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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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Will The Fires Of The Inquisition Ever Be Rekindled?

What do you mean by Catholicism and Coercion? The attitude of the Roman Catholic church toward the use of physical force on those in Christendom who teach contrary to its doctrine.

Have they ever put people to death for heresy, i. e. for teaching what they call false doctrine? Yes. Did they imprison and torture people? Yes.

What proof is there for this charge? Catholics in The Catholic Encyclopedia admit that they put people to death, during the days of the "Inquisition," for heresy. (Vol. VIII:26-36).

Was it the State, or the Catholic church, that put people to death? When a State did so it was a State which was controlled by Catholics. The Catholic church

teaches that with reference to the penalty of death, "the Pope and Ecumenical councils have this power at least mediately — that is, they can, if the necessity of the church demands, require a Catholic ruler to impose this penalty." Furthermore, "That they cannot directly exercise this power cannot be proved." (S. B. Smith, Elements of Ecclesiastical Law, p. 89, published in N. Y. by Benziger Brothers, 4th Edition, Revised, 1881. It was published with the approval of the Roman Catholic church. The Catholic church and State sometimes assist one another in the execution of laws "in the suppression of rebellion or heresy." (p. 91. See also The Catholic Encyclopedia, Volumes VII: 261; VIII 35-36;

XII: 226; XI:703-704). Does the Catholic Church claim that the New Testament sanctioned such things? No. They admit that the New Testament does not teach it and that the church of the first three centuries did not practice such methods against heretics. (Vol. VIII:26).

Will they use force on "non-Catholic Christians" if they again gain power? They teach that they still have power to make laws and punish violators. (Vol. VIII: 36). They justify the Inquisition. (Vol. VIII:26-36). They say that they have never renounced the right to use physical force. (Vol. XI:703). They claim the right to coerce their own subjects (Vols. XI:703; VII: (Continued on page four)

How "What A Friend We Have In Jesus" Was Born

By Mrs. William Hendricks
Joseph Scriven was born in Dublin, Ireland, in the year 1820. Although his father died when he was hardly ten years old, this did not leave the family destitute because Mr. Scriven had left a substantial sum of money in addition to his business establishment. Mrs. Scriven was able to live comfortably from the income of this money, and Joseph was able to complete his education at Trinity College, Dublin. Joseph excelled in his classes, and still found time to win the heart of the loveliest girl in Dublin, known to us only as Mary. They planned to be married just as soon as Joseph could set up his business after graduation.

The young people of the neighborhood wanted to hold a beach party for the couple, several days before the wedding day. It was during this party that Mary was drowned. Apparently (Continued on page four)

"THE SONG OF THE TRUSTING HEART"

By Raymond Smith
This is the title of a 54 page book which glorifies God through study of the Twenty-third Psalm as well as a very excellent exposition along with five parables and also a good many poems, constitute the contents of the book.
This book is most attractively bound in leatherette cover. It will sell for 35 cents per copy. It will give a blessing to all who read it. Many weary hearts will be encouraged and the burdens resting on heavy souls will be lifted as a result of reading this book. Order it directly from Pastor Raymond Smith, 118 West Tenn. St., Knoxville, Tenn.

Questionnaire On Purgatory

1. What is the meaning of the word Purgatory?

A. It is an alleged place of purgation and expiation, as the Catholic catechism says, "for those who die with venial sins on their souls, or who have not satisfied the temporal punishment due to their sins."

2. Does the Word of God mention Purgatory?

A. No; but it does mention a place of torment (Luke 16:24) for the wicked dead i. e. Sheol or Hades.

Note: in the King James' version of the Bible these words are usually translated as "Hell." According to the talmudic teaching, Sheol or Hades was in two sections, one called "Abraham's Bosom" for the righteous dead, the other a place of torment for the wicked dead. In Abraham's Bosom the righteous dead were conscious and comforted, whereas in the other section the wicked dead were conscious and tormented.

3. Does the Word of God anywhere teach the purging of sins by fire?

A. No, never. The Word of God teaches that sins can be purged only by Blood. (Heb. 9: 22). Purging by fire is a pagan doctrine.

4. Does the Word of God teach

that it is ever possible to get from one section of Hades into the other?

A. No. The Word of God teaches that there is a great gulf fixed between these two sections. (Luke 16:26).

Note: If there were any hope of getting out of the place of torment into Abraham's Bosom the rich man would have asked Father Abraham to help him. If it had been a matter of money, the rich man would have assured Father Abraham that his brothers would be willing to pay any amount. The rich man did not ask Father Abraham to help him get out of the place of torment, but merely to send Lazarus to dip his fingers in water and cool his tongue. When this request was denied, he asked Father Abraham to send Lazarus to warn his brothers, "lest they also come into this place of torment." From all of this it is plain that there is no escape from this place of torment.

5. Does the Word of God teach that Hades or Sheol is eternal?

Mused Uncle Mose

W'en de Lawd say He yoke is easy, He mean suppin' you goin' de same way He is.

