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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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GOD'S KEY

Is there some problem in your life to solve,
Some passage seeming full of mystery?
God knows, who brings the hidden thing to light.
He keeps the key.

Is there some door closed by the Father's Hand
Which widely opened you had hoped to see?
Trust God and wait—for when He shuts the door
He keeps the key.

Is there some earnest prayer unanswered yet,
Or answered *not* as you had thought 'twould be?
God will make clear His purpose by-and-by.
He keeps the key.

Have patience with your God, your patient God
All wise, all knowing, no long tarrier He.
And of the door of all thy future life
He keeps the key.

Unfailing comfort, sweet and blessed rest,
To know of *every* door He keeps the key.
That He at last when *He* sees 'tis best
Will give it *thee*.

MORE ABOUT OUR THANKSGIVING SERVICES

In last week's issue we announced our Thanksgiving services, consisting of pre-Thanksgiving services on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings of Thanksgiving week and then the main Thanksgiving service on the morning of Thanksgiving Day.

Again this week we wish to emphasize these services and urge all who can to attend. Many readers from a distance perhaps could attend the service on Thanksgiving Day if they made a real effort to do so.

The pre-Thanksgiving services are to be held at 7:30 p. m.

The service on Thanksgiving morning is to begin at 8:30. The Editor is to preach, his subject being: "The Called Out, Called Up."

This week we wish to stress another feature of these annual services. We refer to our offering. As has been our custom for several years, our Thanksgiving offering will be divided equally between three causes: Foreign Missions, Baptist Orphans' and The Baptist Examiner. Here are three causes in which your money will glorify God in an unusual way.

The portion devoted to Foreign Missions will go to the support of Missionary Joe Brandon and associates in Brazil and Missionary R. P. Hall and associates in Peru. Our readers have become familiar with the work of these missionaries through our monthly MISSION SHEETS. Thus you can be assured that your money will not go for high salaried secretaries and other exorbitant overhead expenses. Also you can be assured that it will go to men who preach the truth.

The money for Orphans' Homes will go for the support of Kentucky Baptist orphans. This is a scriptural ministry that is needed and worthy of our most liberal support. Through our offering we can in a very practical way "visit the fatherless . . . in their affliction," as commanded in the Word of God.

The third object to share in the offering is our written ministry, The Baptist Examiner. The Editor wishes he could share

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AN OLD LADY'S FAITH

In one of the secluded glens of Scotland, there lived an old Scotchwoman, Nancy. She lay upon her bed by day patiently and cheerfully awaiting the moment of her release from a body of sickness and pain. By her bedside, on a small table, lay her spectacles and her well-thumbed Bible—her "barrel and her cruse," as she used to call it—from which she daily, yea hourly, fed spiritually on the "Bread of Life."

A young minister frequently called to see her. He loved to listen to her simple expressions of Bible truth, for when she spoke of her "inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away," it seemed but a little way off.

One day the young minister put to the happy saint the following startling question: "Now, Nancy, what if after all your prayers and watching, and waiting, God should suffer your soul to be eternally lost?" Nancy raised herself on her elbow and turning to him a wistful look, laid her right hand on the Bible, which lay open before her, and quietly replied, "Ae, dearie me, is tha a' the length you have got yet, man?"—and then continued, her eyes sparkling, "God would hae the great loss. Poor Nanie would lose her soul, and that would be a great loss indeed; but God would lose His honor and His character. Haven't I hung my soul upon His exceeding great and precious promises? and if He break His word, He would make Himself a liar, and a' the universe would rush into confusion!"

—"ASSEMBLY ANNALS."

Many Of Our Readers Continue To Say Each Week, "I Should Like To Know"

I. What is the literal meaning of sanctification?

It means to be set apart to God's service. As an example, "And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it."—Gen. 2:3. Or note, "Set bounds about the mount, and sanctify it."—Ex. 19:23. Likewise, ". . . and sanctified Eleazar his son to keep the ark of the Lord."—I Sam. 7:1. These are but samples, yet they show conclusively that sanctification means to be set apart to God's service.

II. Does sanctification ever mean the removal of the old nature?

The old nature is never removed. It remains with us as long as we live. No one ever gets rid of it. Note: Prov. 24:9; Rom. 7:17, 20; I John 1:8-10.

