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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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False Notions as to the Work of the Church

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we have a special duty toward Christians — "the household of

that is not our particular duty. That duty is to render aid to those who are God's people.

Is it Our Duty To Clean Up The World?

We recall one preacher who waged war on vice conditions in his town. The evil element burned his church. He was made chief of police, but he didn't know what to do with the job. He found himself poorly adapted to politics and he did not succeed in cleaning up the town. After a short period he resigned. Certainly the minister ought to be outspoken against sin and evil, and he ought to encourage his people to vote against and stand against evil conditions, but it is not his business or that of his church to spend their time trying to clean up communities from the outside. The truth is, such is an impossible task. John (I John 5:19) says, "The whole world lieth in the evil one." The world is like a sinking ship, and for a church to



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faith." Our church has many times helped unsaved people, but

By Oswald J. Smith
This is the twentieth century. Sinister forces are at work. False religions abound on every side. The most powerful weapon ever forged by satanic ingenuity, threatens to wipe out Christianity. Atomic energy holds civilization at its mercy.

I wish I could live to write the year 2000 A.D. but that can never be. Millions will, should Christ tarry; I cannot. I believe that the next forty years will be the most momentous in the history of mankind. Events of world-shaking significance are already casting their shadows before them.

Colossal movements have been inaugurated; some for good, others for ill. The human race faces destruction. Cataclysmic judgments are inevitable. Revolution, with all its horrors, again lifts its hoary head. The Iron Curtain hides a slavery worse than death. All creation groans. The birth pangs of a new age are now being felt throughout the world. Once again there is "the sound of a going in the tops of the mulberry trees." "The coming of the Lord draweth nigh."

But what lies just ahead? Whither are we bound? How soon will the terminal be reached? Are we facing peace or war, prosperity or adversity? What is to be the next act in the drama?

Such are the questions that are forcing themselves upon us. Men know not which way to turn. Nations are perplexed. Uncertainty characterizes the attitude of every statesman. The future is

concealed in obscurity. That a terrible catastrophe lies just ahead is the conviction of all. But what, and from which direction will it come?

The worst that is in man is now manifesting itself. A spirit of greed and lust dominates human hearts. One wonders if the abyss has not already been opened to release its myriads of demons for the ruin of man, both nationally and individually. Thousands, anxious and perplexed are asking the question, "What next?"

There is only one answer, and that answer is found in God's Book. God knew the end from the beginning. He wrote history in advance and called it prophecy. And every prediction thus far has been fulfilled to the letter. To the student of Scripture the future is an open book. What God has revealed will happen, and no Dictator, King or Potentate can alter His decree. Therefore, if we are to find out what will happen next, we must turn to the Bible. There is no other source of information. God has spoken.

If we are nearing, as many believe, the End-Time Days, we may rest assured that the situation is going to become more acute than ever. Financial, economic and industrial problems will increase. Governments will rise and fall, war clouds will gather, and conditions grow rapidly worse, until the end.

No statesman seems able to solve the problems of the day. No government is dealing successfully. (Continued on page 2, column 2)

Many people look upon a church as just another welfare agency. A man who didn't attend church, and had paid no attention to churches through the years, stopped by the home of the caretaker of our church. He was looking for financial aid, and in course of conversation he said to the caretaker, "You know it's the business of a church to look out for people in my shape." He was a child of the Devil, and it was his opinion that the children of God were obligated to take care of the needs of the children of the Devil. The truth is, it is not the obligation of a church to help the children of the Devil. Speaking to Christians, Paul says (Gal. 6:10): "As we have opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith." He means that as opportunity presents itself, do good to all we come in contact with, but he says that

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On the first day about three thousand were added to what? The CHURCH. If they were not added to the church, then the writer should have said in verse 47—"And the Lord added to the church daily, EXCEPT THE FIRST DAY, such as were being saved." Since on the first day as on subsequent days, the saved were added to the church, to whom were they added except the company that had come down from the days of John the Baptist and Christ? There's the church starting with Christ during His personal ministry on earth.

From the day the Lord founded the first church on earth the church as an institution has been in existence and will continue until He shall come again. "The gates of hell shall not prevail against it," is the assurance Jesus gave the church in Matthew 16:18. It is not necessary for us to link church to church as a visible chain back through the centuries to Christ in order to

believe and prove "church perpetuity," but we do maintain and can prove that since the formation of the first church by Christ there never has been a day in which there was no true church in existence. If we do not believe this, how can we believe that Jesus was right when He said the "gates of hell shall not prevail against" the church?

Since the church must continue throughout the days from Christ, which church is it? Can it be the Catholic Church with all its vagaries? No, for we can put our finger on the time and place of the origin of this church many years this side of Christ. Can it be any of the Protestant churches? No, for all of them had their origin during or after the so-called Reformation under Martin Luther in the Sixteenth Century. We can put our finger on the time and place when they all began, and it was hundreds of years this side of Christ's day on earth. Well, maybe it can be one or all of the so-called churches that have arisen since the Lutheran

Reformation. No, for they were all started by men without Divine authority and we can put our finger on the time and place of their origin. Which one, then, has come down to this day from Christ's day? We shall let others answer the question. "Crossing the Centuries," is a book published in 1912 by the "Educational Association," edited by Wm. King, and assisted by Catholics J. Cardinal Gibbons and Patric J. Healy, and two former presidents of the United States, Theodore Roosevelt and Woodrow Wilson. On page 174 of this book, we read: "Of the Baptists it may be said that they are not reformers. These people comprising bodies of Christian believers known under various names in different countries, are entirely distinct and independent of the Roman and Greek churches, have had

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This is not a fanciful boast but a historical fact against which many people close their eyes. There were there but two kinds of churches in existence, one was what is known as Baptist church and the other Catholic. The nucleus of the Catholic movement had its origin beginning at Rome, in A. D. 251, in the rupture of the church there and consequent disturbance in all the churches throughout the empire; led by 610 the movement had shifted into the Papacy, in which the first universal Pope,iface III, was so recognized Emperor Phocas.

On the other hand, the Baptists began with Christ during His personal ministry on earth. The fact that Christ founded His church on earth is easily proven by the Scriptures. A requirement of one to be chosen successor to Judas in the

Mr. Business Man, Just Suppose—

Suppose, Mr. Business Man, that you were overseer of 800 workers. Suppose that only 50 per cent of them ever showed up for work at any one time, and of the remaining 50 per cent only about half of them came in any degree of regularity. And suppose that only 1 out of 10 of your workers showed up for lunch, and that when every one of them had a slight headache or when company came in to visit them they "TOOK OFF" that day. And, every time it rained or even thundered, 75 per cent of your workers pulled the covers over their head and never appeared for work that day. Suppose your workers worked only when they "FELT LIKE IT," and that you must be very sweet and patient to fire a single one of them. And suppose you were in competition with a notorious rascal who had no scruples and was far more clever than you were and

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A Sermon by Pastor John R. Gilpin

"GOD'S PROVIDENCE"

"In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." — I Thess. 5:18.

