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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.

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Excuses For Running Off Pastor

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While talking, some time ago, with an experienced, intelligent, highly-respected preacher about the conditions of our churches and the growing difficulties involved in the Gospel ministry, I heard him make this statement: "There is a WAR being made on preachers." This becomes increasingly and painfully obvious. The attitude of belligerence against the ministry shows itself in many ways, but especially in running off pastors from their place of service and means of livelihood, or in making conditions for them and their families so unpleasant as to block all their efforts and make their continued residence

and work there practically unbearable. In fact, this practice of "putting on the pressure," and getting rid of pastors has become prevalent that most of us recognize quite readily the truth of the statement made by another: "The practice of running off pastors has assumed the proportions of an 'indoor sport' with many churches."

Why this rapidly-increasing and prevalent practice of running off pastors? We grant that, occasionally, there is good reason for it, and that some preachers, like

some people in other types of work, richly deserve to be run off; however, common sense investigation will show that, in the majority of cases, mere EXCUSES are used for a bad practice which is rapidly becoming worse. What are some of these excuses? We list some of the more prevalent ones, and largely in the historical order in which they have been used:

First, "He doesn't PRACTICE what he preaches." There have been a comparatively few isolated cases in which this was true. However, we dare say that most people in the present day,

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Here's A Warning To All 'Touch Not My Anointed'

Judgment is God's prerogative, not man's. His word is Touch not mine anointed, and do my prophets no harm (Psa. 105:15). The statements made may be absolutely true, but since no mere man may capably judge, God's servants are accountable to Him and to Him alone. And woe betide the man who dares to set himself up as judge, and publicly slander his fellow workers! God will not let it pass.

I could tell of more than one, guilty of the awful sin of slander, who has been judged by death, and in some cases, by sudden death. For all that take the sword shall perish with the sword. Drastic measures may be used. Who art thou that judgest another man's servant? to his own master he standeth or falleth—but why dost thou judge thy brother? Or why dost thou set at naught thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ—Let us not therefore judge one another any more. (Rom. 14:4,10,13). Oh, that we might make that our life resolution! In the face of the words

of our Lord, how can we do otherwise? For the things of which we accuse others, in all probability, we are guilty, and more so though we know it not.

Judge not, that ye be not judged. For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged; and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again. And why beholdest thou the mote in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye? or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me pull out the mote out of thine eye; and, behold, a beam is in thine own eye? Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye, and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of my brother's eye. (Matt. 7:1-5).

Remember this, my friend: he who slanders is working with the Devil. Satan is a slanderer. He is continually accusing us before God. That is his biggest job and his most destructive work. O my brother, are you going to do the Devil's work? Are you letting him use you as one of his slanderers?

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Editor's Pastorate In Russell Came To A Close On October 3 After Serving First Baptist Church For A Quarter Of A Century

ALL PLANS FOR THANKSGIVING CONFERENCE ARE THUS CANCELLED

My pastorate of the First Baptist Church of Russell came to a close as of Sunday morning, October 3, after having been pastor thereof for twenty-five years, five months and two weeks.

For the past six months, troubles, burdens, worries, and false accusations have accumulated until it became obvious that there was no need to attempt to go on. Accordingly, the following resignation was read at the conclusion of the Sunday morning service on October 3:

First Baptist Church
Russell, Kentucky

Dearly Beloved:

Although 75 per cent of those present last Sunday morning, shook hands with me by way of a vote of confidence, yet realizing that our church is divided, and knowing furthermore there are those in our church who oppose my giving of time to THE BAPTIST EXAMINER, and since I feel certain that God intends for me to continue with the paper, I hereby tender my resignation as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Russell, effective as of today.

Praying God's blessings upon the church through all days to

come, I am,

Respectfully,
John R. Gilpin

Two meetings had been held previously relative to the matter of my resignation. A group of men (21 in number) met unofficially on Monday evening, September 6, to discuss the conditions confronting us. Seventeen of the twenty-one shook hands with me publicly and pledged themselves to stand with me, to trust God and trust me as their pastor, that all problems might be worked out. Then on Sunday morning, September 26, at the close of the morning service, over seventy-five per cent of those present came around and shook hands with me, thus giving me a vote of confidence and a pledge of loyalty to stand with me.

However, there are those who have opposed THE BAPTIST EXAMINER and its work for years. They state that I spend too much time with it and not enough time pastoring the church. Well, next to our foreign mission program, I consider that THE BAPTIST EXAMINER in itself is the greatest missionary program on earth. Thousands on top of thousands

of letters have been received since this paper was launched, telling of souls being saved and of multiplied spiritual blessings which the saved have received. Feeling certain that God intends for the paper to continue, there was no other course open to me, but the one that I have taken.

I am sure that this will give my enemies, particularly within the convention, much cause for joy. However, before they shout over the fact that the old "carping critic" and "heresy hunter" is no longer pastor of the First Baptist Church of Russell, let me remind them that other enemies have shouted before, when things looked much darker for me than they do today. I have lived to see God smite enemies in the past.

In these twenty-five years that I have been pastor in Russell, the Devil has used every means possible to defeat me. During my first two years in Russell, he caused my enemies to lie about my preaching, yet gained nothing, for the perfect Word of God can't be hurt. All the lies in the world can't hurt God's Word, for it is perfect. Then the Devil started lying about my character. Of course, I'm just an imperfect hu-

man being, and it has been most easy for my enemies to bring varied and sundry accusations against me. I don't think that there is a sin nor a crime that I haven't been accused of, and yet never one time has an enemy been able to prove one thing against me. Even one of my bitterest enemies admitted this past week that in twenty-five years, not one accusation had ever been substantiated.

Of course, this means an end to our Thanksgiving Conference. Thanksgiving has always been a great season for us in Russell. Large crowds, rich fellowship, good offerings, and marked spirituality have characterized these services through the years. Great plans had been made already for the services this year. Even my message for Thanksgiving morning had been prepared—but now I have no place to preach it. Perhaps the greatest regret that I have of all this church difficulty is the cancelling of this conference, especially since over 100 had already sent in their reservation, stating they expected to attend.

I am, of course, tremendously grieved over all that has hap-

pened. At the same time, I am a firm believer in God's predestinating purposes.

"And we know that ALL things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose."—Romans 8:28.

"In every thing give thanks: for THIS is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."

—I Thess. 5:18.

These verses never meant more to me than they do today, and accordingly, I rest this entire matter in God's hands. Be sure to read, and re-read, and re-read again, the sermon of this issue, preached of recent date, for it will do you good spiritually to read it. I know, for it did me good when I preached it.

I'd like to ask a special place in your prayer life just now, particularly for my physical condition. About twenty-two months ago, I learned, by going through one of the great clinics, that I had a brain tumor. The doctors stated that apparently it was dormant, but advised frequent examinations and X-rays. Accordingly, every three months I have had such examinations. In March of this year, I was advised that it showed evidence of growth, and

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FAITH IN HUMANITY IS SHAKEN

J. B. Johnson, a student of human psychology, stood on a corner of a street in Boone, North Carolina, with ten crisp dollars bills and offered one to each passing pedestrian.

After asking twenty-three men and women if they wanted a dollar, he gave up. Only three of them accepted. "It was discouraging," said Johnson. "Humans don't trust each other any more."

As a student, he should have known that the Lord's exhortation was not, "Have faith in humanity," but "Have faith in God" (Mark 11:22). "Hath He said, and shall He not do it? or hath He spoken, and shall He not make it good?" (Numbers 23:19).

He should have known too, that the Lord has for hundreds of years been offering something infinitely more valuable than dollar bills and has found comparatively few takers. He has been

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The First Baptist Pulpit

"LORD, OR LUCK"

"The ox knoweth his owner, and the ass his master's crib: but Israel doth not know, my people doth not consider."—Isa. 1:3.

"Upholding all things by the word of his power."—Heb. 1:3.

I am sure that no more serious charge could be brought against any people, than that which was brought against the children of Israel by God. It is a most serious indictment that we find in this text, as to their stupidity and their ignorance and their spiritual insensibility, for God said that they did not have as much sense as a dumb beast. Actually, He said that they did not have as much sense as an ox or an ass.

There are at least three things that an ox knows that God's people do not know.

First of all, an ox knows that

his dinner comes from his master's crib. There are a lot of God's people who do not have sense enough to know that what they have materially, comes from the Lord. Many of God's people think that what they have comes because they work for it, or comes because of their intelligence, or it comes as a result of their industry or comes because they strive hard and thus are able to make ends meet. May I remind you of a text of Scripture which certainly shows that all we have comes from God.

"But thou shalt remember the Lord thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth."

Deut. 8:18.

I would insist that you and I do not have one single thing because we work for it. We do not have one

single thing because of our intelligence or because we have traded and trafficked and thus secured it. Everything we have, we have because God gave it to us. I say, beloved, that an ox knows that his dinner comes from his master's crib, and a lot of God's people need to learn the same lesson, that what they have comes from Almighty God.

There is a second thing that an ox knows, that a lot of God's people need to learn, namely, he gets a licking whenever he gets out of line, and accordingly, the ox tries to get back in line as soon as he can. I say, beloved, that the ox knows that everytime he gets out of line he is going to get a licking, and usually it just takes a few strokes of the lash to get him

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WIFE GIVES HUSBAND JAZZED UP FUNERAL

Under the above heading there appeared an article in the Arkansas Gazette, September 15. Lodel Vandavere Jay, 44-year-old, did not like music of any kind except jazz. When his wife had him put away she had a three-piece band play some jazz music.

Wouldn't it be better if some more funerals were conducted like the person lived? Many people never darken the church door except when they are buried. Why not have a card game when the gambler dies? If a drinker passes why not throw a drunken party? Why should the church be called upon to provide a service for one who never cared for the church while he lived?

Much of the time we preachers are expected to say something that is nice for the one who passes when there isn't anything to say.

It has been said one preaches his funeral while he lives.

—Sword and Trowel

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From over in Bridgeton, N. J., a Presbyterian lady who listened to our broadcast when we were on the air each week over WSNJ writes:

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Mrs. A. Belle Davis

Then our friend of many years standing, Bro. T. B. Grissom of Burnside, Ky., who has warmly supported this paper for years, writes us most encouragingly of his plan.

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

Here is my contribution of \$25 to the \$1.00 per month club for a period of two years in advance.

The plan of accumulating funds in advance to cover the indebtedness of The Baptist Examiner enlargement program is certainly a splendid idea and I sincerely hope all of your readers will want to share with others in this missionary effort.

For some time I have intended writing, congratulating you on the improvement of The Baptist Examiner. You have had some excellent articles from others, all dealing with great Bible truths in which many of us are interested. Your column, "I Should Like To Know," is extremely interesting and very informative. More of us should take advantage of the opportunity to have your reaction to vital questions. And then of course, your sermons are always good, and this alone is well worth the price of the paper.