-- The First Baptist Pulpit --

"Some Dreams That Will Never Come True"

"And the multitude of all the nations that fight against Ariel, even all that fight against her and her munition, and that distress her, shall be as a dream of a night vision.

"It shall even be as when a hungry man dreameth, and, behold, he eateth; but he awaketh, and his soul is empty: or as when a thirsty man dreameth, and, behold, he drinketh; but he awaketh, and behold, he is faint, and his soul hath appetite: so shall the multitude of all the nations be, that fight against Mount Zion." —Isaiah 29:7,8.

I rather imagine that it is needless for me to say that everyone of us is a dreamer. Whether it be day dreams or night dreams, makes but little difference, there is not one of us but what is a dreamer. You see a lad sitting in a pensive mood, meditating. That lad doubtlessly is dreaming of success that is going to be his after a while. I am sure that when a little girl takes up her dolls and plays with them, as well as with broken dishes and mud pies, that she is dreaming of a time when she herself is going to have a house, a home, and a fam-

ily. I am sure that every individual who marries, dreams somehow of happiness in wedlock. Many individuals forget about all the divorces and about all the pitfalls of marriage, and everyone just naturally thinks and dreams happiness must be his. And even that individual who has been divorced, dreams that if he or she were to try marriage again, surely there would be happiness in store for the person at that time. I say to you this morning, beloved, everyone of us is a dreamer. We dream about the future— (Continued on page two)

Why Every Baptist Church Should Be Entirely Separate

Roy Mason, Tampa, Fla.

Baptists differ radically from other denominations in their conception of a church. By the title given above we mean that each church is supposed to be wholly independent of every other church on the earth, having no organic connection. By "autonomy" we mean that each church is "self-directing," and "self-governing." Most of the terrible ills, persecutions, and departures from pure faith, during the centuries have come because of the violation of the New Testament's teaching concerning the independence of the local church.

Some Perversions

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC HIERARCHY.

This was the outgrowth of Baptist perversion in the early centuries. The Baptist church in the world capitol at Rome, — the one to which Paul wrote — be- (Continued on page four)

ANOTHER GOLD RUSH

The greatest of modern gold rushes is on! Cars by the hundreds loaded with gold hungry men and women are pouring through the streets and heading for the hills in the vicinity of Crescent City, Calif.

The cars have been newly serviced and are loaded with everything from picks to washing pans. Not since 1856 has Crescent City—a town of 2,500 people—seen anything like this latest California gold rush.

Every room in the hotel and motels is filled—bars and restaurants are virtually stripped. All the slot machines in this easy-going community clank endlessly. Everyone from bartender to cafe waitress is considered an authority on gold.

The press says that thus far only two experts are sold on the project. Tom Cronin, a sixty-year-old prospector, who staked the original claim is one, and Assayer Ernest Hey, who assayed (Continued on page four)

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SOME DREAMS

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what's out before us.

As you well know, beloved, there are many of those dreams that never come true. The little girl who plays with mud pies and broken dishes and dreams of a home, may never marry. That boy who dreams that he is going to be a success in the world of business, may end up still a dreamer but without success. The individual who marries, dreaming of happiness may find that happiness rudely shattered in the divorce court. I say to you today, beloved, many of our dreams never come true.

I.

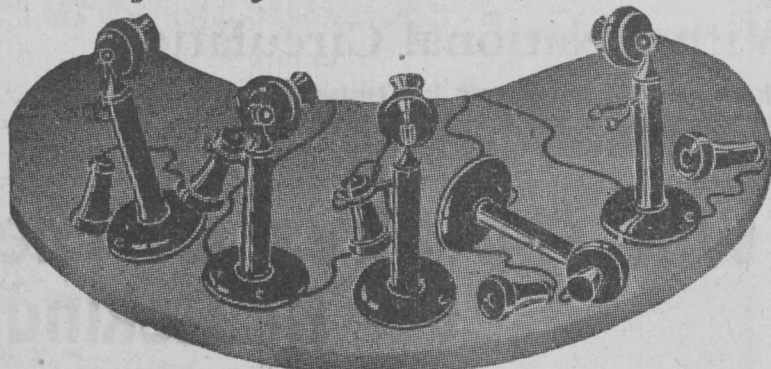
IN THIS SCRIPTURE WE HAVE A DREAM THAT WILL NEVER SOME TRUE,—THE DREAM OF THE NATIONS AS TO THE DESTRUCTION OF JERUSALEM. God says that it is a dream that will never come true. Through the years gone by, there have been many attempts made against the Jewish family, and everyone of them resulted in failure. When the Jews were living in Egypt, King Pharaoh determined to destroy them and made a desperate effort to do so by destroying and drowning all the boy babies in the Nile River. Yet the time came within a few years that Pharaoh himself and all of his army were drowned in the Red Sea. Pharaoh dreamed of destroying the Jews, but his dream never came true.