Years ago, I heard a preacher discuss this verse of Scripture and he said that it meant we were to give thanks for all the good things; but, beloved, that is not what the verse says, and that is not what the verse teaches. It says, "In everything give thanks." It matters not what may come into your life, nor what experience you may undergo, the Word of God says that you are to give thanks for every thing. He tells us why this is true, in what He

says, "For this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."

I believe in a sovereign God — a God who controls all things. Therefore, since I believe in a God of absolute sovereignty, then I believe that everything that takes place, takes place in the light of His predetermined will in our behalf, and if it were not His will, He would have willed for something else to come to pass. Therefore, the Apostle Paul says that everything that comes into your life, is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

I would like to turn to the Word of God and give to you a

number of illustrations which will show you how that God providentially leads, and how that God providentially deals with us from day to day.

THE PHILISTINES.

Do you remember the time in the Old Testament when the children of Israel had gone out to battle and lost the ark unto the Philistines? You remember how the Philistines had five capital cities, and they took this ark to one of those capital cities and put it in the presence of their god Dagon. The next morning Old

Why I Do Not Go To The Movies

The same excuses that some people make for not going to church:

1. The manager of the Cinema has never called to see me.
2. I did go a few times, but no one spoke to me. Those who go there are not very friendly.
3. Every time I go they ask me for money.
4. Not all the people who go live up to the high moral standards of the films.
5. I went so much as a child that I have decided that I have had all the entertainment I need.
6. The performance lasts too long. I can't sit still for two and a half hours.
7. I don't always agree with what I see and hear.
8. I don't think that they have very good music.
9. The shows are held in the evenings, and that is the only time I am able to have with the family.

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spend its time in reform and clean-up movements is like men painting the sinking ship, when they ought to be engaged in rescue work trying to save the passengers. Incidentally, any community will become better the more completely it is evangelized.

Is It The Church's Duty To Prevent War?

During the First World War there was raised the cry, "The Church has failed!" Thus it was charged that such a war could not have broken out had not "the church" failed in its duty. Churches can do all they please, and they cannot eliminate war from the earth. Jesus predicted wars and rumors of wars as a part of the course of this age (Matt. 24:6-8). The commission given by Jesus to His church is not one to put a stop to war or poverty or any such thing. "Social gospelers" are devoted to such tasks and they are wasting their time. The biggest social experiment ever undertaken is the one being carried on by Russia. Communism purports to be out to put a stop to all the evils that society has known in the past, but practically, what has it done? It engulfed much of the world in the most brutal slavery ever known, and it is keeping the world an armed camp today.

Is It A Duty To Furnish Civic Leadership?

Many a minister becomes involved in all sorts of civic enterprises. He belongs to various organizations, and he is on this and that committee. A large portion of his time is taken up dealing with civic matters. He has no orders from God to do any of these things. Many such ministers have churches so worldly they stink. While he tries to curb the glaring evils, his own people go un instructed and are a reproach to the cause of Christ.

What Does The Church Owe The World?

It owes it THE GOSPEL (see Rom. 1:14). Each church owes it to the world to give it the gos-

pel—which is the good news of salvation and eternal life. Other things that a church can engage in are trivial in comparison with the giving of the gospel. The good news of eternal life is the most revolutionary news that people can ever hear. It turns life from failure to success. It turns death into victory. It has the power to change lives in a way that nothing else can or does. So often churches try to take over functions that can better be performed by other agencies, while neglecting to magnify the one great mission given of God. We Christians have the Word of eternal life. We can tell people how to live forever. No agency of this world has anything like that. Every church ought to lay itself out full length in spreading the news of eternal life just as far out into the darkness of the world as possible.

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fully with the world situation. Men's hearts are already failing them for fear, and everywhere there is perplexity among the nations. Thus it will continue until—

Until, in time, after others have failed, a man will arise who will seem to solve every problem. He will solve the financial problem. He will deal with unemployment and every man will be given a job. There will be plenty of money and an abundance of work. None will be idle. He will usher in peace and put an end to war. He will be heralded far and wide as the saviour of the world, the deliverer of humanity. Statesmen will gladly put everything in his hands. Governments will appoint him to supreme positions of authority and power. And he will be big enough for the job.

Thus prosperity will return, for all the problems of the world will at last be solved; and it will seem as though the Golden Age has been ushered in. He will be the greatest figure the world has ever seen. Men will idolize and worship him. All nations will do him honor.

And then — it will be discovered that he is none other than the Antichrist himself. The world will

Is there any dust on your Bible?

have been saved, for a time, but — at what a cost? Saved by the devil's christ. (See Rev. 13).

And so, things are heading up. The Drama of the End-Time approaches fast. Something is going to happen and happen soon. A change is at hand. If you, my friend, are sheltered by the Blood, if you have fled for refuge to Jesus Christ, if you have received Him as your own personal Saviour, then you are safe. But if not, you are in the greatest possible danger; for you may some day accept the Antichrist. Therefore, I warn you, be ready.



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an unbroken continuity of existence from Apostolic days down through the centuries. Throughout this long period they were bitterly persecuted for heresy, driven from country to country, disfranchised, deprived of their property, imprisoned, tortured and slain by the thousands, yet they swerved not from their New Testament Faith, Doctrine and Adherence.

That should be sufficient, but let us call to the witness stand one Mr. Alexander Campbell.

Question—Mr. Campbell, with which church were you first identified?

Answer—The Presbyterian.

Q—After leaving the Presby-

duced" (Campbell-McCalla Debate, p. 378).

Here it will not be out of place to call attention to what an historian says about certain ones going from Rome to the British Isles and aiding in the planting of the gospel there. Davis, in his History of the Welsh Baptists, page 7, says:

"We have nothing of importance to communicate respecting the Welsh Baptists, from this period (A. D. 63) to the year 180 when two ministers by the names of Faganus and Damicanus, who were born in Wales, but were born again in Rome, and there becoming eminent ministers of the gospel, were sent from Rome to assist their brethren in Wales."

As Baptists in America are in part descendants of the Welsh Baptists, this quotation from Davis' history shows that our Baptists here have a clear line of succession back to the apostolic days.