I personally thank you for such a noble work as you are doing. I consider it a privilege to have a small part in it.

Please remember us, as we continue to hold you up in prayer. May the Lord continue to use and bless you in the days to come.

Yours in Him,
T. B. Grissom

In view of these responses, we thank God and take heart as we face the future.

"Lord Or Luck"

(Continued from page one) back into line. However, beloved, that is not true of God's people. There are a lot of God's people who do not have as much sense as an ox in this respect. They fail to recognize that God's chastisement and God's lickings for us, are for the purpose of getting us back in-

to line, and keep us in line. I say, beloved, that there are a lot of God's people in this respect who do not have as much sense as an ox, for they fail to recognize the fact that sicknesses and droughts, and disasters of various types are but God's whippings in order to get God's people in line, and to keep them in line.

Then, beloved, there is a third thing that an ox knows that a lot of God's people do not know. An ox knows that the best way to take a licking is not to kick against the goad, but to be submissive. This is surely a lesson which many of God's own have never yet learned. Many of God's people, beloved, when they have sickness, sadness, disaster, and the Lord's chastisements to come upon them, only murmur and complain. That just brings more stripes from the Lord, whereas humility and submission always bring about the favor of Almighty God.

Here is another Scripture which presents the same truth:

"Yea, the stork in the heaven knoweth her appointed times; and the turtle and the crane and the swallow observe the time of their coming; but my people know not the judgment of the Lord."

—Jer. 8:7.

Surely these two texts from Isaiah 1:3 and Jeremiah 8:7 reveal the stupendous ignorance on the part of the people of God.

In spite of man's ignorance, and irrespective of the fact that he is more dumb than a dumb beast, it still remains that God holds all things together. This is what our text tells us in Hebrews 1:3.

"UPHOLDING ALL THINGS by the word of his power."

We find the same truth in Paul's letter to the church at Colosse.

"By him all things CONSIST."

—Col. 1:17.

The word that is translated "consist" in this text is the same word that is translated "held together" in Hebrews 1:3. This would tell us then that everything in this world "consists" or is "held together" by Almighty God.

What a blessing this is in spite of all of man's ignorance and his spiritual stupidity, that God holds all things together, and that all things consist, or are held together by the power of Almighty God.

That leads me to declare, beloved, that nothing runs by chance. There is no such thing as an accident in a world that is controlled, and held together, and which consists by the power of Almighty God. There is no such thing as chance or luck within this world. The Lord Jesus Christ, in contrast, is the manager of this world. By Him, all things consist, and by Him, all things are held together.

Suppose I should go into a big department store and walk around and observe how smoothly and how efficiently everything is in operation. I would certainly be a big fool to say that this department store was a tremendously big concern to run itself. The fact of the matter is, beloved, it does not run itself. It has a manager, and so it is with the world. Nothing is left to luck or chance. The Lord Jesus Christ is the manager of this world.

I remember the first time that I visited Chicago, I went to see the mail order house of Sears, Roebuck and Company. I had heard about it from the time that I was a child. I had gotten the biggest part of my education from looking through their mail order catalogue, so naturally I wanted to see the store of Sears, Roebuck and Company. It is a tremendously large place. As I recall, it is at least 150 yards wide, fully eight or ten stories tall, and it would appear to be that it is fully one-half mile in length. Maybe my dimensions of it are not exactly true, but at least it is a tremendously large building, and in that building are housed the various departments of that mammoth store. Well, to this store, couple all the retail stores, and all the catalogue stores of Sears, Roebuck and Company that are scattered throughout the nation. There are

hundreds of these outlets in addition to the mail order house in Chicago. Now, suppose I should say that Sears, Roebuck and Company is a mighty big concern to run itself. Why, you would know, beloved, that I was nothing short of a fool if I were to make such an assertion. Brethren, that store does not run itself. It is thoroughly, completely, and efficiently managed, but what is that store in comparison with this world and what is that store in comparison to all of the universe? Surely, beloved, the Lord Jesus Christ is the manager of this universe, this world and this nation, and nothing is left to luck or chance, but rather, everything works according to the well-ordered plan of the Lord Jesus Christ Himself.

I

THERE IS NOTHING TOO LITTLE FOR HIM TO OBSERVE.

In this respect, I would remind you that He is the God of the infinitesimal. That is, there is nothing too little for the Lord Jesus Christ to keep His eyes upon.

Here is a text which presents this truth to us in a marvelous manner:

"Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? and one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered."

—Mt. 10:29,30.

Notice the meaning of this text of Scripture. It tells us that two sparrows are sold for a farthing. In another text in the New Testament, we are told that five sparrows are sold for two farthings. In other words, the sparrow, which was a common article of ordinary diet in the land of Palestine, was such a cheap commodity that if a man were willing to spend as much as two farthings, the seller would throw in an extra sparrow. You understand that one farthing would buy two sparrows, but two farthings would buy five sparrows. Now that little sparrow that was of so little consequence both to the buyer and the seller couldn't fall to the ground without the Lord Jesus taking note of it.

If the little sparrow might cease in its flight, and if its little wings were to cease to flutter, and its heart were to cease to beat, and it were to fall to the ground, you and I would think little of its fall, yet this text tells us that the Lord Jesus Christ takes note of even the fall of the sparrow. I say in the light of this, that there is nothing too little for Him to observe, and nothing too little for Him to take note of.

But notice the next part of this text which says that even the hairs of our head are numbered. You and I have no knowledge as to the number of hairs which we have in our head. It has been said by scientists that the average brunette with a full growth of hair, has about 130,000 hairs, while the blonde has just a little less, perhaps 120,000, and the redhead has considerable less with about 95,000. Now, beloved, you and I have no knowledge whatever of the number of hairs that we possess. However, this text of Scripture tells us that even the hairs of our heads are numbered by God. You and I can not run the comb through our heads to let a handful of hair fall, without Almighty God taking note thereof. You and I might never give our falling hair a moment's consideration, but the great God of all the universe takes note of the falling of one single hair.

In the light of this great text of Scripture, you can see then that nothing is left to chance. You can easily see that there is no such thing as luck so far as this universe is concerned. The God who looks after the sparrow and notes his fall—the God who observes the very hairs of our head and sees them fall to the ground—surely that God is the God of the infinitesimal. He notes everything so that we can truly say, there is nothing too small for God to observe.

II

THERE IS NOTHING TOO BIG

FOR HIM TO OBSERVE.

Not only is He the God of the infinitesimal, He is also the God of the infinite. There is nothing, absolutely nothing, that is too big for God to observe, nor manage, nor control. In order that I might prove this to you, let me read to you a portion of God's Word.

"I have made the earth, the man and the beast that are upon the ground, by my great power and by my outstretched arm, and have given it unto whom it seemed meet unto me. And now have I given all these lands into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, my servant; and the beasts of the field have I given him also to serve him. And all nations shall serve HIM, and HIS SON, and HIS SON'S SON, until the very time of his land come: and then many nations and great kings shall serve themselves of him. And it shall come to pass, that the nation and kingdom which will not serve the same Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, and that will not put their neck under the yoke of the king of Babylon, that nation will I punish, saith the Lord, with the sword, and with the famine, and with the pestilence, until I have consumed them by his hand."

—Jer. 27:5-8.

Notice in this text of Scripture that God declared in prophecy that there would be three kings to reign over Babylon. He said that following Nebuchadnezzar, there would be his son and his son's son, or in other words, there would be father, son, and grandson, and with these, God declared that there would be no more kings for the country of Babylon. Now Jeremiah gave this prophecy at least a hundred years before the time of Daniel, yet in the book of Daniel we find the fulfillment of this prophecy. Babylon did have three kings, and only three kings, just as Jeremiah had predicted. Those three kings were Nebuchadnezzar, Nabonidus, and Belshazzar. When those three kings lived and passed out of existence, the country of Babylon, at the same time, came to an end. Let me read it to you from the book of Daniel.

"In that night was Belshazzar the king of the Chaldeans slain. And Darius the Median took the kingdom, being about threescore and two years old."

It is rather interesting that after Nebuchadnezzar came Nabonidus, and after Nabonidus came Belshazzar. After Belshazzar, the kingdom passed into the hands of the Medes and the Persians.

On that night when Belshazzar staged a tremendously large banquet on behalf of his lords and

nobles, wives and concubines, there came forth the fingers of a man's hand which wrote on the plaster of the wall of the king's palace. When the king called for his wisemen and all the members of his brain trust to read this mystic writing, he found that they were unable to do so. Naturally, beloved, they couldn't read it, for the Devil's children are never able to read and understand God's writing. Then Daniel was called in and he interpreted this writing unto the king. However, before he did this, he preached unto Belshazzar and reminded him of the experience that his grandfather, Nebuchadnezzar, had had. He told Belshazzar that his grandfather had been turned into a beast and had eaten grass like an oxen for seven years until he learned that God was ruling in the heavens. Listen to this Scripture:

"Till he knew that the most high GOD RULED in the kingdom of men, and that he appointed over it whomsoever he will."

—Dan. 5:21.

From this text of Scripture, we can see that Daniel did not believe in luck or chance. He did not believe that this world was running by blind fate. Instead, beloved, he recognized the fact that God was ruling and accordingly reminded Belshazzar of this fact.

Here is another passage that would show you that there is nothing too big for God to handle: "And the rough goat is the king of Grecia: and the great horn that is between his eyes is the first king. Now that being broken, whereas four stood up for it, four kingdoms shall stand up out of the nation, but not in his power."

—Dan. 8:21,22.

Following the days of Nebuchadnezzar, the Medes and the Persians became the dominant world power, and still later, Greece, under Alexander the Great, became the leading world empire. Now this portion in Dan. 8 which I have read, was written fully 200 years before Alexander the Great was born, yet it came to pass just as it was written. After Alexander's death, his country was even divided among his four generals, as indicated in this text. Surely God controls the destinies of the nations.

Here is another Scripture which indicates that He is the God of the infinite:

"Who hath measured the waters in the hollow of his HAND, and meted out heaven with the SPAN, and comprehended the dust of the earth in a MEASURE, and weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance?"

—Isa. 40:12.

God's hand is big enough that (Continued on page seven)

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Running Off Preachers

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Preachers and others, have been forced to the conclusion that a man must be, first of all, a Christian gentleman, and then a preacher of the Gospel, in order to get anywhere. Usually, this accusation springs from the wicked source of the wish being father to the thought. The isolated case is made to appear as the regular. The exception to the rule is made to appear as the rule itself. Such a situation is unfair, and more and more people are coming to discredit the usually-unfounded claim.

