

## Seminary Launches Drive For Another Quarter Million Dollars For Chapel



This photograph taken from the Louisville Courier Journal of January 13, 1948, shows C. Oscar Johnson, who is president of the Baptist World Alliance, and President Fuller of the Seminary as they launch plans to raise another quarter of a million dollars for a chapel at the seminary. Though this amount has already been raised the seminary now finds that this inadequate and Oscar Johnson is now assuming the responsibility of raising a like sum as to have a half million dollar chapel.

For a good while I've had a feeling that President Fuller of the seminary was somewhat different from the rank and file of the seminary professors and graduates. I confess though that when he calls upon Oscar Johnson to head a movement in behalf of the seminary that my opinion of him dropped considerably.

For a long time this paper has contended that this seminary is a hot bed of modernism and that it was producing a crop of near infidels by way of preachers every year.

There is an old adage which says, "Birds of a feather flock together." Well, here is President Fuller of the seminary was somewhat different from the rank and file of the seminary professors and graduates. I confess though that when he calls upon Oscar Johnson to head a movement in behalf of the seminary that my opinion of him dropped considerably.

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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."—Isaiah 8:20

## Editor's Letter To Life Magazine

In the January 10th issue of The Baptist Examiner appeared a letter written by the editor to Life Magazine, denying that the Catholic Church was the oldest of all denominations and that Baptists were a Protestant sect having had their origin in the seventeenth century.

From various sections of the nation have come letters from our readers asking that this be published as a tract.

Says G. A. McNeely of Georgetown, Ky.: "Your reply to Life was a thrilling and appropriate article."

Attorney H. S. Robinson of Campbellsville, Ky., now in his 86th year who has been practicing law for 66 years and who has been a Baptist for 70 years, wrote for extra copies of the January 10th issue of our paper so that he could place them in the hands of some of the young Baptist preachers who are attending Campbellsville College.

It is rather interesting that Attorney Robinson in his letter says: "I regard your paper as the best and truly Baptist paper

that is published."

Not only were these copies sent for distribution at Campbellsville College, they were also sent for distribution among the ministerial students of Georgetown College, besides being sent to numbers of other individuals who have requested them.

Elder J. Frederick Robe, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Evansville, Indiana, who in asking for extra copies of the paper, says:

"I have just read with a great deal of interest your editorial reply to Life Magazine as to the origin of Baptists, Catholics and Protestants.

"The question of the origin of Baptists is a perennial one among high school and college students in our community. While I have many books on Baptists beliefs and histories, yet for the most part the reading material is too extensive for these young people. May I suggest very earnestly that you have this letter put into tract form — we would use hundreds of them here, as no doubt other pastors all over could do.

"Your quotations from eminent historians are unanswerable."

I might say, however, that even before these letters began to be received that I was already impressed that this article be put in tract form. It is now ready to be sent out and may it please God that the truth of this article be distributed all over the nation.

Baptists need the message today as never before. Of course all others need it and will never receive it except from Baptist sources. To scatter this tract in hundreds of thousands is a tremendous task and will be at a tremendous cost. We are assured that God will provide. Send in your order today for a large supply of these tracts. When possible send in a contribution to help pay for their printing. Regardless, send for the tracts and pray God's blessing upon this message as it goes forth.

## Here Is A Peep From Behind The Iron Curtain At Historic Georgetown College

The base submission of a majority of the Ministerial Association of Georgetown College to human authority is a matter of common knowledge.

This report is not intended to censure or excuse the brethren who chose or reversed their position under pressure. In fact, it is part of the game that they must deny that pressure was brought to bear. This is simply an attempt to report some pertinent facts in order that Kentucky Baptists may better understand the situation.

Fact No. 1. Worldliness, modernism, and unionism are present in large measure at Georgetown. This is true even in the Ministerial Association, many of whose members do not differ in their moral standards and conduct from ordinary sinners. I do not mean that the average is worse than usual in an assembly of so-called ministers, but the fact remains that not all ministerial students are God-called, God-fearing men.

Fact No. 2. The Ministerial Association automatically includes all ministerial students. It is not limited to ordained ministers or to those who take their ministry seriously. At the meetings which considered the fraternity issue there appeared a multitude of faces unknown

at previous association meetings.

Fact No. 3. Many ministerial students are also members of social fraternities, and the others knew very well that to take a stand against the fraternities would not make the ministers popular, to say the least.

Fact No. 4. In spite of these facts, the ministers at Georgetown, who are in a position best to know the conditions here, voted by a clear majority to recommend the banishing from our campus of social fraternities and sororities.

Fact No. 5. The college administration has taken an aggressive part in this controversy. The ministerial students have been told, publicly, in effect, to mind their own business. They have been reminded, publicly, of their ministerial duties.