When the Jews were taken captive by Nebuchadnezar and were placed in Babylon, they remained there for a number of years, and the king, along with Haman, dreamed of a wholesale utter destruction of the Jewish race. They even went so far as to set the day for the slaughter to take place, and they sent out instructions for the wholesale destruction of the Jewish family. My brother, if you will stand in the streets of old Babylon, and look up yonder ninety feet in the air and see the gallows which Haman had prepared for the Jews, and then see him hanging there,—when you look at Haman hanging there, you can see another dream that never came true.

My brother, my sister, any individual or any nation who ever dreamed that he was going to be able to destroy the Jewish race, was merely dreaming a dream that will never come true.

When Hitler, Goering, and all the balance of the Jew haters of Germany laid their hands upon the Jews and determined to destroy them,—the day they did so, they dreamed a dream that would never come true.

Everybody Is Asking



1. Does Gen. 9:24-27 refer to the Negro?

The three sons of Noah gave rise to the three main divisions of the human family. Japheth and Shem give rise to the Gentiles and Jews. Ham whose name means "black" is the father of the Negro people.

This is a prophecy then that the Negro will occupy a lower place in society than that of either Jew or Gentile. This has been fulfilled through the years in that the Negro has always been a servant (not necessarily a slave) to Jew and Gentile. Thus the sin of their father Ham, who showed disrespect for his father Noah, has been visited upon the Negro race through the centuries.

2. Are the last twelve verses of Mark's Gospel genuine and inspired?

Since the fourth century these verses have been the subject of debate. Godly men have rejected them as spurious. Anyone who has ever read the New Testament

in Greek must realize that these verses are written in a style altogether different from the rest of the book.

Chief argument among many is that the final twelve verses do not appear in the two earliest Greek MSS, namely, the Vatican and the Sinaitic. On the other hand, verses 9-20 do appear in every other important MS in the world, including the Vulgate and the Syriac, and further, excerpts from this passage are quoted in other writings dating back to the 2nd century. And strangely, in the Vatican MS, one of the two MSS where the passage is not found, a space has been left, about a column and a half long, after Mark 16:8, to allow for something that has been omitted. This is the only case in the whole MS where the succeeding book does not commence at the top of the column next to that in which the preceding book ends.

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If you will go back through the Word of God, you will find that God gave a promise whereby he said that the Jewish race would last forever. Listen:

"Now the Lord said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee: And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make the name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: And I will bless them that bless thee, and CURSE HIM THAT CURSETH THEE: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed."—Gen. 12:1-3.

As long as Genesis 12:1-3 is within this Bible, along with many other Scriptures of like nature, you can be certain that the Jews will never cease as a nation upon the face of the earth.

God gives us a very striking picture within our text as to how useless it is for a nation to think that it can exterminate the Jews. God says it is just like a man that is hungry, who dreams of eating a great big dinner and when he awakens, he finds he is still hungry and has had no food at all. Or it is like a man that is thirsty, who dreams of drinking, and yet when he awakens, he finds his soul faints and still thirsty. God says it is just like that when a nation dreams that it will be able to destroy the Jews.

Let me give you an illustration in this respect. I remember about twenty years ago I held a revival meeting for a little country church near to Richmond, Ky. I never saw any community where people prepared more food for the preacher than they did in that community. I remember on one particular Sunday that I sat down to a table that had 43 dishes of different kinds of meats and vegetables in those dishes. I remember one of them had two vegetables in the dish—mashed potatoes around the side and peas in the center, but there were 43 separate dishes on the table. And, of course, I ate. And then to top it off with, we had ice cream

made of pure cream—not a drop of milk about it—all cream. Why it was so rich that a small table-spoon was as much as a person could eat. After I had finished my dinner, I would have sworn I would never have wanted another bite to eat as long as I lived. Since we ate late—between two and three o'clock in the afternoon—when supper time came, needless to say, I wasn't hungry and so I didn't eat anything at the evening meal. I went to the service and preached that Sunday night, and after I had gotten home, I was hungry. I didn't do like I do at home—raid the ice box at nights before retiring—but I went to bed hungry, and during the night I dreamed of a table that was groaning beneath the weight of food. That table must have been a half mile long, and there fish and fowl and meats and vegetables—not just 43 dishes, but they were scattered the entire length of that long table, and I walked around that table from one end to the other and took of every dish and ate and ate and ate, and then as dreams go, I suddenly awakened and I realized, beloved, that I had a gnawing in my abdomen the like of which I did not ever remember. I had dreamed of eating, but without satisfaction.

God says that is exactly true of the nation that dreams that it will be able to destroy the Jews. That dream is merely as when man dreams that he is eating and awakes and finds himself hungry.

II.

THE DREAM THAT ONE WILL FIND SATISFACTION IN SENSUAL LIVING IS A DREAM THAT WILL NEVER COME TRUE. I grant you, in the light of God's Word, there is a pleasure which God says come through sensual living, for a season. Listen:

"By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than TO ENJOY THE PLEASURES OF SIN FOR A SEASON."—

Heb. 11:24-25.

