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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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WHAT ARE GOOD TIMES?

Roy Mason, Tampa, Fla.

There is a host of wrong thinking on the part of the general public concerning what is commonly called "having a good time." The world is "good time crazy" today. "Pleasure mad" is the term that can be used to describe many a person. And it is the general opinion that to be a real Christian, means to say goodbye to all joy and pleasure. Now what is the error in people's thinking about this "good time business?" The following suggestions are made:

It is error to think that the "good times" of life come through violating physical laws. What is what people think they must do to have a good time? The world's good times include: drinking liquor. But what of the consequences? Only a dunce fails to know that drunkenness is ill health — poverty — domestic trouble — loss of business or job. Alcohol kills more than war. Yet people think they are having a good time when they knock out their brains, stagger around, or lie in their own drunken vomit. Some good time indeed that makes an animal out of a human being!

Indulgence in narcotics. To observe some people, one would think that just about all pleasure lies in a little stick of tobacco. Take away the cigarette or snuff from many a person and he would see little reason for living. A war correspondent reported that people in France were more disturbed over the rise in cigarettes than over anything else connected with the war. Yet, indulgence in nicotine shortens life, sometimes brings insanity, causes various diseases, enslaves, and constitutes an utter waste of money. Is the best good time of life to be had through blowing smoke and shortening life?

Immoral conduct. Sex looseness and laxity — and that is involved

in what the world calls a good time, is most prevalent today. It is produced in part by unclean movies and literature of today. What is the direct result of this? Prostitution and disease. Divorce. Killings and all sorts of tragedies. Premature death and hell.

In other words, the "good times" as thought of by most people, are to be had at the expense of morals, decency, health, poverty, life and even the soul. Is anything worthy to be called a "good time" that brings such an aftermath? When one has to break the laws of the Creator, and the very laws that govern health and being in order to have a "good time," is not such a good time to be viewed with suspicion? Why, dope will give you a good time of a sort—but at what a cost!

The Truth About A Real Good Time

Any worthwhile good time, (Continued on page two)



Every Tract Distributor Knows Fully The Power Of The Printed Page

The printing and distributing of godly literature has done immeasurable good and has won more souls for the Master than anyone realizes.

Someone has said that in scattering divine literature we liberate thistledown bearing precious seed, which, blown by the winds of the Spirit, floats all over the world. The printed page reaches many that could not be reached in any other way. It takes long after the one who has written or distributed it has gone to his reward.

More interesting than any fiction or fairy tale is the true story of the spread of the Gospel through the printed word. We hear many also unbelievable accounts of this work. Sir Bartle discovered a small town where idol shrines and temples were empty, but the people had the Christian faith. He learned that some years previous a copy of a tract of the Gospel and some tracts were discovered in the pocket of an old garment which had been given to one of the

townsfolk by an English resident. This proved that "the entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple."

Four copies of Hasting's lecture on the inspiration of the Bible were given to four infidels at different times. All four were converted and became ministers of the Gospel in four different denominations.

One little leaflet in the hands of a good woman did a marvelous work of grace. She gave the tract to an actor, George Lorimer, who was led by it to attend church where he was converted. Later he became pastor of Tremont Temple, Boston. Though his influence, Russell Conwell was also led into the ministry. Think of what the world and the work of God would have missed had not these two notable preachers come under the power of the Gospel!

It is said that Luther wrote a pamphlet on Galatians which, falling into the hands of John Bunyan, was the means of his conversion. When we consider that the one hundred and thirty-fifth translation of Bunyan's immortal Pilgrim's Progress has been issued we get a faint conception of the good that Bunyan's (Continued on page two)

Don't Look

"Who is blind but my servant? or deaf, as my messenger that I send? who is blind as he that is at peace with me, and blind as the Lord's servant?" Isa. 42:19, R. V.

These words were spoken primarily of the Lord Jesus, the Pattern Servant, who "humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross."

But these words describe also those who have followed Him to Calvary, found peace with God through His blood, and accepted His cross as theirs; those who are joined to Him as the Living One, and now through the supply of His Spirit seek to walk in His steps, not looking at the outward appearance of things around, nor judging after the sight of the eyes, nor deciding after the hearing of the ears (Isa. 11:3, R. V., margin).

The life in union with the risen (Continued on page four)

Mused Uncle Mose

Ef klat new chu'ch dat jes' sprung up down de street is de New Tessymant chu'ch, den up to now dey ain' nevah been no New Tessymant chu'ch.

Don't Read This Unless You Desire To Understand God's Purposes In Your Life

By M. F. Engle
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The life of humanity is rife with purposes. Some of these purposes are carried to completion, while many of them fail to culminate. The reason for these failures might depend upon a number of things, but two of the most common causes, we think, are these: First, in the imperfection of human character, one might purpose a thing which at the time he might regard with great value, but in later developments, might discover to be useless, or at least, not worth carrying to completion and thus drop it. Second, one might purpose a thing, the value of which could not be questioned, yet in the course of its completion, the task might prove too great. Consequently it would fail.

In the purposes of God none of these things are to be feared. His infinity and perfection make His purposes as secure and unalterable as His own sovereign character.

With the foregoing facts in mind we wish to consider some of the purposes of God from eternity. These purposes we will class, in nature or kind, as direc-

tive and permissive. As we think upon this, we fancy we can see in eternity, before time as we know it, a great and mighty God, an infinitely wise and holy God—an absolute sovereign over all, formulating a great plan of events which He purposes to unfold and bring to pass through the ceaseless ages which shall come and go.

Among these we would mention: Creation, Temptation and Fall, Redemption and Glorification.

God's Creative Purpose

As we think of this topic we imagine God in the counsel chambers of eternity working out the great plan of speaking into existence the marvelous universe which He later announces in His Word when He says through His inspiration, "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth" Gen. 1:1. When this had been arranged, His next step was to say, "Let us make man in our own image, after our likeness" Gen. 1:25. And by this He meant that (Continued On Page Two)

BAPTIST DISTINCTIVES

Doctrinally speaking, there are several things to which the people known as "Baptists" have held through the years, which have gone far toward making them a distinct and separate people from those of the majority of all other denominations. If it were not for these dogmas, Baptists would not be what they are today.

The fundamental and basic principle of religion held by Baptists, is that the Bible, and especially the New Testament, is the one essential authority in all matters of faith and practice. Unlike the Catholics, Baptists maintain that each individual believer should have access to the Bible for himself, and that no church is the final authority in matters pertaining to religion or (Continued on page four)

LITTLE WORDS

The Bible contains 810,697 words. This is about four times as many as are found in a book of average length. Although so long a Book and dealing with the greatest theme that can engage the mind of man, its vocabulary is singularly limited. Only 20,000 different words are used which is very small compared to the 20,000 employed by Shakespeare in writing his plays.

Not only is the vocabulary limited, however, but the average words in the Bible contains but five letters. Many of the short words in the Bible are, however, of the deepest meaning and are worthy of earnest study. Such is the short five-letter word "grace," over which theologians have for centuries waged bitter controversies.