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## CHURCH MEMBERS

Here is a teaching that greatly minimizes the importance of church membership, and that is the (false) teaching that all believers in Christ are members of "the church." That is, some mystical, mythical, invisible, universal "church" that we are supposed to "baptized into by the Holy Spirit" when we trust in Christ. (What nonsense!) So, the logic is — if this "big" church is the big thing, then why bother about membership in these little local organizations? But we make bold to assert that there is no such thing as a universal, invisible church. The only genuine church is a local visible body of properly baptized believers.

Some profess to be Christians but neglect to join a church.

Some join just any church that sentiment or caprice may dictate, and say that it doesn't matter what church you belong to for "you see we are all working to get to the same place." (But those "working" to get

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## If You Believe In College Social Clubs, Then Read 'Heartaches On The Campus'

A few weeks ago at a large midwestern university I talked with a student who had recently been released from the Army. The boy said he liked the school, his courses and his professors. There was one thing, however, he did not like. He had come to the university as a legacy to one of the leading fraternities, but after looking him over the fraternity brothers had not invited him to become a member.

"I guess the war has made me too old," he said, grinning, but for all his nonchalance I could see the hurt in his eyes. He had been cruelly snubbed. Right at the start of his college career he has discovered that the very democracy for which he had fought did not exist at this university.

Reports of friction between returning veterans and the Greek letter societies come from

many other colleges and universities supported by taxpayers' money. Young men who have been matured in the hard school of war are finding themselves the victims of a ridiculous and juvenile caste system. This should not be. It is time for our legislatures to enact laws abolishing college and high school fraternities and sororities from coast to coast.

To some people that may sound like a strong remedy for a comparatively minor evil. But I do not consider it minor. As a sorority woman and as the wife of the president of one of our largest state universities, I have had a close-up view of the Greek-letter societies. What I have seen has convinced me that any good which they accomplish is far outweighed by the unhappiness which they inflict upon thousands of young people, and by the class-consciousness, religious bigotry and race prejudice which they foment.

Only the other day I heard of a brilliant and beautiful girl who was kept out of a sorority because her father happened to be a railroad engineer. "What a pity God couldn't have made him a doctor or a lawyer instead," one of the sorority members said.

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## The First Baptist Pulpit

### "HOW SATAN DEALS WITH CONVICTED SINNERS"

"And it came to pass, that on the next day, when they were come down from the hill, much people met him. And, behold, a man of the company cried out, saying, Master, I beseech thee, look upon my son; for he is mine only child.

"And, lo, a spirit taketh him, and he suddenly crieth out; and it teareth him that he foameth again, and bruising him hardly departeth from him. And I besought thy disciples to cast him

out; and they could not.

"And Jesus answering said, O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you, and suffer you? Bring thy son hither. And as he was yet a coming, the devil threw him down, and tare him. And Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, and healed the child, and delivered him again to his father."—Luke 9:37-42.

This is a remarkable passage

of scripture which I have read. It tells how our Lord came down from the mount of vision to the plains of service. He had been with His disciples on the Mount of Transfiguration. Peter, James and John had seen Him transfigured, and now Jesus came down from this mount of vision to the plains of reality and service. As he came down, He found that while He was in the Mount being transfigured, that

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## UNIONISM IN THE AIR

Union services at Thanksgiving time were held in the First Baptist Church of Somerset, Ky., with the pastor of the First Methodist Church delivering the message. At least this was what the Somerset paper reports. This paper further states

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## C. OSCAR JOHNSON

In speaking before the First Baptist Church of Atlanta, Georgia, on the first Sunday of this year, when that church was celebrating its centennial, Oscar Johnson, president of the Baptist World Alliance, said, "Fellowship can exist even when

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## SOCIAL "FRATS" IN GEORGETOWN

Along about Thanksgiving quite a good deal was published in the secular press concerning sororities and fraternities in Georgetown College. First, the ministerial students as a body took a stand against these social organizations. Later through intimidation, threats and pressure brought to bear mainly by President Hill, some of them reversed their position and bowed to human authority.

The curse of these organizations is nothing new. The editor was a student there before fraternities were allowed as a part of the college and was also a student after their entrance. From a personal point of view he knows full well the curse they became to the college even from their first entrance.

It is most pathetic to note the attitude of President Hill who has not only sought to defend these social organizations but has made it clear by threatening expulsion of those who oppose these organizations that he is definitely compromising his Christian testimony. In "The Georgetownian" of Nov. 21 is the text of one of his chapel talks in which as a closing statement he says to those who have opposed the fraternities, "If you cannot live this way, there are other campuses."

It is most pathetic that the only senior college which Baptists have in Kentucky has thus taken its stand endorsing the worldly practices of the Greek-letter social fraternities. Truly we need a revival and a new day among Kentucky Baptists.