It is true, beloved, that sin offers its pleasures for a season. However, they don't last; there is nothing permanent about them—they are of temporal value, and the pleasures thereof will never continue for any length of time. Yet it is true that there are such pleasures in sin, for God so declares.

For an individual to think that he will ever find satisfaction in the pleasures of sin, or in sensual living, is a dream that will never come true. As an example, consider what God says about the drunkard. Many a man is tempted to take his first drink, which always calls for a second, and the individual thinks that somehow there is a pleasure that will come out of drinking. But what does God say? Listen:

"Who hath woe? who hath sorrow? who hath contentions? who hath babbling? who hath wounds without cause? who hath redness of eyes? They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek mixed wine. Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, when it moveth itself aright. At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder."—Prov. 23:29-32.

When a man sees that social glass set out before him, he needs to look on over to the other end of the picture and see that God says "at the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder."

The F. B. I. released some figures last week that to me were the most startling of anything I have ever seen any time, anywhere, or any place, for the F. B. I. said in their report that two out of every three crimes in America were caused by drinking. I say this morning that for a man to think that he will ever find satisfaction by licentious living, he is merely dreaming a dream that will never come true.

In like measure, think of that individual who imagines that by a lustful life of profligacy he will find satisfaction. Listen to God's Word:

"For she hath cast down many wounded: yea, many strong men have been slain by her. Her house is the way to hell, going down to the chambers of death."—Prov. 7:26-27.

"Stolen waters are sweet, and bread eaten in secret is pleasant. But he knoweth not that the dead are there; and that her guests are in the depths of hell."—Prov. 9:17-18.

I say to you this morning, beloved, for any individual to think

that he will ever find satisfaction through licentious, sensual living, he is merely dreaming a dream that will never come true.

III.

THE DREAM OF FINISHER SATISFACTION IN THE SPECTACLE PLEASURES OF THIS WORLD IS A DREAM THAT WILL NEVER COME TRUE. There are a lot of people who would not dare get into the movies, or the dance, or the pay bridge—they think it is perfectly all right to take a little social glass this morning, my dear friend, but when you see Christ, you will never find satisfaction in even the so-called respectable pleasures of this world.

Did you ever pause to think to the why of your creation? God create you for time eternity? You can answer without one moment's doubt if God had created you for time He would have given you that would have lasted for time. The fact that He give you that kind of body that He didn't create for time, but for eternity. One that is created for eternity be satisfied with the time? This old world is and the heart,—that which is symbolic of the life of us, is a three-cornered heart. My brother, you fill a three-cornered heart with a round world. What I say is this—it takes a triangle to fill a triangular heart. One to think that he will ever find satisfaction in even the so-called respectable pleasures of this world, he is but dreaming a dream that will never come true.

IV.

FOR ONE TO DREAM THAT MONEY WILL SATISFY A DREAM THAT WILL NEVER COME TRUE. I was many months ago by a new definition. In that editorial this definition: "Money is a universal provider of everything but happiness. Money is a commodity, while it is not money, can't be bought with money. Many is the man who has found this to be true in his own sorrow.

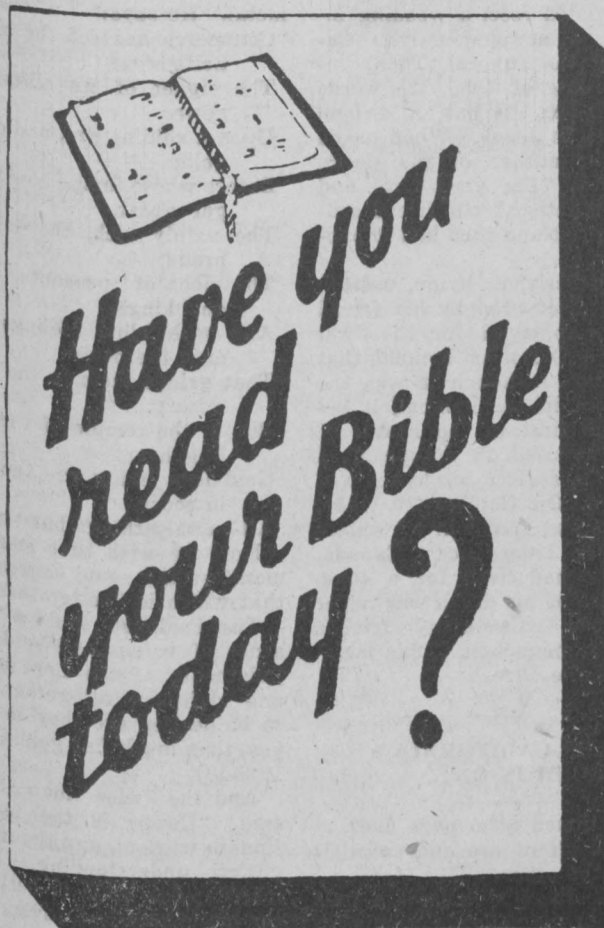
I rather imagine the wealthiest man that America ever produced, was J. Gould. (Continued on page three)

Are You Eating Alone?