Second, "He won't pay his bills." This excuse was used more in the past than in the present. The explanation for it was this: sometimes the pastor COULD NOT pay his bills because his congregation WOULD NOT pay him, thereby making the fault theirs, not his. In general, churches treat their pastors better now than formerly, by paying them a regular salary, thereby making it possible for them to pay their obligations.

Third, "He's involved in WOMAN TROUBLE." Until comparatively recent years this was considered the "star accusation" against a preacher — the report that he was too friendly with the ladies, or had become involved in immoral relations or martial difficulties. Like men in other walks of life, some preachers did become involved in this manner, and they richly deserved criticism and censure. However, in too many cases, the accusation sprang from nothing more or less than gossip, insinuation, implication, and deliberate desire and intention to discredit the victim and his ministry. Some of us have even known of cases in which wicked, designing church members who wanted to find some excuse to get rid of a pastor, went to the dastardly lengths of bribing unscrupulous women into helping them "frame" an unsuspecting man!

Fourth, "The church is 'going down' under his leadership." This may be true, or it may simply be imagination, as we have known in some cases. Too, the church may be "going down," not under the present pastor's leadership, but under the non-cooperative, fault-finding, feet-dragging refusal of some of the leaders to be led by him! If the church is going down FINANCIALLY, it may be due, not to the pastor's poor leadership, but to the refusal of the members to bring in their tithes and offerings. If it is going down in ATTENDANCE, the fault may not be that of the pastor, but of the members who deliberately stay away and use their influence to keep others away. If the church is going down in the matter of CONVERSIONS and ADDITIONS, need we be surprised, when numbers of its members are chilling the atmosphere and discouraging people from joining it by their attitudes, slurs and hindrances?

Fifth, "He's just not 'at himself.'" You have heard this excuse, haven't you? Those who use it wish to appear so innocent, noble and concerned about the welfare of the church. They express themselves like this: "He's a good man and a fine preacher, and I have absolutely nothing

against him; but he simply is not 'at himself' mentally — and we cannot afford to keep him as pastor. I am sorry for him, but you understand our position, I am sure." You see, this leaves his critics and opponents apparently in the clear—as if no one were really to blame in the matter — and at the same time gives them the desired excuse to get rid of an undesired pastor.

In the midst of this rapidly-growing practice, it is well to remind ourselves of some very significant statements and warnings from God's Word:

"Man looketh on the OUTWARD appearance, but the Lord looketh on the HEART" (I Sam. 16:7b); "Touch not Mine anointed, and do My prophets no harm" (Psa. 105:15); "And we beseech you, brethren, to know them who labor among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you; And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake" (I Thess. 5:12,13).

Resignation

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that six months would be a long time to expect to live. I had never told anyone of my condition, but immediately I began to make this a matter of definite prayer. I went again on June 27, for further examinations, and after making 21 X-rays that day, the doctors were startled in their discoveries. I was told that the brain tumor had burst of its own accord and that the blood stream was at work picking up the waste. I told no one about it—not even my wife, until after that day. I went again just recently and am advised that all the waste is gone except that of two large spots, and my medical friends think I have every reason in the world to hope for a long life. They confess that they are amazed at what has happened, and one of the leading brain surgeons of America says that such would not happen once in a million cases that a brain tumor would burst of its own accord and the individual would live to tell the story.

I tell you this to remind you that we are serving a miracle-working God, and at the same time I want to ask that you remember me in prayer that these remaining spots of waste may soon be cleared away. I know that He is going to do it, and I am sure that He has mighty things in store for me yet in the days to come.

Moses was eighty years old when he began his life's work. R. P. Hallum was 52 when he first went to Peru. I'm younger than either of these—just 49, and I'm sure that God has much in store for me yet to do.

As for the future, I have no plans to offer concerning my work, except that I expect to keep busy. I've had lots of invitations for Bible Conferences and Revivals that I've had to refuse because of my work. Doubtless, I'll be able to take on many such engagements in the future, as the Lord may lead our brethren to make use of me.

Realizing the seriousness of my physical condition, and knowing that I needed to be relieved of my responsibilities, my son, John, Jr., recently sold his business, and is

A MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR'S DAUGHTERS



"We are Ruth and Rhoda Gilpin. We are namely sixteen and eighteen years of age. We know something of the problems through which a preacher and his family have to pass. Our father, because of the stand he takes for the Word of God, has been under fire almost continuously ever since we can remember. Many are the unproven accusations that have been lodged against him by the enemy.

"Their favorite method has been to link his name with that of some woman. As a sample, a few months ago, a woman who used to be a member of our church, seeking revenge, deliberately lied about our father and a lady in the church. Naturally both my father and the lady denied any moral wrong doing.

"When Bro. T. P. Simmons heard of this, he wrote to our church about these charges, saying: 'They are manifestly false. They carry their own refutation.'

"Bro. Harry Hille, Bro. H. H. Overbey, and Bro. Eugene Clark, all well known by our church, also wrote a letter to our church saying, 'As brother pastors, we wish to express our confidence in Bro. John R. Gilpin...'

"It so happens that the lady who was slandered was a maiden lady 45 years of age. Since she had never been married, she went to her family doctor, who gave her a signed statement, saying that he brought her into the world 45 years before, that he had been her family doctor all through the years, and that she was 'still a virgin.' When this doctor by his statement thus branded the story of the enemies as a lie, the enemies then declared that a doctor's statement amounted to nothing—that you could get such for \$5.00 from any doctor. Then this lady offered for the enemies to select the doctor and the hospital, and that she would submit to an examination at the hands of their doctor. One of these enemies immediately said that he wasn't concerned about such an examination, for regardless of what it might show, he still wanted to rid the church of our father's ministry.

"Being young ladies, we know what it means for a woman to be able to say that she is still 'a virgin.' We've always thought very highly of this lady, but we think more of her now than ever before.

"Our lives are before us. Naturally, we don't know what churches we'll be members of in life, but there is one thing certain, that, regardless of what trouble may ever come up in the churches of which we are members, we will always stand with the pastor. Knowing the unjust accusations that have been lodged against our father through the years, by those who hated his ministry, and knowing how that he and mother and our family have suffered thereby, we are determined that regardless of what accusations may be brought against any pastor we may ever have, that we will support him fully to the very end."

"He Has No Enemies"

"He has no enemies, you say!
My friend the boast is poor.
He who has mingled in the fray
Of duty that the strong endure,
Must have made foes! If he has none
Small is the work that he has done:
He has hit no traitor on the hip,
He has cast no cup from tempted lip;
He has never turned the wrong to right,
He has been a coward in the fight."

—Author Unknown

taking over the active management of our printing shop. Now that I am no longer pastor, I'll be free to take on many outside engagements, especially with my son managing the affairs of our shop.

As I stated in the beginning, this paper must go on. I know that its enemies would like to see it die. It is the only independent voice in Kentucky that dares to be heard on the issues of the convention system and the heresies and worldliness of the day. I've worked about fifty hours a week in our shop in the past to keep it going, and if necessary, I'll work an extra shift of eight hours every day that the paper may not fail. After Bro. H. Boyce Taylor was pastor of the First Baptist Church of Murray, Kentucky, for 34 years, he had a similar experience, in that he too was forced

out of his pastorate. He said in making the announcement, that he was in debt and that there would be no future issues of his paper. As I recall it, it was not published again until a memorial issue was gotten out following his death.

Well, that isn't going to be true with me. I am sure that this paper will be reaching you each week just as it has in the past. I am sure because God has made me a promise. Read Hebrews 11:33—"obtained promises."

It is true that we are going to have a hard time making ends meet. That has always been true. In the past, I have had a salary whereby that I could meet the deficit as such might arise. Now then I have no salary to fall back upon. Furthermore, I'm going to have to pay myself a small salary from the shop each week—some-

thing with which to provide some "loaves and fishes." This means that we will have to watch every penny most closely, and in addition, work exceedingly hard and long hours. Realizing our difficulties, Mrs. Gilpin, who has been most loyal in all this problem, has been staying with me in the shop every day for the last several weeks, proof reading, running errands and doing a thousand tasks that I would have to pay someone else to do—and, of course, has done it gratis. My bookkeeper, a faithful consecrated Christian woman who has never received a penny for her work in ten years,

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While America Sleeps

"In her was found the blood of prophets and of saints and of ALL that were slain upon the earth."—Rev. 18:24.

America is sleeping; she has slept far, far too long already.

While she slumbers peacefully on, Truth and Liberty which have made us a great and free people are being quietly stolen away forever.

Millions of unsuspecting citizens of the United States of America are reclining in comfortable repose, never once having suspected that our existence as a Protestant nation, has been marked out long ago for doom, by a foreign power which is not Russia.

Most certainly Americans have a right to have the jitters as they nervously listen to the hue and cry of "Communism" via radio and television and newsprint, pictured luridly to use as a gigantic power, ready at any moment to batter down our front door with atomic weapons. But while America's attention has been riveted on the threat of Communism, an equally sinister and deadly, and far more subtle enemy of Democracy has crept unawares to great power through our back door.

The suspicions of one "Un-American Activities" committee after another, throwing public spotlight on suspected Communist subversives in government positions, are daily paraded before us, yet an equally malignant and far more traitorous system is allowed to continue its deadly work of silently undermining our government from within, totally unmolested.

The Communist suspect today is hailed before tribunals, looked upon as a traitor of the U. S. A., regarded as a scourge of society, watched and mistrusted in every move he makes and rightly so if he is a genuine tool of the Soviet, yet those scheming members of another treasonable system which has long ago vowed to conquer America, and who are daily carrying out their orders of 5th column national destruction in our very midst, are pictured to us as respectable and democratic citizens, as pious and benevolent and faithful religious leaders!

What is this system which by stealth and flattery, almost unnoticed by the rank and file of Americans, which has ascended to such a dangerous position of power as to virtually threaten our existence as a free people?

What is the name of this unique and treacherous power which has lulled America to sleep with great swelling words while it robs her of all that is precious to us, like the vampire bat which fans his victim into a peaceful repose as he sucks out his life's blood?

What foreign power is it which owns the world's largest hydra-headed religio-political corporation, which has absolute control of billions of dollars worth of real estate in the United States, completely tax exempt, while it takes every advantage to further its relentless campaign to ruin the Democracy which protects it?

Its dread reign is without parallel in the history of totalitarianism. In its ascent to supremacy in country after country during the last 1,500 years, it has brought millions upon millions of people into abject bondage, as it has trodden over the souls and bodies of men, over the rights and laws of communities, over the alliances and treaties of nations.

In all these unfortunate and subdued and exploited countries this evil power has come into political dominance subtly and under cover while outwardly pretending to function as a Christian Church.

Instrumental in its supernatural growth, have been numberless

Pagan lying wonders, used as a foundation for its awe inspiring and mysterious heathen ritual, which, disguised as Christian Church worship, in the name of Jesus Christ, has kept millions in ignorance and bondage from the cradle to the grave, as it mounts to its zenith of power, at the awful expence of the lives and property of the poor and needy in every land.