If it could mean the removal

of the old nature, then Jesus was a sinner (perish the thought), for He said, "For their sakes, I sanctify myself."—John 17:19. Since Jesus had no evil sinful nature, then sanctification can not mean the removal of the old nature.

III. Are we sanctified by praying?

A thousand times "No." Jesus said, "Sanctify them through thy truth."—John 17:17. He later said, "That they also might be sanctified through the truth."—John 17:19.

IV. Should officers of Sunday Schools in Baptist churches include members of other denominations? (Continued on page four)

DEATH ENDS ALL

Dr. Walter L. Wilson relates this experience: I was talking to an atheist one day, and he remarked, "I do not believe, Wilson, what you are preaching." "You have told me what you do not believe," I replied, "perhaps you will tell me what you do believe." He answered, "I believe that death ends all." "I certainly do," I agreed, with him. "What!" he exclaimed, "you believe that death ends all?" "I certainly do," I answered, whereupon he said, "You are a strange Christian." I agreed again: "I am sure of that; there is none other like me in the world. As a Christian I assert the belief that death ends all." He said he had never heard such a thing, and I added, "It is time you heard something new."

Then I explained my statement: "Death ends all your chance of doing evil; death ends all our joy; death ends all your

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Will We Finally Have A Baptist Hierarchy And A Universal Baptist Church?

Gradually the Southern Baptist Convention is drifting into a large ECCLESIASTICAL body, similar to Methodism or Presbyterianism or Catholicism. The exact form this ECCLESIASTICISM will take matters not. It will be a great CENTRALIZED ORGANIZATION in some form and the independence and autonomy of the congregations will be gone—the individual congregations will be merely PARTS of the great machine. The drift is definitely in that direction. The Northern Convention has already become just that, and in that Northern Convention, a church is not considered to be a Baptist Church unless it is subject to the great

ECCLESIASTICISM. They are taking the church property away from the congregations for no other reason than because they will not submit to the MACHINE. It is either SUBMIT TO THE MACHINE OR GET OUT AND LOSE THEIR CHURCH PROPERTY. This has been seen in many cases.

But surely this will not be true in the Southern Convention, some one will say. But it is a fact that the Southern Convention is headed that way and to a degree has already been exercising ECCLESIASTICAL power for several congregations have had their church property taken from them by the Convention, for no other reason than the church refused to cooperate with the program of the Convention. Case after case can be cited proving this to be true.

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ORDAINING WOMEN

It is reported that the annual convention of Baptists of Ontario and Quebec, Canada, voted to recommend the ordination of women when they meet the same requirements as men. Women are taking a very prominent and essential part in the propagation of the gospel. They are loyal supporters of our Lord and His work. We wonder, however, if there are not other places in which women can work more effectively than in the pulpit. We also wonder if the Scriptures justify the ordination of women. Our Southern Baptist women do not have to occupy pulpits in order to make themselves felt in our denominational life. They are a great spiritual force for which we are justly proud.

—Home Missions.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

We "wonder" why the editor (Continued on page four)

-- The First Baptist Pulpit --

"EVEN SO, COME LORD JESUS"

"Amen, Even so, come, Lord Jesus."—Revelation 22:20.

I rather imagine that there isn't a person here but what can go back to his childhood days and remember some outstanding event of public interest which took place in childhood. I think the first event of that type that I can recall was the sinking of the Titanic. I'm sure that a number of you older folk here this morning will recall how that in the year 1912 the "unsinkable Titanic," with nearly

everybody on board, sank beneath the waves of the Atlantic Ocean. For fifteen hours, as I recall, they had had radio warning after warning that there was ice in the water ahead. Actually they could see the iceberg which caused it to sink—they could actually see it two miles before they struck it. Yet, in spite of the warnings that they had had, though they could see the iceberg, with their bands playing and with the engines racing at full speed, and with the people drinking and dancing they

crashed into the iceberg only to sink a short while afterward with a loss of the vessel and practically the entirety of the personnel and the passengers on board the ship.