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-- The First Baptist Pulpit --

"One Minute Before Midnight"

By DAN GILBERT

In the first chapter of the Epistle to the Romans, Paul gives us a most striking description of the "days of Noah."

In the beginning, man knew God, but refused to glorify his Creator. Instead he created false gods of his own. This is what happened in the days of Noah. Humanity followed in the "way of Cain," who worshipped in HIS OWN WAY rather than in the way designated by God Almighty.

As it is stated in the matchless Pauline language: "Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools. And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man..." Romans 1:21-23.

They "changed the truth of God

into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever."

This is the best description of what happened in the days of Noah. The gratification of human appetite rather than the glorification of God was the goal of mankind. Men did as they pleased, rather than as God wished them to do. They established a "moral standard" which satisfied (Continued on page three)

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WHAT ARE "GOOD TIMES" IN THE TRUE SENSE?

(Continued from page one) must be of some duration—*not* followed by a "morning after."

Any worthwhile good time must come out of enjoyment of good health. No enjoyment of life can come out of sickness and invalidism. That's what dissipation leads to.

Who gave capacity to joy and experience happiness? And you can't ignore the laws of the One who originated happiness and be happy.

Does observation of those who "burn the candle at both ends" indicate that they have found happiness?

The Word Of God

Consider Adam and Eve, and what they lost for appetite's sake.

Consider Esau and what he forfeited for one mess of "goulash."

Consider Moses who took the long view and did not succumb to the pleasures of the moment. (Read Hebrews 11:24-26).

God's law for those who are going to have a "good time" at the expense of everything else. (See Galatians 6:7-9).

Out Of What Does A True Good Time—Happiness—Come?

Not from burning ourselves up,

The Gospel Prevails In China



A village constable in North China reads the Gospel

and sending ourselves to the hospital and the grave. True happiness comes from a healthy mind and soul in a healthy body, living in harmony with the laws of God, and with an outlook on eternity. From home, friend, work, usefulness, achievement, godliness—these things bring happiness.

IN THE PURPOSE OF GOD

(Continued from page one) man should be a perfect and holy being just as God is perfect and holy, with the faculties to think and choose for himself.

The Temptation And Fall

Notwithstanding this high and exalted purpose for man, God had another in view. That was the placing of him in a position to exercise this choice and to permit him to squander and lose that holy estate with which he was endowed. This was strictly a permissive purpose, yet it was God's purpose for the promotion of the

complete plan of events He was working out in eternity.

God's Plan Of Redemption

The third rung in the ladder of attainment to God's eternal purpose was now ready to be inserted—that of redemption of the depraved nature which would result from the fall. In the achievement of this purpose God would employ both His directive and permissive will. First He would release Heaven's most treasured jewel, His only begotten son, to come to earth and make a complete sacrificial atonement for the sins of the totally depraved Adam race. In doing this, He would permit sin to run its full course by permitting His Son to be betrayed into the hands of sinful men and subjected to the most cruel tortures that history, either sacred or profane, has ever revealed—the nailing of Him to a cruel cross to die and be consigned to the tomb for the sins of the human race. But behind all of this was another most glorious purpose, that of making

this same crucified and buried Son to become conqueror over death, Hell and the grave and to be exalted to the high position of sitting at His right hand on the eternal throne of His glory as the mediator of all races, kindred and tribes who will believe on His matchless name.

Glorification

Every creative and permissive purpose which God advanced from eternity was for one and only one thing, the complete glorification of Himself. He had but one motive, His own infinite glory.

We at once admit that it is quite difficult for the mind of mortal man to reason out why God would permit sin. Yet we do know that He has and does permit it for the attainment of His own glory. Certainly He takes no pleasure in sin, within itself considered, yet, somehow, for reasons incomprehensible to the finite mind, it sub-serves His purpose to permit it and to overcome it for His glory.

So, as we reflect over the past and observe things about us in the present, we cannot but see the mighty hand of Him who in eternity fashioned all things, bringing the floods of both wickedness and righteousness into the channel of His providence to turn the mill of His purpose.

THE POWER OF THE PRINTED PAGE

(Continued from page one) book has rendered during the years.

While lying in a hospital a young Frenchman wounded at the siege of St. Quentin noticed a tract lying on his bed. He read it and was so deeply impressed that he was converted. His monument may be seen before the Church of the Consistory in Paris and he is depicted as standing with a Bible in his hand. He was Admiral Coligny, the leader of the Reformation in France. The tract continued to do good work. It was read by Coligny's nurse, a Sister of Mercy, who penitently placed it in the hands of the Lady Abbes, and strange as it may seem, she also was converted by it. She fled from France to Palestine, where she met a young Hollander and became his wife. This Hollander was William of

Orange, who became the champion of liberty and Protestantism in the Netherlands, and who influenced the whole continent of Europe.

Leigh Richmond was giving tracts when the receiver tore his in two and threw it on the ground. The wind carried the pieces over a hedge into a hayfield where it was picked up by one of the workers, who read it to his companions. He carefully fastened the broken pieces of paper together with a thread and by prayer and meditation on the tract he gave his life to God and became a tract distributor himself. In a year three of his companions also became Christian workers.

It is not strange that the written Word can accomplish such great results when we realize that God is behind it. When followed by the immeasurable power of prayer it can indeed work miracles. It can enter places where the minister or Christian would not be allowed. It is stated that more than 150,000,000 copies of Spurgeon's sermons have been put into circulation.

A Christian woman in Toronto, Canada, who tries to make use of every possible opportunity to spread the Gospel, was doing her family washing in the basement when she heard a ring at the back door. She left her work to answer the door. As she ascended the stairs she was singing one of her favorite hymns. Opening the door, she saw a Jew, who occasionally came to her door to ask if she had anything to sell. This time, however, before making the usual query he said, "What makes you so happy, you are singing?" She smiled as she answered, "I am singing because I am so happy that I am a Christian; Christ makes me happy." She then went away and came back with a copy of Matthew in Yiddish, and handing it to the Jew, she asked him to read it.

A few days after this he again came to her door. This time he had with him a Jew who had injured his hand.

"I bought my friend to you. I thought if you were a Christian you would bind up his sore hand."

"Of course I will," said the Christian as she welcomed the two men into her kitchen. She brought a basin of warm water with which she gently washed the wound and then applied a healing ointment, after which she bound up the sore hand. In speaking of the incident to a friend, she said, "I did not mind doing it for I felt all the time as if I was doing it for my Lord Himself."

Some weeks later this woman and her husband were walking along the street when she heard a cart rattling and a man called out, "My friend, I read the Book you gave me." At once she recognized the man to whom she had given the copy of Matthew in Yiddish. Nothing more was said except that her husband teased her, declaring that if this was typical of the friends with whom she was associating, he would have to disown her. Weeks passed and one day she met the Jew on the street. He was dressed differently that at first she scarcely recognized him. "I have quit the rag and bottle business," he said. "I now have a clothing store and I would like to have you come to my store and select a dress, as I wish to give you a present of it."

"That is so kind of you, but I could not think of accepting such a gift."