It has attained this startling and devastating control over the lives of countless people, over the rule of many nations, even to the remotest islands of the seas, completely and absolutely intolerant of the rights of others, with the cross in one hand and the sword of injustice and persecution reeking with the blood of millions of martyrs in the other.

This enemy of God, as well as all mankind is the Roman Catholic Church. She is already entrenched in great strength in our United States. Like those soldiers in the Trojan horse waiting for darkness, she silently awaits the hour when the order from the Pope in the Vatican shall send her flying forth upon her long-awaited mission of final conquest and destruction in this Protestant country which in its complacent tolerance and foolish slumber, nourished and protected her for generations.

While Bishop Sheen is basking in his public glory and carrying off popularity awards, he is daily using that same popularity which foolish and stupefied America has drowsily handed over to him, as a camouflage to cover his real aim which is to bring her under complete control of the Roman Catholic Church.

While Cardinal Spellman outwardly appears to be sponsoring the principles of Democracy, while he parades before the public eye in his pagan trappings disguised as a shepherd of the only true Church, his every move is geared to a hideous scheme of unparalleled treachery to force slumbering America into the Roman Catholic fold.

While the Pope sends our President his cordial felicitations and invokes divine blessings upon the administrative government of our day, that same Pontiff plots and schemes continually and secretly, and arrays the entire formidable power of the Roman Catholic system in an unceasing war on every Democratic principle which would hinder the Vatican from becoming supreme religious and political authority in the United States.

Do these startling statements seem fantastic? Sadly we must relate that they are NOT. The Roman Catholic Church has already poured out unbelievable atrocities for hundreds of years on millions of Christians, while politically subjecting nation after nation to her yoke of poverty and desolation. A wealth of historical proof of these gruesome facts is available to anyone interested enough to seek out the truth for themselves.

But in spite of the many existing proofs of Rome's terrible past, some who do not care to investigate will undoubtedly challenge my statements concerning her plan for the ultimate conquest of America.

Many in slumbering America today would be shocked to learn that Rome's pattern of conquest has always been the same. First she begs for tolerance. Then when tolerance has been granted, she pleads for equality. After equality has been enjoyed then Rome steps forth in her true color and arrogantly and ruthlessly dictates her supremacy. Thus nation after nation has fallen before this institution of power which though called a Church, is nonetheless the world's greatest menace to humanity and freedom as well as the mightiest political nation of our planet. And America is next.

The balance of this tract will be partially devoted to an undisputable array of evidence against

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Rome and her dastardly aspirations for the United States, from the words of Roman Catholic writers themselves.

The ultimate aims of the Roman Catholic Church in America are very clearly set out in an official book, stamped with the entire approval of the Pope, studied as a text in Catholic universities, and written by the head of the Social Action Department of the National Catholic Welfare Conference. (The State and the Church, by Msgr. J. A. Ryan and M.F.X. Millar, republished 1940 as Roman Catholic Principles of Politics.) It explicitly states that as there exists only one true religion, Catholicism, the Catholic Church must establish itself as the State Church in the United States of America.

This is in accordance with the fundamental doctrines of the Popes and also has for its authority the encyclical written by Pope Leo XIII, called "Catholicity in the United States," in which the American separation of Church and State is condemned. In short, Roman Catholicism must be made to prevail and eventually eliminate all other religions.

Pope Pius IX in his Syllabus of Errors, branded as one of "the principal errors of our time," the statement that "the Church ought to be separated from the State, and the State from the Church." Leo XIII called the separation of Church and State a "fatal principle." (Encyclical of Human Liberty, Paulist Press, Page 25.)

We quote from an article that appeared in "The Union and Echo" official diocesan organ of the Roman Catholic Church, Buffalo, N. Y., December 17, 1950:

"... at the rate of 126,000 converts a year in the United States it would take us too long (that is to make America Catholic). We must convert the world of Politics, Economics, Sociology, Business, Entertainment, Labor and Management, Congress, and the Department of State, and the Executive Branch of our Government to Christian and hence Catholic principles."

The following is quoted from a letter written by Father Patrick Henry O'Brien to Rev. A. DiDomenica, former Roman Catholic of Philadelphia, Pa., now at 37 Campbell Avenue, Havertown, Pa., originally printed in L'Aurora, published by the Italian Baptist Association of America.

"We the hierarchy of the Holy Catholic Church, expect all loyal Children of the Church to assist the President with all our strength to see that individuals comprising the U. S. Supreme Court shall obey the President's injunctions. And, if necessary, we shall change, mend, or blot out the PRESENT CONSTITUTION so that the President may enforce his, or rather our humanitarian program and all phases of human rights as laid down by our saintly Popes and the Holy Mother Church."

"We are going to have our laws made and enforced according to the Holy See, and the Popes and the canon law of the Papal throne. Our entire social structure must be rebuilt on that basis. Our educational laws must be constructed to the end that atheism, the Red peril of totalitarianism, PROTESTANTISM, Communism, Socialism and ALL OTHER OF LIKE, ILK and STAMP, be driven from this fair land."

"We want as Cabinet Members children of the Holy Mother Church holding important positions in the entire structure of our government."

"We control America and we do not propose to stop until American or Americans are genuinely Roman Catholic and remain so. God help us."

In the Western Watchman of

St. Louis, June 27, 1912, we read the following words spoken by Father D. S. Phelan who was former dean of Papal editors in the United States.

"And why is it the Church is strong? Why is it everybody is afraid of the Catholic Church? The American people are more afraid of her than any people in the world. Why are they afraid of the Catholic Church? They know what the Catholic Church means."

"Tell us that we think more of the Church than we do of the United States; of course we do. Tell us we are Catholic first and Americans afterwards; of course we are. Tell us, in the CONFLICT BETWEEN THE CHURCH AND THE CIVIL GOVERNMENT WE TAKE THE SIDE OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH; of course we do. Why, if the government of the United States were at war with the Church we would say tomorrow, to - - - with the government of the United States . . . They say we are Catholics first and Americans decidedly afterwards. There is no doubt about it. We are Catholics first, and we love the Church more . . . than we love our own children."

"Let the governments of the world steer clear of the Catholic Church, let the Emperors, let the Kings, and the Presidents not come into conflict with the head of the Catholic Church. Because the Catholic Church is everything to all the Catholics of the world; they renounce all nationalities when there is a question of loyalty to her. And why is it the Pope is so strong? Why is it the Pope is such a tremendous power? Why, the Pope is the ruler of the world. All the Emperors, all the Kings, all the Princes, all the Presidents of the world today are as those altar boys of mine. The Pope is the ruler of the world. Why? Because he is the ruler of the Catholics of the world, the Catholics of all the world would die for the rights of the Pope. He is the head of the Church and they would die for the Church . . . the Catholics of the world are Catholics, first and always, they are Americans, they are Germans, etc., afterwards!"

The Roman Catholic Church's aim is to make the free United States of America on the same plan as the Catholic state of Franco's Spain. Deny it as they will, the purpose of the Roman Catholic Church is not primarily the worship of God. It is the conquest of the United States and the whole world. A multitude of apologists for the Roman Catholic Church deny it, but now and then their sinister purposes come to light. While they continue to outwardly woo Democracy and all that is dear to the American people, through newspaper, radio and etc., they are secretly preparing a minority of their faithful Roman Catholics, the Jesuits and Knights of Columbus to strike when the time is ripe. Two quotations will show proof of this.

"How we Catholics have loathed and despised this . . . civilization which is now called democracy . . . Today, American Catholics are being asked to shed their blood for that particular kind of secularist civilization which they have heroically repudiated for four centuries" (America, May 17, 1941). And then again in the same publication . . .

"The Christian (that is, Catholic) revolution will begin when we decide to cut loose from the existing social order, rather than be buried with it."

It may be very astonishing in our day to realize the Rome who operated the terrible inquisitions of old is still the same, biding her time. The following item is from Rome's modern Ecclesiastical Law which governs the purpose of the Roman Hierarchy.

"Nevertheless it is a Catholic tenet that the Church may justly inflict on heretics the penalty of death" (Suarez 2 de Fide Disp. xx sect. 3 N. 28) (De Lucca, S.J., 1900).

The following are disciplinary measures set forth by the same Roman Catholic authority . . . "The good that is most necessary to the Church is the unity of the true faith, and that cannot be preserved unless the heretic be handed over to death."

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"No Question Is Ever Settled Until It Is Settled Right"

By ELLA WHEELER WILCOX

"However the battle is ended,
Though proudly the victor comes
With fluttering flags and prancing nags
And echoing roll of drums,
Still truth proclaims this motto
In letters of living light—
No question is ever settled
Until it is settled right.

Though the heel of the strong oppressor
May grind the weak in the dust,
And the voices of fame with loud acclaim
May call him great and just,
Let those who applaud take warning,
And keep this motto in sight—
No question is ever settled
Until it is settled right.

Let those who have failed take courage;
Though the enemy seems to have won,
Though his ranks are strong, if he be in the wrong
The battle is not yet done;
For, sure as the morning follows
The darkest hour of the night,
No question is ever settled
Until it is settled right.

O man bowed down with labor!
O woman young, yet old!
O heart oppressed in the toiler's breast
And crushed by the power of gold!
Keep on with your weary battle
Against triumphant might;
No question is ever settled
Until it is settled right.