May God bless those 27 ministerial students who have stood firm in their convictions against that which they know to be wrong.

Don't forget: Out of every penny that is given to the Co-operative program, Georgetown College gets its share. I don't want to have any part in supporting it, until there is a general housecleaning and a revival of New Testament principles there. Do you?

## SATAN AND SINNERS

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a man had brought his child unto the disciples who were left down at the base of the mount. This child was a demoniac, that is, he was suffering with an evil spirit. He expected, I think, that there should be an immediate change and that the child would be immediately healed. Yet, the Word of God tells us that he was greatly disappointed. He was disappointed that the child was not healed, and disappointed because the church, the disciples of Jesus, had failed.

When Jesus came down from

Too often the modern girl goes out fit as a fiddle and comes home tight at a drum.

## DON'T GET HOOKED

2 Corinthians 11:14 — 1 Peter 5:8

*The devil is shrewd — a saint he'll be*

*In holy array for all to see;*

*He'll sing in the choir and offer prayer*

*Or talk like a soul from "Over There."*

*By subtle design he seeks to win*

*The favor of those he would stain with sin.*

*The devil is bold — as king he reigns,*

*Demanding the midst in ghoulish gains;*

*He offers a bait to lure the soul,*

*Then makes it a slave to his control.*

*With brazen deceit he lays anew*

*More fuel on the fire he has built for you.*

*The devil is false — the polished crook*

*Is fishing for you with poisoned hook;*

*He prates of a brighter, happy day —*

*When he shall have won the right of way.*

*But leave him alone, whate'er his song,*

*And stick with the Christ as you march along.*

—John Nickerson

the mount, here was the man, here was His church, here was the son who was a demoniac. The father immediately said, "I brought him to Thy disciples, but they couldn't do anything for him. Now if you can heal him, I'll commit him unto you." It was then that the Lord Jesus, as was His custom, spoke peace to the heart of that father and to the soul of that son by casting out the evil spirit wherewith the boy was possessed.

I think, beloved, from this simple, yet remarkable scripture story, that we can see an illustration as to how the Devil deals with convicted sinners.

If I could tonight, I would like to see this house filled with people—men and women who were under conviction. Would to God tonight that I might have an hundred unsaved people here who were deeply distressed because of their spiritual estate. I would like to show that individual who is unsaved and who is convicted for his sins, just how the Devil deals with convicted sinners.

AS A FOUNDATION, MAY I SAY THAT EVERY PARENT OUGHT TO SEEK TO BRING HIS CHILDREN TO THE LORD JESUS CHRIST.

Here's a father who had a son who was afflicted with an unclean spirit. He was possessed with a demon. This father endeavored to bring this child thus afflicted, to the Lord Jesus Christ, and I say, beloved, every father and mother ought to seek above everything else, to bring the children of their home to Jesus Christ that they might be saved. Most parents will provide food, clothing, education, shelter and the material things of life, and when they have done that, they seem to think that their duty toward their children is all taken care of. Let me read to you a Scripture:

"But if any provide not for his own, and especially those of his own house, he hath denied the faith and is worse than an infidel."—1 Timothy 5:8.

An infidel is one who denies the existence of God, and the Apostle Paul, by inspiration, says that the Christian man or woman who fails to provide for the spiritual as well as the material welfare of his family—that the Christian himself denies the faith and is worse than an infidel. He is worse than the

individual who refuses to believe that there is a God. Of whom is he speaking? Of you, or me, or any child of God who fails to provide for the material and the spiritual welfare of the children of his home.

Out here in Missouri, a young man 21 years of age, lay dying. His father was a Baptist deacon. Never one time in 21 years had that father spoken to his son about the Lord Jesus Christ. As he lay dying, the father tried as a last effort to talk to him about the Son of God. The son said, "I have lived in a Baptist deacon's home for 21 years, and he never once has spoken to me about my soul. It is too late now, I'm going to Hell."

Beloved, we ought to be concerned about the lost children in our home. This father who had a demoniac son was concerned so that he brought his son to Jesus.

I knew of a father in my first pastorate who told me of his son's death. He said that on the day his boy, in his teens, departed to be with the Lord, as he choked from an asthmatic suffering, the son kept saying, "Father, lift me up." He put his arms under him and lifted him up. As he would lift him up, the son kept saying, "Lift me higher, higher, higher, until finally he ceased breathing, and when the father laid him back on the pillow, he was dead—he had literally lifted him up into the arms of Jesus. The father told me that the greatest joy of all though was that months before he had already lifted his soul up to the Lord Jesus.

I say to you tonight, if you are a father or a mother and you have a child within your home, the biggest responsibility you have tonight is to lift that boy or that girl up to Jesus. Here's a father who had a son who was a demoniac. He brought him to Jesus. Every Christian man and woman ought to be concerned as to the bringing of his child to Jesus.