"If I have eaten my morsel alone"
The patriarch spoke with scorn
What would He think of the Church were He shown
Heathendom — huge, forlorn,
Godless, Christless, with soul unfed,
While the Church's ailments is fullness of bread,
Eating her morsel alone?

"Freely ye have received, so give."
He bade who hath given us all.
How shall the soul in us longer live
Deaf to their starving call,
For whom the blood of the Lord was shed,
And His body broken to give them bread,
If we eat our morsel alone!

—Archbishop Alexander



thing but hapiness, and it is a dream that will never come true for a man to think that he will find satisfaction in worldly goods.

V.
BUT AGAIN, THE DREAM THAT IF YOU DO THE BEST YOU CAN, JOIN THE CHURCH, GIVE TO THE CAUSE OF CHRIST, BE BAPTIZED, LIVE THE BEST THAT YOU KNOW HOW, THAT YOU WILL GO TO HEAVEN WHEN YOU DIE— THAT IS A DREAM THAT WILL NEVER COME TRUE.

All I have said this morning up until now is just foundational for what I want to say to you in the next few moments. When I talk about the attempt of nations in destroying the Jews, and when I talk about trying to find satisfaction in licentious living, or respectable pleasures, and when I speak about trying to find satisfaction in worldly goods—all that is foundational that I might say to you that it is an idle dream for any man to think that he can find satisfaction by joining the church, being baptized, giving to the cause of Christ, and by doing the best he can. Yet, right here in this town, ninety per cent of the people are dreaming that dream today. Ninety per cent of the people of this world think that if they do the best they can, they will go to Heaven when they die. If that be true, the Word of God is a lie. Yet if the Word of God is true, and I know that it is, then that thought is a lie, for the Word of God says that the only way a man can find spiritual satisfaction is by trusting the shed blood of Jesus Christ. Listen:

"He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God."—Jn. 3:18.

"He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life."—Jn. 3:36.

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life."—Jn. 6:47.

I tell you, beloved, for a man to think that he can find satisfaction and eventually go to Heaven on any other basis than by trusting Jesus Christ, he is dreaming a dream that will never come true.

In the book of Proverbs there is a Scripture that characterizes many church members, and others who are not church members. Listen to it:

"There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death."—Prov. 14:12.

It may seem all right to an individual to join the church; it may seem all right to him that he is doing the best he can; it may seem all right to him that if he espouses some religious creed that he will be saved; it may seem all right that if he is baptized, he will be saved; it may seem all right that if he is moral and sober and becomes a good citizen, a good neighbor, a good husband, a good wife—it may seem all right to that individual that he will be saved, but God says there are ways that seem right, but the end thereof are the ways of death.

I say to you today, the only way of salvation is by the shed blood of the Lord Jesus Christ, and no man will ever go to Heaven except through the merits,—the atoning merits of Jesus Christ who died on Calvary's cross for us. If you have any other thought or any other hope, it is but a dream that will never come true. Listen:

"Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free; but Christ IS ALL, AND IN ALL."—Col. 3:11.

Let me say to you today that the only way you will ever find satisfaction is by Jesus Christ becoming all and in all to you.

We have in the Gospel of John, a remarkable illustration showing how that satisfaction can be found only in Jesus. Listen:

"In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, if any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believeth on me, as the Scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water."—John 7:37-38.

When I first began to study this Bible, I used to wonder what this meant. Why the Lord Jesus says that He could satisfy, and in order to prove that He was able to satisfy, he took the belly, that organ of man which is never satisfied, to use as an illustration. You know how it is when you eat and think you will never want another bite of food, but in four, or five hours it is surprising how hungry you are again. Well, the Lord Jesus took the belly, that organ of man that is never satisfied, and said, "I will not only fill you and satisfy you, but I will do more than that, for out from you shall flow rivers of living water," meaning thereby that the normal life of any Christian is not only to be filled and satisfied with Jesus, but from us there shall be an overflow unto the lives of others to bring satisfaction and salvation to them.

I tell you this morning, for a man to think that he can find satisfaction anywhere but in Jesus, is but an idle dream that will never come true.

About the time that I first became your pastor, I remember a little incident that comes back to my mind now. A missionary in China preached Jesus Christ and Him crucified three days in succession. A native came to him and said, "Why do you preach Christ and Him crucified every time you preach?" The missionary said, "What did you have for breakfast this morning?" "Rice." "And yesterday morning?" "Rice." "And the day before that?" "Rice." "And what have all your forefathers

eaten?" "Rice." "Why is it you and your forefathers have all eaten nothing but rice?" The native replied, "Because it satisfies." Then the missionary said, "I preach Jesus and Him crucified for the same reason—He satisfies."