SURE DATE TO COME

"The Church (Catholic) is of necessity intolerant. Heresy she endures when and where she must, but she hates it, and directs

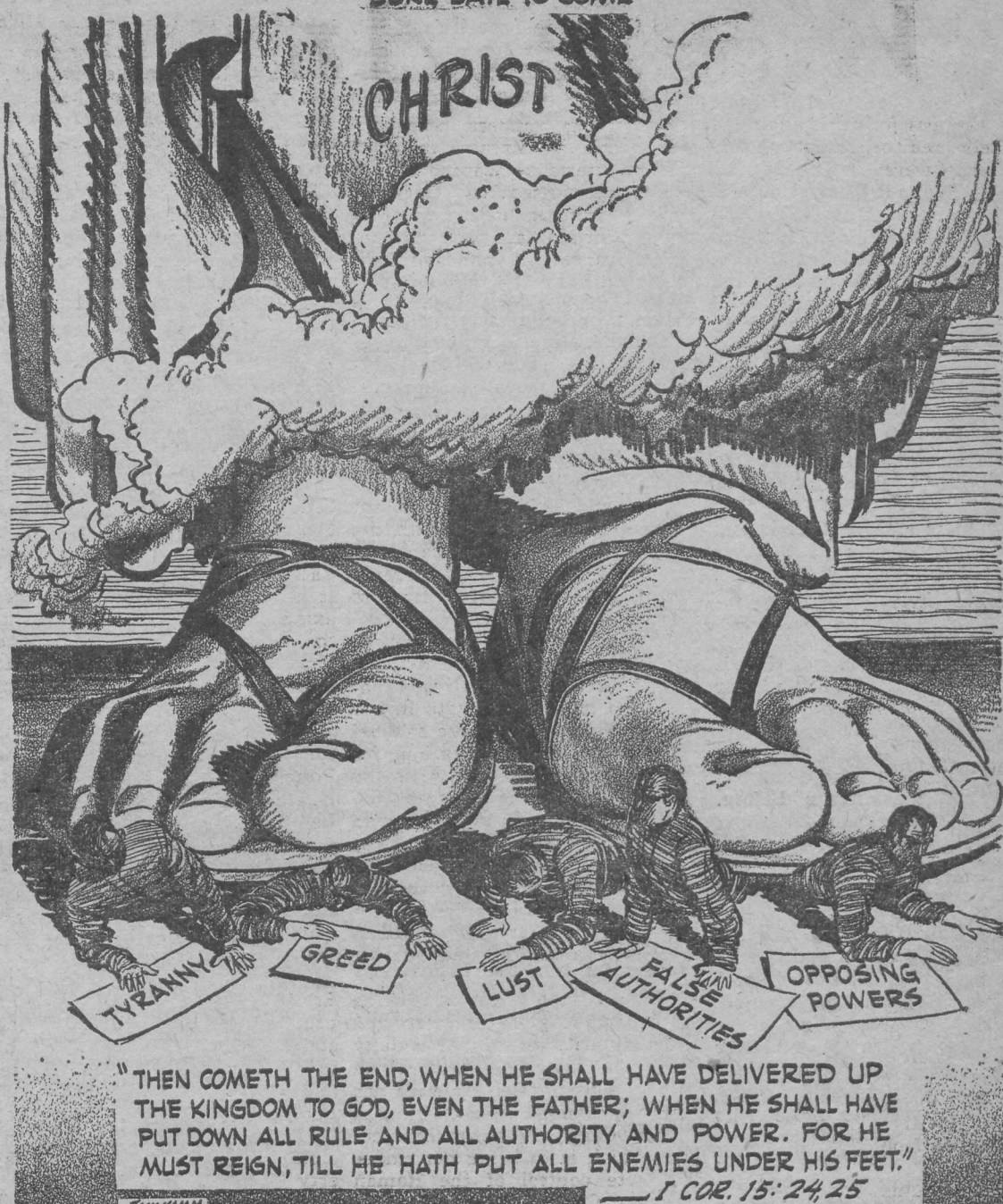
O America awake at once! Let us no longer relax in this com-

Destruction of one enemy with the help of another has always been bloody Rome's policy. So following her practice which for centuries has been the heirarchy's grand strategy, she has gone all out to ally herself with the United States against Russia.

Rome has ever been freedom's enemy, she has ever deceived and dwarfed and impoverished individuals in every nation under her yoke of bondage. She has ever stunted and hardened the conscience of her helpless subjects with her anathemas. She has ever

During this treacherous uprising of Rome's power 850,000 Orthodox Serbs were heartlessly butchered and 244,000 were forced into the Roman Catholic Church under the direct instigation of Archbishop Stepinac at the hands of the Roman Catholic terrorists, the Ustashi. This underground secret organization, which is the Croat equivalent of the American Knights of Columbus was under the direct command of the fanatical Roman Catholic Ante Pavelich who was also the murderer of King Alexander of

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assures me that she will continue as in the past. She is a school teacher from Monday through Friday, but on the weekends, she contributes about fifteen hours of time to THE BAPTIST EXAMINER. Thank God for this sacrificial help and labor of love, which she has performed for the past ten years and better!

I know that we are going to have a hard time, but I believe that God will lay it on the hearts of our friends that this paper will gloriously survive and grow. I am sure that God is going to gloriously show to our enemies that this paper is of His planting and of His continuance. I am sure that He will raise up new friends and new sources of revenue that we could have never had before. I know He is going to do it, for He has promised, and I rely upon this for my assurance.

I wish that God would lay it upon the hearts of each of our readers to respond today with a letter, telling of your prayers and best wishes in our behalf. I need it, just now, as I need your encouragement, as never before. Sometime ago an unsaved friend had serious difficulties which cost him thousands of dollars and much grief. I wrote him a warm letter of friendship, just to encourage him along the way. I didn't see either him or his wife for several months, but when I was then in their home, the wife said, "Bro. Gilpin, you'll never know how much your letter meant to us. When the chips are down and your friends forsake you, you appreciate those who stand beside you."

Well, that is the way I feel today. Yes, the chips are down. Materially speaking, things are mighty blue. Friends on whom I had depended for years, have forsaken me. Enemies have lied about me. The ingratitude of many whom I have befriended in the past is heart-breaking. In this period of sickness, when I've needed sympathy and help the most, some of those whom I had counted as friends, have forsaken me. Like Paul, I can say, "... men forsook me. I pray God that it may not be laid to their charge. Notwithstanding the Lord stood with me and strengthened me." (II Tim. 4:16,17).

Spiritually speaking, the future is just as bright as the promises of God. I fall back on God's promises that have cheered me over many an uneven mile of life's journey:

"No good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly."—Psa. 84:11.

"Ah Lord God! behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm, and there is nothing too hard for thee."—Jer. 32:17.

"For he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me."—Heb. 13:5,6.

And thus I face the future, saying:

"Lead on, O King Eternal,
We follow not with fears,
For gladness breaks like morning,
Where'er Thy face appears,
Thy cross is lifted o'er us,
We journey in its light;
The crown awaits the conquest;
Lead on, O God of might."

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Yugoslavia, in 1934. The terrible massacres which he successfully carried out were under the supervision of Archbishop Stepinac, with all the blessing of Pope Pius XII, whose saintly mask hides the depraved creature

who thirsts for America's blood.

Let the reader ponder well the following proven accounts of inhuman atrocities carried out by the bloody Roman Catholic Ustashi, under the supervision of Archbishop Stepinac and Pope Pius XII and note carefully Rome's relentless and ruthless pattern for sleeping America.

In May, 1941, on the same day in which the Pope received and blessed the new Catholic King of Croatia, who before was the Duke of Spoleto, he also granted Ante Pavelich the leader of the Ustashi a long and private audience.

From then on all freedom, equality and democracy disappeared with a curse from Croatia. Pavelich proclaimed himself leader of the National Army as he called his blood-loving Ustashi and installed the traitor Stepinac as Primate.

After that very day Croatia was made to conform absolutely to the dictates of Rome. Every political party was suppressed. Roman Catholic teaching became compulsory in all schools. Freedom of speech and of the press were only memories and Roman Catholicism was declared the state religion. Many were immediately imprisoned or sent to concentration camps to await execution.

Soon after, on the birthday of the murderer Pavelich, the Archbishop celebrated an extra solemn mass and ordered all Roman Catholic Churches to make special prayers for him and his wicked Ustashi.

Now these political and religious leaders set out in earnest to dispose of the two million Serbs in Croatia and make her a model Catholic state.

In a public meeting in Gospic on July 22, 1941, Dr. Mile Budak, minister of Public Education, officially confirmed Rome's plan for Croatia's future in the following words:

"We shall kill part of the Serbs; we shall transport another, and the rest of them will be forced to embrace the Roman Catholic religion."

Upon this basis the Pavelich-Stepinac program began to operate. It was a ruthless, direct and brutal affair carried out by the Ustashi killers with the blessing of the Roman Catholic Church.

In Kulich on July 31, August 31, September 1 and 2, 1941, the Ustashi executed 2,000 Serbs.

In the village of Gudovac, 200 Serb peasants were butchered by the Ustashi, followed by larger groups in the villages of Stari Petrovac in Nova Gradisca and in Glina. There in early May, 1941, the Ustashi gathered all males over fifteen, took them in trucks outside town and killed every one. In this district alone 120,000 Serbs were exterminated in a short period.

In the mountainous regions of Dalmatia, in Bosnia and Herzegovina, women and children were taken to remote spots and massacred. In Brcko prisoners were executed on bridges and their bodies thrown into the river.

At Dubrovnik, Dalmatia, Italian soldiers photographed an Ustashi wearing two necklaces, one a string of cut out eyes, the other one of torn out tongues of murdered Serbs.

Father Dragutin Kamber, a sworn Ustashi, commanded the slaughter of 300 Serbs in Dobo and also caused 250 more to be courtmartialled who were later shot. Father Branimir Zupanic, a personal friend of Ante Pavelich, caused more than 400 women and children to be killed in one village, Ragolje.

Father Srecko Peric in one of his sermons in the Roman Catholic Church of Gorcia said, "Kill all Serbs, first kill my sister who is married to a Serb. When you finish this work come here to the Church and I will confess you and free you from sin."

A massacre followed during which 5,600 Serbs died at the hands of the Ustashi in the Lwno district. This was in August, 1941.

In the village of Drakvlje, the fanatical Ustashi Monk, Miroslav Filipovic, killed a child with his own hands while he spoke to a group of the terrorists the follow-

ing words: "Ustashi, I rechristen these degenerates in the name of God. You follow my example."

As a fearful result of the Monk Filipovic's example 1,500 Orthodox Serbs were executed in one day.

The terrible Filipovic was made commandant of Jasenovac the Ustashi concentration camp which excelled the German Dachau horror camp for atrocities.

In his capacity as commandant of Jasenovac, the Monk Filipovic in cooperation with Father Zvonko Breckalo and Father Culina became the butchers of over 40,000 men, women and children, all Serbs, who died in that infamous place under his Catholic rule.

It was in this camp of Jasenovac that the terrible record of the young Roman Catholic law student, Peter Brzisa, was made. On the night of August 29, 1942, orders were given for executions. Those who were in charge of the horrible carnage made a wager as to who could dispose of the greatest number of prisoners. Peter Brzisa cut the throats of 1,360 Serbs that night with a specially made butcher knife. He became thus the winner of the gruesome competition and was feted and elected king of the cut-throats, rewarded with a gold watch and a silver service, a roasted pig and wine. This most astonishing depravity was witnessed by a doctor eye witness, Dr. Nikola Kilkolic, a Croat.

On the night of June 5, 1941, on the orders of the Ustashi Chief Gutic, the Orthodox Bishop, of Banjaluka Platon, in Western Bosnia, with several Orthodox priests were taken outside the town limits, where the Bishop's beard was torn out, a fire built on naked chest and then after being tortured for some time the fanatical murders dispatched them with hatchets and threw their dead bodies in the Vrbanja River.

Many Roman Catholic priests and monks who were not of the Ustashi terrorist organization in the frenzy of religious zeal carried out executions with their own hands.

