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## Lord's Day Observance

The ancient and honorable American Sabbath, God's Holy Day, from the beginning of time has become the great American holiday. "Going, going, gone," the auctioneer cries when he has consummated a sale. It means a change of ownership. Going, going, gone! The American Sunday is on the auction block in every American city and fair-sized community, whether in the Big Chicago on Lake Michigan, or the little Chicago, Steubenville, on the Ohio, and in a thousand communities from ocean to ocean. Pick up your Monday morning paper and read, as we read the New York "Times." 72,000 baseball fans sat through the hour and a half doubleheader in the New York Stadium Sunday, August 11. Watching the radio dial for an appropriate broadcast the roar of voices and thunder of applause burst into the room. The crowds began storming the

gates at six a. m. and the bleacher patrons before midnight. It is all many of us Christians can do to get to church by eleven.

The voice of the announcer was heard above the roar of the 72,000 "fans," as one ball, two strikes, three runs, and the score inning by inning is blared to the millions whose ears are glued to the radio across the land. Talk about "stealing a base." Professional baseball has stolen Sunday afternoon and night.

On the same Sunday 40,000 sat through the double header at Philadelphia, 32,000 at Cincinnati, 30,000 at Boston, 50,000 at Chicago, 25,000 at Saint Louis, 20,000 at Pittsburgh, despite the transportation strike, and so on from coast to coast, on the Lord's Day with half the population of the nation listening in. Almost every 12-year-old boy in the country knows the scores and can give

you the names of the players and the ratings of the clubs, and so many of them don't know the name of a preacher in town or the two senators who represent their state at Washington.

### GAMBLING ON SPORTS

Betting is rampant on the stands inside and in the horse rooms outside. Players are auctioned off in the black market, with Mexico well up in front. Salaries are second only to the President of the United States. A U. S. senator resigned his seat at \$10,000 to become manager of baseball at \$100,000.

When the World Series of baseball came to an end, the college football games began with an even larger attendance here in New York, with a black-market charging as much as \$200 for a single admission, to continue across the nation until New Year's Day.

We sound this note of warning, if we do not recover our

Sunday the Church is on the way out. The Fox and Hounds chase is becoming another form of Sunday desecration. On Sunday, October 1, the Marlborough Hunt Club of suburban Washington, staged a fox chase with horses and hounds. The start was made from the yard of Saint Barnabas Church, where the Rector blessed horse, rider and hounds. The Washington press report covers an entire page. Several hundred persons witnessed the ceremony, while the Rector prayed:

"Bless, O Lord, rider and horse and the hounds that run in their running. Bless and shield these riders from danger to life and limb. Grant, under Thy blessing, that they may be strengthened in body and mind. May thy children who ride and Thy creatures who carry come to the close of the day unhurt."

Bless these hounds to our use and to their lowly part in Thy service."

He forgot to pray for the fox! Of course these pious sportsmen had gone to church at an earlier hour, but the Commandment says, "Remember the Sabbath Day" not the Sabbath morning, afternoon, and evening. The Psalmist sings, "This is the Day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it." "And God blessed and hallowed the Sabbath Day."

### THE SUNDAY RACES

The sporting news of the Monday papers occupy four front pages of the second section, and flaming youth, from twelve to sixty, turn to the sporting section first. After two pages of baseball comes the horses, with jammed grandstands all over the land, with twenty-three million dollars

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## Yes, All of Us Need To Know More To The Proper Use Of The Tongue

The tongue is "a world of iniquity," "set on fire of hell," "led by 'no man,' 'an unruly member,' 'full of deadly poison.'" It "defileth the whole body," "setteth fire the course of nature." Be not rash with thy mouth, let not thine heart be hasty to utter anything before God is in heaven, and upon earth: therefore let thy words be few. . . . Suffer thy mouth to cause thy heart to sin; neither say thou before the angel, that it was error" (Eccles. 5:2, 6). Teach me, and I will hold my tongue: and cause me to understand wherein I have erred (Job 6:24).

These are solemn words. Each of us has not suffered in the way by this "little memory." Having suffered, we are perhaps more careful for a moment. But how easily we slip into the old way when we are on our guard!

As we live in God's presence reverently, our words would be weighed by His thoughts of grace, not by our faulty human

measure.

I know of no one thing which can be the cause of more misery among God's people than a wrong use of the tongue; of nothing which can rake up more fifth and vilest, enmity, strife and bitterness, or make the heart more sore.

God in His Word has told us of its capabilities in this direction; we need only take the warning.

I do not speak of railing or of open slander—these are more tangible things—but of the little whisperings and insinuations, the needless repetitions of that which does not tend to promote love. "Love worketh no ill." The habit of criticizing each other is wrong, and yet how much it is done! It is certainly damaging to one's soul, upon others. It destroys holy affections, inevitably cripples an assembly, and ruins all testimony, if allowed in the family.

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### WE THANK YOU!

I get more spiritual food from reading THE BAPTIST EXAMINER than any religious paper I have ever taken. May God give you strength and vigor to go on proclaiming the truth.

G. C. Musick

Gauley Bridge, W. Va.

THE BAPTIST EXAMINER is one of the best religious papers I get. It is Baptistic and Scriptural.

Milton H. Stone

Pasadena, Calif.

May the Lord bless THE BAPTIST EXAMINER in its ministry and you in yours is my prayer.

Chas. L. Collum

Shawnee, Okla.

### Mused Uncle Mose

De Missiona'y Soci'ty wuz hab'n full attendance at dey eatin' meetin's tel pahson ax 'em to do some visitin' 'mong de po' folks, an' look lak might nigh e'vy one ob 'em took some kind o' ailment.

## Since Most Folk Don't Know, Then Be Sure You Study What A Church Is Really For

My, my, how badly people do need to study along this line, for many there are who have no correct idea concerning what a church is supposed to exist for. IT is often charged that the church has failed. The correctness of this charge depends upon whether or not churches do what the Founder called them into existence to do. Let us note first of all some of the false ideas concerning what a church is for:

1—Some think that a church is just another benevolent organization. They would put churches into the relief business. We have the example of the Christians of Paul's day raising a benevolent sum to alleviate the famine stricken in Judea. However that was just a side issue, and relief was afforded to those who were Christians. The church is certainly not charged with the duty of doing general relief work. The social service, social gospel

folks would make such the main purpose for which a church exists. Plainly this makes the church to have a mere physical and material mission.