My brother, this morning, the only place you will ever find satisfaction is in the Lord Jesus Christ. As the old song says:

I entered once a home of care,
Age and poverty were there,
Yet joy and peace withal.
I asked that lovely mother whence
She found her widowhood's de-
fense?
She told me, Christ was all.

I stood beside a dying bed,
There lay a saint with aching
head,
Awaiting his Master's call;
I watched his face, 'twas sweet as
may,
And as his spirit passed away,
He whispered, 'Christ is all.'

I saw a martyr at the stake,
Flames could not his spirit shake;
Nor death his soul appall.
I asked him whence his strength
was given,
He looked triumphantly to heaven,
And shouted, 'Christ is all.'

I dreamt that hoary time God
fled;
Earth and the sea gave up its
dead,
And fire from heaven did fall.
I saw the Christian ransomed
through,
I heard the music of their song,
'Twas, 'Christ is all in all.'

May I say again this morning the only place you can ever find satisfaction will be in Jesus Christ, and to think that you can find it any place else is but a dream that will never come true.

I beg you in Jesus' name, don't go on this morning, dreaming, thinking that you will be happy without Jesus. The only place of satisfaction is at the foot of Calvary with Jesus Christ enthroned within your heart and life.

May God bless you and may you receive Him now!

SOME DREAMS THAT WILL NEVER COME TRUE

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made his money with a gigantic railroad empire. Only a little while before his death, he said, "I suppose I'm the most miserered devil on earth." He had money—plenty of it—yet he wasn't satisfied—he wasn't hap-

When the elder Mr. Vanderbilt knew that life held but a few fleeting days or months for him, he gave his wife twenty-five million dollars of the estate and earned the balance over to his son to carry on the business, and then showed his face to his wife, who was the Lord, and said, "Wife, I'm the 'Rock of Ages.'" Here was a man who had spent a lifetime amassing a fortune to find that "Money could not satisfy and the only satisfaction that could come was through Him who was symbolized by the Rock of Ages.

Turn through the Word of God and you will find that this is true. Listen to the story of King Solomon:

"And Solomon reigned over all kingdoms from the river unto the border of the Philistines, and unto the border of Egypt: they brought presents, and served Solomon all the days of his life. And Solomon's provision for one day was thirty measures of fine flour, and three score measures of meal, ten oxen, and twenty oxen out of the pastures, and a hundred sheep, beside harts, and roebucks, and fallowdeer, and fatted

For he had dominion over all the region on this side of the river, from Tiphshah even to Azah, over all the kings on this side the river: and he had peace on all sides round about him. And Judah and Israel dwelt safely, every man under his vine and under his fig tree, from Dan even to Beersheba, all the days of Solomon. And Solomon had forty thousand stalls of horses for his chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen."—I Kings 4:21-26.

You would say that any man that had all that certainly would be a happy man, he would be satisfied. But, my brother, turn over to the book of Ecclesiastes and get Solomon's own appraisal of his estate:

I said in mine heart, Go to

now. I will prove thee with mirth, therefore enjoy pleasure: and, behold, this also is vanity. I said of laughter, It is mad: and of mirth, What doeth it?

"I sought in mine heart to give myself unto wine, yet acquainting mine heart with wisdom; and to lay hold on folly, till I might see what was that good for the sons of men, which they should do under the heaven all the days of their life. I made me great works; I builded me houses; I planted me vineyards:

"I made me gardens and orchards, and I planted trees in them of all kinds of fruits: I made me pools of water, to water therewith the wood that bringeth forth trees: I got me servants and maidens, and had servants born in my house; also I had great possessions of great and small cattle above all that were in Jerusalem before me:

"I gathered me also silver and gold, and the peculiar treasure of kings and of the provinces: I gat me men singers and women singers, and the delights of the sons of men, as musical instruments, and that of all sorts. So I was great, and increased more than all that were before me in Jerusalem: also my wisdom remained with me. And whatsoever mine eyes desired I kept not from them, I withheld not my heart from any joy; for my heart rejoiced in all my labour: and this was my portion of all my labour.

"Then I looked on all the works that my hands had wrought, and on the labour that I had laboured to do: and, behold, all was vanity and vexation of the spirit, and there was no profit under the sun."—Ecc. 2:1-11.

My brother, if you will observe this experience of Solomon, you can easily see that he had everything, naturally speaking, that a man need ask for, and yet he came to see that there was no happiness in what he had.

When a man thinks that he will find satisfaction in riches, in wealth, in the things this world has to offer, it is just a dream that will never come true.

Listen to the words of our Lord: "For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?"—Mark 8:36.

I tell you, beloved, money is the universal provider of every-

The Word Lives On



A messenger boy delivering Gospel portions in China

CATHOLICISM AND COERCION

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323), and they regard "non-Catholic Christians" as rightfully belonging to them. They view such as heretics and schismatics. (Vols. V:686; III:756; VII:261; XI:703).
What can we do to protect our religious liberty from the threat of Roman Catholicism? We reject her method of treating heretics, so we shall not use physical force on her. We must, however, turn back her onward march by scattering millions of tracts which will instruct Catholics and warn non-Catholics so that they will not succumb to her propaganda.