That should suffice for a short treatise as this article. But let us picture the old "Ship of Zion" as she floats down the stream of the centuries since our Lord's day on earth.

Through missionary efforts churches sprang up outside of Palestine in New Testament days, and even in foreign lands. The church at Rome had an early origin and before her trouble with the aspiring leaders in the third century, certain of her members carried the gospel to what we now know as the British Isles, and from there and Holland, Baptists came to America. Dr. John Clark and others organized the first Baptist Church in America, at Newport, Rhode Island, in A. D. 1638. Since that time many thousands of Baptists have sprung up in America and other

parts of the world as a result of American Baptist missionary efforts.

That was a Baptist church founded by Christ wearing Baptist baptism and sailing down the stream of time with the immortal Rock as her base and Eternity as her guide. By the time of the dashing, turbulent and tempestuous winds she proven indestructible, and amid the storms she has kept unfurled the banner of Prince Immanuel. The old ship moves on. The shifting sands of the desert roll the wary eyes of the uplifted head of the Sphinx but the ship moves on. Thrones top

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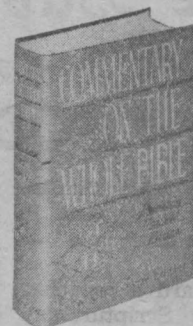
rulers seek refuge from the blast of war and nations kneel at thundering edicts of dictators punctuated with the resounding tramp of the feet of soldiers the old ship moves on. The granite peaks of the mountains might change their color might bow their stolid heads the stars might skip away from their homes, but the old Ship of Zion will live on. From the mouths of lions, the belching flames of fagots, the colorless walls of prisons, voices of millions of martyrs testifying to their faith of the church whose echo boomed back from the mountain of Zion—"The gates of hell shall prevail against it." And still the old ship moves on.

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terians, with which church did you identify yourself?

A.—The Baptist Church.

Q.—Why did you not remain with the Baptists?

A.—"The Baptists had, in the year 1827, declared non-fellowship with the brethren of the Reformation. Thus by constraint, not of choice, they were obliged to form societies out of those communities that split upon the ground of adherence to the apostles' doctrine" (Ency. of Religious Knowledge, p. 436).

Q.—But, Mr. Campbell, tell us in plain words what you think of the history of the Baptists who forced you out.

A.—"The Baptist denomination in all ages and in all countries has been, as a body, the constant asserters of the rights of man and the liberty of conscience. They have often been persecuted by Pedobaptists; but they never politically persecuted, though they have had it in their power" (A. Campbell on Baptism, p. 409 editions 1851 and 1853).

Q.—That's very good, Mr. Campbell, but can you not make at least one more statement?

A.—Yes here it is:
"Clouds of witnesses attest the fact, that before the Reformation from popery, and from the apostolic age, to the present time, the sentiments of Baptists, and the practice of baptism have had a continued chain of advocates, and public monuments of their existence in every century can be pro-

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"SELF EXPRESSION"

The term, "self-expression" is indeed one of the most over worked phrases in use by the behaviouristic philosophers and psychological experts.

It is the sweet morsel of pedagogical nincompoops aimed at breaking down parental discipline.

It is a device to take away all restraining influences over the child's development.

It gives free play to the animalistic impulses and tendencies of the little tots. Give them free play of all their natural instincts, otherwise you will be responsible for warping their personalities!

When a child has an impulse to scream, let him scream; and when he is demanding, by all means yield to his demands.

If the child has antisocial tendencies, just let him alone. He is to be humored rather than scolded; if down-right disobedient, do not punish but try to "understand" the child.

Parents must be careful to accede to every whim of the child, give him everything he wants within the parents' ability to give. This might wreck the family finances, but, never mind, they can recover after the child finishes growing up!

All I can say is, if you raise a child like that you are a fool and the child is a brat. Many of you have lived to see it, much to your never-dying sorrow and chagrin.

This discipline is required because the parent loves his child, and realizes that he must be carefully and firmly trained; the child is unable to make a proper adjustment to life without such discipline.

Discipline is demanded of parents:

Prov. 13:24: "He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes." See also Prov. 22:15.

Prov. 22:15: "Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child: but the rod of correction shall drive it from him."

Prov. 23:13: "Withhold not correction from the child."

Prov. 29:15: "The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame."

Prov. 22:6: "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

And Ephesians 6:4, firmly commands parents to "bring their children up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord."

"My son, despise not the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him: for whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom He receiveth. If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons: for what son is he whom his father chasteneth not? But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards and not sons." (Heb. 12:5-8).

May God help parents to be consistent in the most important business in the world — child training!

—Capitol Comment.

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Dagon had fallen off of his pedestal, onto the ground; they picked him up and set him back up on his pedestal. The next morning they went out and found that Dagon had fallen over a second time, and had broken himself to pieces, whereupon these Philistines decided that their god wasn't very powerful, in that he couldn't take care of himself. Therefore, they said, "We had better take better care of him than what we have been doing," and thus they decided to send the ark on to another of the Philistine cities.

You recall, I am sure, how that when the ark was sent to the second capital city of the Philistines that the mice overran the country at the time of the wheat harvest. This was devastating to them, in that it destroyed their food, so they said, "We are going to get rid of this ark," and they sent it on to another capital city.

When the ark got to the third of these capital cities, the men

of that place were all smitten with hemorrhoids, and they said, "We'll send it on to the next city." The others threw up their hands and said, "No, don't send it over here. We have heard what happened to Dagon. We have heard how the mice overran the wheat fields. We have heard how the men of your city have all been smitten with hemorrhoids. You keep the ark or else get rid of it. We don't want it to be sent over here to us."

So they said, "If that be true, maybe this thing is of the Lord. It could be that God is back of our experience." So they decided upon a very ingenious way to find out whether it was Lord or luck. They wanted to know whether or not it was God that had smitten Dagon, and had smitten their country with mice, and had smitten the men with hemorrhoids. They wanted to know whether God was back of it, or whether it was just pure luck and chance. So they took a cart and loaded on to it this ark, which was symbolic of God's presence.

Then they took two young heifers that were nursing their first calves and hooked these heifers onto this cart. You know they say there isn't any dumb animal that is any more foolish about its offspring than a young heifer. Accordingly, they figured that if these heifers left their calves and carried the ark back into the country of the Israelites, that certainly it was the Lord that was back of it all, and if the heifers didn't leave their calves, but stayed there, they would conclude then that it was just luck — that the things just happened by chance. Beloved, when they loaded that ark onto the cart, and turned those young heifers loose, the Word of God says that those heifers started straight toward Beth-shemesh, over into the country of the Israelites. Not only did they start straight toward Israel's country, but they went along peaceably, going back to Palestinian soil and leaving their own calves, which was contrary to nature. The people said, "This thing must be of the Lord. This must not be luck; this must be the Lord."