2—Some think that a church is just another club. Because of this they put the church into the entertainment and amusement business. Many a person joins a certain church just to have a "good time." More money, thought, energy and time is being expended today in a play program in churches than on the program that Christ gave. A church HAS NO SOCIAL OR AMUSEMENT FUNCTION.

Because churches—many of them are filled with unsaved people, there is a demand for something to satisfy the flesh. "We must hold the young people" is the cry. Hold them for what? Generally the devil's bait is used to attract them. But if young people are really converted, they don't have to have the devil's pleasures served on a church platter.

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## -- The First Baptist Pulpit --

### "WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?"

"And why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord."—Acts 22:16.

This is one of the most controverted texts of the Bible. All those who believe in baptismal regeneration quote and misapply continuously.

At the very outset, let me say that I do not believe that this text nor any other text teaches baptismal remission of sins. Through the better than eighteen years that I have been pas-

tor of this church, I have never pointed you to a Saviour standing waist deep in the water, but to Christ, the Son of God, on the Cross.

There are many Scriptural reasons why I do not believe that baptism saves nor helps to save. I offer a few of these for your consideration.

"But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the BLOOD of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin."—I John 1:7.

Here is a text which tells us that the blood of Christ cleanses us from all of our sins. Well, beloved, if the blood of Christ thus cleanses us from all of our sins, then there is no sin left for the waters of the baptism to cleanse us from.

"When therefore the Lord knew how the Pharisees had heard that Jesus made and baptized more disciples than John."—John 4:1.

You will notice from this Scripture that Jesus "made and baptized" more disciples than John. (Continued on page two)

### TOO BUSY

The story is told of a young man who stood before a judge to be sentenced for forgery. The judge had been a great friend of the boy's father, who was famous for his books on the law of trusts. "Young man," said the judge sternly, "do you remember your father, that father whom you have disgraced?" "I remember him perfectly," the young man quietly answered. "When I went to him for advice or companionship he would look up from his work on the law of trusts and say, 'Run away, boy, I am busy.' My father finished his book, and here I am."

### UNWISE ADVERTISING

Harry Moorehouse, while still a young man, was conducting evangelistic services in a certain city in this country, but there was no revival. God had given him precious revivals in America and in Great Britain, but in this city it was though he were up against a wall. Day and night he was on his knees, searching his heart and crying, "O God, why there no revival?" One day as he was walking along the street, he saw a large sign on which appeared the words: "Harry Moorehouse, the Most Famous of all (Continued on page four)



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## WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?

(Continued from page one) baptized" more disciples than John. Here are two distinct acts. The making of disciples is distinctly separate from their baptism. Thus the Word of God definitely separates the making of disciples from their baptism and thereby shows that we are not saved through baptism.

"I thank God that I baptized none of you but Crispus and Gaius."—I Cor. 1:14.

This is a statement from the pen of Paul. If baptism be essential to salvation, as some teach, then Paul thanked God that he did not do that which is essential to sinners' salvation. In the light of the sterling Christian character of Paul, we cannot believe that he would have thus thanked God if baptism were essential to life.

Just a little later Paul declared:

"For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel."—I Cor. 1:17.

Paul declared that he was sent to preach the Gospel. He said himself that the Gospel produced salvation. Listen:

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek."—Romans 1:16.

God bless THE BAPTIST EXAMINER and its editor and the other contributors to your paper.

Carey E. Whitt  
Franklin, Ky.

You are doing a great work and God is blessing you.

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I think THE BAPTIST EXAMINER is doing a great work in teaching the plain Bible truth.

Mrs. W. O. Prewitt  
Harrodsburg, Ky.

We still enjoy THE BAPTIST EXAMINER and think it the best paper we get.

H. P. Duckworth  
Dade City, Fla.

## EMINENT WITNESSES AGAINST SECRETISM

"In my opinion, the imposition of such obligation as Freemasonry requires should be prohibited by law."—Daniel Webster

"Secret societies are not needed for any good purpose, and may be used for any evil purpose whatsoever. In my opinion such societies should be prohibited by law."—Wendell Phillips.

"All secret oath-bound political parties are dangerous to any nation, no matter how pure or how patriotic the motives and principles which first bring them together."—President U. S. Grant.

"I am prepared to complete the demonstration before God and man, that the Masonic oaths, obligations and penalties cannot by any possibility be reconciled with the laws of morality, of Christianity, or of the land."—President John Quincy Adams.

"My refusal to meet with, or support, this institution is not sufficient. I must renounce fealty to the order, reveal its secrets, oppose its influence, and use my efforts to destroy it, or I am guilty of a violation of moral obligation."—Elder David Bernard, author of "Light On Masonry," published in 1829.

"I used to be a Mason, but have been an Evangelist for years. I do not get one Mason in a thousand converted, and I never knew a Knight Templar to be converted."—Evangelist D. W. Potter.

Since Paul was sent to preach the Gospel rather than to baptize, and since the Gospel produces salvation, then even if there were not other Scripture this one is sufficient to show that baptism does not save.

"Though Jesus himself baptized not, but his disciples."—John 4:2.

Here is a verse which declares that our Lord never did administer the ordinance of baptism. If baptism is essential to salvation, then in the light of this verse Jesus never did save any one. Reasoning that baptism saves is impossible, incredulous, and near blasphemous. No Scripture could more clearly show the fallacy and heresy of baptismal remission.

I repeat then, beloved, that I do not believe that baptism washes away one's sins, and therefore I do not believe that my text thus teaches baptismal regeneration. I do not sing:

"There is a fountain filled with water  
Drawn from the city's main;  
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood,  
Lose all their guilty stain."

However, I do rejoice to sing.

"There is a fountain filled with blood  
Drawn from Immanuel's veins;  
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood,  
Lose all their guilty stains."