During the time of this horrible carnage Roman Catholic priests with the Pope's sanction and blessing, led the armed Ustashi in closing Orthodox Churches and the confiscation of Orthodox records. Many Orthodox Church-

es were converted into halls for public use, others into Roman Catholic Churches. In the provinces of Like, Banija and Kordun, 172 churches were totally destroyed. At Fruska Gora 15 Serbian Orthodox monasteries and churches were given to Franciscan monks. At Vrdnik-Ravanica the great cathedral was plundered of all valuables and all the property confiscated by the Roman Catholic Bishop.

Living as hunted beasts in the horror of seeing daily massacres, thousands of Serbs in the fear of death were rechristened to the Roman Catholic faith. The Ustashi newspaper, "Nova Hrvatska," revealed how these conversions took place in the following words: "The rechristening was carried out in a very solemn manner by the curate of Petrinja Michael Razum. AN USTASHI COMPANY was present at the solemn occasion."

These holy rechristenings of Rome were sometimes celebrated not only with water but with blood. Father Ivan Raguz publicly urged the killing of all Serbs including all children so that "even the seed of these beasts is not left." Another priest, Father Bozider Brale of Sarajevo took active part in the slaughter of Serbs with a gun in his hand. For his great work in these liquidations he was promoted to presidency of the spiritual board of the Archbishop of Sarajevo.

In every village where Serbs who were left alive to be "rechristened" these poor people were forced to send the traitor Archbishop Stepinac telegrams of congratulation. Stepinac's own diocesan paper the "Katoliki List" as well as the Ustashi "Nova Hrvatska" printed all these telegrams.

In their cold-blooded plan to completely Romanize the Serbs, the surviving children of Orthodox people were placed in public Roman Catholic homes by the priests who even changed their names to Roman Catholic Croatian names.

Is this a page out of Foxes book of martyrs?

Or is this a story of Romish inquisition of medieval days?

No! these free people marked out by Rome for doom, have been slaughtered and scattered and the survivors forced into the Ro-

man Catholic Church in the days of our own years, before our very eyes, during 1941 and 1942.

This exterminating process was carried out suddenly, methodically and ruthlessly by that same double headed totalitarian power which has formulated a complete plan long ago to make sleeping America Catholic.

Nor does this account of intrigue and carnage stand alone in the history of Rome. It is but one sad story and concerns the fate of only one country, among hundreds of similar historical records, where a free and prosperous people were exterminated by the long tenacles of the Roman Catholic system under the direct supervision of the hierarchy with the full consent and blessing of the Pope.

Finally, and in conclusion may this account stamp an indelible picture in our minds which we can never forget. Regardless of the crafty smoothness of the deceptive Sheens; regardless of the unblushing flattery of the traitorous Spellmans, regardless of the feigned championing of democracy by the cunning McCarthys and the fawning McCarrens; the awful history of the Serbs during 1941 and 1952 hangs before us today like a dark and dreadful cloud upon the horizon, reminding us continually of the fatal storm which is silently and steadily gathering over the U. S. A., as Rome in her unparalleled treachery embarks upon the final stage of making America Roman Catholic while she sleeps.

A Warning

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God help you! What carnality! Oh, what a tragedy! God's child, but the Devil's agent!

"I would rather play with forked lightning," says A. B. Simpson, "or take in my hands living wires, with their fiery currents, than speak a reckless word against any servant of Christ, or idly repeat the slanderous darts which thousands of Christians are hurling on others, to the hurt of their own souls and bodies."

"You may often wonder, perhaps, why your sickness is not healed, your spirit not filled with the joys of the Holy Ghost, or your life not blessed and prosperous. It may be that some dart which you have flung with an angry voice, or in an idle hour of thoughtless gossip, is pursuing you on its way, as it describes the circle which always brings back to the source from which it came every shaft of bitterness, and every idle and evil word. Let us remember that when we persecute and hurt the children of God, we are but persecuting Him; and hurting ourselves far more."

"One of the greatest evils that afflicts the world today is that of gossiping and talebearing. You find it everywhere you go. It is rife in the business world, in the office, and the factory. Its evil influence has permeated every strata of society, from the palace to the slum, and it rears its ugly head in the church as many Christians have known from painful experience. The tongue of the gossip has destroyed empires and cast down mighty men. Ruined lives, blighted homes, broken hearts, and sundered friendships have been caused by the talebearer and through the chatter of idle tongues."

Too late, sometimes, people learn what harm has been wrought by giving too ready an ear to rumor and too ready a tongue to pass it on. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth! the apostle wrote. "Nothing is more needed in this world today than the manifestation of the Spirit of Christ that will scorn to speak evil of another when no good purpose can possibly be accomplished. The flower of Christian character will never bloom in the atmosphere of slander and distraction."

May God help us live, think, act, and speak in the light of eternity. Then, instead of getting (Continued on page eight)

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He can hold the waters of the world therein. We have a hard time controlling the Ohio River. We must spend thousands and millions of dollars on pumps and levees to keep it out of our town, yet God can hold all of it, as well as the waters of all the rivers and seas and oceans of the world, in His hands. How big then is God that His hand is great enough to hold all the waters of the world!

This text also tells us that He is able to measure the heavens with a span. The ordinary individual is able to span with his hand about eight inches, but God is able not only to span the earth, but the heavens, including the moon, the stars, the sun, and all the constellations with one hand. When we remember the size of this earth, and in addition, the size of the sun, the moon, and the stars and all the constellations, and we recall that multiplied millions of these stars are far bigger than our earth—truly, we can get a faint picture of God's greatness when He can measure this whole earth and heavens with His span.

This text also tells us that He is able to weigh the mountains in a scale and the hills in a balance. I am sure that most of you remember the old-fashioned scales that used to be found on most all farms. Well, this text would indicate that God is able to fake up a pair of those old-fashioned scales or balances in His hand and that He can pile up all the mountains in one of the balances and weigh the entirety thereof. Can you imagine One that is so great that He is able to do this? Pile into the scale the Appalachians, then pick up the Rockies and pile them upon the Appalachians; we will pile up the Alps, the Pyrenies, and all the mountains of the world in those scales. God stands to hold all the balances of the world in His hands and to tell us the weight of the world thereby.

I do not know whether this text helps you to realize how big God is or not, but, brethren, just to realize that God is big enough to hold all the waters of the world in His hand, that God's hand is so big in size that He can span the entirety of the heavens and the earth, and God's arm is so strong that He can hold up the balances whereby the hills and the earth can be weighed—when you come to realize all of this, you come to faintly realize how big, and how sovereign God really is. I say to you, beloved, there is nothing that is too big for Almighty God.

Let's notice another verse:

"Behold, the nations are as a drop of a bucket, and are counted as the small dust of the balance: behold, he taketh up the isles as a very little thing. All nations before him are as NOTHING: and they are counted to him LESS THAN NOTHING, and vanity."
—Isa. 40:15,17.

God declares in these verses that the nations are but a drop in the bucket. Suppose you take a bucket and pour out all of the contents so that there is nothing left in the bucket, and then take that bucket and shake it so that all of the water is completely removed therefrom. Well, perhaps you might find just a little drop that is left within the bucket. God declares that when He measures all of the nations of the world as compared to Himself, in all of their mightiness, and their beauty and their wisdom, their grandeur, and their elegance, they are but as a drop in the bottom of a bucket. What a contrast this is between God and the nations of this world! We are prone to think of ourselves as something, but God, in contrast, is prone to look upon us as nothing.

This text even declares that the nations are less than nothing. I do not know just how much anything would have to be to be less than nothing. Ordinarily, we think of a zero or a cipher as being absolutely worthless, but God tells us that the nations of the

world are not only accounted to Him as nothing, but actually they are accounted to Him as less than nothing. Certainly, beloved, when we read this text, you come face to face with the fact that the God we preach to you is a God of sovereignty, and He is so big and so sovereign that even the nations of this world in comparison with Him, are virtually nothing in His sight.

I say then, beloved, that while there is nothing too little for God to observe, at the same time there is nothing too big for God to control. He is not only the God of the infinitesimal, but He is also the God of the infinite. He is not only the God of the little things, but also the God of the big and mighty things.

Surely, in view of these facts, we can come to but one conclusion, namely, that God is a sovereign God, and that He rules and reigns within this world and there is nothing that is left to luck or to chance in a world that is ruled by God.

III

GOD CONTROLS THE WEATHER.

Whether it be a flood or a drought, sunshine or rain, snow or fair weather—irrespective of what it may be, it is all God's plan for us. I insist that God controls the weather. I have three texts of Scripture to read to you whereby you can see that the weather is controlled by Almighty God.

"Are there any among the vanities of the Gentiles that can cause rain? or can the heavens give showers? Art not thou he, O Lord our God? therefore we will wait upon thee: for thou hast made all these things."—Jer. 14:22.

This text declares that God controls the waters that come to this world. Whether He gives us a gentle rain or whether He gives us a torrential downpour—whether He gives us a normal amount of water for the control of crops and for vegetation, or whether He gives us a flood which will wash away our homes—whether He gives us an abundance of rain or whether He gives none at all and sends a drought instead—irrespective of what comes to us, we are assured of this fact, that it all comes from the hand of God.

Here is a second text which tells us the same truth:

"When he made a decree for the rain, and a way for the lightning of the thunder."

—Job 28:26.

This verse declares that it is God who makes a way for the lightning and for the thunder. When we have an exceeding great electric storm, we can be sure that God is speaking through the clouds. Thus we can see that He not only controls the weather, but the electrical display that comes to us by way of the weather that we have.

There is a third text that tells us that He controls the weather:

"Was the Lord displeased against the rivers? was thine anger against the rivers? was thy wrath against the sea, that thou didst ride upon thine horses and thy chariots of salvation?"

—Hab. 3:8.

This is an unusual verse. It tells us, in substance, that God is not angry with the rivers when He causes them to overflow, but rather, He is angry because of the sins of the people. In the day of Habakkuk, there were certain sins in particular that the people were guilty of. They were pride, greed, graft, corruption of public officials, the fleecing of the poor, and widespread drinking and sale of liquor that Habakkuk had condemned in the three short chapters that bears his name. If you will read these three chapters, you will find that each of these sins had been definitely condemned by Almighty God, and now, summing up this condemnation, God makes it clear through the prophet Habakkuk that He controls the weather and controls the rivers—that He is not angry with the rivers themselves but that His anger is based on the sin of the people, and He causes the rivers to overflow the people, be-

cause He is angry against their sin.

Now the three texts which I have read from Jeremiah, Job, and Habakkuk, would certainly show us that God controls the weather.