WHENEVER YOU OR I TRY TO BRING OUR CHILDREN OR OUR FRIENDS OR OUR LOVED ONES TO JESUS CHRIST, THE DEVIL GETS MIGHTY BUSY. Notice how he works. Just as soon as this father came with his son into the presence of the Son of God, it is said that the evil spirit within that boy caught him and

## HEARTACHE ON THE CAMPUS

The article by this title begun on page one was written by a Phi Beta Kappa from the University of Missouri, the author married her childhood sweetheart, Glenn Frank, noted editor who served as president of the University of Wisconsin from 1925 to 1937. During those years, she entertained scores of internationally famous people including Herbert Hoover, Cordell Hull, Frances Perkins, Katharine Cornell, Helen Hayes, H. G. Wells, G. K. Chesterton. Since the tragic death of her husband and only son in an automobile accident in 1940, Mrs. Frank has devoted herself to war work in Chicago. Upon the appearance of this article in Woman's Home Companion, she was promptly expelled by the national chapter of her college sorority, but she has received more than 3000 letters, from every state in the Union, the great majority of which agree with her views.

tore him so that he fell foaming to the ground. That was the Devil at work tearing this boy when the father would bring him to Jesus.

I believe tonight, beloved, that every time you try to bring a lost man to the Son of God, that the Devil is going to tear that individual just like the Devil tore this child. No man can ever be under conviction and no individual can ever be convicted for his sins without the Devil tearing him much before he is saved. You that are saved tonight will bear me record as I speak out of my own soul, that in the days before I was saved, when I felt a definite conviction for my sins, I was torn by the Devil. Day by day before I was saved, beloved, the Devil did all within his power to tear me just like he tore this boy when the father would bring him to Jesus.

Let's see how he does it. Often times the Devil tears a sinner by perverting the truth. Take for example, the doctrine of election. There is no doctrine in all the Word of God that ought to cause a child of God greater joy than the doctrine of election. The man who does not believe the doctrine of election, literally denies the Word of God. It is too plain to say that you don't understand it, but the Devil takes that glorious doc-

## AN OPPORTUNITY TO DO REAL MISSION WORK

At Richmond, W. Va., surrounded by heresies of worst type, a little group Bible-loving Baptists have started a real New Testament church and are now seeking erect a building. They have bought a lot, paying \$500 it, and plan to erect a building in the spring.

If there is any spot in state of W. Va. where a church is need more, I do not know of it. Even the First Baptist Church there is so loose in practices and doctrines that is a disgrace to the name Baptist. For years this First Baptist Church had a woman their pastor.

The folk who comprise membership of this new church have been real supporters. The Baptist Examiner. No better friends have we ever had. better group of Christian men and women have ever lived.

This is a real opportunity those of our readers who have the means wherewith to do to have a part in a real missionary program. Many of our readers may make substantial offerings while many others I am sure can give small amounts. Regardless of the amount which you give, remember that it would be a real missionary offering which will be much appreciated.

Send your contributions either to this editor or to the treasurer of this church (preferably to him): Glen Estep, Box 51, Richmond, W. Va.

trine of election and with tears the unsaved man. Let show you how. The Devil says to a man, "Now maybe you are not one of the elect." Here in town a man said to "Brother Gilpin, I would like to be saved, but I may not be of the elect." I said, "Brother why do you have a desire to be saved, and at the same time that maybe you are not one of the elect? Those things don't work together. If there is any desire on your part to be saved that is good evidence in the world that you are one of God's elect."

Another man said to me within the last two weeks, "I expect to be saved sometime; when God's time comes, I know He will save me if I am one of the elect." In both of these (Continued on page three)

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### SATAN AND SINNERS

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stances the Devil was using the doctrine of election to tear a soul that was under conviction. Instead of those individuals yielding to the Son of God and receiving Jesus Christ, they were considering external things concerning the doctrine of election that did not effect their lives one particle.

Notice how the Devil uses the doctrine of depravity. The Word of God teaches that men are depraved. The Word of God teaches that every individual is a sinner from his mother's womb. However, the Devil takes this glorious doctrine of depravity and uses it to tear the sinner when he is under conviction. The Devil will say to a sinner, "See what a depraved creature you are. You are worse than your brother. You deserve to be damned." Thus, many a sinner gets it into his mind that he is too bad to be saved. What has happened? The Devil has used the doctrine of depravity in order to tear that sinner and Jesus keep him from coming to the Lord Jesus Christ.

It may be the doctrine of the effectual calling that the Devil uses. I believe that for a man to be saved, he has to be called by the Holy Spirit. No man can ever be saved by himself. The Holy Spirit of God has to speak to a man's heart.

"No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him."—John 6:44.