What then is the meaning of this expression of my text, "washing away thy sins"? Paul is speaking figuratively. He declares that water figuratively does on the outside what has already been done on the inside. In other words, the individual has actually had his sins washed away in the blood of the Lord Jesus. Thus, when that individual is baptized, there is illustrated on the outside that which has already taken place in the heart. Though water does not itself wash one's sins away, it figuratively declares that the

individual has died to sin, that he has been buried, and that he has risen to walk in newness of life.

Having seen that this text then does not teach water salvation, may you note with me that part of the text whereupon I wish to dwell: "And now why tarriest thou?"

Literally, Ananias said to Paul, "What are you waiting for?" This puts the text into everyday plain English which everyone can understand.

TO THOSE WHO ARE SAVED BUT ARE UNBAPTIZED I ASK, "WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?" I have a definite conviction that when one is saved that he should follow his Lord in baptism as soon as conveniently possible. When the Philippian jailer was saved, we read that it was said of him:

"And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, straightway."—Acts 16:33.

Even the Lord Jesus very definitely gives us this teaching through His own experience in that He came to John the Baptist for baptism. Listen:

"Then cometh Jesus from Gallilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him. But John forbade him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me? And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness. Then he suffered him. And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."—Matt. 3:13-17.

Our Lord Jesus walked sixty miles across the hot Jordan desert sands to be baptized. He might have gotten many rabbis

on the way to administer this ordinance, yet He did not. Instead, He came to John the Baptist who was sent to institute baptism. Listen:

"And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost."—John 1:33.

Thus, Jesus came to one who had the authority to baptize. Likewise, it is to be noticed that when Jesus was baptized, it was not by sprinkling a few drops of water on His forehead, nor by pouring a small tumbler full over His brow. Rather it was by immersion. I am convinced that any man who can read these verses and then make these verses teach sprinkling—I am convinced that that individual does not need salvation. He doesn't have anything to worry about; he is sure of Heaven. Any person who doesn't have any more grey matter than that above the burr of the ear will go to heaven on the same basis that the imbeciles, idiots, and feeble-minded get there.

This Scripture which describes the baptism of Jesus would tell us that for one to be Scripturally baptized, he must be saved; he must be baptized by immersion; and he must be baptized under proper authority. That authority was given to the first Baptist preacher that ever walked in this world. If our Lord were not satisfied with anything other than the baptism which was administered by this first Baptist preacher, then you ought not be satisfied by any baptism which might be administered other than Baptists today.

But to come back to my question: If you are saved but unbaptized, what are you waiting for? Some of you have never had any type of baptism at all. Some of you, having been erroneously taught, have received sprinkling, thinking that you were being baptized. Still others of you have ignorantly submitted to immersion at the hands of an unqualified administrator. Regardless of which class you are in, I ask you to definitely consider Ananias' question to Paul: "Why tarriest thou?" or "What are you waiting for?"

TO THOSE WHO ARE SAVED BUT UNCHURCHED, I ASK, "WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?" Everyone who is saved should be a member of the church which Jesus built. If you do not know which one that is, I'll tell you frankly that it is a Missionary Baptist Church. There is not one doubt in my mind as to the truth of this statement. In like measure, I contend that if you are saved, you ought to be a member of a church that our Lord might approve of.

It is rather conspicuous to me that many folk move to town but never bring their letters and thus affiliate with this church. I say that it is conspicuous that folk live here year after year and yet never become members of this church and never do anything to support its ministry. I am sure that we are no exception and that every church faces the same problem.

In these years that I have

been pastor here, I have had ample opportunity to make a number of observations. One of these observations has to do with those who never bring their letter, and thus never affiliate with our church. I have observed that one of three things, or all three, usually befalls them. (1) They have a lot of sickness. (2) They have financial troubles. (3) Their children go to the Devil. I say that one, or all three of these usually befalls those who refuse to align themselves with the church that Jesus built.

I think that there is definite Scripture for the transference of one's church membership. Jesus said:

"Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick and it giveth light unto all that are in the house."—Matt. 5:15.

Our Lord thus said that the proper place for one's candle was on the candlestick. Of course, the candle represents the individual's life and influence in the church. The candlestick represents the church.

"The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches; and thou shalt see the seven candlesticks which the seven churches."—Rev. 1:20.

This Scripture then should indicate conclusively that the individual which is saved should be a member of the church which Jesus built, thereby supporting its membership when it is faithful to God's Word. I do not say that one should be a member of a church, if that church is un-Scriptural, regardless of its name. However, if a church is standing for the Word of God and if you are saved, you should be a member of it. In the light of this, I ask you this evening, what are you waiting for?

TO THOSE WHO ARE SAVED BUT BACKSLIDEN I ASK, "WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?" It is so easy for a saved person to grow cold and indifferent and thereby backslide.

Jacob serves as a good example in this respect. There is no doubt but what he was saved when he came to Bethel. In that night he experienced a marvelous vision whereby he saw Heaven and earth joined together by a ladder. When morning came, he made his vows before God and went on his way rejoicing. No man can read his experience (Genesis 28) without realizing that he was definitely saved. Still when Jacob got over into Padan-aram he backslid. He had too many wives. He traded and trafficked with his father-in-law in an un-Godly manner. He even allowed idols within his own family. For thirty years in this heathen land Jacob lived to a heathen and thereby failed to represent God. Eventually when his life was in danger from the nations around about, God spoke to him and said: "Arise, go up to Bethel."—Gen. 35:1. This was God's call to Jacob in his backslidden condition that he renew his covenant and dedicate himself afresh to God.

God's call to Jacob in the long ago ought to be His call to us today. Surely the old song expresses it perfectly, when it says:

"Back to the Bible, the true Living Word,  
Sweetest old story that ever was heard;  
Back to the joy-life my soul long to know,  
Bethel is calling, and I must go."

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### Letter From Missionary Hallum

June 11, 1947.

The work is going along with increased interest. We just got the refrigerator, washing machine, stove and outboard motor in the ninth. They look like they are in good shape. Have tried the stove only. Have not tried out the outboard motor yet and we can't try the electrical machines until we get the transformer or cord which are in a box, and are still on the ship or in the warehouse. We are looking for them anytime.

Yours truly,  
R. P. Hallum and Family.