However, let me give you an illustration of this in the experience of the Lord Jesus Christ. Do you recall that day when He was asleep in that boat when He and His disciples crossed the Sea of Galilee? The Devil, as the prince of the power of the air, whipped the waves of that little sea in an effort to sink that boat in which Jesus was riding, and thus put an end to the Lord Jesus Christ. However, beloved, when the disciples awakened Jesus to remind Him of the fact that they were about to perish, He spoke, saying, "Peace, be still," and it was then that the wind subsided, and the waves became calm. The vessel was saved and those on board the vessel were brought face to face with a new power that they had never seen in Jesus before—the power of God to control the weather.

Would to God in this very hour that we would realize that all of the weather that comes to us, whether it be windy or calm, rain or sunshine, snow or sleet—regardless of what it may be, that it all comes from the hand of Almighty God. Sometimes He gives to us a drought that is so intense and prolonged that the ground may crack open to the extent that you can even run your hand down through the cracks in the ground. Sometimes He gives us rain to the extent that it causes the ground to be soggy beneath our feet. Irrespective of whether we have a drought all across the nation, or whether we have rain to the extent that the farmers are unable to harvest their crops—regardless of what comes, it is all from the hand of God.

IV

GOD CONTROLS ALL SICKNESS AND ALL DISEASES.

Of this, we are positively assured in the Word of God.

"He brought them forth also

with silver and gold: and THERE WAS NOT ONE FEEBLE PERSON AMONG THEIR TRIBES."

—Psa. 105:37.

Here is a most remarkable verse in that it tells us that among all the twelve tribes of Israel, there was not one feeble person among those twelve tribes. This, of course, is nothing short of a miracle. This presents to us a picture of the supernatural and the miraculous. There is doubtless not a town of fifty persons in this Commonwealth but what you will find at least one feeble person in that town. However, so far as Egypt was concerned, even though there were 3,000,000 of these Jews traveling from Egypt to Canaan, there was not one feeble person among all that multitude of Jews coming out of Egypt, traveling through the wilderness and journeying toward the land of Canaan.

There must be an explanation for this, and that explanation is found in the little three letter word, **God**. God saw to it that the health of the children of Israel was so perfect that there was not one feeble person among all the twelve tribes of the children of Israel.

There are other passages also that tell us the same thing, and present to us the same truth. Listen:

"If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the Lord thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I WILL PUT NONE OF THESE DISEASES UPON THEE, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the Lord that healeth thee."—Ex. 15:26.

"And ye shall serve the Lord your God, and he shall bless thy bread, and thy water; and I WILL TAKE SICKNESS AWAY from the midst of thee."—Ex. 23:25.

You will notice from these two texts that God had declared that if the children of Israel would do His will and follow as He would direct, that He would take from them all sickness, all plagues and pestilences and would give to them perfect health. It was

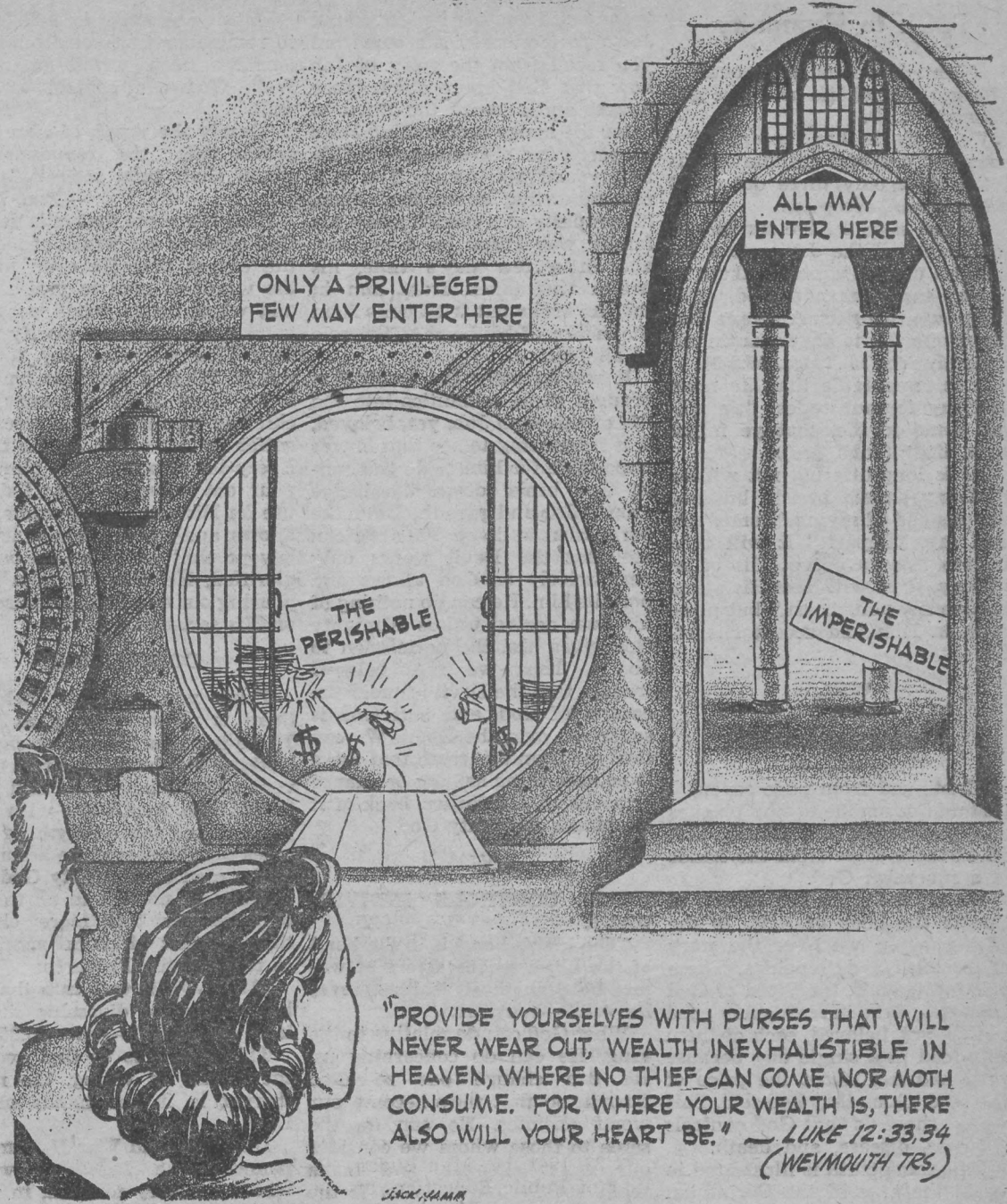
thus that God protected them and cared for them as they journeyed from Egypt to Canaan. It was because of this that there was no sickness in the camp and accordingly there was not one feeble person to be found among the Jews.

You can not read these texts without realizing that God controls all sicknesses, pestilences, and diseases. Whether you are blessed with good health, or whether there comes a period of illness within your life which lays you low and bankrupts you materially and physically as well—regardless of what comes to you, it is certain that it comes as a part of the definite and predetermining purposes of Almighty God, for He controls all sickness and all diseases and all pestilences.

I was just a boy when World War I was fought—a boy in my early teens. I remember that just about the end of the War, a medical authority in Chicago stated that there would not be any pestilence after World War I. This spokesman for the Medical Society said that they were able to control all the diseases and pestilences that would ever come, and that it need not be feared that there would be any pestilence or outbreak of disease following World War I. Hardly had this been printed in all the newspapers throughout the country, than God answered this arrogant Medical Society by sending a plague or an epidemic which the doctors called the "flu." Now you and I have the flu ever so often, but the flu that we have is nothing to compare with what came upon America just at the close of World War I. People by the hundreds and thousands died all over America. I think that it was just God's way of answering the pride and the arrogance of the Medical Society. It certainly shows us that man does not control disease, and

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offering eternal life as a free gift (Romans 6:23).

What if He had become discouraged and had withdrawn His offer, after only three out of 23 persons had accepted?

He can say: "I have spread out My hands all the day unto a rebellious people, which walketh in a way that was not good, after their own thoughts. A people that provoketh Me to anger continually to My face..." (Isa. 65:2-3).

It is lamentable that He must still say to multitudes: "Ye will not come to Me, that ye might have life" (John 5:40).

He is long-suffering not willing that any should perish; but one day instead of saying "Come," He will say, "Depart!" It will then be too late to accept His offer. "Today, if ye will hear His voice, harden not your heart," but place faith in Him and accept His offer.

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that man is unable to stop plagues and pestilences, but rather, that all of these come from the hands of a sovereign God.

We have a good illustration of this in the book of Acts. In the fifth chapter, we have the story of Ananias and Sapphira. These two individuals, the Word of God indicates, were in reasonably good health, yet, beloved, each of them fell dead in a single day because they had lied about the price of the land which they had sold. This would show us that God controls sickness, disease, and death.

This same truth is illustrated to us in the case of the Corinthian Christians. The church at Corinth observed open communion. I rather imagine that they were the first church in all the world that ever practiced open communion. As result of their sin, God chastened them with sickness and ultimately with death. Let's read about it:

"For this cause many are weak and SICKLY among you, and many SLEEP. For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged. But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world."—1 Cor. 11:30-32.

From this Scripture, you can see that God chastened some of these Christians with sickness, and when they did not repent, then He even took some of them in premature death, all because of their sin of open communion.

This would show us then that the Lord Jesus is sovereign over sickness and health and disease and plagues. Therefore, beloved, if you are blessed with health or if you are suffering from some bodily ailment, you need to remember that it comes from the hand of God, and irrespective of whether your condition may be considered a blessing or chastisement, just remember that each alike comes from the hands of a sovereign God.

V

GOD IS SOVEREIGN OVER THE DEVIL.

There is no portion in God's Word that shows this truth more clearly than does the book of Job. If you will but read the first two chapters of the book of Job, you will see that God is sovereign over the Devil, and that the Devil only works by permission of Almighty God.

He declared when God asked him if he had observed Job, that Job was serving God only because that God was blessing him. Furthermore, he reminded God of the fact that the Almighty had placed some hedges around Job to the extent that he was unable to destroy Job. He reminded God that He had put a hedge around Job's family, around Job's proper-

ty, and still another hedge around Job's possessions. I am sure that you recall from the story of Job how that God broke down those hedges and allowed the Devil to enter the hedge surrounding Job's property, and also surrounding his family and his health. You will remember that in one day's time, his property was carried away, his family was killed by a cyclone, and in a few day's time, his health was taken from him in that he broke out with boils from the crown of his head to the sole of his feet.

It was actually the Devil that brought these calamities into the life of this man Job, yet, beloved, it is interesting to see that it was impossible for him to do this, until God broke down the hedge around Job and gave the Devil the permission to do so. Thus we can see that the Devil works only permissively as God allows and permits him. He can do nothing of his own accord unless Almighty God gives him the permission to do it. Thus we see, beloved friends, that the Devil is under the control of God, and that God is sovereign over the Devil. We can thus see from this truth that there is no such thing as luck or chance or accident, but rather, back of it all, stands Almighty God.