QUESTIONNAIRE ON PURGATORY

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The Bible nowhere sanctions the saying of masses or the paying of money to help souls in Sheol or Hades. Today is the day of salvation. It is the only moment we have. There is only one heartbeat between us and eternity. It is now or never. Our eternal destiny will be determined by the acceptance or rejection of Jesus Christ as Saviour, Lord and King.

EVERY BAPTIST SHOULD BE SEPARATE

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came the strongest of all churches. The pastor or bishop became more and more powerful, until he was a sort of boss. By and by he was exalted to the place of "pope" in 590 A. D. Catholicism developed into one of the strongest organizations ever known in the whole history of the world. For a long period the Church crowned the kings of Europe, and owned a goodly portion of everything. Today, stripped of much of his temporal power, the pope still meddles in political matters. He has a "secretary of state" just like our government does. If you want a description of the Catholic Church, read Revelation 17:3-6.

THE EPISCOPAL PERVERSION.

The Church of England, or Episcopal Church, is a branch of Rome — was born out of a divorce scandal in the days of Henry the 8th. It differs little from Catholicism, save in the matter of authority. The King of England is the head of the Church of England.

Methodists retain an Episcopal form, gotten from the Episcopal

Church from which they sprung. Their system of having "presiding elders and bishops" takes church government from the people, and makes the pastors pawns to be moved like chess men according to the will of the ecclesiastics. All these "churches" mentioned above, are departures from the New Testament, independent, patterns in which all churches were separate and distinct.

VARIOUS SECTS:

Modern groups have sprung up with all sorts of plans of running. We mention a few:

1. THE BRETHREN. Who go to the opposite extreme and have NO organization. They ignore the fact that New Testament churches DID constitute definite, organized bodies.

2. SALVATION ARMY. Which has a military organization, with hard discipline. Such of course, is NOT the New Testament plan. They utterly ignore the ordinances.

3. THE CHRISTIAN AND MISSIONARY ALLIANCE. Founded by a great man and with a good purpose. Has assumed aspects of a church. Parasites on other churches by allowing folks to retain membership in other bodies, while working with them. They are the result of Modernism — and constitute a reaction against modernism.

4. CHRISTIAN OR CAMPBELLITE DENOMINATION.

Has some of the democracy of Baptists, but gives the minister episcopal powers to receive members. No voting them in. Congregations exercises no right of reception, and consequently discipline is not possible. How turn a fellow out, if you don't vote him in?

MODERN BAPTIST PERVERSION.

While theoretically holding to the New Testament teaching concerning independence of the local church, Baptist "leaders" are really foisting a hard and fast rule of bosses on Baptists. A few men dominate the Conventions. Boards of their creation furnish "literature, etc." Attempt is made to crush a really independent pastor or church. We are headed toward the destruction of Baptist democracy.

THE NEW TESTAMENT PLAN: (Read Acts 1:15 and 23; Acts 6:5,6; Acts 9:31; 16:5; II Cor. 8:23; Rev. 1:4). Note indication of complete independency and autonomy.

HOW "WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS" WAS BORN

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it had happened so quickly that not one was aware of it until it was too late. Joseph could not understand why such a tragedy should come into his life. He decided that he could no longer live in the house that was to be their home together. Everything around the place reminded him of Mary — the park where they used to stroll, the pond where they used to skate in winter, the church where they were to be married. He made up his mind to leave Dublin and go far away where he could forget about his sorrow — to Port Hope, Canada. His mother packed his trunk and placed in the bottom of it a New Testament.

From Dublin he set sail across the Atlantic. Reaching Canada, he pushed his way inland. Finally, after many months, he arrived at Port Hope on the shores of Lake Ontario. He was financially independent because of the regular monthly allowance coming to him from Dublin. He built himself a little cabin and spent his time going about doing good among the poor and needy of the community. One afternoon he was seen walking down the streets of Port Hope, dressed as a plain working man, and carrying a saw-horse and a saw on his mission of help. A citizen, noticing him, asked a friend, "Do you know that man? What is his name and where does he live? I

hair, a faded rose, a wedding invitation, a newspaper item announcing the funeral. Then, under the date of 1855, the words of the poem, "What A Friend We Have In Jesus." When asked about the author of the poem, he replied, "The good Lord and I did it together." His friend asked to copy it and then had it published.

Joseph Scriven's hymn, written in 1855, discovered by his friend in 1865, appeared for the first time in a Christian hymnal that same year. Although it was the last hymn in the hymnal, it became the first in the hearts of those who used it. Joseph lived for 21 years after his hymn was published. On October 10, 1886, his body was found in a "water-run" near Lake Rice, Canada, where he had lived for a time. The cause of his death was never determined. His many friends erected a monument to his memory at Lake Rice.