"Why not?" he said, "I am grateful to you for giving me that copy of Matthew. I read it" (Continued on page four)

A HELPER TO THE TRUTH

THE BAPTIST EXAMINER has meant more to me than any paper I have ever read. It has enriched by life mentally, spiritually, and Scripturally. I don't know how I first came to receive it, but I thank God that it ever started coming to my home.

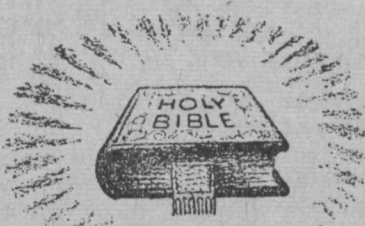
Not many preach distinctive Baptist doctrines, grace, and the eternal purposes of God like the editor. May he long live to preach and edit this weekly (but far from weakly) paper. May God help all of us readers to pray for him and support him financially as he does so.

I wish I might put this paper in every home in America.

M. F. ENGLE
Gulston, Kentucky

Favorite Verse

"I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day."—II Tim. 1:12.



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MISSION SHEETS

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DONNA MARIA

By J. F. Brandon

(In the November MISSION SHEETS was an article about Donna Maria. Here is another one about this Brazilian Baptist woman and the marvelous work that she is doing for her Lord.)

In 1937 while we were living in Cruzeiro do Sul I was returning home from a visit to the church at Japyni, coming down the Moa River which flows through the hill country. There came into my sight a small house located on a very high hill near the river. At once I was impressed that it would be a good place to preach. It was just 14 miles from Cruzeiro do Sul and the name of the community was "atrosi." We stopped to see who lived there and was surprised to learn that it was a friend who readily consented for us to go there and have preaching services once each week. We agreed to be there the next Friday night if the Lord willed. Upon our arrival home we found that some of the brethren were ready to attempt the undertaking with us. We left on Friday afternoon by canoe shortly after dinner and arrived in Quatrosi about 6 P. M. The owner of the house had advised the neighbors and the house was full of people.

DONNA MARIA GOES TO WORK

That the attendance might be better, Donna Maria had gone ahead by land along a country road. She began to visit the homes and invite the people to attend the services. It was a good two days work but she did it well, talking with the people in their homes about the Lord which seemed to be the greatest joy of her life. As she was going along the road she met a young man who seemed to be interested in hearing something about the gospel, for he had, up to that time, been a great rejecter of it. He began by accusing her of thinking that she was smart and that all the Baptists tried to teach the Catholics as though they knew nothing. Donna Maria brought up the age long question asking him from whence came John's baptism, was it from heaven or from men? Of course he was confused and unable to reply so he asked her what about it. She replied that John the Baptist was so called by Jesus and he had been sent from God to preach the baptism of repentance and to baptize the repentant ones in water.

MIGUEL IBERNÓN HEARS THE WORD

Then she was careful to show him that repentance was a gift from God to those whose hearts yes to those who had not received the truth but received it, and that repentance was the command of God to every person and that it was a real sincere turning away from sin, primarily the sin of having other gods beside the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of

A BRAZILIAN FAMILY IN BEMEN



Many thousands like this Brazilian family have never heard about the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. The field is ripe unto harvest and workers are needed.

Six Baptized In Brazil

A letter from Cicero Bicipo da Cruz the native Baptist missionary at Amonho tells about six being baptized recently. This is the church that Missionary Brandon organized in February 1946 and of which he is a member. Amonho is 250 miles up the Jurua river above Cruzeiro do Sul where Brother Brandon has his headquarters. Also a letter from Eufrazo Soraes another one of the native missionaries tells about twelve conversions in the place that he is working. The

the Living God. Then she told him that John preached in the wilderness and that the multitudes went out to hear him and that many were converted and turned away from sin to believe in the Lord Jesus and receive him as their own personal Saviour. Also that when many of these had been baptized, then Jesus came unto him for baptism too and as they were coming out of the water the Spirit of God descended upon the head of the Lord Jesus and the Father from Heaven said this is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased.

THE WORD OF GOD AT WORK

The man was gasping already, he had known Donna Maria for years and had no idea that she was so well informed in the Bible. She continued, now you see that Jesus was a man when He was baptized, He had no god-father, He was baptized by a Baptist preacher who received no money for it. She also showed him that the Father from Heaven had said that that kind of baptism pleased Him and that it was on that occasion that the Lord Jesus was anointed with the Holy Spirit. She showed that John had already baptized the men who were to become the disciples of the Lord and later He called them together and organized them into a church, Jesus Himself being the head of it, now she said, if Jesus after being baptized by a Baptist

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ANNIVERSARY TIME

This is anniversary time for the MISSION SHEETS. This paper is now five years old. In fact this issue is the first on the sixth year. In January 1942 we sent out 30 copies of the first issue and the circulation has grown month by month until it now is 13,000 and goes to every State in the Union and to many foreign countries. If you are a subscriber to the BAPTIST EXAMINER you get the paper free once each month. Also it is sent out in large envelopes to about 60 churches so that each family may have a copy. The subscription is free and we will send it to anyone who is interested in the work if they will just send their names and addresses. Also we will send several copies free each month to any church or pastor upon request with the name and address where to send them. This paper is for and about New Testament Baptist Faith Mission Work just like the Lord Jesus Christ commissioned His churches to carry on. It tells about the work of the Brandons in Brazil and the Hallums in Peru. It tells up to date what is being done, about missionary journeys, souls saved, new preaching points being opened up and new Baptist churches being organized. Pray that the Lord will bless our efforts and use this paper to the honor and glory of our blessed Lord. If you read this and are not a subscriber to the BAPTIST EXAMINER, send \$1.00 for two years and get this weekly Baptist paper and it will enrich your Christian life. Send your subscription to Elder John R. Gilpin, Russell, Kentucky.

not cease, but only be transferred to the Baptist Faith Mission Board of Detroit, Mich., of which Elder Hafford H. Overbey is the much loved and efficient secretary.

III. The remaining funds now held in trust by the Amazon Valley Baptist Faith Mission be disposed of in following manner: Our board is to pay salaries of Bro. Hallum and family to January 1, 1947. Also, to pay their return fares to their field of labor Iquitos, Peru, and voted to hand them a check for the remainder of our funds, to use for themselves.

The above was officially authorized by said Amazon Valley Baptist Faith Mission Board, in the building of Memorial Baptist Church, of Murray, Kentucky on September 26, 1946.

The Committee
Elder D. W. Billington
J. R. Melugin
E. B. Holland

Persecution In Iquitos

By R. P. Hallum

One morning I was at the bakery early to get bread when a woman who is a member of the Baptist Church in Iquitos came to me and said that some men had broken into the church house and had thrown some of the things into the street and that the police were waiting for me to come to the church house and I immediately hurried over. I found one of the policemen there making a list of things in front of the house that had been thrown out.

WORK OF DRUNKEN CATHOLICS

Three drunks had been out to some kind of a party and on their way in that morning, had pushed the door open, entered the church building and were carrying things out into the street. They made so much noise that a woman near there heard them and saw what they were doing and notified the police department and the police came and caught them in the act and took charge of them. They had thrown out several benches, a table, pulpit, books including Bibles, and the folding organ they carried and threw into the gutter in the middle of the street, no doubt thinking that it would be ruined, but we were happy to find it undamaged. A boy came along and saw it and got it out. I don't remember all the things that were thrown out.