Beloved, to me that is plainly a case of providence. I ask you, why was it that those heifers left their calves, which was contrary to nature? Why was it that those heifers went leisurely, lowing along their way? Why was it that those heifers carried this ark back

trips around the city. When the thirteenth time came that they went around the city, they shouted, and the Word of God says that the walls of that city fell down flat. God had said that all the spoil in the city of Jericho belonged to Him — the hats and the dresses, the shoes and the coats, the pants and the shirts, the money, the gold and the silver — it all belonged to God. Other cities that they conquered later were to be divided among the people, but the spoil of Jericho belonged to God.

There was one man who couldn't wait for them to conquer another city. He saw a goodly Babylonian garment, and a wedge of gold, and a wedge of silver. I rather imagine that when Achan saw these, that his covetous soul got the better of him, to the extent that he picked them up, hurried home, dug down into the ground under his tent and covered over this new suit of clothes, the wedge of gold, and the wedge of silver. Achan had big ideas for the future. One of these days, he figured, Israel was going to be through with the warfare of taking the land of Palestine from these heathen nations. He concluded that when the war was over, he would dress up in that new suit of clothes, styled straight from Babylon, and he would go down the street with silver in one pocket and gold in the other. He was going to be somebody when the war was over.

However, the Word of God tells us how the Lord saw to it that the next day when the children of Israel went out to battle against the little city of Ai, just a short distance away, that they were smitten by the people of Ai. The Word of God says that 36 of the Israelites died as a result of the battle of Ai. Then the people came back and fell on their faces before Moses, and said, "God said He was going to take care of us, and give us victory, but God has let us down."

Oh, how easy it was for them to say that God had broken His promise, but, beloved, God hadn't broken His promise. Moses said, "There is sin in the camp. Somebody has done wrong." Therefore, when the mourning was over for these 36 that had died, and when the burial had taken place, then it was that Moses called the people together and said:

"In the morning therefore ye shall be brought according to your tribes: and it shall be, that the tribe which the Lord taketh shall come according to the families thereof; and the family which the Lord shall take shall come by households; and the household which the Lord shall take shall come man by man." — Josh. 7:14.

I am satisfied when Achan heard that it may have caused him just a little compunction of conscience. I am sure that Achan said, "Well, there are three million of us, and I am just one. They just have one chance in three million to catch me. That was pretty big odds that Achan had. He had the odds, but Moses had God.

Now, beloved, I want you to see in this instance that it isn't odds that count, but that it is God that counts. The next day, when they started the process of elimination, they chose the tribe of Judah, which was Achan's

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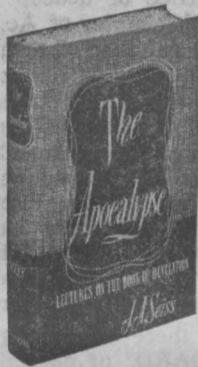
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into the country of Israel? Why was it that it happened? Was it just luck? Was it just chance? Did it just happen to take place? No, beloved friends; it wasn't luck, but it was the Lord. I am saying that is a plain example of the providential dealings of God — that God's providence extends even to dumb beasts — that God's providence can cause a dumb brute to go in the direction that He desires that animal should go. God's providence can extend to dumb brutes to the extent that they will go contrary to nature and forget their own offspring. Thus they carried this ark back home to Israel.

Now this is providence. Is it any wonder that the Apostle Paul said, "In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."

II

ACHAN.

Do you remember how the children of Israel were victorious when they first entered into the land of Canaan, in that they conquered the city of Jericho? They marched around that old heathen city of Jericho once each day for six days, and then on the seventh day they made seven

tribe. Right then, Achan lost eleven-twelfths of his odds. Then the Word of God says that they called for the families, and they called for the family of the Zarhites, which was Achan's family. Then the family of Zabdi was chosen. Achan now knows that luck is fast running out. He knows that the odds are fast disappearing. Then they called for the household; and then they called for the man, and the finger fell on Achan. The odds were one out of three million that they would catch him, but odds like that mean nothing to God. That is providence.

Lets turn to the Word of God for a confirmation of this. Listen: "The lot is cast into the lap; but the whole disposing thereof is of the Lord." — Prov. 16:33.

The word "lot" means "vote." The lap was an ancient form of voting. They would take all the pieces of paper that they might write on, and cast it into somebody's lap, and then they would count the votes. Solomon said, "The lot, or the vote, is cast into the lap, but the whole disposing thereof is of the Lord."

I am not a bit pleased with the man who has been elected president of the United States. I like "Him" a whole lot better than I like the President. I'd come a whole lot nearer voting for "Him" to be president, than I would for LBJ. I guess you know that Him is his beagle. But may I say this — LBJ was elected president of the United States because it was the will of God that he be president. I am saying to you, beloved, God is back of every vote that is cast. Solomon says that the vote is cast, but the disposing of it is of the Lord. God directs it.

Now take that verse of Scripture back to Achan. Can't you see Achan when they started this process of elimination, when he knew that he had the odds on (Continued on page 4, column 3)

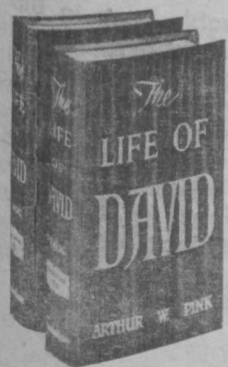
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Should the Board of Deacons "run" a Baptist Church?



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There are two things that I do not understand about this question. First. What is a "Board of Deacons"?

Nowhere do I read in the Bible of such a thing as a "Board of Deacons." We do have the work of the deacons outlined in Acts 6:1-4, and the qualifications of a deacon outlined in I Timothy 3:8-13. None of these qualifications or duties would suggest or condone such a thing as a "Board of Deacons."

Second. What do you mean "run a Baptist Church"?

Nobody "runs" a Baptist Church. In Acts 20:17-35 we are given the account of Paul teaching the Elders (or Pastors). In verse 28 the pastor is told to watch the flock because he is the overseer. This does not teach that the pastor runs the church. Certainly if anyone could be justified to "run" the church it would be the pastor and not the deacons.

If God saw fit to place me in a church with a board who runs it, I would be more than happy to teach the church away from such a mess; but, if I could have my 'druthers' I would rather not have to face a mess like that.