#### NO EXCUSE

Twenty-five and thirty years ago H. B. Taylor warned and fought against the very things that Baptists of today are up against and they are worse now than they were when he was living. Many preachers then professed to love him and believe as he did. Now that he is gone to heaven most of them are in the mess up to their necks swallowing it as fast as they can and are even ashamed to mention H. B. Taylor's name. They now shout "Great is Diana the Cooperative Program." They say that it is the best place to send their mission money, that a little goes here, and a little goes there, and a little goes yonder (yes, a little goes for missions, too) and that they can have a part in all the Kingdom building programs.

There is no excuse now because there is Baptist Faith Missions that is doing mission work in the New Testament way.



#### AN ADDING MACHINE

Baptist Faith Missions needs an adding machine.



#### WIDEN BAPTIST CHURCH

Widen, W. Va.  
June 30, 1947.

I have been reading Baptist Faith Missions for some time. I believe it is the nearest New Testament Missionary work I have ever studied. You will find enclosed check for \$10.00. Will you please send me 18 copies each month of MISSION SHEETS? I will see that they are distributed among the members of the Widen Baptist Church of which I am a member. You can look for a donation each month. May the Lord bless you and each one that is helping to send His blessed Gospel into all the world.

Yours in Christ Jesus,  
—E. H. Craft.

#### NO WOMAN PREACHERS

God does not call women to preach or speak in public mixed assemblies. Some women claim that the Lord has called them to preach, but that does not make it so. The Lord does not call anyone to do something which His word plainly forbids. First Corinthians 14:34-35 plainly says for the—"Women to keep silence in the churches." It also says "It is not permitted unto them to speak." It also says that they are commanded—"To be under obedience." It also says—"For it is a shame for women to speak in the church." Now that is what God's word says about it and it cannot be changed. That is just as true as John 5:24 or any other passage and it cannot be explained away either. God meant what He said and He said what He meant. First Timothy 2:11-12 says—"Let the women learn in silence with all subjection." It also says—"But suffer not a woman to teach or usurp authority over a man, but be in silence." That means just what it says, too. It cannot be changed and needs no interpretation or explanation and cannot be explained away, regardless of what the machine politicians say or do. Matthew 5:19 plainly says—"Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven." Now that is God's Word also and it cannot be

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## BRAZIL - - -

### Letter From Missionary Brandon

#### INTERESTED IN MISSIONS

All real true Baptists are interested in missions and each month new supporters join with us in the work of Baptist Faith Missions in Brazil and Peru. The way to get more interested and helping in this New Testament work is for them to learn about it. Every lover of this work should be continually telling others about it. Many are looking for just such a mission work that is free from "ecclesiastical bosses" and "modernism" and all other "isms" including "unionism." Baptists are a separate people. Baptists are a peculiar people. God made them that way—Titus 2:14. Won't you please tell others about this work? Tell them about this paper that gives first hand information about the Missionaries and their work direct from them on the field. Tell them about this work that has no paid secretaries or bosses. Tell them that we will send enough copies of the MISSION SHEETS free each month so that each family of the church may have one to read. Write a card telling us the name and address and how many to send. Write to: H. H. Overbey, 1210 East Grand Blvd., Detroit 11, Mich.

(This letter from Brother Brandon was written while he was on the journey up the Jurua River to Cruzeiro do Sul. It was written before the letter in the last issue of The Mission Sheets, which was printed that all might know he had arrived, etc. This letter is a good report that all will be interested in.)  
—Editor.

Jurua River.  
April 7, 1947.

I left Benton, Ky., on January 19, 1947, and was on the same train with Brother Terry Lawrence and wife from Paducah to Louisville, but neither of us knew it until we arrived in Louisville. Terry and wife went on their way and I visited with Brother A. D. Muse where we were so nicely entertained in the home last August. I took a train for Washington, D. C., and while changing trains at Ashland, Ky., that night I had a 30-minute visit with Brother Overbey who was helping Brother Gilpin in a meeting at Russell, Ky. Had a good visit with my son, Joe Jr., and wife in Washington, D. C., and left for New York City. I went to a hotel mission home where I met and conversed with many missionaries from various parts of the world, especially Africa.

#### A Large Missionary Family

One afternoon while sitting in the lobby, a missionary family entered, which reminded me so much of my own family on one of our return trips, so I went to find out more about them. They were returning from the interior of Africa and had been about three months en route, had seven children, and one with experience could readily tell that they were the children of a missionary. The brother's name was C. J. Dotson of 712 Esta Second Street, Tusculumbia, Ala. He is strictly of our faith and for that reason finds it difficult to get along with some others who do not earnestly contend for it. He insists upon baptizing by church authority and that the elements of the Lord's Supper should be unleavened bread and wine and that it is altogether a church ordinance. I gave him your address and asked him to write to you.

Leaves New York  
January 30, 1947

As soon as my papers were ready I went to the shipping company and was told that the sailing date was moved up to January 30. So I returned to Washington to be with my children some more as it was cheaper than to stay on in New York. The boat was marked to leave at 11 A. M. on January 30 so at an early hour I made

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## HERESY IN BAPTIST RANKS IN PADUCAH

We have before us a clipping from a paper in Paducah, Ky., showing an advertisement which reads in part as follows: "PADUCAH WITHOUT CHURCHES? UNTHINKABLE!" "Our churches want and need your support by regular attendance at services," and the next statement is this: "If you are not a member of any church join the church of your choice." "Better churches for a better Paducah." "PADUCAH COUNCIL OF CHURCHES." Next is a list of the Paducah Council, twenty-one in all. Nine are Methodist, four are Presbyterian, one is Episcopal, one is a Campbellite, one is a Lutheran, one is the Salvation Army, one an Evangelical and Reformed, one is the Jewish Synagogue Temple Israel, and the other two are listed as First Baptist and Immanuel Baptist.