Many times in the years since then, I have thought, beloved, how characteristic that is of America today. The captain, the group of officers on board the ship, and those in command of the vessel, had ample warning so that there was no need for the loss of the ship nor the loss of a

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THINGS THAT CHANGE NOT

Condensed from a Tract

We live upon the rough surface of a globe that is continually undergoing a change in every phase of life.

In the field of transportation we have, since the turn of the century, witnessed the rapid change of modes of travel go from highway to skyway. As children we went to the seaport to watch the ships come in, and now we go to the airport to watch the planes come down.

In the political world we have, during the past few years, seen democracies give way to dictatorships and kingdoms rise and fall. Our methods of education, our ideas of business, our use of medicines, our styles and customs are being constantly revised and continually changed.

But sin has not changed. Men have endeavored to change its name. They have denied the fact of sin, have excused the effects of sin and deliberately refused the remedy for sin.

The results of sin have not changed. The wages of sin have never changed. Sin ends in disgrace, disappointment, defeat and death just as much today as it ever did.

Sorrow has not changed. Most of the days of the past year were gray instead of gay. Sorrow is just as real today as it was yesterday.

Death has not changed. The color of caskets has been changed from black to gray. The hearse, the order of service, the method of burial have all been changed in an effort to make death attractive — to eliminate the fact of reality. But death is real. Death is cruel. And certain. And sure.

The wise man always prepares for the inevitable. It is the part of wisdom to seek that which will deliver from the penalty of sin, give victory over grief, and take away the fear of every need and requirement death.

The Lord Jesus Christ meets that the heart of man desires.

He alone can settle the sin question. It was He who "... was manifested to take away our sins ..." (I John 3:5), and it is Jesus, the Son of God, who died to deliver us from the penalty of sin, and who lives to deliver us from the power of sin and will one day return to take us from the very presence of sin.

The way of salvation has not changed. We have a changeless Saviour in the midst of a changing world. He is forever the same, yesterday and today and forever.

God's offer of eternal life to all who will receive the Lord Jesus as Saviour is still the same. It has never been recalled or altered. As always, the Word of God reads, "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved."

APPRECIATED COMMENTS

I have been receiving the EXAMINER for over three years and I read every article. And I want to tell you that I have received great benefit by reading it. Your sermons have been a great source of help to me, and I study them carefully.

Gloyde E. Lukehart
Picher, Ohio

I have been reading THE BAPTIST EXAMINER for several years... we just wouldn't be without it. It is truly a wonderful paper, not afraid to speak the truth.

Lillian Kirk
Kermit, W. Va.

We thank Gor for a man that will come out and preach against the Devil and all kinds of sin like you do. God bless you is our prayer.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Larson
Seffner, Fla.

We are admonished in II Tim. 4:2 "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and doctrine." THE BAPTIST EXAMINER does just that in the form of the written word. What more need or could be said?

Zach Savage
Gainesville, Fla.

I consider the EXAMINER to be the grandest religious paper ever published.

Mrs. Ethel J. Hahn
Lakeland, Fla.

"EVEN SO, COME"

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single life. Yet, disregarding all warning, they ran head-on into the iceberg. Disregarding every warning that had come to them, they deliberately ran into that iceberg. I say, beloved, this is characteristic of America today.

I don't believe there is a person of thinking accountability within this house but what will agree with me that America at large is disregarding every warning that has come to us from God. Time and time again within the last few years warning after warning from God has been given, yet, beloved, today in spite of these warnings, our country, our city, and we ourselves are heading pellmell into positive danger.

We might even go so far as to say that in spite of the warnings, that God Himself is being positively ignored. It reminds me very definitely of the days of Amos, when the old prophet of God, in speaking to Israel, reminded them of what God had brought upon them by way of chastening. He said that God had given them "cleanness of teeth," yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the Lord." Then he said, "God is withholding the rain from you so that you have not had sufficient water for the

All Sold Out

II MERCANTE



— Come non ci sono posti nemmeno per noi?
— No, e la colpa è vostra che li avete venduti tutti.