TOOK ME TO THE POLICE STATION

The police had me to go along to the police station with them and it was right funny afterwards. After I had answered several questions and put my signature to two or three papers, they took my finger prints as if I were the offender. I do not know why they did all that with me, I suppose it was because I was a foreigner. I did not see the prisoners but could hear someone being questioned in an adjoining room. The police made their report of what was found but nothing was done with the criminals. I received a few "soles" (Peruvian money) for the damage done to the property but the men were not prosecuted any further for the crime committed.

USELESS FOR A MISSIONARY TO TRY TO BRING THE NATIVES TO JUSTICE

I did not wish to take time that would be required to try to bring them to justice; moreover I did not believe that a foreigner could bring them to justice. I had seen other Americans in court before, in Peru and learned that nothing could be done against the will of the Roman Catholic Priests.

CHURCH ENTERED BY THIEVES AGAIN

Later on the church building
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NOTICE

Anyone desiring more information about this mission work write to the Secretary of the Mission. Address your letter to:

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D. V. B. S.

Iquitos, Peru 1945

By Marguerite Hallum

Vacation months in Iquitos, Peru are January, February and March as they are the hottest months. Before choosing the time for the Bible School we had to take into consideration that Carnival was to be in February and it would be impossible to have it then, as the kids start throwing water, starch, etc., on each other at least two weeks before the official time. So we decided that about the last week of January would be the best time to start. As we had never conducted a Bible School before, we did not exactly know how to go about it or just how many children to prepare for. However, we did know that before we could have one the people must know about it, so we had handbills printed advertising the date of enrollment, opening day, and just what was to be taught. At the bottom we told them all the materials used would be furnished free. That seemed to have been the main thing that drew them.

PREPARED FOR 50 CHILDREN

We bought material enough to take care of 50 children, thinking that would be more than needed, but on enrollment day, (the Saturday before school opened on Monday) we learned otherwise. Between 60 and 70 children enrolled, much to our amazement and joy. Saturday afternoon I busied myself buying more pencils, notebooks, etc., needed to take care of the extra ones. Since we had been told that some who were unable to enroll on Saturday wanted to come on Monday, I bought enough supplies to take care of 100. Monday there was some confusion as the whole thing was new to most all concerned, but Tuesday things went better and by Wednesday things were running rather smoothly. On Wednesday afternoon we were provided with some anxiety when a lady came to the door of our house asking about her little girl. We told her we had not seen her since she left church. It seems that on two previous days she had come for her, but on that day the children had gotten out a bit earlier and she did not know where the child had gone. The next day we learned that she had gone home with some other children.

MORE CAME THAN WE COULD HANDLE

Since we did not have enough space nor teachers to divide the children properly for the Bible lessons, it seemed best to have it all together, later dividing for the handwork. We used the flannelgraph lessons, finding it very useful in holding the atten-

PERSECUTION IN IQUITOS

(Continued from preceding page) was entered on three different occasions and about \$25.00 worth of property taken including Bibles, curtains for Sunday School rooms, light bulbs, a rubberized sack and other things. As on the first occasion, when reported to the police, my fingerprints were taken. We have tried since to make the church house more secure.

tion of such a large group, and helping them to remember the lesson taught. Each day during the first week new ones would come to enroll until there were 108 on the roll. During the last week we had to turn the new ones away, as we had not teachers nor facilities to care for them. The



MISS MARGUERITE HALLUM

average attendance was around 80. The children were very enthusiastic with learning the songs choruses, Bible verses as well as the handwork. We had the closing exercises in the form of an oral examination. The parents responded well to the invitations to attend. The children answered questions regarding the lessons they had studied and quoted the verses learned. One father after hearing the program said he did not know how they could learn so much in so short a time.

ANOTHER PLANNED FOR THIS YEAR

We hope to get back in time to have another Bible school this year. If time permits before re-opening of school we might be able to have the enrollment and then divide the children so as to have two schools, covering a period of four weeks, and thus be able to care for all more adequately. Children who are not permitted to enter our Sunday School Sunday morning are allowed to attend Daily Vacation Bible School, and thus many are reached who otherwise would not be.

DONNA MARIA

(Continued from preceding page) preacher called twelve men together who were also baptized by the same Baptist preacher and organizes them into a church, could there be any doubt about that being a Baptist church? Of course the man remained without a subject. There was really nothing he could say, but by that time they had arrived at his home. He was so interested that he got ready and together with his wife he came to Quatrosi to the services that night.

THE MAN IS SAVED

We were happy to see this man and his wife at the service, they were so attentive and promised to return the following week. After attending the services for a couple of months he was converted and gave a thrilling profession of faith. He found the Lord and was stirred to follow Him in a very active way. As he professed faith his wife burst into tears, she thought it would be their ruin for them to abandon the religion of their fathers, and this was more than she could endure to think of. For days she was very unhappy and threatened her husband with many things, among them was the threat of

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South Side Baptist Church, Winter Haven, Fla.	\$ 20.00
Tabernacle Baptist Church, Lewisburg, Ky.	60.00
First Baptist Church, White Plains, Ky.	10.00
Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, Ky.	17.06
McRoberts Baptist Church, McRoberts, Ky.	15.00
Seven Springs Baptist Church, Dycusburg, Ky.	19.48
South Union Baptist Church, Cadiz, Ky.	21.00
Second Baptist Church, Marion, Ky.	9.05
Bellview Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky.	55.85
Oak Baptist Church, L. B. C., Royal Oak, Mich.	10.00
Liberty Baptist Church, Central City, Ky.	4.00
Raiford Baptist Church, Raiford, Fla.	5.00
Buffalo Avenue Baptist Church, Tampa, Fla.	288.25
Mt. Zion Baptist Church, W. M. U., West Union Assn., Paducah, Ky.	10.00
Scotts Grove Baptist Church, Murray, Ky.	47.00
Liberty Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio	13.00
Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Hickory, Ky.	12.44
Benton Baptist Church, Benton, Ky.	41.51
Grace Baptist Church, Baseline, Mich.	72.51
Grace Baptist Church, B. Y. P. U., Baseline, Mich.	9.80
Mt. Pleasant, Baptist Church, Cadiz, Ky.	17.75
Julian Baptist Church, Gracey, Ky.	50.00
Bethel Baptist Church, Roseville, Mich.	16.00
Ryan Road Baptist Church, Van Dyke, Mich.	7.62
Fenton Road Baptist Church, L. B. C., Flint, Mich.	5.00
Harmony Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich.	97.20
Mrs. Voise K. Ward, Kermit, W. Va.	24.00
Clifford Lewis, Stillwell, Okla.	100.00
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Mrs. Robert H. Cook, Orange, N. J.	5.00
Oscar Ahlswede Glen Ellyn, Ill.	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Larson, Seffner, Fla.	10.00

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Sassafras Ridge Baptist Church, Hickman, Ky.	10.00
Midway Baptist Church Hickman, Ky.	14.92
North Side Baptist Church, Mayfield, Ky.	40.75
Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, Fulton, Ky.	10.00
First Baptist Church Murray, Ky.	25.00
Dublin Baptist Church, Dublin, Ky.	80.75
Loves Baptist Church, Loves, Ky.	23.15
Hopewell Baptist Church, Arlington, Ky.	15.00
Bell City Baptist Church, Bell City, Ky.	20.08
West Ky. Preachers Bible School, Mayfield, Ky.	49.00
Maranatha Baptist Church, Grand Rapids, Mich.	25.00
W. M. U., Detroit River Assn. Annual Meeting	40.00
B. Y. P. U., Detroit River Assn. Annual Meeting	10.00
W. M. U., Grace Baptist Church, Baseline, Mich.	35.00
(for mattress)	50.78
Benton Baptist Church, Benton, Ky.	50.78

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Z. E. CLARK, Treasurer

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leaving him. He consented that she might go, but that he was going to follow the Lord Jesus and be baptized. When she saw her threats were of none effect she returned to the preaching services with him.