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As this question is stated I am forced to say "yes" a Board of Deacons does run many of our Baptist churches today. However, I believe the person who sent in this question really meant, "Should a Board of Deacons run a Baptist Church?" To this question my answer is a "no" that I wish might be heard around the world. We are living in a day when it seems that many Baptists are copying after the protestants who in turn have copied after their mother's hierarchy. And as the Israelites of old grew tired of being ruled by Jehovah and asked for a king like other nations it seems that most Bap-

tists have grown tired of our Lord's headship over His churches. And in place of the consistory, the synod and the general assembly they have their "Boards" galore all the way up to the mighty convention, or association as the case may be. These "Boards" have boarded in the churches and boarded out the Lord of glory to the extent that most Baptist churches have less freedom of action than a frog in a snake's stomach, and our dear Lord that bought them has even less.

Deacons have no more authority to run a Baptist Church than the newest, or the youngest member of the church has. His life before the church should be such as would cause him to have more influence, but no more authority. It is so hard for Baptists to stay clear of protestant thinking and practices.



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The Holy Spirit is the administrator over the work of Christ on earth. He has never given authority to a board of deacons to run the government of a Baptist Church. When a group of deacons come together for the purpose of dictating the policy of a Baptist Church, they do so without Biblical authority.

The first church when selecting deacons did so with the full understanding that they were to be servants, rather than dictators. The head of a Baptist church (Jesus Christ) reveals to us who is to run the government of His church.

"Howbeit when He, the spirit of truth is come, He will guide you into all truth"—John 16:13.

It is the Holy Spirit who runs a Baptist church; this He does, not through the board of deacons, but through the whole multitude.

"And the saying pleased the whole multitude, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolas a proselyte of Antioch"—Acts 6:5.

The Holy Spirit has not changed the policy of the selection by the whole multitude as the policy of a Baptist church.

Further proof that the board of deacons is not to run a Baptist church is found in Rev. 2 and 3. John in writing to the seven

churches of Asia, wrote to the angel (pastor) of the church, not to the board of deacons. Even the apostles did not take to themselves dictatorial powers, for when they met with the church to select one to take the place of Judas Iscariot they all cast lots, and the lot fell upon Matthias. There were one hundred and twenty present and all cast lots.

A Baptist church is run by majority vote rather than by a board of deacons. A board of deacons, nor any other board, does not have the God-given right to run a Baptist church.

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Yes, in all too many cases the "Board of Deacons" runs the church. I have never seen a well run church that was run by deacons, and there is a good reason for this. Deacons are not called of God in the sense that ministers are, and they are out of their proper place when they run things. God calls men to be "overseers" over his flocks, and these men are designated "bishops, elders, or shepherds (pastors). They are never designated "deacons." If the beginning of the office of deacon is found in the 6th chapter of Acts, as I fully believe, then deacons exist for the purpose of helping the ministry—taking from them the burden of material things such that they can more readily give themselves to "prayer and ministry of the Word." (Acts 6:4). However, this certainly does not mean that they are to take over and run things without regard to the God-called ministers.

Incidentally, there is no Scripture for a "BOARD" of deacons. The term and meaning of the word "Board" has been added. In many instances deacons consider it their prerogative to both hire and fire pastors. Such deacons need firing, and I could almost add, with a good swift kick in the pants. A pastor has as much right to fire a deacon as the deacon has to fire the pastor, and neither has such right. The church is the authority in both cases. In some cases deacons come to assume leadership in churches because pastors lack leadership. They lack initiative and lack the courage to prevent deacons from taking over.

The writer of these lines is certainly not prejudiced against deacons because of his own experience. During a lifetime in the pastorate I got along splendidly with deacons, but nevertheless I have observed many abuses of power on the part of deacons.



"God's Providence"

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his side — when he knew that there was only one chance out of three million that they would get him? The tribes were moved out of the way. Families were moved out of the way. Households were moved out of the way. They got down to the family of Achan, and then the finger pointed to Achan himself. Beloved, that is the providence of God. I am saying that behind, before, beside, above, and beneath every event that takes place, is the providential dealings of Almighty God.

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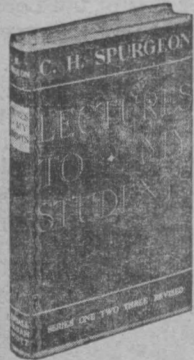


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The head of the British Bar Association said at the trial of the accused spy, Dr. Klaus Fuchs, that the defendant was "intellectually brilliant but morally ignorant and blind."

Such moral sickness is unfortunately not confined to some isolated cases of unpatriotic criminals. It seems to be the very fiber of our neurotic generation. Modern man has developed a form of spiritual schizophrenia, holding truth as an intellectual tenet even to the point of debate and yet not allowing it to have the slightest effect upon experience or conduct.

This condition is not only true of the classroom or society in general, but it is a mark of the

modern church. Paul prophesied in Second Timothy 4:3 that "the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine." That time comes whenever doctrine no longer results in obedience. We might even say that today's doctrine is not really sound at all, for true soundness always issues in right living.

Setting aside for the moment the prophetic aspect of this text and the observation that the fault lies in the will ("they will not endure"), let us define sound doctrine itself. It is first of all, correct doctrine. This means that it has no error in it, no bit of heresy; nothing is added. It is that kind described in Titus 2:7, "showing uncorruptness." To corrupt something is to add something foreign to it. Milk is pure

as it comes from the cow; pure wool comes from the sheep—no cotton, rayon or synthetic is added. Pure doctrine is likewise what comes from the Word of God.

Moreover, sound doctrine is not only pure, it is complete. We speak of someone as being "safe and sound," meaning uninjured and with nothing missing. To say that something is as "sound as a dollar" means that it has full value. Soundness in doctrine is just that. It is what Paul called in Acts 20:27 "the whole counsel of God" (ASV).

Satan's method of corrupting doctrine has been obvious from the beginning. It is not only to add something to truth; it is just as often to take something away, to make it incomplete. The church always has been plagued with the heresy of partial truth, the "heresy of emphasis," as someone has called it. Early in history it was legalism, antinomianism, gnosticism and other errors. In our day, when cults and schisms flourish, denominationalism is reacting by going to the other extreme of union. Divine illumination alone will keep us from losing the heart of truth when in the name of unity it is being called nonessential.

The climate of our day is one of intellectual pride, with the insistence that truth is relative and that nothing is absolute. Even evangelicals are beginning to feel uncertain. Neat slogans are swallowed without even being tasted. "We preach Christ, not a creed," we hear, and "Let us propagate the gospel, not argue about it." It is true that the propagation of the gospel is important, but so is its preservation. Let us sound forth the truth, but first let us make certain that what we send forth is the truth.