At the bottom of the advertisement is the statement: "ANNUAL OUTDOOR SUNDAY EVENING SERVICES BEGINNING JULY 6 THROUGH

AUGUST 31, GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCHYARD." Now we would remind our readers that this is not in the Modernistic Northern Baptist Convention, but it is in the Southern Baptist Convention, right in the midst of the "Cooperative Program." And two Baptist churches join in this. We ask if the pastor of one of these Baptist churches is not the man who visits Baptist churches here and there to get them to give money to help build a Baptist hospital in Paducah? Has he been in your church? Now the advertisement advises non-church members to join the church of their choice. So if you don't like baptism you can have sprinkling by most of the churches, or if you like immersion but want it to help save then you can have that, or if you don't like either, sprinkling or baptism, you can join the Jewish synagogue, or if you don't like any of these you can join the Salvation Army.

But someone says I don't like church buildings, I like nature outside, well then you can meet

in the "Grace Episcopal Churchyard" "Beginning July 6 through August 31." The advertisement also advises that the "churches want and need your support by regular attendance at services." They say they need "attendance at services." In fact, the two Baptist churches need it so badly that they are joining in with the 19 other organizations in trying to get one crowd at the "Grace Episcopal Churchyard." The Bible tells Baptists to be a "separate" people—II Cor. 6:17. It also says that the time will come that they will "not endure sound doctrine"—II Tim. 4:3. That time seems to have arrived for First Baptist and Immanuel Baptist Churches in Paducah, Ky. All this is another good reason why all Baptists should support Baptist Faith Missions.



NOTICE

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H. H. OVERBEY  
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Detroit 11, Mich.

BRAZIL—

Continued from preceding page ready to go to it. It was a cold morning, about 5 below zero and I was forced to wear winter clothes that I wanted to leave behind. I am glad that I am in America, but perhaps for not the same reason that some others would glory in and time and space will not permit me to say why just here and now. I think I hated to leave my country more this time than ever before. But I know Whom I have believed and it was the fact of His leading in coming out, and all the way of the journey I have felt His guiding hand. Indeed the Lord Jesus has endeared Himself to me in this journey more than in all others in some respects. He is the mighty wonder working God who goes before His people and prepares the way and He also prepares His people for the way.

A Letter From My Sister

As I stood on the wharf in Jersey City in the cold just before embarking a young man from the office brought me a letter from my sister. I was sad, my heart was very heavy, unforeseen problems had arisen that were difficult to dispose of. But as my eyes fell upon the letter a thrill of joy swept over my soul that brought strength and courage and faith. On the letter just above my name was a black sticker with red letters, JESUS NEVER FAILS. I praised God and took courage, for He who never fails was my companion and I realized it more than I ever did before.

A List Of Sevens

Before continuing with the journey I would like to give you a list of sevens that had to do with my visit to the homeland. Remember that seven in the Bible is a perfect number, represents Divine perfection. I spent 7 months in the States almost to an hour. Served 70 churches while there (7 times 10). Spoke to a calculated congregation of 7 thousand people. Had the joy of seeing and blessing my 7 children. While in New York in the hotel I was on the seventh floor in room 707. There were 7 passengers on my boat, and my berth was number 7. Arriving in Belem, Para, Brazil, I lived in a hotel room 14 days (2 times 7). My room was 21 (3 times 7) and the journey from Belem to Manaus on the boat was 14 days (2 times 7) and I left Manaus on the fourteenth of March. I could give others but surely that is enough.

Graciously Received

I was received by the brethren in Belem in the same spirit as I had been in North America. I spoke to two of the churches. I was well worn out and could not make the effort to serve them as in other days. I enjoyed being with them and was in the homes of many. But especially did I enjoy being with Brother Lima. He is one of the greatest men I ever knew, however a poor and humble Brazilian follower of the Lord Jesus. At his request the guard of the custom house refused to open my baggage,

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South Side Baptist Church, Winter Haven, Fla. ....	\$ 55.00
Tabernacle Baptist Church, Lewisburg, Ky. ....	60.00
First Baptist Church, White Plains, Ky. ....	12.00
Ahava Baptist Church, Plant City, Fla. ....	10.00
Raiford Baptist Church, Raiford, Fla. ....	5.00
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First Baptist Church, Russell, Ky. ....	119.41
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First Baptist Church, Murray, Ky. ....	5.00
First Baptist Church, Murray, Ky. ....	10.00
Maranatha Baptist Church, Young People's, Grand Rapids, Mich. ....	5.00
Maranatha Baptist Church, Grand Rapids, Mich. ....	10.00
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also the men who traveled with me, saying that they did not because of their friendship to Lima. Of course the Lord is the One who did it but He used Lima.

The Baptist Missionary in Belem is Brother Sullivan from Fulton, Ky. They were nice to me and I felt indeed grateful to them. The work of the Lord there seemed to be enjoying a greater prosperity than in the past.

#### Arrives In Manaus

Arriving in Manaus I found a hearty welcome from all the churches, brethren and friends. I spoke in three of the churches and would have in the other but time would not permit. I was so happy to be with the brethren I had worked with many years ago. The Second Church seems like my own. I worked with them in 1926, and since when I was in Manaus, many of the members are from churches I organized in the interior. I visited the Baptist Missionary Brother Hardy (who took Brother Nelson's place) and was generously entertained for the day. He has a school that is progressing nicely. The work of the First Church is not so well as in the past but the others are better. Many of the brethren have passed on and the others are getting old, and it makes me think that I am getting old, too, but surely not. There is so much to do and so few to work.

#### Reports On Churches Organized Years Ago

I met a number of the members of the churches in the interior that I organized years ago, which was one of the things I wanted to do. I was unable to stop and visit with the churches as the boat does not stop at these places now, that is through boats that go to Jurua River. I wanted a picture of the churches and the brethren but it was not possible and the next best thing was to talk to some of the brethren.

#### Church At Coary

In Coary they have a very active pastor, a school and small infirmary. They told me it had weakened very much indeed before the pastor came, that there were only a half dozen members living and they were not living right. But this man took over the work and really worked and sacrificed and the result is good. There have been many converted and the Sunday School now has more than 100.

#### Church At Codajaz

The work at Codajaz is not so good as it was a few years ago. It seems that they have no pastor, but one of the brethren is carrying on and they are holding their own but not growing. Both of these places now have American priests who were sent from the Catholic mission in Saint Louis. It is easy to see

AT MY MOTHER'S KNEE

"I have worshipped in churches and chapels,  
I've prayed in the busy street,  
I have sought my God and found Him  
Where the waves of the ocean beat,  
I have knelt in the silent forest,  
In the shade of some ancient tree,  
But the dearest of all my altars,  
Was raised at my mother's knee.