THE MAN'S WIFE IS SAVED

In another month she too was converted and gave a soul stirring profession.

Then the two went together to the home of her father to tell him of the new found joy of their salvation, but that proved to be a very sad day for both of them. The old gentleman had already heard about it and was very angry and he being a violent sort of man met them at the door with a loaded rifle and after much abuse drove them away telling them to never return. He told them that he had three guns loaded, one for him, one for the Baptist deacon and the other for Missionary Brandon and should any come near he would have no pity but kill on sight, furthermore, he said, that it was all Brandon's fault for he has persuaded you to leave the religion of your fathers and become Baptists. The newly converted couple came to my home in Cruzeiro do Sul where we talked it over and prayed for the direction of the Lord. We tried most everything but the man became harder and harder

DONNA MARIA AT WORK AGAIN

Finally it seemed that Donna Maria had the key to the situation. The man was a farmer and he and his boys worked in the field while his wife and daughters remained at the house doing the work there. Donna Maria would go to the house as often as she could get admission and talk to the wife and daughters while the man and his boys were away at work. Then the believers would invite his boys to the gospel services at Quatrosi and we would do all we could to interest them. The church remained at prayer for this man and his family. Months passed, but the gospel works in the heart in a way unknown to man. Two of the boys were converted and the father drove them away from home. Later another was converted and he too was driven away with a curse. This left the old man without any help on the farm but the small children and the girls. He was heart broken, he had driven his boys away from him and he did not know what to do. He went to his wife for consolation and he began by accusing the gospel and speaking evil of the believers. Then it was that his wife manifested her faith by reproving him and defending both the gospel and the believers much

to his surprise. She frankly told him that both she and her girls were believers and that Donna Maria had visited them many times while he was in the field and that she had given them Bible and song books and that they had read the Bible and sung songs while he and the boys were in the field.

THE OLD MAN SENDS FOR THE MISSIONARY

The old man was so broken hearted that he wept, there was nothing that he could do. He was overcome, the Spirit had done his work. His wife suggested that he write and invite Brother Brandon to come there and preach the gospel in their home for it was nothing evil as he had thought but instead he himself would appreciate it when he heard and understood it. This he did and we can well imagine the happiness among the brethren when I received the letter inviting us there for a service some Sunday afternoon. We planned to go the next Sunday and the one who brought the letter returned with the answer so everything was made ready.

A large number of believers went along and it was one of the greatest services they had ever attended. The old man met with us the door, this time not with a gun, his son-in-law was with him in front of the others and the old man embraced us and invited us in the house. The house was ready and his family seated the neighbors were there. The old man begged our forgiveness and invited us to begin the service.

FAMILY OF TEN BAPTIZED

I am sure the readers would have enjoyed that service. I believe it was one of the greatest services I ever attended. The Lord was there in great power and everyone was so happy. A number of songs were sung and the deacon preached and I took over where he left off and at the end of the service an invitation was given. The old man was on his feet in a moment, weeping and laughing and confessing his sin as he professed his faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and accepted Him as his only God and Savior. As he stepped aside his wife came forward followed by eight children, each giving a bright profession of faith. Two weeks later these ten with two neighbors were buried with the Lord in Baptism near by in the presence of a large crowd of people. Later we all assembled in the church building at Cruzeiro do Sul where we celebrated the supper of the Lord Jesus Christ.

DONNA MARIA'S WORK IS REWARDED

This became one of the happiest homes I have ever entered. The son-in-law, Miguel Ibernomo who was first converted was later ordained to be the pastor of the church at Cruzeiro do Sul where he is still leading them on in the most noble way with the blessing of the Lord Jesus Christ. This family is very remarkable and has an important place in the gospel work in and near Cruzeiro do Sul. Zealous, sincere believers in Jesus Christ all of which date their conversions back to the untiring efforts of Donna Maria a Brazilian Baptist worker, as she would walk out there the fourteen miles and spend hours in the kitchen reading the Bible to them and telling them about her hope in the coming Lord from Heaven and the everlasting rest of all those who believe in Him and are saved. More about Donna Maria at another time.

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THE BAPTIST EXAMINER

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ONE MINUTE BEFORE MIDNIGHT

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the lusts of the flesh rather than God's standard of purity and righteousness.

This is exactly what men are doing today in the name of "modernism." As I have shown in my book, *The Federal Council of Churches in the Light of Bible Prophecy*, so-called religious "modernism" substitutes humanity for God as both the author and object of faith.

God's revelation is rejected in favor of human reason. Man believes what he wants to and what seems "reasonable" to him, rather than what God has written. The wisdom of God is rejected in favor of the wisdom of man.

Modernism rejects the finished work of Christ upon the Cross; it rejects the blood atonement. Instead, it advocates salvation by man's own works. It makes salvation of man rather than of God. Modernism espouses a church program intended to uplift mankind rather than glorify God. It substitutes the "social gospel" for the "spiritual gospel."

The "social gospel" is the gospel of the belly. Its program is to make life "more comfortable" for man on earth. To fill the stomachs of men and provide for the gratification of bodily desires, is the goal of the social gospel. In accordance with this "gospel," modernistic churches sponsor dances and picture shows for the "amusement of youth;" they establish birth-control clinics for the "convenience" of their members who wish to engage in constant sex indulgence without being bothered with offsprings.

Modernism rejects Christ's teaching against the remarriage of divorced persons. Modernism practices the remarriage of divorcees. One leading modernist minister has said, "Divorce and remarriage should be made easy, as they contribute to human happiness." Modernism is the philosophy and practice of those who are "lovers of pleasures, more than lovers of God."

So it was in the days of Noah. Paul tells us of the fearful consequences when man rejects the knowledge and righteousness of God, and serves the creature in self-indulgence rather than the Creator in spirit and in truth. Man becomes unspeakably corrupt: "being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity, whisper-

ers. Backbiters, haters of God, detestable, proud, boastful, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents."

"Without understanding, covetousness, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful: Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them."

Paul is describing the moral state of man, after he rejected the way and will of God, preferring to follow in the "way of sin," filling the earth with violence and corruption. But any man who reads present-day newspapers knows that this is an exact description of the moral or immoral state of modern man.