Above is a sample of the present wave of anti-clericalism in Italy. This cartoon appeared in the Roman newspaper 'Il Mercante' of January 17, 1947, as a result of which the editor was indicted under section 402 of the penal code drawn up by Mussolini to protect the Catholic Church from criticism. It depicts a group of priests arriving at the gates of heaven (Paradise) to find all the seats 'sold out' (Tutto esaurito). "How is it there are no seats left for us?" they indignantly ask Saint Peter. "It's all your own fault," Saint Peter answers. "You yourselves have already sold them out."

maturity of your crops." Then he said, "Yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the Lord." He told them how God had smitten them with mildew, and finally he gets around to the expression again, "Yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the Lord." He told of the wars they had had to fight, and the pestilences that had over-run their land, and enumerated one event after another that ought to have been the means of warning Israel, and he finished everyone of those statements by saying, "Yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the Lord."

I say this morning, beloved, that reminds me of our own spiritual and moral status before God this day. When you can recall the terrible disasters that have taken place within the last few years. You can remember those terrific dust storms that came from the west—"Yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the Lord." You can recall how that the Ohio River in 1937, for the first time in all its history, for 987 miles—its entire length stood at flood stage—"Yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the Lord." I am sure this morning you are reminded of the hotel fires, the airplane crashes, the wrecks on the railroads, and tragedy upon top of tragedy that struck during the period of the war. Instead of these catastrophes calling men and women closer to God, and instead of these events bringing us nearer to our Heavenly Father, seemingly, beloved, today God is less in the minds of people than ever before, and God is more ignored this morning than at any time in my recollection. It would seem to me that in spite of all these events that have come,

that we can say like the prophet of God, "Yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the Lord."

I think, as I say, beloved, how that in spite of the warnings that came to those individuals on board that which was supposed to be an unsinkable ship, they went head-on into danger and destruction—I think how illustrative and characteristic of us today. In spite of all the warnings that God has given, we go on and on, forgetful of God, thinking naught of the things pertaining to Him and His Word. Therefore, beloved, our text is all the more important to us today as John on the Isle of Patmos prays the last prayer of the Bible, and in that prayer says, "Amen, Even so, come, Lord Jesus." Could there ever be a time, my beloved friends, when a prayer could be more applicable or should be more important to us than it is this day in the face of circumstances and in view of the forgetfulness of the nation of God. Surely this morning you and I and every one of God's people ought to look up into His face and say, "Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus."

THERE IS NO EVENT IN ALL THE BIBLE THAT IS AS WELL ACCREDITED AS THE COMING AGAIN OF OUR LORD.

There is no event that is more universally believed, there is no event that is more widely honored than the first advent of Jesus Christ. Just as His first advent has been accomplished and widely recognized and honored by mankind today, so as certainly Jesus Christ will come back to this earth again.

I thank God this morning for the truth of the second coming as laid down within His Word. I know He is coming back to this world again. There isn't one bit of doubt in my mind about the second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. He is coming some day. Listen:

"Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I WILL COME AGAIN, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."—John 14:1-3.

There is a definite promise of His coming. He went away, and He says, "If I go, I will come again." We can be sure that Jesus Christ is coming back. Listen again:

"And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, SHALL SO COME IN LIKE MANNER as ye have seen him go into heaven."—Acts 1:9-11.

Here were the disciples on the Mount of Olivet when our Lord suddenly lifted Himself up and little by little ascended up into the clouds, and as the disciples stood gazing after Him as He was rapturously taken into the skies, the angels of God said to them, "This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven." He went away in the clouds, and He is coming back in the clouds. I rarely ever see a cloud but what I think that He may be on that one. I remember of recent date when I made a trip down to Alabama by plane, we had rather rough sailing on the way down. The pilot would pull the plane around to the right to avoid a storm, and then presently would pull it to the left to avoid another storm. Finally when it became stormy all over, there was nothing to do but flow through it. As I looked out at the clouds on the right and the clouds on the left, and as I faced those that were before us, I thought of this truth: My Lord may be in that cloud. Beloved, He went into the skies, and the promise of God is that He is coming back just as He went into heaven. Let me read you again:

"But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not precede them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words."—I Thess. 4:13-18.