I have listened to God in His temple,  
I've caught His voice in the crowd,  
I have heard Him speak when the breakers  
Were booming long and loud;  
Where the winds play soft in the tree tops  
My Father has talked to me,  
But I never have heard Him clearer  
Than I did at my mother's knee.

God made me the man of her vision  
And purge me of selfishness!  
God keep me true to her standards  
And help me to live to bless!  
God hallow the holy impress  
Of the days that used to be,  
And keep me a pilgrim forever  
To the shrine at my mother's knee."

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why the devil wanted to send American priests to the places where an American missionary had gone to build up the Gospel work. The churches of the Lord Jesus have withstood them so far and I believe will continue to do so.

#### Churches At Catua And Boa Fe

The churches at Catua and Boa Fe are not doing so well. They depend upon the pastor from Coary and he does not get to visit them enough. One of the members told me that his brother who once preached the Gospel and worked with me years ago was now selling whiskey and other drinks and living a worldly life. He said the brethren are faithful to attend the Sunday services and for a large part are not living in sin, but they need a pastor. In the church at Boa Fe, the first man converted there by the name of Adam is directing the work.

#### Church At Esperanca

Now for the church at Esperanca on the Peruvian frontier, I did not see any of the brethren from there, but the missionary said that the work still existed and that he heard from them at times. We would have enjoyed a better report from them but this one will encourage us to pray for these churches that I organized years ago and who used to be under my care before being taken over by the organized work. I request that the people pray for these churches that they may all have pastors, as well as to pray for our five churches in the Acre where we now labor. There has been much interest in the Gospel by those on board and when we parted company they remained firm in the faith and were very resolute in following the doctrine of Jesus. There are others who will yet make profession if the Lord wills and we are hoping that it will be so. May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

Sincerely,

F. BRANDON.

#### BAPTIST HIERARCHY

Recently we were in Grand Rapids, Mich., at the ordination of a young Baptist preacher

and Brother Freyling, who is pastor of Maranatha Baptist Church told us of a Baptist preacher who went to a Baptist Church, which had been closed for some time without services at all, and began to hold services and a Baptist organization who had put some money into the church went out and stopped him from preaching and closed the building again. This group is not in the Northern Baptist Convention, but fight it to the best of their ability, yet they are guilty of the very thing they fight the Convention for. The kettle calls the skillet black. Another good reason for supporting Baptist Faith Missions. Each church is local and independent and no one bosses or tries to boss them.

#### NO WOMEN PREACHERS

(Continued from preceding page) changed either. These "big" preachers that teach women to break, or let them break the commandments about women, as taught in God's Word, have a surprise coming when they shall be called the "least." Women have a great work to do and they will be rewarded for doing it. Woman has her place in the home. Also she can teach women and children and do personal work. Acts 18:24-27 teaches that Brother Aquila and Sister Priscilla took the preacher Apollos and taught him the—"Way of God more perfectly." She did not get up and speak publicly. The Bible says that they—"Took him unto them." The Syriac version renders it—"To their own house." So this still does not violate the prohibition of women preaching or speaking in mixed assemblies of the church. What do the wives and daughters of the Missionaries do? They help their husband and father all they can in a Scriptural way. They teach women and children and their work is invaluable. But they do not teach or usurp authority over man. They do not speak in mixed assemblies or the church. Such women—"Shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven." That is the kind of women that Baptist Faith Missions support.



# WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?

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We have another example of backsliding in the experience of Mary, the mother of Jesus. When He was twelve years of age, she lost Him in the temple and went a day's journey without him. She, who was the most unlikely person in the world to lose Him, lost Him in the most unlikely place—in the house of God. It was rather conspicuous that she did not find Him until she came back where she left Him. Would God that this message might be the means of causing someone who has lost the joy of the Lord, to return to the place where you lost Him, and there find Him again as did Mary. Listen:

"Go and proclaim these words toward the north, and say, Return, thou backsliding Israel, saith the Lord and I will not cause mine anger to fall upon you: for I am merciful, saith the Lord, and I will not keep anger for ever."—Jer. 3:12.  
There never would be a better time than now to begin to walk afresh with Him. Therefore, if you are saved but backslidden, I ask you, what are you waiting for?

## IV TO THOSE WHO ARE UN- SAVED, I ASK, WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?

I am sure that within this audience there are those who would say in answer to this question, "I am waiting until I have enjoyed the world a little more." Maybe you want to take in a million more movies, or drink a couple of barrels of bourbon, or gamble on a few more derbies. Let me tell you, beloved, that you are making a grievous mistake, for the longer you live for this world the less you will enjoy it. It is true that there are pleasures in sin, yet those pleasures are only 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"—Hebrews 11:24, 25.

Take the sin of drinking as a good example. The pleasures thereof do not last for long. 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 too 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 color in the cup, when it moveth itself aright. At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder."—Proverbs 23:29-32.

That which is true of drinking is true of every sin. The longer you live for the world the less you enjoy it.

In this respect you are making another serious and grievous mistake in that you are losing a greater joy that could be yours in Christ Jesus. Anyone who has ever been saved knows that there is far greater joy in the service of the Lord than in the service of the Devil. Some think that if they were to turn to Jesus that their lives would become exceedingly bare and drab. Not at all. Jesus Christ does not wish to rob you of the joys of life. Instead, He wishes to give you greater joys—joys that you have never known before.

Suppose a young man buys a beautiful bouquet for his sweetheart, but before delivering it he takes it to his own home and enjoys it for about a week. Then when it is wilted and practically valueless, he carries it to his sweetheart. Many a man serves the Devil all the days of his life and when he is old, worn-out and feeble, and when he can serve neither God nor the Devil, he comes to the Lord Jesus Christ to be saved. To that individual who is thus waiting so he can enjoy the world to his fill, I would make this appeal: Come to Jesus and receive Him as your Saviour now, for thereby you will find joys that this world will never be able to offer.