Beloved, God has to call a sinner unto Himself. The Devil takes this doctrine and he will say to a man, "Now maybe you haven't a call of God after all, maybe it's just your emotions." I have seen people definitely under conviction who have gone away from the house of God unsaved just because they felt that was their emotions and not the effectual call of the Spirit.

Then the Devil uses the doctrine of redemption to tear a sinner. A man said to me, "It is true that Christ died for sinners, but how do I know He died for me?" The Devil was using the doctrine of redemption, the fact that Christ died on the cross for sinners, and disconcerted that sinner and caused him who was under conviction, to be swayed backward and forward—torn by the power of Satan.

The Devil not only uses the Scripture by perverting it to tear the sinner, he also tells

him sometimes the worst of lies and pours infidelity into him in order to keep him from Jesus Christ. He will say to a sinner, "You don't need to be saved. You are a good man—you don't need to be saved." It's the Devil tearing you when he tells you that. Or he'll say to you, "Yes, you need to be saved, but you can save yourself." What's he doing? He is lying to you. He knows that the Word of God has said, "Though hand join in hand, yet shall sin not go unpunished." He knows the Word of God teaches that no man can save himself.

Then he'll lie to the sinner and tell him, "You can't save yourself, you need Jesus Christ to save you, but there is plenty of time; just go on and take your fill of sin; there will be plenty of time to think about God tomorrow." It's the Devil's lie. It's the method he uses to tear the sinner by lying to him.

Then sometimes, beloved, the Devil uses other means of tearing a sinner when he is under conviction. Thinking about all the problems of his life, the Devil will cause him to worry about the things that have happened, things of the past that he can't do anything about, and when the man would turn loose of everything in the world and trust Jesus Christ, the Devil will drag out the old skeletons of his past, and he'll hear the bones rattle and then wonder, why did these things come up now. It's just the Devil tearing your soul. The Devil tore this boy just like the Devil is treating you tonight.

I wouldn't be one bit surprised if within this house of God tonight there may be some individual, maybe more than one, that has been under conviction for sin. Beloved, the Devil tonight may be using some one or all of these methods to tear your soul and keep you from that joy and peace that could be yours in Christ Jesus.

### III

Let me show you how you can know whether it is the Devil or whether it is the Lord that is dealing with you. Some time ago in personal conversation, a man said, "Brother Gilpin, I'm terribly concerned about my salvation, but how can I know whether it is Satan or the Holy Spirit that is speaking to me?" If someone were to ask you that question, what would be your answer? Here was mine: Whatever causes you to look at yourself is not of Christ but is of the Devil. If that spirit that is dealing with you, says, "You haven't repented enough, you haven't enough faith, you are not happy

enough, you might not hold out," you can be certain that spirit is of the Devil. I say to you, beloved, whatever causes you to look at yourself and not at Jesus Christ—that causes you to think about yourself and not Christ, is definitely not of the

I went ahead and said to this individual, "Whatever causes you to look at Christ and not at yourself, is of the Holy Spirit." It isn't your hold on Christ that saves. If there is a spirit speaking to you tonight that says it isn't your hold on Christ that saves, but it is Christ's hold on you that saves, you can be certain that it is of God. If there is a spirit speaking to you tonight that says, "It isn't your feelings, but the fact that Christ died for you on the cross," you can be certain that that is the spirit of God. If the spirit that is speaking to you says, "It isn't your faith that saves, but it is the Author of this faith that saves," then you can be certain that spirit that is speaking to you is of God.

I told that man several months ago that the way he could discover whether it was Satan or the Holy Spirit speaking to him was this: Anything that draws your mind to the Lord is of God, and any spirit that causes you to think about yourself, is of the Devil. That's how the Devil tears you.

### IV

NOTICE ONE THING ELSE: THOUGH THE DEVIL MIGHT TEAR THIS LAD THAT WAS ABOUT TO COME TO JESUS, THE DEVIL MET HIS DEFEAT. How? The father did not defeat him, the disciples did not defeat him; but Jesus Christ, the Son of God, defeated him. Listen:

"And Jesus answering said, O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you, and suffer you? Bring thy son hither. And as he was yet a coming, the Devil threw him down, and tare him. And Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, and healed the child, and delivered him again to his father."—Luke 9:41, 42.

Notice the defeat of the Devil. How was he defeated? The father did not defeat him, the disciples did not defeat him, the defeat only came through the Lord Jesus Christ. I say to you tonight if there is a man under the sound of my voice who is under conviction because of his sin, as the Devil would tear your soul and try to keep you from being saved, let me tell you that Jesus Christ can give you victory and can defeat the Devil.

I wish you would notice that it was an INSTANTANEOUS defeat. One moment the Devil

tears this lad and he falls foaming to the ground, and the next moment he is up on his feet in his right mind. It was an instantaneous defeat for Satan.