Beloved, He is coming. Over here at the Rolling Mill possibly (Continued on page three)

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EVEN SO, COME"

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Years ago, a man who was operating one of the giant magnetic cranes, taught me one of the greatest lessons that I have ever learned outside God's Book. He brought that magnetic crane down within about six inches of the ground where there was some iron filings and rust and small pieces of scrap on top of the ground, and as he brought the crane along about six inches above the ground and moved slowly, you could see all those pieces of iron reach up to catch hold of that magnetic crane. When if you noticed carefully, it looked as though the ground itself were alive, for pieces of iron and scrap and little bits of rust that had fallen down upon the ground and that had been trampled in the dust, began to feel the power of that crane and reach up to catch hold of the crane. As I looked at it, I said, "Thank God for this truth—Jesus Christ, the power of God, is coming some day, and when He comes, He is going to catch up those on the earth and those whose bodies are in the earth, and so shall we ever be with the Lord. What a precious promise that Jesus is coming!"

"For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink his cup, ye do show the Lord's death till HE COME."—I Cor. 11:26.

There never was a time that the Lord's Supper was observed without what a picture of His resurrection was enacted thereby. I say to you this morning, beloved, every time the bread is broken and the wine is poured, you have a prophecy of His return, for the Word of God says that as often as yet do it, it is a reminder that He is coming back again.

In view of these many Scriptures that I have read, and many others that I might have read, I turn to my text and hear John say, "Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus."

II

HOW IT IS INTERESTING TO ME TO NOTICE WHAT IT IS THAT JOHN IS SAYING "AMEN" TO, AND WHAT I THIS MORNING AM SAYING "AMEN" TO RELATIVE TO HIS RETURN.

Why, beloved, when I say "Amen" to the second coming of our Lord Jesus, I am saying "Amen" to every event that is connected therewith. I'M SAYING "AMEN" TO THE RESURRECTION OF THE RIGHTEOUS DEAD, for when Jesus Christ comes again, all the righteous dead are going to come out of the graves. Listen:

"So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. Oh death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."—I Cor. 15:54-57.

Beloved, some of these days when Jesus comes again, all the righteous dead are going to be raised to be with Him in the air. I am sure this morning there isn't a family here but what has one that is near and close to you who has departed to be with Him. Though this morning you miss that individual, and though your heart is troubled possibly you think of your loss and the loneliness that comes there-

by, I thank God for the assurance that I have that one glad day our Lord is coming in the skies, and when He comes, every graveyard is going to be burst open and every grave that contains the body of one who has died in Christ is going to be opened and every one of the righteous dead are going to be raised at His coming. John said, "Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus." I go out to a cemetery to the burial of a friend, some one who has been close to me in Christ Jesus, and as I turn away I say, like John, "Even so, come, Lord Jesus." When He comes, there is going to be a resurrection of the righteous dead.

What else did John say "Amen" to? When JOHN SAID, "AMEN" HE WAS SAYING "AMEN" TO THE FACT THAT THE BELIEVER WILL THEN BE BEYOND SINNING. Do you realize that when the Lord Jesus comes, every believing child of God will then immediately be beyond the state of sinning. Listen:

"For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, THE REDEMPTION OF OUR BODY."—Romans 8:22, 23.

As long as your body is not redeemed, you are going to sin in this body. Your flesh this morning, even though you are saved, is just as capable of sinning as it was before you were saved. There is only one sin that you, as a child of God, can't commit, and that is the sin against the Holy Spirit. Other than that, your flesh is as capable of sinning today as it ever was, and it will remain in that state until the redemption of the body, which redemption, beloved, will take place when our Lord comes in the air.

Oh, beloved, I'm looking this morning for His return, and when Jesus Christ comes, I thank God that every Christian will then be beyond the state of sinning. I wonder if you are living as perfectly as you want to. I wonder if your life is as near perfection as you would like for it to be. When I was just a boy preacher, I used to look around and see professing Christians doing things that I knew was wrong—folk who had been saved a whole lot longer than I, and I would say, "Now when I have been a Christian as long as that individual has, I am not going to live like that." I find this morning though beloved, that I have the same fleshly nature to contend with today that I had the day I was saved, and I will have it until my Lord comes in the air and my body is then redeemed.

Oh, beloved, no wonder old John said, "Amen" to the second coming. He knew that when Jesus Christ came, he would be beyond sinning. What child of God is there but what looks forward and longs for the day when his life shall wholly, totally and entirely count for Jesus.