Then again there are doubtlessly unsaved folk who will say, *I am waiting because there are too many hypocrites in the church.* There is doubtlessly someone here tonight who will say that he is waiting until he can find a perfect church. Well, brother, if that is your philosophy, then may I urge you that when you find it, don't join it.

If it is perfect, then you would ruin it when you got into it.

It is true that mighty few of us live as close to the Lord as we should or even as close as we could. Regardless of the fact that some individuals are not as loyal to his Lord as they should be, this is no excuse for you. We must each answer for ourselves.

"So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God."—Romans 14:12.

The fact of the matter is the Lord will take care of those who are saved within His churches who are not living as they should. It isn't for the sinner to worry about them. Our Lord will handle them in due time. Listen:

"For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end of them that obey not the gospel of God? And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?"—I Peter 4:17, 18.

Instead of you thinking about those who perhaps are saved

but are not living as close to the Lord as they should—in- stead of you thinking about them, you should be thinking about your own eternal destiny. God is going to chasten Christians who are not loyal to Him right here in this life, yet He is going to damn unsaved sinners eternally in Hell.

There are doubtlessly others who say, *"I am going to wait until I am better."* If that be your experience and if this be your testimony, then, beloved, you are going to wait through not only time but through eternity. In fact, you will never be saved. The man who waits until he becomes better to come to Jesus will never come to Him, because no man will ever be saved. The man who waits until he becomes better to come to Jesus will never come to Him, because no man will ever get better in his own strength. You will never get better until you get the Lord Jesus Christ into your heart and then He will make you better.

Listen, beloved, the time to come to Jesus is now.

"For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succored thee: behold now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation."—II Cor. 6:2.

"And if it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."—Joshua 24:15.

I realize, beloved, that no man can come to the Lord Jesus unless he is drawn by the Holy Spirit, yet it may be that there is someone of His elect to whom this message may come. If so, I urge you to receive the Lord Jesus Christ now as your Saviour. I ask you, dear sinner friend, what are you waiting for?

"But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name"—John 1:12.

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## UNWISE ADVERTISING

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British Preachers." At once he said to himself, "That's why there is no revival!" He went at once to the campaign committee and said, "Brethren, now I know why there is no revival. See how you have advertised me as the greatest this and the greatest that! No wonder the Holy Spirit cannot work! He is grieved and quenched because you haven't magnified the Lord Jesus Christ. He is the wonderful One. I'm just a poor, simple, humble servant, preaching the glorious Gospel and saying, 'Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.'—Herald of His Coming.

## LORD'S DAY OBSERVANCE

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changing ownership at a single track. In 1945 over 18,000,000 persons wagered one billion, five hundred million dollars on the horses. And now a new Lord's Day event. One hundred thousand persons witnessed the All American Soap Box Derby at Akron, Ohio, Sunday, August 18. Sixteen bands led the racers to the 1000 foot stretch. The boy contestants came from similar Sunday soap box derbies across the land.

Professional tennis, golf, polo, regatas, and aquatic sports all reported in the Monday morning sport section the events of the previous Sunday. It has also become the big day at the shore and mountain resorts. Note the crowded terminals on weekends seeking Sunday recreation, excitement, and commercialized sport. Outgoing trains jammed to suffocation.

Washington is typical, where the average throngs passing through the Union Station gates swell from a daily 150,000 to 200,000 and sometimes 250,000, a modern-sized city on wheels, by train, and 50,000 more by bus. Add to all these excursionists the endless line of automobiles headed for mountain, lake, seaside resorts, and Coney Island, where every palace of sin is in full blast.

## THE SUNDAY THEATER

Returning from a recent morning service in Washington, the lines were already forming in front of the big theaters passed, with continuous performance from one until midnight, with seventy-one neighborhood theaters to follow suit, all in full blast operation, many filled with children and youth, with reels of sports, prize fights, obscenity, infidelity, drink, and crime befouling their minds and defiling their hearts, while many of our churches are dark after the morning service. "I checked our churches Sunday, August 6," writes a YMCA secretary of a suburban city near New York, "and out of ten churches only one was open Sunday night but all five theaters were going full blast till 11 p. m., three hours long!" Add to all these abominations the Sunday commercial radio, "the prince and power of the air," America's Sunday desecrator No. 1.

## SUNDAY IS SALOON DAY

Do we paint a dark picture? We could in truth paint it black. We have not said anything about the crowded taverns, tap rooms, road houses, cocktail bars, beer parlors, dance halls, the liquor-selling clubs and res-

taurants open day and night on Sunday, a thing unheard of in pre-prohibition days. Today the grocery is a grogery; the barman has become the barmaid, and 4 per cent beer by legislative fiat has become a temperance drink. All of these forces are organized in an attack upon the American Sunday.

God "rested from all His work on the Sabbath Day." Man uses it for work with double pay, for commercialized sport, for mass desecration in Christian America. God "blest it and sanctified it," man profanes and desecrates it. We do not have to go abroad to find "the Continental Sunday." We have it in the United States.

When Sunday goes, the Sunday School goes, the revival goes; and the church becomes a spiritual mausoleum. We will never revive the church until we restore Sunday. — Clinton Howard.

## WHAT'S A CHURCH FOR?

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3—Some think a Church exists to help change the social order. That's why churches go into politics. That's why they exert their energies in clean-up movements, etc. Certainly Christian citizens ought to be interested in political and social affairs, and they have duties to perform. BUT A CHURCH AS SUCH ought not be diverted from its spiritual mission. The Lord has already told us that the politics of this world are not going to get better, and that we need not look for renovation of the social order. The church is in the RESCUE BUSINESS.

## WHAT A CHURCH IS REALLY FOR

Read the Great Commission—the orders for Christ's churches for all time. (Matt. 28:18-20). Note that a church exists primarily to—

I—MAKE DISCIPLES. (v. 19). This is to be done through the preaching of the gospel. This involves calling men out of the world unto the Lord Jesus Christ, and involves their becoming new men—reborn men—changed men.

II—BAPTIZE DISCIPLES WHEN MADE. (v. 19). This is to be done by immersing them in the name of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. It is a public declaration of death to the old life, burial because of death, and emergence to live a new life.