Worse than incorrect and incomplete doctrine, however, is unapplied doctrine. The application of sound doctrine to life makes truth more than an intellectual concert, more than an accumulation of facts. The English word "doctrine" is found forty-nine times in the King James Version of the New Testament. There are three Greek words thus translated, two of them translated forty-eight times as "doctrine" and also appearing in other references as "taught," "teaching" and "learning." In all but four of the passages there is clear emphasis upon conduct and duty.

Fourteen times the word is mentioned in the Gospels, describing the ministry of Jesus. We read several times that the people were astonished at His doctrine. He warned against the doctrine of the Pharisees and Sadducees, calling it leaven and pointing out their hypocrisy in honoring God with their lips while their hearts were far from Him. To Jesus, doc-

trine was a matter of the heart.

In the Book of Acts the word occurs four times. At Mars' Hill the philosophers requested Paul to make known this "new doctrine." They were wrong in thinking that his teaching was just another presentation of philosophical speculations, given in words that would sound beautiful to the ear as from the tongue of a gifted orator. Paul's doctrine included the creation, the resurrection and coming judgment. The real issue is pointed out by the record of his audience's response to what he said: some mocked, although others believed. Doctrine is to be believed.

Paul used this word "doctrine" twenty-five times (counting the three passages in Hebrews). In his epistles he speaks of "my" doctrine, sound doctrine, uncorrupt doctrine, good doctrine, and doctrine according to godliness. He warns against diverse doctrine, strange doctrines, doctrines of men, doctrines of devils, contrary doctrine and winds of doctrine. An interesting illustration of his practical emphasis is in Titus 2:1, where he exhorts Titus to speak "the things which be-

come sound doctrine." In verse 10 he says that Christians ought to "adorn" the doctrine of God. Doctrine, to Paul, was always practical and he pictured it as needing a "becoming" or "fit-

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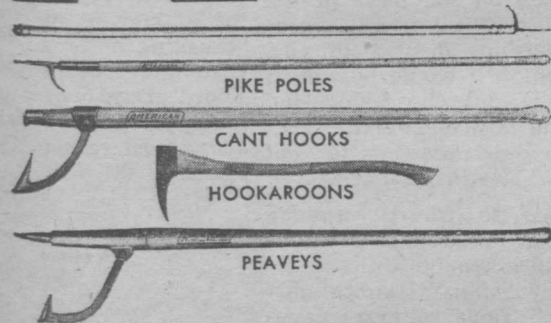
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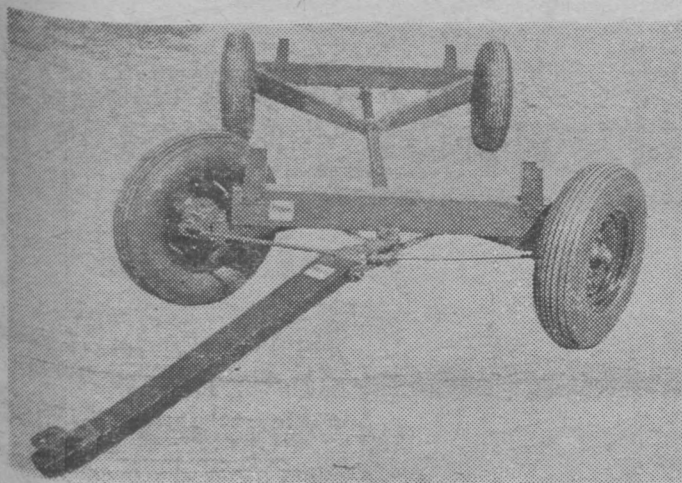


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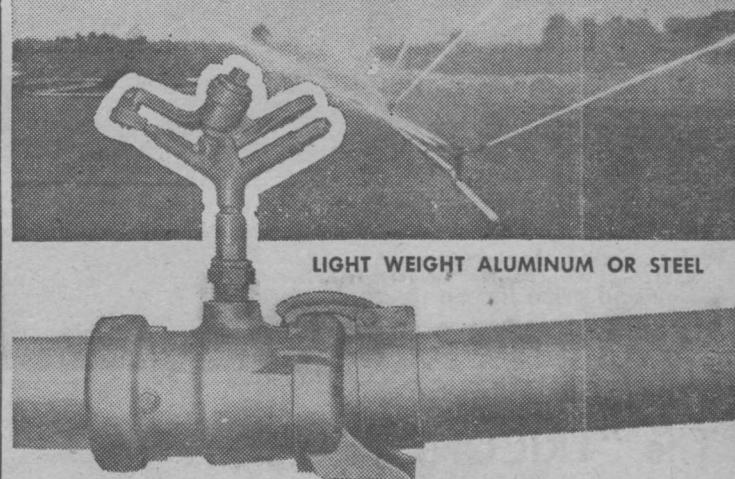
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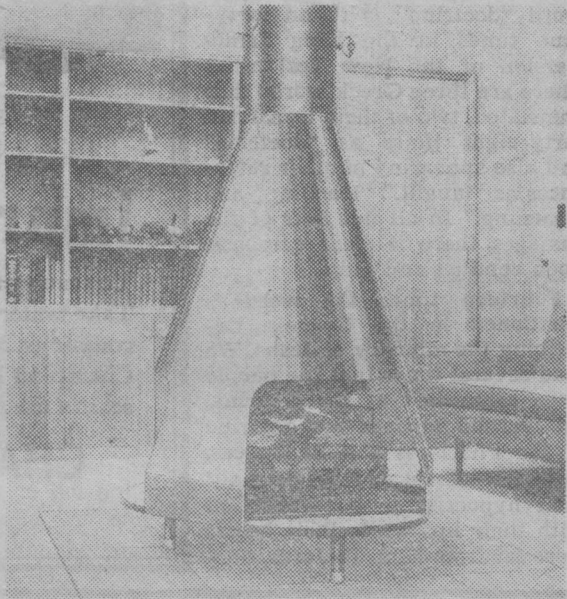
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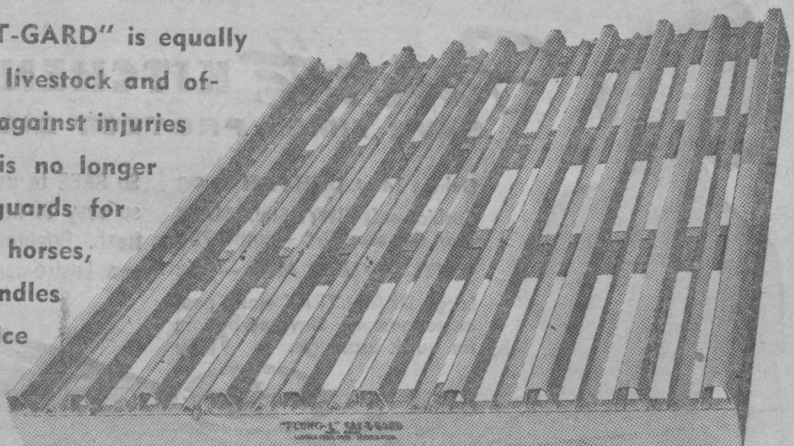
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Let's go to Church Sunday nights: Our fathers did. Old ministers used to announce that services would begin "at lamp-lighting time." Their religious devotions grew the moral fiber that largely made our culture what it is. Is yours as strong as theirs? Will the future be as strong? Your children's world, for instance?