What else did John say "Amen" to? WHY, BELOVED, THERE IS GOING TO BE A GLORIOUS REUNION WITH THE REDEEMED OF GOD WHEN JESUS COMES. Do you like to go to family reunions? Isn't a joy when you can have all your family together and see the folk that you haven't seen for a good long while? Beloved, I have never had a very large family so far as my

personal relatives are concerned, but I'm a member of an exceedingly large family, and that is the whole family of God in heaven. Some of these days there is going to be a glorious reunion on the part of all the redeemed. Listen:

"For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known."—I Cor. 13:12.

I'm going to know just like I am known. Why, beloved, I'll see men and women that I have lead to Christ through my writings that I have never seen in this life. I'll see them and know them, and there won't be any necessity of an introduction. I'll see the men of God who penned this Bible. I'll see the prophets of the Old Testament and the evangelists of the New, and I'll know them all. Notice this reunion within God's Word. When does it take place? When Jesus Christ comes again. What man or woman is there this morning who is saved but what would be happy to see Him today. If you are a child of God, you would rejoice to see Him, and you do rejoice to say, "Even so, come, Lord Jesus." It means the reunion of all the redeemed of all ages, the like of which you and I have never experienced so far as spiritual joys are concerned.

What else does it mean when John said, "Amen" to the second coming? BELOVED, IT MEANS THAT THE BELIEVER WILL THEN HAVE HIS REWARDS. If you hire out to a man to work, you expect to get paid for your labor. The day that Jesus Christ saved us, He hired us as His servants. You never were a servant of Christ until you were saved. He gives you salvation and then immediately puts you on the payroll as a servant. That's grace. I say, beloved, He gives you salvation and then puts you on the payroll and makes you a servant, and everything you do thereafter, He pays you for it by way of rewards when He comes. Listen:

"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the THINGS DONE IN HIS BODY, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad."—II Cor. 5:10.

It will be a glorious day when we shall stand at the judgment seat of Christ where all our deeds are going to be weighed and all of our acts and actions are going to be balanced. Then I'll know some things that I didn't know about you, and you will know some things you did

not know about me. Things, beloved, that we may not have understood about each other are going to be balanced then in God's sight. When is that going to take place? When He comes. No wonder old John said, "Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus." Wouldn't you like to have the books balanced this morning? What a day this day of rewards is going to be. Listen:

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing."—2 Tim. 4:7,8.

Several years ago, a young medical student in college, during the summer was working his way selling books in order that he might go back to school that fall. He paused at a farm house, and when a young girl came to the door he stated his mission namely that he was selling books. She said "My mother is a widow and we live here alone and we haven't any money with which to buy books." When he learned they were too poor to buy books, he then said, "I'm thirsty, could I have a drink of cold water?" The girl answered, "Wouldn't you rather have a drink of cold milk instead," and she ran to the spring house and brought a glass of cold milk. When he had drunk that, she said, "Wouldn't you like to have another" and she ran for a second glass of cold milk. When he had drunk these, he offered to pay her, but she said, "No, mother always told me to be kind to strangers." He went on his way. So far as she was concerned, it was just a matter of handing out a glass of cold milk. So far as he was concerned, he didn't know that he would ever see her again. The young girl grew into womanhood, and one day in a hospital in Baltimore, lay dangerously ill. A doctor passed along making his routine rounds for the day, and though she was so dangerously ill that she didn't recognize him, he looked down upon her face and remembered the girl who had given him two glasses of cold milk years before. And now, the head of the greatest hospital in the world, immediately ordered her put in a private room, secured the best of medical attention, nurses, and everything that might be offered for her to recover. Days afterward when she had recovered, they handed her a bill,

and when she looked at it, she was started at the enormity of it, and said, "When will I ever be able to pay this?" Then down at the bottom of the bill were these words, "Paid by two glasses of cold milk" and then signed by Howard A. Kelley, the greatest name of all medical history.

I thought of this several days ago when I was reading the story of his life. He never forgot the little glasses of cold milk, and beloved, our God is just like that. He tells us within His word there isn't one thing He is ever going to forget. Listen:

"For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister."—Heb. 6:10.