ANOTHER CALIFORNIA GOLD RUSH IS ON!

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the first bit of ore and called it rich, is the other.

His findings still show a gold content in the yellow, decomposed ore of anywhere from 18 to 75 dollars a ton.

He says: "This is no phony, believe me. It just happens that this plateau never was affected by the grinding forces of erosion. That's why the gold is hard to

Epitaph

Many men are more concerned over having a memorial in a churchyard than over having a reward in Heaven. History books written by men will all perish. Only the glory given by Christ our Lord will be eternal. The only official epitaph on Calvin, which is found in the Consistorial register of Geneva, is "John Calvin, went to God, Saturday, the 27th" (i. e., of May, 1564). Enoch's biography is one of the shortest, "Enoch walked with God."—Selected.

want some one to cut wood, and I find it difficult to get a sober man to do the work faithfully."

"But you can't get that man," was the reply. "Why not?" queried the gentleman. "Because you are able to pay for it. He only saws wood for poor widows and sick people."

Ten years after he left Dublin, in a letter he wrote to his mother, he expressed his joy over finding a new Friend. He told her that for ten years he had been carrying his sorrow deep down in his heart. He thought that he could run away from it and find peace, but he could not. He had picked up the New Testament his mother had packed with his clothes. He was lonely and rather disgusted with life when he discovered these words, "I have called you friends." Suddenly, he realized the meaning of these words, and with it came peace. Jesus was his Friend. He had never written a line of poetry in his life, but that night with his heart filled with emotion, he sat down and dashed off the stanzas of the hymn, "What a Friend We Have In Jesus." He sent a copy of the words to his mother in the letter that night.

Ten years after the writing of this hymn, Joseph Scriven was sick in bed. He had lived an unselfish life, helping all who needed him. A friend, caring for him in his illness, found in his scrapbook some memoirs of his former life, things that Joseph had kept in memory of Mary: a lock of

check.
"It's still combined with ferrous materials which ordinarily would have been eaten away by erosion. What we've got to do is to erode away this iron mechanically. Once free from that the gold can be recovered easily by ordinary methods.

"All we need is a small pilot plant here that should not cost much more than \$6,000. We can run twenty tons a day through it at a cost under three dollars and fifty cents a ton. If that doesn't add up to a rich strike, I never saw one."

No mineralogist has yet been able to prove Hey is wrong. Several thoughtful citizens, including President Bernard McClendon of the Del Norte Miners Association, have shipped off ore samples to other assayers.

Until reports of these checks are received, Del Norte's modern bonanza remains the greatest of modern gold rushes.

Man's insatiable lust for gold caused Chatterton to write: "Where the pale children of the feeble sun

In search of gold through every climate run:
From burning heat to freezing torrents go,
And live in all vicissitudes of woe."

And Virgil asked: "To what dost thou not drive the hearts of men, O accursed lust for gold!"

The poet Shelley seems to have fathomed the secret of humanity's mad rush for the yellow

metal. He says:

"Commerce has set the mark of Selfishness,
The signet of its all-enslaving power
Upon a shining ore, and called it gold;

Before whose image bow the vulgar great,
The vainly rich, the miserably proud,
The mobs of peasants, nobles and kings,
And with blind feelings reverence the power

That grinds them to the dust of misery.
But in the temple of their hireling hearts
Gold is a living god, and ruled in scorn
All earthly things but virtue."

How we wish that men would manifest the same eagerness for that which is "better than gold."

The Psalmist had a proper sense of values and said: "The judgments of the Lord are as truths and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold." (Psalm 19:9-10).

And the wise man Solomon said: "Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding. For the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold." (Proverbs 3:13-14)

The Apostle Peter refers something better than gold when he says: "Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things as silver and gold . . . but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot." (Peter 1:18-19)

To be bought out of the slave market of sin and Satan and to be destined to be with and like Christ in glory by virtue of His precious shed blood is, as the chorus put it:

"O yes, my friend, there's something more,
Something more than gold;
To know your sins are all forgiven

Is something more than gold."
Joaquin Miller exclaimed: "O God, how poor a man may be with nothing in this world but gold!"

EVERYBODY IS ASKING

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Personally, I consider these verses genuine just as I do the balance of God's Word.

3. Is it right to give prizes and awards such as bubble gum, candy, etc., as an incentive to children to attend the services of God's House?

Those who do so, say that they end justifies the means. Personally, I know of nothing more hypocritical nor Satanic. Every common sense cries out in protest against such worldly practices. Woe to the church built in such manner! Woe to them especially if they run out of bubble gum and rewards. This is just one of the many "abominations" of desolation" found in our modern church life.

4. If Paul were alive, would he speak to a Rotary club?

Personally, I don't recall that he ever did when he was alive. However, if he were to, he'd far differ to most preachers who do so today. You can be certain he would preach Jesus and Him crucified. If a doctor or lawyer speaks to such organizations he confines his message to his particular field. Would to God that preachers had as much sense and that they would preach Jesus