That's the kind of salvation I have been preaching in this church for the last 19 years—the kind that a man receives in a moment's time. I don't say to you that if a man joins the church, is baptized, prays a little, does the best he can, and after a while, at the end of life's way, he will be saved. I don't say that salvation is a process extending over a long period of time, but rather, salvation is the act of a moment. Any man who believes on Jesus Christ and receives Him as his Saviour, that man is saved then and there, and is saved for time and eternity. This lad was instantaneously healed, which would tell us, that we too are saved instantaneously.

Not only was it instantaneous, but it was an ENTIRE defeat for the Devil. When Jesus Christ comes in, He entirely defeats the Devil. When the Lord Jesus Christ saves a soul, it is an entire defeat for the Devil. He is completely and entirely out.

Beloved, best of all, it is IRREVERSIBLE for the Devil, for when the Lord casts the Devil out, the Devil never again has power to come back in. It can't be reversed. Some things we do can be reversed on us, but not so with what Jesus Christ does. It thrills my heart to know that when the Son of God comes into a man's life and casts the Devil out—it thrills my heart to know the Devil can never get back in. It is an irreversible defeat for the Devil.

May I make this application in closing: Here you are tonight in the house of God. Maybe you are under conviction, I don't know. Maybe the Lord is speaking to you. I don't even know why you are here. I'm satisfied you would not have been here if the Lord had not sent you. I know you are here because God has brought you here. The Holy Spirit is perhaps speaking to you, and maybe in this hour you

see the truth that on the cross of Calvary, Jesus Christ poured out His blood for all your sins—past, present and future—all paid for in Jesus Christ—maybe you see the truth, and if you see that truth, you are persuaded tonight that you ought to take your stand for the Son of God; but the Devil is tearing you and maybe saying that you can't hold out. He also reminds you of all these earthly material problems. What is happening?

The Lord is speaking to your heart, and the Devil is tearing your soul. You will never get victory, you will never be saved until the Son of God comes in and the Devil goes out. May the Spirit of God tonight come into the heart of some man who is under conviction, and as He deals with you, may He cause you to come out on His side and take your stand for Jesus. Don't go on through life being torn by the Devil, living and knowing that you ought to be saved. Don't go on in that manner, but tonight receive Jesus Christ as your Saviour and go out of this house a child of God, knowing that you have won the victory in the Lord Jesus Christ.

May God bless you!

### CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

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there, won't.)

Some join a church, then pay little attention to their membership—render no service, no support to speak of, or anything of the kind.

Some join a certain church, become sentimentally attached to it, then when they move elsewhere, they neglect to move their membership. They are not concerned about the cause of Christ seemingly at all.

All of this is to treat the one institution which Jesus called into existence to do His work, with contempt. It is to profess to honor the Bridegroom while dishonoring the Bride (church). It is to profess to honor the Head (Christ) while dishonoring

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### IN THE UNKNOWN FUTURE

I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus,  
Trusting only Thee!  
Trusting Thee for full salvation,  
Great and free.

I am trusting Thee for pardon,  
At Thy feet I bow;  
For Thy grace and tender mercy,  
Trusting now.

I am trusting Thee for cleansing,  
In the crimson flood;  
Trusting Thee to make me holy,  
By Thy blood.

I am trusting Thee to guide me,  
Thou alone shalt lead,  
Every day and hour supplying  
All my need.

I am trusting Thee for power,  
Thine can never fail;  
Words which Thou Thyself shalt give me,  
Must prevail.

I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus;  
Never let me fall!  
I am trusting Thee for ever,  
And for all.

—Frances R. Havergal

## FOR 1948

I said to the man who stood at the Gate of the Year,  
 "Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown."  
 And he replied: "Go out into the darkness, and put your hand into the Hand of God.  
 That shall be to you better than light, and safer than a known way."  
 So I went forth,  
 And finding the Hand of God, trod gladly into the night.  
 And He led me toward the hills and the breaking of day in the lone East.  
 So heart be still;  
 What need our little life, our human life to know, if God hath comprehension,  
 In all the busy strife, of things both high and low,  
 God hideth His intention.  
 God knows. His will is best.  
 The stretch of years which winds ahead, so dim to our imperfect vision,  
 Are clear to God. Our fears are premature; in Him all time hath full provision.

—M. L. Haskins

## BAPTIST SEMINARY LAUNCHES DRIVE

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 dent Fuller, Oscar Johnson and the seminary "flocking together."

Oscar Johnson is a modernist—a rank, poisonous, subtle, shrewd modernist.

Oscar Johnson is anything but a Baptist. If he had been a Baptist he would never have said as president of the Baptist World Alliance that his objective would be to bring Baptists and all denominations of the world together in one body.

This is the man that the seminary calls upon to raise additional funds for their chapel.