Thank God He will not forget me. Old John finished the last of the 66 books of the Bible with these words, "Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus." I don't know whether he realized the fact that he was finishing the Bible, although I rather imagine that he did. But whether he knew he was putting the capstone on the Bible, I know one thing, that when he got ready to sign the last words of the Bible, he looked up into the face of God, and realizing that He was coming, said, "Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus."

When I think this morning of the resurrection of the righteous dead, how at that time the believer is going to be beyond sinning, that there is going to be a glorious reunion on the part of the redeemed of God, and when I remember the believer will then receive his rewards, I, like John, look forward to His coming and say, "Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus."

In view of the apostasy, in view of the sin, in view of the paganism within the world, in view of the condition of this world morally, politically, socially and economically, — in view of all this, our prayer this morning should be, "Even so, come, Lord Jesus."

I wonder if I speak to somebody who is not ready for His coming. I wonder if I speak to someone today who knows the words I have preached are the words of God, and yet you are not ready for His coming. There is only one way to be ready. Listen:

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

Oh, may God this morning, for Jesus' sake, touch your heart and save your soul.

CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned, do hereby testify that I* never have been born again, by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, consequently,

If I Die TONIGHT I Will Go To He For ETERNITY.

"But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts; and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear."—I Peter 3:15.

*If you are a Christian, erase the word "never" in the above and fill out the following questions, viz:

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When I was Saved _____

Where I was Saved _____

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THANKSGIVING SERVICES

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DEATH ENDS ALL

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projects, all your ambitions, all your friendships; death ends all the gospel that you will ever hear; death ends it all for you, and you go out into utter darkness. Death ends all my wan-

derings, all my tears, all my perplexities, all my disappointments, all my aches and pains; death ends it all, and I go to be with my Lord in glory." He said: "I never thought of that." I led that man to Christ just by agreeing with him that death ends all.—*The Alliance Weekly.*

I SHOULD LIKE TO KNOW

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nations?

Many churches follow this practice, yet it is most dangerous and always leads to a weakening of the church. Non-Baptists are not going to teach the whole truth of God's Word as Baptists believe it. No one but a genuine Baptist is going to teach the "all things" Jesus commanded to teach. Cf. Mt. 28:20.

Furthermore, this is unionism of the worst type. Listen: "Now we command you, brethren, in the name of the Lord Jesus, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us . . . if any man obey not our word by this epistle, note that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed."—II Thes. 3:8, 14.

V. Can a child of God who has been baptized sit at the Lord's table in another Baptist church other than the one to which he belongs?

No. The Lord's Supper is a church ordinance and no one should partake of it except in the church of his membership.

Paul speaks of one cup, one bread, and one body. See I Cor. 10:16, 17. That one body means the local church.

Each church is to discipline its own members. It can not discipline those of another church. It is though to discipline those who partake of the Lord's Supper. Paul said, "With such an one, no not to eat."—I Cor. 5:11. In the light of this truth, it is utterly impossible and inconsistent for one to eat the Lord's Supper anywhere except in the church of which he is a member.

VI. Is the anointing of the sick to be done literally with olive oil?

Our querist is doubtlessly referring to Jas. 5:14, 15. Personally, I believe this verse literally. Jesus is the "same yesterday, and today, and forever."—Heb. 13:8. He healed when here in the days of His flesh and since He remains the same, we can still expect Him to heal today.

This does not refer to a public healing service. All this is to be in the home—the sick one is to call the preachers to his home. In other words, the sick one is to take the initiative.

James says the sick is to be anointed "with oil." While it does not specify any particular oil, I believe it should be olive oil, since such was used in the Old Testament. I believe this should be observed literally.

Baptists claim to take God's Word as final. Why not do so here?

VII. Has the Devil the power to heal as well as the Lord?

This question is really too ridiculous to answer. Of course the Devil can't heal. However, he does go to most public healing services and takes a big part in them. He stages a lot of "bogus" healings, but real healing comes from God.

VIII. If folk can't get along in

one church, is there much hope for them to get along in another?