Let's go to Church Sunday nights: Jesus did. It was in the

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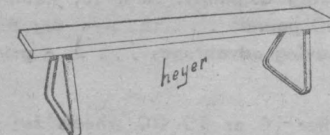
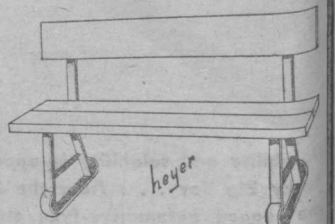
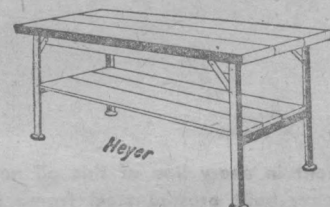
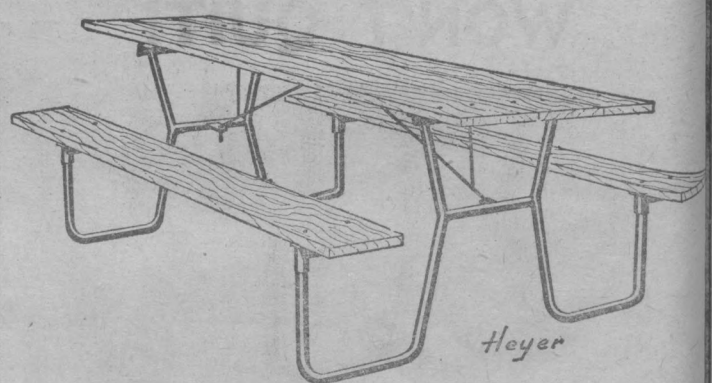
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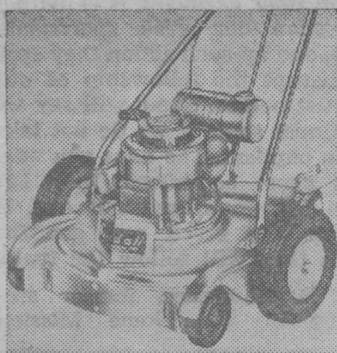
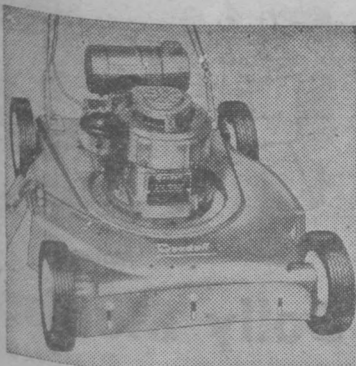
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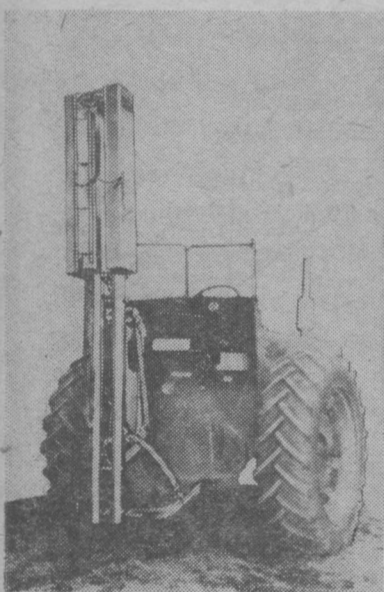
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George W. Truett said, "Bap-

tism must be administered by a proper administrator. This ordinance, as well as the Lord's Supper, has been committed to the church. Then the church ALONE can legally administer it."

B. H. Carroll said, "So baptism was committed to His church to be administered by officers of its own appointment, until the end of the world. No organization can stand which leaves to aliens the administration of its laws."

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Baptists are the only people

who can administer baptism in accord with the death, burial and resurrection significance of the ordinance. If we accept the baptism of other denominations it will be at the expense of Baptist conscience, position, principles and practice. If this baptism is considered scriptural and valid the society administering it must be considered scriptural and valid. A false church cannot administer a scriptural baptism. The practice of "smuggling" members into our Baptist churches from other denominations by the way of an "off brand" Baptist church, which accepts alien immersion, is down right deceitful. It is neither Christian nor good sportsmanship, and by such action they seek to disrupt the fellowship of our Baptist bodies. Some will say we will miss some if we do not take their baptism. *The ones you miss will never be missed.* In a life time I have missed but one. If people are saved and get the truth they will follow the truth.

J. B. Lawrence, former secretary of the Home Mission

Board, said, "I do not believe in alien immersion, nor open communion — I believe in strict adherence to believers baptism and the administration of a New Testament Church." Every Baptist should say, Amen.

Brethren. I think I know (Continued on page 10, column 1)