Paul goes into some detail to tell us of one besetting vice which is as ugly and horrible as the name by which it is known. Sodom was exceedingly widespread in the days of Noah, as it was later when Sodom was the vice capital of the world.

In the days of Noah, Paul de-

clares, "even their woman did change the natural use into that which is against nature:

"And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly . . ." — Romans 1:26-27.

One of the ugliest blotches upon American civilization, and yet one of the surest signs that the days of Noah are closing in upon us, is seen in the popular spread of unnatural vice. The scientific term for it is homosexuality. (Homo means same, so the reference is to lustful indulgence carried on between members of the same sex.)

Homosexuality has long been the "rage" among a large number of stars in Hollywood. A famous police reporter is authority for the statement that Hollywood has more houses of prostitution for homosexuals than either Paris or Vienna, the seats of old world corruption. He has commented, "It is amazing how often, on the streets of Hollywood, Washington, Chicago and other leading American cities, one will be accosted by male streetwalkers, as well as female."

Best-selling novels have been written around the lives of these unspeakable degenerates. At first the effort was made to create sympathy and "understanding" for them. But now, the objective is openly to glorify "homosexuality as a higher way of life." Fake scientists have written widely-circulated books in which they claim that the "homosexual" is a "third sex" — who is higher in the evolutionary scale than either male or female. One such writer argues that it is "animal-like" and "beast-like" to engage in natural relations intended to lead to offspring. With a pen that is obviously guided by Satan himself, he contends, "Man reaches a new height of refinement and nobility when he abandons completely the mating arrangement that prevails in the animal world and expresses his sexuality in a unique way which cannot become complicated with procreation."

"Cults of homosexuals" seem to be well-financed and highly-organized. They sponsor all sorts of propaganda to woo and win new addicts to their horrible vice. One pamphlet published by a notorious advocate of "lesbianism" (homosexuality among women) frankly maintains, "Methods of birth control are never 100 per cent effective. To be certain of avoiding the inconvenience of children or the expense of abortion, and yet to enjoy sex gratification at its best, more and more women are turning to lesbianism. You would be surprised to know how many prominent stars of the stage and screen have gone all-out for homosexuality."

This is a most revolting subject, but there are two reasons for dealing with it here. First, to show that the days of Noah are, indeed, upon us. Paul did not hesitate to describe this vice as a characteristic of the days of Noah, and we are led by the study of Scripture to recognize its prevalence as a most significant sign of the times. Second, this terrible plague of degeneracy threatens to black-out what remains of the American sense of decency.

No Christian parent will wish his children to grow up in a cultural atmosphere contaminated by the propaganda and practice of this vilest form of vice. A few years ago, newspaper headlines in Los Angeles told of how a noted Hollywood star had narrowly escaped being lynched. This man had leased a large seashore estate in one of the beach communities. He had then proceeded

to organize a "beach club for boys." He fled just in time to escape the lynching party which the boys' fathers had organized when they found out that he was teaching the youths to practice unnatural vice.

In his book, *Designs in Scarlet*, Courtney Riley Cooper, well-known writer who has collaborated with J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the F. B. I., pleads for a sterner and stricter public condemnation of degeneracy. He says that the false spirit of "tolerance" for sex perverts encourages them to spread the contagion of their vice. Decent public opinion must organize to stamp out this plague in our midst. While our laws provide long prison terms for homosexual practice, they are seldom enforced. Assuredly, common decency should assert itself and close the mails to all books and magazines which treat this monstrous vice in a favorable or flippant light.

The police reporter whom I quoted above said, "If returning American soldiers come to realize how homosexual vice is spreading, how the addicts of this practice are luring and seducing innocent youths into engaging in it, they will stage a clean-up of degeneracy which is long overdue. Japs and Nazis are contemptible, but there is nothing lower than a sex degenerate who, not content to be vile than a beast himself, insists on leading immature youths to sink to his own level."

Courtney Riley Cooper tells us that the "fairies" or male homosexuals have national organizations which stage, publicly and brazenly, "conventions," "beauty contests," and dances.

He writes, "Each year, in practically every city in America, the 'fairies' have a gathering which they call a 'drag.' In places like New York or Chicago, these drags take the form of dances and 'beauty contests.' The more wealthy among the nation's degenerates often travel across the country to attend. In smaller cities, or towns — for there are homosexuals of police record in almost everything today that ranks above the class of village — the parties take the form of an apartment gathering or get-together. In all of them, however, there is equal preparation to that of a woman for an Easter parade."

"There must be new gowns, new shoes, new hats and wigs. There is a market for false breasts and false calves to build out the legs so that they will appear more feminine. Stockings must be of the sheerest, as well as underwear. There are items of costume jewelry, lipsticks, cosmetics, compacts and other details of feminine wear all of which often is bought anew for each drag. Since practically all the gowns and shoes are out-sizes, they represent a custom trade that runs annually into hundreds of thousands of dollars."

Mr. Cooper reports that more than 5,000 degenerates, approximately half of whom wear women's clothing and cosmetics, attend the New York "drag" each year. It is held openly in a large ballroom. Last year, there were 4,000 spectators as well as the 5,000 participants in the degenerate brawl.

Mr. Cooper continues, "The 'drag' is mainly for the purpose of choosing a 'queen' for the year, and there is no color line. Last year, the nance who got the 'honor' of being the 'most beautiful degenerate in New York' was a Negro boy; his face was a smear of lipstick when the onrushing crowd defeated white contestants and congratulated

him with their kisses."

If one has any doubt as to the need for knowing about such disgraceful and degenerate doings, he will lose it when he learns, "The affair, of course, was held under police supervision."

Why did not the police suppress the whole affair, and jail the degenerates en masse, instead of "supervising" their perversion?

Assuredly, the spread of knowledge regarding the evil degeneracies which have come upon the nation like a plague, will cause many citizens to rise up and demand that common decency will be protected in our land.

Sentimentalists sometimes assume a tolerant attitude toward degenerates and excuse them on the ground that they "were born that way." It is the grossest of errors to believe that degenerates are "born queer or abnormal." Except in very rare instances, degenerates are made, not born. Many of the world's greatest sexologists believe that there is absolutely no such thing as a born degenerate.

A large number are made that way by evil influence and perverse teachings during the years of childhood and adolescence. Emotionally, an immature child is malleable as putty. He can be molded one way or another. A boy who is taught homosexual practice by evil companions or older degenerates is likely to become enslaved by it. Neither intoxicants nor narcotics are more habit-forming and enslaving than is homosexual vice. Doctors say that persons who were once perfectly "normal and natural" can become as hopelessly addicted to unnatural seruality as they can to whiskey or opium.

While some degenerates become habituated to unnatural vice as a result of evil influence and instruction in wickedness during childhood or adolescence, while some degenerates are made that way by others, still more are self-made.

Degeneracy is most often the result of sex gluttony. Over indulgence leads to sex weakness, especially when it is complicated with disease and drink. As the beer drinker turns to "something stronger," when he no longer gets a kick out of the milder beverage, so the sex glutton turns to degeneracy for a "new

thrill" when normal sex indulgence no longer stimulates and satisfies.

