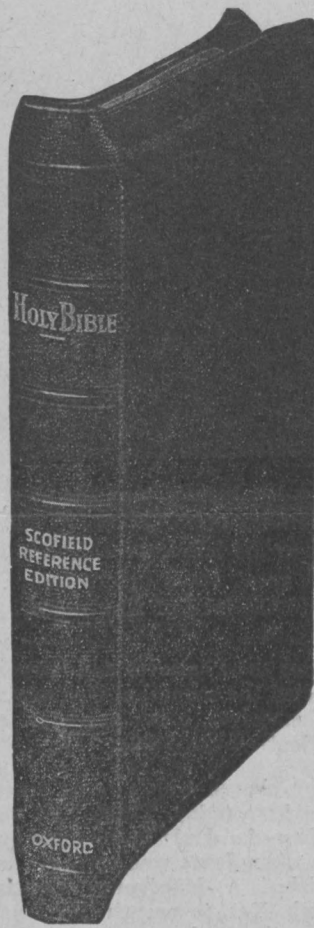
We don't need the official utterances of the Catholic church in regard to Protestant marriages to learn its attitude. Domestic tragedies in every community bear mournful witness to the fact that Protestant marriages are no marriages in the eyes of the Catholic Church. Yes, they are worse than no marriages; they are moral travesties. Case after case could be mentioned that would be in point. Only one is mentioned.

Some years ago a young Catholic man and a Baptist young lady were happily married in Macon. Dr. John G. Harrison, Baptist minister, performed the ceremony. From the moment they were married the priest dogged the steps of the Catholic husband, informed him that he was not married in the eyes of God, was living an immoral life, had put himself out of the church, doomed his soul, and that he would either have to leave his wife or be married by a priest in accordance of the laws of the Catholic church. Strong pressure also came from his family who impressed upon him that his act had brought great humiliation and even disgrace to the family and insisted that he and she be re-married by a priest. At last he suggested the idea to his wife. She indignantly refused to be re-married, thereby admitting that the previous ceremony was invalid and her married life sinful. The result of her refusal to be re-married by the priest was that the husband deserted her, returned to his old home and refused further support. The wife was compelled to secure a divorce on the ground of desertion. In her suit all of these facts were set forth, brought on in the trial, and the decree granted. These facts are a matter of court record in the Bibb County Superior Court today.

Frankly, many of us are becoming quite a bit weary of the Catholic church not only attempting to control the civil affairs but invading the sanctity of our homes and questioning the validity of our marriages. Then when we protest against such aggression and aspersions we are informed that we are "Intolerant", "Religious Bigots" and "Stirrers of Prejudice."

We have never questioned the sanctity of Catholic marriages. We believe that ours is just as sacred and we resent any suggestion to the contrary. We do not blame our individual Catholic friends and neighbors, who are helpless and who themselves do not relish the position of the church, but we do submit that the Catholic church desires to dwell in peace in the United States it must adjust itself to American conditions, keep out of political affairs, and above all change its insulting position which declares that Protestant marriages are immoral and Protestant children are illegitimate.—Index.

I Am Your Bible!



I am one of the oldest of all pieces of literature—for I was written in the long ago and I often speak of the old ways and of strange scenes. I am also one of the newest—for if you read me tonight I will prick your conscience and shed light upon your play or your task tomorrow.

I am the best seller in all book stores—because for many years I have outlived all the gayest fiction that comes from the modern presses.

I have been translated into more languages than any other book ever penned.

My message is to yourself, for I grew out of the hot, hard struggles of human beings like you.

I am not a magic fetish to transform your life, if your mind be elsewhere while you mumble my words.

I will speak to you of something other than bread and clothing and the physical wherewithal of life.

I will lift your soul from the muddy vista of life's low levels and fix it upon the upper and sunlit peaks of faith and prayer.

I will put into your soul a dream and purpose. Believe me and you will save your soul. Read Psalm 119:7; Rom. 10:17; I Pet. 1:23.

that church on all questions. In reference to marriage we read: "Ques.—What is the matrimony which is called civil? Ans.—That which is celebrated by a civil authority without any ecclesiastical intervention whatever. Ques.—Is civil matrimony true matrimony? Ans.—No, but base concubinage. Ques.—Why? Ans.—Because true matrimony should be celebrated by ecclesiastical (Catholic) authority."

It is no longer than August 2nd, 1910, that Pope Pius X published throughout the world his famous Ne Temere Decree which but modernized the position of the Council of Trent on the marriage question. The practical effect of his decree was that the church and God recognized the legitimacy only of marriages performed according to the laws of the Catholic church. The indignation was widespread though seemingly temporary. It is recalled that Kaiser Wilhelm promptly notified the Pope that if that decree were not withdrawn in so far as it affected Germany he would expel every priest and prelate from that country. It was withdrawn and today Germany is exempt from the operation of the Ne Temere Decree.

With these official commitments of the Church of Rome as

with his usual delicacy of expression, editorially asked: "What right has a Protestant wife to object to her husband having a mistress; and what reason has a Protestant husband to object to his wife having a lover? There is absolutely nothing in Protestant Christianity to prevent it. Luther claimed it as one of the glorious privileges of the gospel."

Priest-Editor Phelan, the author of the above expressions, on January 18, 1915, less than two months after his last article referred to, had the Papal Apostolic Benediction conferred on him by Pope Benedict for faithful service to the church. This is rather a clear indication as to whether or not the bold, if not bald, pronouncements of Editor Phelan against the sanctity of non-Catholic marriages had the endorsement of his superiors, including the Pope.

William E. Gladstone could scarcely be classed as a religious bigot. He was considerate, conservative and cautious. Yet, in his book, Romanism and the Republic, pages 274, 275, we find that "grand old man of England" saying: "The Catholic church denies all civil and Christian marriages to be true and lawful marriages when not performed within the Catholic church and