Just one question logically follows: If the seminary were not anti-Baptistic in their practices and modernistic in their teachings, why would they call upon Oscar Johnson to assist them?

May you remember that every dollar thus contributed will be raised by modernists who will make further modernists out of the students who attend the seminary. I don't want my money thus invested. Do you?

## HEARTACHE ON THE CAMPUS

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 bers said; but, imbued with the snobbery of her group, she voted against the girl just the same.

High school fraternities and sororities are, if anything, even more brutal than the college societies which they imitate because they are unsupervised and they victimize students at an even more impressionable age. I realize that where high school fraternities and sororities have been suppressed they have sprung up again in sub-rosa form, but this can be prevented by requiring students to sign pledges against joining secret societies as is now done in the Milwaukee schools.

The cruelty of the method by which students are rushed and pledged to fraternities and sororities was first brought home to me through personal experience.

Before I left home to attend the university of my home state

Missouri, two of my mother's best friends said that since they had been Pi Phi they would write to the chapter recommending me. During my first hours at the university I was made to feel that sororities were the only thing that mattered. They were giving teas, luncheons and dinners. They were helping some freshmen to matriculate and escorting others around town—but only those freshmen, of course, about whom they had received letters.

The big event of the Pi Phi rushing program was an evening party at the chapter house where candidates were given a final once-over by the members. I shall never forget that party. My pink-dotted mull dress and hair tied with a ribbon were all wrong, I felt, and I knew that one false move would bar me forever.

That night I wrote to Mother begging her to let me come home. I pleaded homesickness, not daring to tell that I was a failure—because the Pi Phis apparent weren't going to ask me.

But one afternoon there was a call from the Pi Phi house. When I got there, one of the members pinned the colors on my dress. I was in! It was like a reprieve from death. I shall never forget the deep sense of inferiority which I felt when I thought I was not going to be pledged.

All this happened a long time ago, but the heartless and undemocratic methods used in selecting pledges have not changed, as I learned when my husband served his long term of office as president of the University of Wisconsin. Every autumn, there as at many colleges, would come a Sunday which seemed to me the saddest day of the year. It was the Sunday on which sororities sent out their invitations, and in boarding houses all over Madison, hundreds of teen-age girls would be waiting tensely for bids which would never come. As dusk fell hope would die and many of those youngsters would cry themselves to sleep that night.

I know, moreover, that the injury thus inflicted upon the pride and self-respect of the student may all too often be lasting.

There's the case of Zona Gale, Wisconsin's most famous daughter. A short time before her death she told me how more than 30 years before, when she was a student at Wisconsin,

she had wistfully watched the Delta Gammas starting off on picnics and wished they would ask her to go with them. The old cut of being ignored by the sororities had never healed.

The scars which fraternities and sororities deal out to the thousands of students they turn down seem to me reason enough to condemn them. Even more sinister, however, are the religious bigotry and race prejudice which they foster. The dean of women at one of our large universities told me that Catholic girls were admitted to sororities there under a quota system. This quota does not compare with the percentage of Catholic girls at the university. The same system prevails at many other colleges and universities.

As for Jewish students, they are excluded generally. A few weeks ago I heard of a group of liberal-minded youths in one fraternity at an eastern college who, by threatening to resign all at once, forced this chapter to pledge a popular Jewish student. But it is the only case of the kind I have ever heard of. In most houses, anti-Semitism is almost a part of the ritual.

Why do we permit a cruel caste system to flourish in our public schools? One reason is the attitude of the parents. At a party recently, I talked with a number of mothers of teen-age children. Almost without exception they were more concerned about getting their sons and daughters into fraternities and sororities than getting them an education. Those women were not snobs. Most of them agreed that fraternities and sororities are unkind and undemocratic. But, since these organizations existed, they wanted their children to belong to the best ones.

Among the most ardent exponents of the Greek-letter societies are the professional alumni who maintain that fraternities and sororities bestow a kind of magical polish upon the boys and girls who belong to them. During 25 years around college, I have never observed that the Greek-letter students acquired any better manners than the others; if they did it would be a petty gain indeed compared to the dangerous caste ideas they are likely to absorb.

The only valid argument which the defenders of the system can muster is that the abolition of fraternities and sororities would create a housing shortage at many schools. True, but why shouldn't state universities buy chapter houses outright and convert them into dormitories run under college management? It would be a cheap price to pay for the democratization of education.

The time for this democratization is now. Because of the war, 20 per cent of all fraternity chapters are inactive, and most of the others are depleted in membership. More important, the war veterans entering our colleges are bringing with them a more adult point of view. A man who has learned democracy in foxholes does not mold so easily to the fraternity pattern as a teen-age boy right out of high school.