My answer is my own experience. The First Baptist Church of Russell excluded a large number of folk as covenant breakers. They say that the pastor tore up the church, yet they know that it was their "rule or ruin" policy which caused the trouble. Though they tried to get rid of their pastor, using every means, fair or foul (mostly foul), God blocked them in every move they made. Finally, our church excluded them. The First Baptist Church of Raceland, Kentucky, received them "face value." They have caused untold trouble in the church there. They practically took over the church, with the result many of the members of the Raceland church actually ceased attending services. Now this group whom we excluded have organized a new church in Flatwoods. They tore up the church in Raceland. One of the older members there said, "We are certainly glad to get rid of them—we are glad to see them go." They caused trouble in Russell; they caused trouble in Raceland. I hope they prosper in Flatwoods, but remember: Disgruntled folk cause trouble wherever they go.

HIERARCHY

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Prof. Barnes wrote a book entitled: "The Southern Baptist Convention, A Study in the Development of Ecclesiology." This book was printed in 1934, and it set forth the views taught in the Southwest Seminary, a seminary established by the Convention in Fort Worth, Texas. Not a man among them has dared to contradict Prof. Barnes, and he continued to hold his position as teacher in that convention Seminary after that book was sent out. Here is what Prof. Barnes says in cold print:

"There is now almost a Southern Baptist Church composed of churches. There seems to be three well defined constitutional theories concerning the membership of the Southern Baptist Convention: federal, ecclesiastical, and voluntary. These theories, though well defined as to their character, are nevertheless confused in the particular application. It will be seen that there has been and is now a decided development headed toward a Baptist Universal Church. By the fourth century the developed Catholic Church had become sacrosanct, visible and indivisible, to rend which was the deepest sin. It mattered not about anything else if one was in communion with the church. Unification is the cry of the hour today. Baptists have begun to think that, however much groups may disagree on the fundamentals of cooperation in missions and benevolence, they must get together in corporate union. One great lesson that Christian history gives us is, that periods given over to perfecting internal organization in theology, and ecclesiology are poor in spiritual power and missionary fervor. It may be that the present emphasis upon mechanism and unification is the cause of the lessened missionary zeal; it may be that it is the result. But in either case, a church is developing."

If you want the book write to Southwestern Baptist Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex., and you can

Revival Meeting

For the benefit of our readers in and around Cannelton, Ind., we wish to announce that Elder T. P. Simmons of Ashland, Ky., is to be with Pastor K. R. Black and the Seventh Street Baptist Church of that city for a meeting beginning on the evening of Thanksgiving, November 27.

The first five services of the meeting are to be devoted to lectures on "The Trail of Blood," using a large historical wall chart prepared by the late J. M. Carroll of Texas. This chart presents a birdseye view of church history in a most unique and conspicuous way.

The Baptist Examiner is glad to join its good friends, Pastor Black and the Seventh Street Church, in urging its readers to hear these lectures. They answer many pertinent questions and impart much timely information in this day of looseness when Baptist perpetuity is being denied in high places among Baptists.

These lectures have been delivered in many states over a period of more than ten years and have been highly commended by pastors and Bible teachers.

You will certainly want to hear Brother Simmons: (1) If you want to hear Baptists perpetuity conclusively proved from both the Bible and history. (2) If you want to hear a simple, sound, consistent exposition of Mt. 16:18. (3) If you want the answer of history to the groundless claim that Baptists were founded by John Smyth in 1609. (4) If you want to understand clearly how the Roman Catholic Church came into existence. (5) If you want to know the origin of Protestant denominations and their offsprings. (6) If you want to know why Baptists cannot be classed as Protestants. (7) If you want clear proof that Baptists should reject alien immersion. (8) If you want to hear the theory of an universal, invisible church demolished.

In closing we might remark that Pastor Black and his church have recently put the Baptist Examiner in their budget and are sending it into every home in the membership of the church.

ORDAINING WOMEN

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of Home Missions wonders "if the Scriptures justify the ordination of women." Of course they don't. Has our editor never read I Cor. 14:34?

But the ordination of women is but the logical outcome of the teaching and training received in the B. T. U. Our churches train the girls to get up and speak before mixed assemblies of men and women; the W. M. U. secretaries speak from Baptist pulpits; women are put on the programs at associations and conventions to address groups of men and women, so why draw the line at ordination? Truth is, the whole thing is open defiance or else utter contempt for the teaching of the Word of God."

—Roy Mason.

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