VI

GOD CONTROLS INDIVIDUALS.

"The king's heart is in the hand of the Lord, as the rivers of water: he turneth it whithersoever he will."—Prov. 21:1.

What God can do relative to the king, He can do concerning us. He can change our so-called friends, so that they become our worst enemies. He can do the same to those whom we consider our worst enemies, and make them become our friends. If the man to the right or the left of you is your friend and turns from you, or if, peradventure, he is your enemy and becomes your friend, you can be sure that God controls him, and turns his heart accordingly.

We have a marvelous illustration of this in the case of Joseph and his brethren. I am sure that you will recall that Joseph as a lad was sold by his brothers to the Ishmaelites and they in turn sold him as a slave in Egypt. I am sure that you will remember how that he was made manager in Potiphar's home and how that Potiphar's wife lied about him and caused him to be put into a dungeon for two years' time, and yet each thing that happened was God Almighty's purpose and plan for his life, so that ultimately, Joseph became the prime minister in the land of Egypt. After he had revealed himself to his brothers, he sent wagons back to Palestine, to bring his father and all the family down to Egypt where he sustained and nourished them throughout all the years of the famine. After the famine was over and after his old father had died, those brothers came to talk to Joseph, thinking that he would surely bring vengeance upon them because of what they had done. However, instead of wreaking vengeance upon his own brothers, Joseph reminded them of this fact, that what they did was but the working out of God's divine providence for his life and theirs. Listen:

"But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive."—Gen. 50:20.

You can not read this verse without realizing that God is a sovereign God, and that He was controlling the steps and the events of Joseph's life, to the extent that each step of the destiny of the lives of the children of Israel depended upon each step that Joseph was forced to take, through the pit, through the dungeon, and through the lies of Potiphar's wife, and through all of those varied and various experiences. He was merely being brought to the place where God might use him. Thus we can see that God was back of it all, and that God controls the lives of the various individuals.

In this respect, it is well for us to remember that sometimes our enemies heap wrath upon us. Well, God can control that as well.

"Surely the wrath of man shall praise thee: the remainder of wrath shalt thou restrain."

—Psa. 76:10.

Here is a verse that tells us that God controls the wrath of men to the extent that He even makes the wrath of man to praise him, and when man's wrath goes beyond that which can glorify God, then God restrains any further wrath. What a precious truth it is for those of us who are God's children who have been forced to suffer for our stand for the truth. Every bit of wrath that man can pour out upon us that God can use for His glory. He permits, and allows, and when, beloved, it goes beyond that wherein God can be glorified, He restrains man from pouring out any further abuse upon His servants.

CONCLUSION

Thus, you can see, beloved, there is no such thing as luck. There is no such thing as chance. Nothing just happens. From these verses that I have read and have taken time to discuss with you, you can see that everything that takes place, takes place according to the plan of Almighty God.

Probably no text in all the Bible presents this more clearly than the text which Solomon gives to us in the Proverbs:

"The LOT is cast into the lap; but the whole disposing thereof is of the Lord."—Prov. 16:33.

This text tells us that even in the matter of voting, the result thereof is in the hands of the Lord.

During World War II, someone penned the following words, which are very forceful, in illustrating what I am trying to say by way of the sovereignty of God.

"They can not shell His temple, Nor dynamite His throne; They can not bomb His city, Nor rob Him of His own.

They can not take Him captive, Nor strike Him deaf and blind; Nor starve Him to surrender, Nor make Him change His mind.

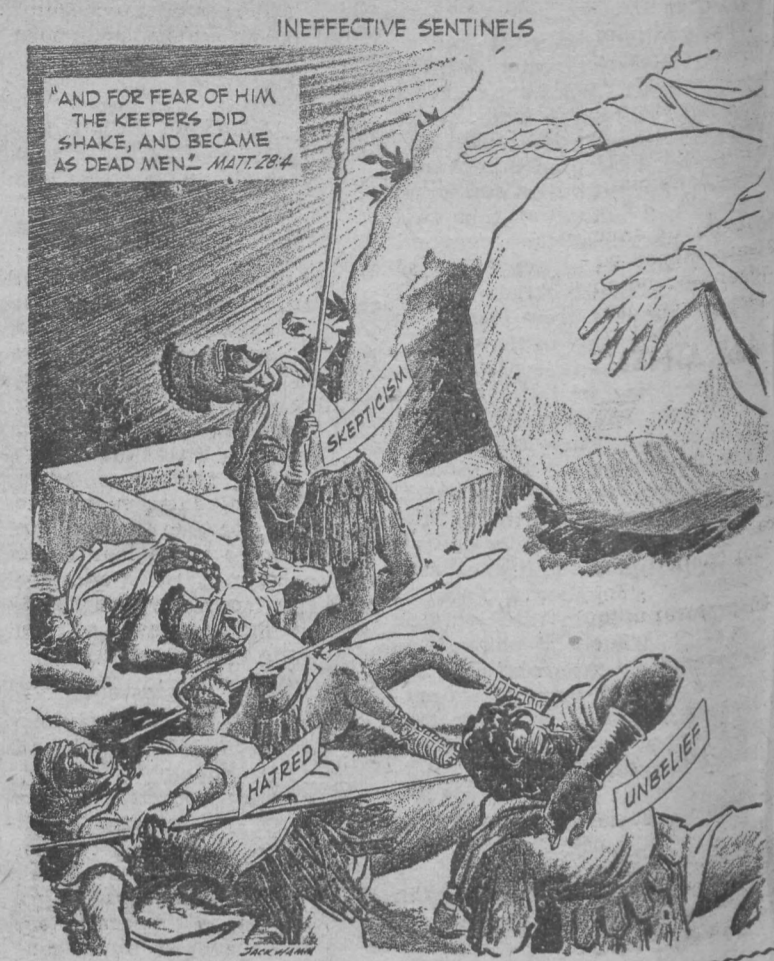
They can not cause Him panic, Nor cut off His supplies; They can not take His Kingdom, Nor hurt Him with their lies.

Though all the world be shattered, His truth remains the same; His righteous laws still potent And 'Father' still His name.

Though we face war and struggle And feel their goad and rod; We know above confusion, There will always be God."

Let me give you an illustration to show you that there is no such thing as luck. In 1 Samuel 5 and 6, you have positive proof that luck or chance is absolutely out of the question. The ark had been taken captive into Philistia and set up in Dagon's temple. God would not stand for His ark, which was symbolic of God's presence, to be put on a level with a heathen god or idol. The next morning when the worshippers of Dagon came into the temple, they found that Dagon had fallen over. They set him back into place, but when they came into the temple the second morning, they found Dagon not only fallen over, but that his hands and face were broken off. Well, the Philistines decided at once that an idol that could not take better care of himself than that could not help or hurt them, so they worshipped Dagon no more.

This should have been enough to convince them that God was controlling their destinies. However, it wasn't. Soon hemorrhoids broke out on the men, and mice ruined all of their crops. In order to get rid of the ark, for they feared that God was punishing them thereby, they sent it from Ashdod down to Gath. The same thing happened there, for hemorrhoids broke out on the men and killed them, and mice destroyed their crops, so they bundled up the ark



and sent it on over to Ekron, which is another capital city of the Philistines. The people of Ekron would not have it, so the commissioners of Ekron called together the commissioners of Ashdod, Gath, Askelon, and Gaza, which were the five capital cities of the land of the Philistines, and they held a conference to see what they should do with the ark. They decided to put God to a test, and God accepted the challenge. They built a cart and put the ark and their trespass offerings on it, and took two young heifers that had never yet been broken to work—that had never yet had a yoke upon them—put their calves in their stalls at home, and put these unbroken heifers to the cart. Then, they said, "If these cattle that have never yet been broken to work, leave this country and take the ark up into God's country, without a driver, we will know that it was His hand that struck the men with hemorrhoids, and it was His mice that destroyed our crops. If not, we will know that it was luck or chance that happened to us." Now, beloved, God accepted that challenge and the Word of God tells us that those two young heifers took that ark right along the highway to Bethshemesh, and went along the road lowing as they went, carrying the ark back up into God's country. Thus God proved to this heathen nation of the Philistines that there was no such thing as luck. So, beloved, they learned that if hemorrhoids killed their men, it was God's hand against them, and they learned that if mice destroyed their crops, it was God's hand against them because of their sin. God showed them that there was no such thing as luck or chance.

Would to God that we might learn the same truth!

Too many people have never learned just how big, and how sovereign, and how Almighty, God really is. I think that too many people think about God as the Psalmist declares. Many think of God as being just a little bit bigger than man. Well, beloved, God is not just a little bit bigger than man. God, beloved, is God. He is sovereign. He is almighty. He is powerful, and so much so, that He controls this world in every particular from the least to the greatest, from the infinitesimal to the infinite. In all things, God is a sovereign God, and from this I rejoice in the fact that everything that happens in this world takes place according to a well defined plan that He has laid out for your life and for mine.

Sometimes we become discouraged and sometimes we think that things have gone contrary to us. We need to remember the words of the poet; when he said:

"Truth forever on the scaffold, Wrong forever on the throne; Yet that scaffold sways the future, And behind the dim unknown, Standeth God within the shadows, Keeping watch upon His own."

Well, beloved, if this be true that God is a sovereign God, that He is omnipotent, then we need to get ready to meet Him. We need to be sure that we are bowing in to submission before Him. We need to be certain that we recognize, in fact, then for a closing Scripture, will you heed this text:

"Kiss the Son, lest he be angry. His wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in him."—Psa. 2:12.

May God bless you!

A Warning

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our eyes on man and judging him, watching for either his virtues or his faults, we will keep our eyes fixed on the Christ who indwells him and see no man save Jesus only.

If any man among you seem to be religious, and BRIDLETH not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain. (James 1:26).—Oswald Smith

A REAL CONTRAST

After the cross—"The Crown."
After earth's loneliness—"Forever with the Lord."
After the suffering—"No more pain."
After all the sorrow—"Fulness of joy."
After the weariness—"The rest of heaven."
After the sighs of earth—"The glad new song."
After the "sowing in tears"—"The reaping in joy."
After our "light affliction, for a moment"—"A far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory."
—A Message from God

STRANGE, ISN'T IT?

"If you want to get rich—Give! If you want to be poor—Grasp! If you want to be needy—Hoard! If you want to have abundance—Scatter!"
"There is that maketh rich, yet hath nothing; there is that maketh himself poor, yet hath great riches."—Prov. 13:7; 11:24,25.

Your paper is such a blessing to me and my family, I want to share the good news with others. Mrs. Herbert DeVos Jacksonville, Ore.