I talked recently with one wounded veteran whose viewpoint, I believe, is typical. Because of unusual heroism in action, three fraternities tried to pledge him when he entered college, but he turned them all down. He told me he considered himself grown up and fraternities childish.

The Greek-letter societies cannot be laughed out of existence as they deserve to be. They are too deeply rooted. Concerted ac-

## FROM BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN AT GEORGETOWN

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 terial scholarship or financial aid for which they are dependent upon the favor of the administration. They have been instructed, publicly, that whatever freedom of speech they may enjoy does not include the right to condemn fraternities. They have been warned, publicly, in so many words, that "if you cannot live this way" (that is, according to these instructions) "there are other campuses." The meaning was made clear; it was shut up or get out.

Fact No. 6. When these public threats failed to intimidate a sufficient number of students, there followed a series of individual "conferences," in which several ministers, by the grace of God, faithfully maintained their stand. But for some weaker souls the pressure became too great. A few changed their stand; others who had been on the fence heeded the voice of apparent self-interest. Thus the fraternity forces gained a majority vote to apologize for the truth and repent of righteousness.

Fact No. 7. The majority of student ministers in Georgetown College are still opposed to social fraternities, or rather to their presence and influence in our Baptist college.

Fact No. 8. Whether the college administration will carry out its implied threats to expell students who dare to speak against unchristian conditions here is uncertain. For this reason I prefer that this report be published anonymously.

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## UNIONISM IN THE AIR

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 that "the Thanksgiving service is inter-denominational in character."

Undoubtedly this is an attempt on the part of the pastor and the First Baptist Church of Somerset to please men rather than God. Would to God that they might have the holy boldness which characterized Simon Peter when he said, "We ought to obey God rather than men."

Baptists have no business taking part in any union service. They can gain nothing but must lose everything. The heretics who participate in such services on the contrary have nothing to lose and everything to gain.

Whether it be a Thanksgiving service or irrespective of what it may be, Baptists would do well to stay aloof. Of those who have a form of godliness, Paul says, "Turn away." — II Tim. 3:5.

## C. OSCAR JOHNSON

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 ideas differ." In the same breath he praised the friendly feeling which he declared existed

tion by students, parents and educators will be needed before our legislatures can be expected to enact laws abolishing them.

The most powerful agency for the preservation of democracy is the public school system, from primary grade thru university. To make that system wholly worthy of what our boys are fighting for, we must wipe out fraternities and sororities while the time is ripe — Woman's Home Companion

among the First Presbyterian the First Methodist, and the First Baptist churches, all whom were celebrating the centennials on that particular Sunday.

In this as well as in other things Oscar Johnson is a false prophet. At Pentecost we read "They continued steadfastly the apostles' doctrine and fellowship." — Acts 2:42. There can be no fellowship apart from the apostles' doctrine.

Of course Oscar Johnson does not know the first principle about real fellowship or about the apostles' doctrine either. However, real Baptists will long for fellowship with Christ. They realize that the closer they stand to the Word of God, the more real and lasting their fellowship will be. To be sure to stay close to God's Word means that one will have to separate himself entirely from these other heretical denominations. Has Paul said: "Mark them who cause divisions and offenses contrary to the doctrine which you have learned; and avoid them." — Romans 16:17.

Oscar Johnson, with his love after dinner laugh, may be able to fellowship with these heretics but real Baptists who believe the Bible know that it is best to heed the inspired word of Paul.

## CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

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 ing the Body (His church).  
 How Important Is A Church? (A genuine Baptist Church?)

Important enough that no one ought to become a Christian and fail to take membership with it. How many people of the New Testament times can you find mentioned who were saved but failed to take church membership?

Important enough that the finest support possible should be rendered it. No lodge, club, society or anything of the kind ought to be let detract from One's church membership second in importance to one thing perhaps — one's salvation.

Important enough that every person ought to study the question to know positively which church to join. And one ought to join a man-founded church, when Jesus started one.

Important enough that every person ought to keep their membership up to date. There ought to be no trunk letters — memberships left behind, anything of the sort. To make mad at some member — members — and to let one be led to mistreat the privilege of church membership is wrong.

Important enough to seek to maintain the purity and discipline of the church. (Parable of the tares and wheat has no reference to church discipline whatsoever, for that parable deals with the Kingdom of Heaven — not the church.)

The welfare of the church should be put ahead of the folks and sentiment.

The Scriptures Concerning Church

Note some Scriptures which show the importance of church that Jesus started. Ephes. 1:22; 3:10; 5:24; Ephes. 5:27-32; Coloss. 1:18; 24; Heb. 12:23.

The above Scriptures give some indication of the relationship of Christ to His church. How can people honor Christ and hold His church in contempt? And those who indicate that all of the different so-called churches are churches of Christ make Christ to be a polygamist. Has has only one (kind) church. — Roy Ma