Unrestrained self-indulgence is never satisfying. Excess simply leads to greater and wilder excess. Sex crimes and unnatural vices of all kinds, doctors tell us, are usually the acts of men and women who have "worn themselves out in the pursuit of pleasure" and are seeking new and novel thrills by degenerate means.

Leopold and Loeb were brilliant students at the University of Chicago. They murdered Bobby Franks after subjecting him to vile abuse. But they were not "born degenerates." Police investigation revealed that, in high school, they had engaged in many acts of immorality with girls. In college, they raped several girls to get a "new thrill." Finally, they turned to homosexuality and then to "sex-murder" for still wilder thrills.

God is long-suffering and patient with men in their sins; tenderly, He pleads with them to turn from their wicked ways and be washed in the cleansing and purifying blood of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

But God gave this warning to the antediluvians, and He gives this warning to modern humans, "My spirit shall not always strive with man," Genesis 6:3.

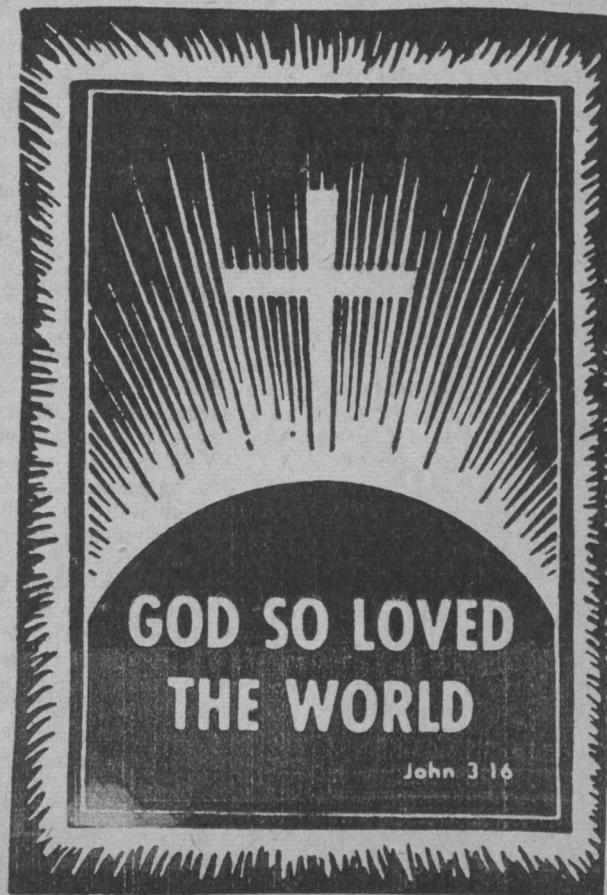
The dwellers upon the earth in the days of Noah filled the earth with violence and corruption; the human race became rotten to a degree of which animals are not capable. (The disease which man spreads by immorality are unknown among animals. The beasts of the fields and forests will not tolerate the abuse which goes with the practice of unnatural vice).

When the cup of man's wickedness was full and overflowing, the Lord wiped out the human race with the Flood.

What He did before, He will do again — only this time, He will use fire instead of flood.

While writing this little book, I have been teaching a large men's Bible class. In one teaching period, I delved into this subject, telling them exactly what God's Word says regarding conditions in the "days of Noah;" and then, in accordance with Christ's instruction that as it was

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ONE MINUTE BEFORE MIDNIGHT

(Continued from page three) in the days of Noah, so should it in the days before His coming. I showed them how these awful conditions had again come to afflict the life of man on earth.

I overheard two men talking, afterwards. One of them said, "I am glad to know about these things, terrible and blood-curdling as they are."

The other one asked, "Why?" He replied, "Because it makes me look and long for the Lord's coming as I never have before. I have always said, 'Come quickly, Lord Jesus.' But at times, I have not meant it very wholeheartedly. I sometimes get so absorbed in life here on earth that I find myself rather hoping that the Lord will not come for a while yet, that He will just leave me alone to live out my span of years here."

"But now I feel from the bottom of my heart that this very moment is not too soon for Him to come. The earth is filled and overflowing with the rottenness of man's sinfulness and corruption. The Lord is coming to liquidate the rottenness and corruption of mankind. He is coming to put an end to the degenerate works of man upon the earth. How infinitely glad I am that He is coming! How deep is my longing for His return! O, that it were today!"

Dear reader, can you say this with him, and mean it from the depths of your heart?

The return of the "days of Noah" demonstrates the utter helplessness and hopelessness of all human efforts to establish a moral order on earth. The flood-tide of age-old iniquity has overwhelmed all human standards of decency and democracy. That Blessed Hope, of Christ's coming, is now the world's only hope.

Paul told us of a time in which there would be a turning-upside down of the sexes: women would assume the characteristics of men and men would take on the characteristics of women. Through Paul, God expressed His abhorrence of this dreadful perversion. There is nothing more monstrous in the scale of human disfigurement and deformation than that presented by a "masculine woman" or an "effeminate man."

Yet, supervisors of liquor establishments report that it is the usual thing to find more women than men sprawling over the stools around the bars in the cocktail lounges. In Chicago, the bartenders themselves put pressure upon the city officials to pass an ordinance requiring that women drinkers be seated at tables, and be denied the privilege of drinking while standing or sprawling before the bar!

Said the spokesman for the bartenders "These female barflies are regular pests, nuisances, and even menaces to peace and orderliness in our establishments. Drunken women are meaner, nastier, and more foul-mouthed than drunken men. If we had our way, we'd prefer to bar unescorted women entirely. Ninety-percent of the brawling in taverns is directly caused by tipsy dames."

A few months ago I was being shown through one of the great aircraft factories on the West Coast. A flood of profanity and obscenity outraged our ears as we approached a group of women workers. Said the official who was conducting me through the plant, "Women are by far the worst cussers we have. You'd think they'd get tired of wallowing in such a gutter of vulgarity. The kind of language some of them use is so strong that you'd think it would produce cavities in their teeth."

The company hires undercover "observers" to help enforce its ruling that employees must not "dare" one another. In cases in which married workers have engaged in adulterous affairs, women were the "aggressors" and "initiators" of the immorality in the majority of instances.

Juvenile delinquency investigators report that girls are showing a strange and shocking "aggressiveness" and that in many cases they are actually misleading the boys, even older men, into affairs of immorality. At a bus station in one of our large cities, I observed a gang of thirty or forty teen-age girls congregate in the waiting room. A bus arrived, and a group of a dozen or two soldiers climbed down out of it. The girls made a mad rush for them, squealing and yelling, "This one is mine," "I want this one," "I want that cute one." They stampeded toward the soldiers, grabbing them by the arm and sometimes throwing their arms around them. Of course, not one of them had ever seen these men in uniform before! The soldiers themselves, for the most part, seemed embarrassed rather than pleased by this performance. A noted delinquency expert has said that more soldiers are encouraged in evil by delinquent girls than girls are seduced by sex-mad soldiers!