III—TEACH DISCIPLES TO OBEY ALL OF THE COMMANDS OF CHRIST. (v. 20). His commands are contained in the New Testament—some in his own words—some in the words of inspired men. The teachings of the New Testament involve—

Separation from the world. "Come ye out from among them—be ye separate."

Exemplary life and conduct, "as becometh saints."

Service to God, "fervent in spirit, serving the Lord," etc., etc.

It can readily be seen therefore that the program outlined for his churches by the Lord Jesus Christ is a program of EVANGELISM and MISSIONS. We might well say, "missions is our mission." We are to make Christ known unto as many persons in this world as possible. By personal evangelism, and by giving for the spread of the gospel. The success or failure of a church is in proportion to the extent that such church proclaims the true gospel and

teachings of the Word of God. A church that is non-evangelistic and non-missionary is a flat failure and a lumberer of the ground.—Roy Mason.

## THE TONGUE

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We have all felt at times, no doubt, under peculiar pressure, the relief which comes in unburdening the heart to someone who we believe will add their prayers to ours; it may be in our own behalf or that of some loved one whose good alone we seek. To this there could be no objection; but such confidences should be held sacred, and that which is confided repeated to none but God.

I see no warrant for uncovering the faults and failings of others except to carry them to God with one consent. Oh, if only we could keep this in mind, how much sorrow could be saved!

But I fear that when we allow such things in ourselves, and suffer them to pass unrebuked in others, we are demonstrating a sorrowful lack of the exercise of love. This repeating of little matters, back and forth, is contemptible, soul-withering, and not worthy of those professing godliness. It sets fire to the evil of our natural hearts, burning from one to another, driving out peace, joy, love and all the blessed fruits of the Spirit, and wounding the hearts of those we profess to love.

As those who are called to reflect Christ Jesus in a world which is keen to mark our follies and inconsistencies and to cast slurs on the Name of our blessed Master because of them, let us examine our own hearts in God's presence.

Remember, "out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh," and if the heart is not filled with Christ, rest assured it will not be empty.

The days are evil, and the character of the professing Church is Laodicean. Let us watch, therefore, lest we lose our own joy and stumble the weak.

## TALKATIVENESS

Talkativeness is utterly ruinous to deep spirituality. The very life of our spirit passes out in our speech, and hence all superfluous talk is a waste of the vital forces of the heart. In fruit-growing it often happens that excessive blossoming prevents a good crop, and often prevents fruit altogether; and by so much loquacity the soul runs wild in word bloom, and bears no fruit. I am not speaking of sinners, nor of legitimate testimony for Jesus, but of that incessant loquacity of nominally spiritual persons.

Such is one of the greatest hindrances to deep, solid unions with God. Notice how people will tell the same thing over and over—how insignificant trifles are magnified by a world of words; how things that should be buried are dragged out into gossip; how a worthless nonessential is argued and disputed over; how the solemn deep things of the Holy Spirit are rattled over in a light manner—until one who has the real baptism of divine silence in his heart feels he must unceremoniously tear himself away to some lonely room or forest where he can gather the fragments of his mind and rest in God.

See the evil effects of much talk.

First, it dissipates spiritual power. The thought and the

feeling of the soul are like powder and steam—the more they are condensed, the greater their power. The steam that if properly compressed would drive a train eighty miles an hour, if allowed too much expanse would not move it an inch; and so the true action of the heart, if expressed in a few Holy Spirit-selected words, will sink into the minds to remain forever, but if dissipated in rambling conversation, is likely to be of no profit.

Second, it is a waste of time. If the hours spent in useless conversation were spent in prayer or reading, we would soon reach a region of soul life and divine peace beyond our present dreams.

Third loquacity inevitably leads to saying unwise or unpleasing or unprofitable things. In religious conversations we soon churn up all the cream our souls have in them, and the rest of our talk is pale skim milk, until we get alone with God and feed in His green pasture until the cream rises again. The Holy Spirit warns us that "in the multitude of words there lacketh not sin." It is impossible for even the best of saints to talk beyond a certain point without saying something unkind or severe or foolish or erroneous. We must settle this personally. If others are noisy and gabby, I must determine to live in constant quietness and humility of heart; I must guard my speech as a sentinel does a fortress, and with all respect for others, I must many a time cease from conversation or withdraw from company to enter into deep communion with my Lord. The cure for loquacity must be from within, sometimes by an interior furnace of

## The Bird's Message

Sing, little birds, oh, sing!

You come while the trees are bare,  
While frost yet locks the streams  
And the north wind chills the air;  
You trust that the green leaves wait,  
Sunshine, and summer's breath;  
Oh, teach us your simple faith  
That life shall follow death.

Sing, little birds, oh, sing!

Give us the message of God,  
That under the cloudy skies  
And up from the frozen sod  
The seeds that we sow shall spring  
To life and beauty and bloom  
And that so shall our dead arise  
From the dark and silent tomb.

Sing, little birds, oh, sing!

Our hearts are heavy with grief,  
And under the darkened skies  
We doubt of flower and leaf,  
Doubt that the earth yet lives,  
Cold in its shroud of snow;  
Sing, little birds, oh, sing!  
We doubt, but you know—you know.



suffering that burns out the excessive effervescence of the mind or by an overmastering revelation to the soul of the awful majesties of God and eternity which puts an everlasting hush upon the natural faculties. To walk in the Spirit we must not merely to entertain. To speak effectively we must speak in

## BREAK MY WILL

Lord, break my will.  
I care not what the cost;  
I care not what is lost,  
But break my will.  
Stubborn am I,  
Unstable, soon removed,  
Oft by Thy Word reprov-  
ed  
For broken vows.  
But in the depths  
Of my poor human heart,  
In secret place apart,  
There lies a wish.  
That in all things  
Thy will, not mine, be  
done;  
Thine be the vict'ry won  
In this weak life.  
May there not be  
A disappointment now,  
As at Thy feet I bow,  
Thy will supreme.  
—Edna F. Sorrell

God's appointed time and in harmony with the indwelling Holy Spirit.

"He that hath knowledge spareth his words; and a man of understanding is of a cool spirit" (Prov. 17:27, R.V.). "In quietness and in confidence shall be your strength" (Isa. 3:15 Eccles. 5:2-3).