A generation ago, the average citizen would probably find it impossible to believe that such a time could ever come; when girls and women would take the "aggressive" and even "excel" in the practice and promotion of vice in every form. Yet, so it was in the days of Noah; and so it is today!

Not long ago I was making my way down the street of a large city with a fellow evangelist. A man walked by — at least we guessed him to be a man, al-

though it was difficult to tell. He wore a blonde wig, lipstick, rouge, and eyelash polish; his fingernails were carefully manicured; instead of a shirt, he wore a lady's silk blouse tucked into feminine-styled slacks. A few minutes later, we passed a woman attired in men's overalls, heavy blue shirt, and red bandana handkerchief around her neck; she was smoking a pipe.

My friend turned to me and said, "Such sights make you sure that the Lord is coming soon, don't they?"

"Yes, indeed," I replied.

As we witness the closing in of the days of Noah upon us, we can pray with deepest conviction and more wholehearted feeling than ever before: 'Come quickly, Lord Jesus.'



THE POWER OF THE PRINTED PAGE

(Continued from page two) reread it, and against my will I was forced to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, so I have taken Him for my Saviour."—Gospel Herald.



DON'T LOOK

(Continued from page one) Lord means that we are willing to be "blind" and "deaf" to all but God; seeing with the outward eyes but inwardly unmoved because of the heavenly vision; hearing with the outward ears but deaf to all voices because of the inward voice of God.

How are we to maintain this blessed blindness essential to those who would be faithful in all His house? God gives us through Israel some of the conditions:

"He that . . . stoppeth his ears . . . and shutteth his eyes from looking upon evil . . . Thine eyes shall see the King" (Isa. 33:15, 17, R. V.). We must learn to stop our ears and shut our eyes if we are to live day by day seeing the King and be honored to carry His messages.

Don't look at anything that God has forbidden. "The woman saw that it was pleasant to the eyes, and . . . she took" (Gen. 3:6). The eyes need vigilant keeping if we are to walk in the light as He is in the light, under the sprinkled blood. We must win over the first look. Not one glance must be permitted when the enemy tempts. God will keep us if we shut our eyes.

Don't look at the earthly difficulties. "Saul said, Because I saw that the people were scattered from me, and thou thou camest not . . . therefore said I, the Philistines will come down upon me . . . and . . ." (I Sam. 13:11-12). It is fatal to look around and at consequences, especially in times of crisis, for it will be impossible to be still and wait God's time for deliverance. Jesus came to them "in the fourth watch of the night" (Matt. 14:25). That is always His way. God is never behind time! However dark the path may be, wait; do not go before Him; don't force yourself like Saul. Shut your eyes and trust. "The crisis demands action" we say. Nay, "dwell in stillness and wait for clearness."

Don't look at the threats of the enemy. Jezebel sent a messenger unto Elijah saying, "So let the gods do to me . . . if I make not thy life as the life of one of them . . . When he saw that, he arose, and went for his life" (I Kings 19:2-3). The mighty prophet of Mount Carmel fled at a woman's threats! He only looked at the enemy, listened, and fled from his post. Don't look at the roaring lion, or flesh and heart must fail! Hide in God and stand unflinch-

ingly in Him. "Stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord."

Don't look at another's circumstances. "I was envious . . . when I saw the prosperity of the wicked. Until I went into the sanctuary of God; then understood I . . ." (Ps. 73:3,17). How many have questioned the strange dealing of God: affliction comes to His children and apparent freedom from trial is the lot of the children of this world. David said his feet had well nigh slipped because he looked and envied. It was after he went into the "sanctuary" that he was able to see things in their true light and said, "There is none upon earth I desire beside thee."

Don't look at the stormy sea. "Peter walked on the water . . . But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me" (Matt. 14:29-30). The walk on the water is a picture of the walk of faith in blessed blindness. It is possible only as long as we do not look at temptation but keep under the Blood. Don't look around and admit fear of the Philistines. Don't look at the roaring lion and be frightened from the post of duty. Don't look at others and admit a doubt of our Father's faithfulness.

"Looking unto Jesus." He will uphold us, and we shall walk in triumph on the stormy sea; we shall endure as seeing Him who is invisible. "Thou whom I have taken hold of . . . fear thou not, for I am with thee; look not around thee, for I am thy God; I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee" (Isa. 41:9-10, R. V., margin).

"My King, and my God . . . I . . . will look up" (Ps. 5:2-3). — The Reaper.

BAPTIST DISTINCTIVES

(Continued from page one) the authorized interpreter of the Bible in any arbitrary or capricious manner. "Thus saith the Lord," is the maxim of the Baptist faith.

Baptism for the believer is an-

other basic belief of Baptists, and by "baptism" is meant what the original meaning of the word signified, namely, immersion in water. Most of the other denominations teach and practice sprinkling or pouring as the correct mode of baptism; also, the majority of these denominations will in like fashion "baptize" infants and others who have not reached the age of moral responsibility. Baptism for the believer (and the believer only) is the teaching of Baptist churches, and such, must be the burial in water of the believer.

The priesthood of all believers is still another Baptist distinctive. Baptists believe that each and every individual has direct access to God through Jesus Christ without the aid of intermediary agents in the persons of either living or dead saints. "For there is . . . one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus." (I Timothy 2:5).

The other two basic principles held by those of the Baptist faith are that New Testament churches should have a congregational form of government, and that the church (as an institution) and the state (as civil government) should be separate and entirely independent one of the other. According to these principles, each New Testament church must rule itself, not by the edict of ecclesiastical authority, but by the will of the members of the church, and such action voted upon by that body. Accordingly, there is to be no outside interference in the polity of the church by either state or federal government. Likewise, the church as such is to remain separate from the state and not attempt to dictate the affairs of the government.

—John L. Bray

LITTLE WORDS

(Continued from page one) It is evident that the little words in the Bible must not only be lightly passed over and not only should the Bible be studied as a whole, but even the words themselves.

Alexander And Christ

While perusing "Peniel Portrait" by David Bonstein, we found the following poem which we pass on for the consideration of Jews and Gentiles:

Jesus and Alexander died at thirty-three,
One lived and died for self; one died for you and me.
The Greek died on a throne; the Jew died on a cross;
One's life a triumph seemed; the other but a loss.
One led vast armies forth; the other walked alone;
One shed a whole world's blood; the other gave His own.
One won the world in life and lost it all in death;
The other lost His life to win the whole world's faith.

Jesus and Alexander died at thirty-three.
One died in Babylon; and one on Calvary.
One gained all for self; and one Himself He gave,
One conquered every throne; the other every grave.
The one made himself God; the God made Himself less;
The one lived but to blast; the other but to bless.
When died the Greek, forever fell his throne of swords;
But Jesus died to live forever Lord of Lords.

Jesus and Alexander died at thirty-three,
The Greek made all men slaves; the Jew made all men free.
One built a throne on blood; the other built on love,
The one was born of earth; the other from above;
One won all this earth, to lose all earth and heaven;
The other gave up all, that all to Him be given.
The Greek forever died; the Jew forever lives.
He loses all who gets, and wins all things who gives.

—Charles Ross Weede