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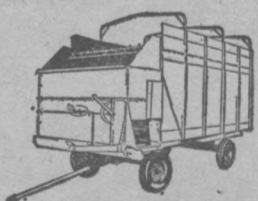
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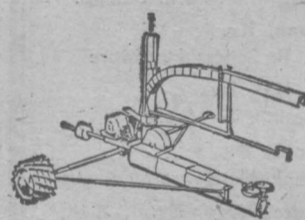
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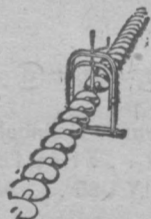
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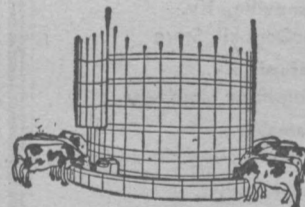
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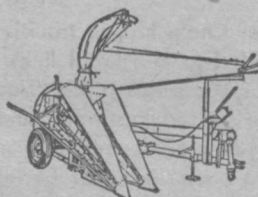
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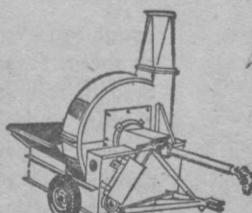
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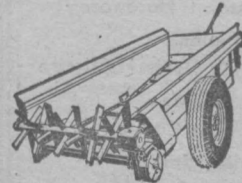
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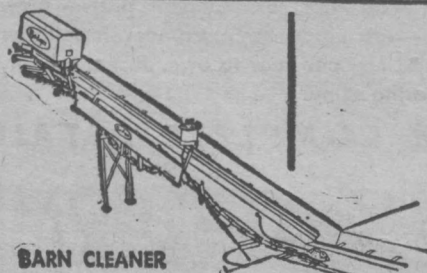
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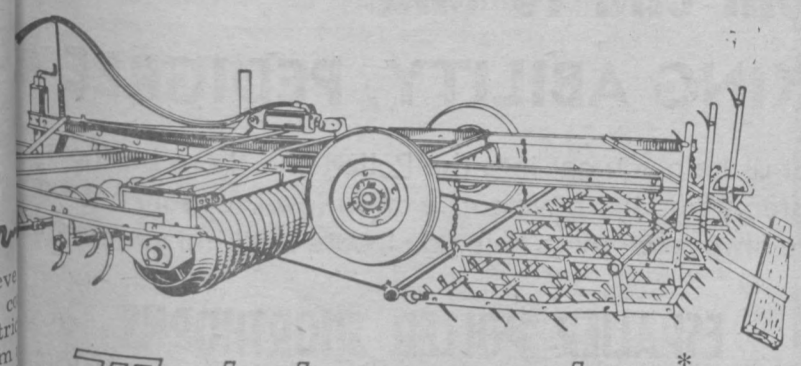
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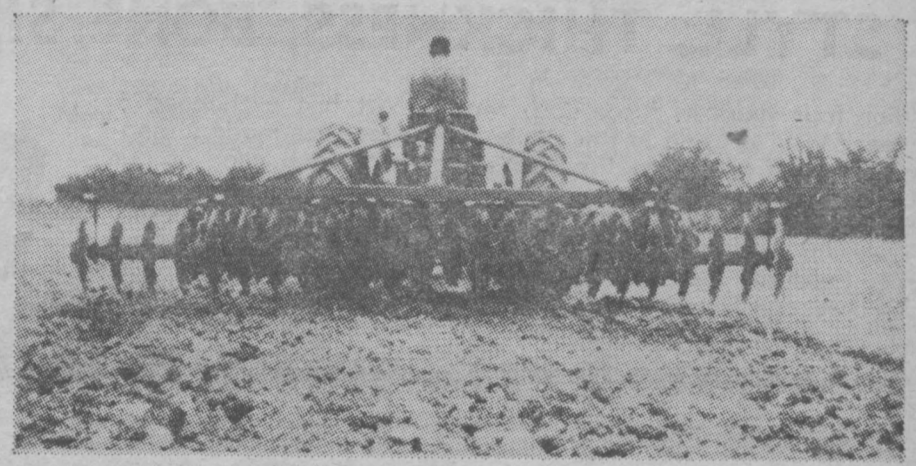
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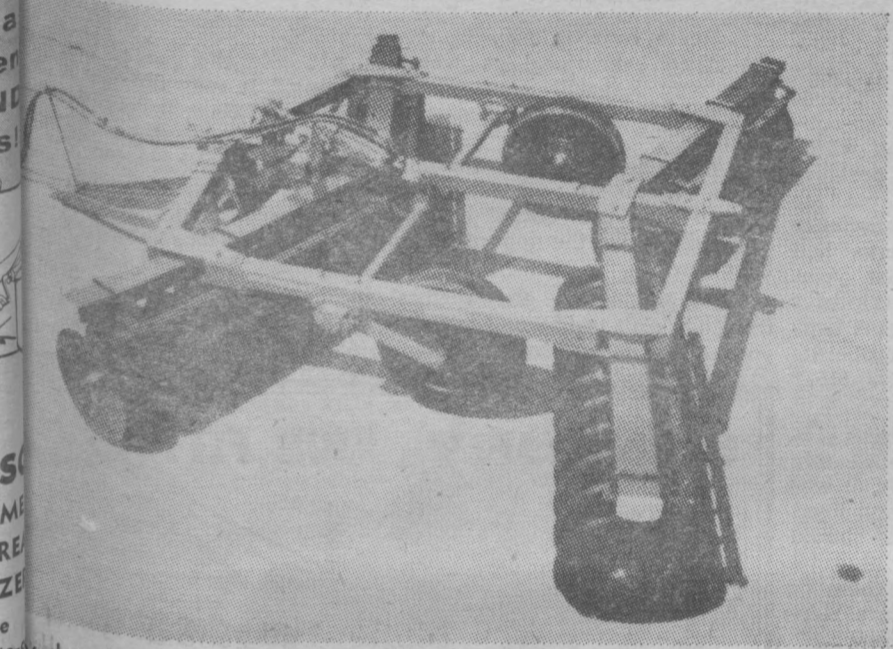


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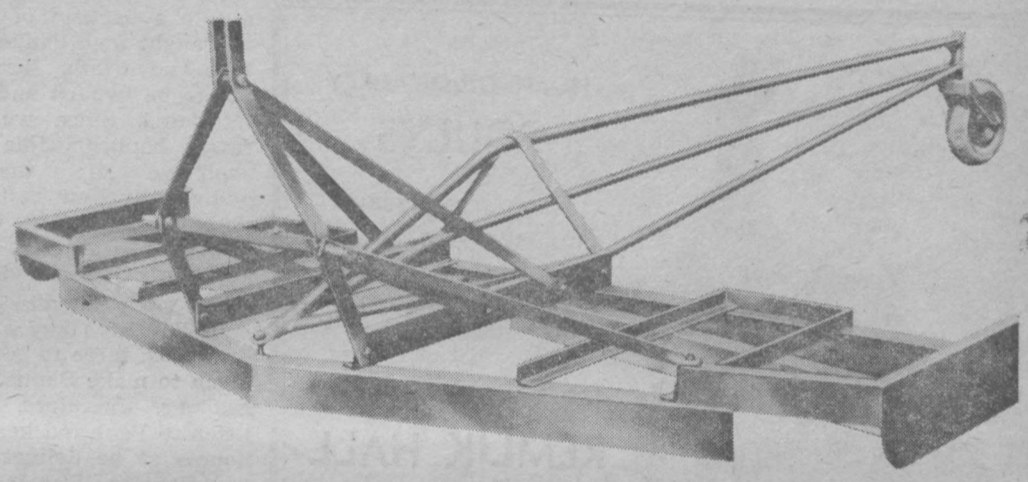
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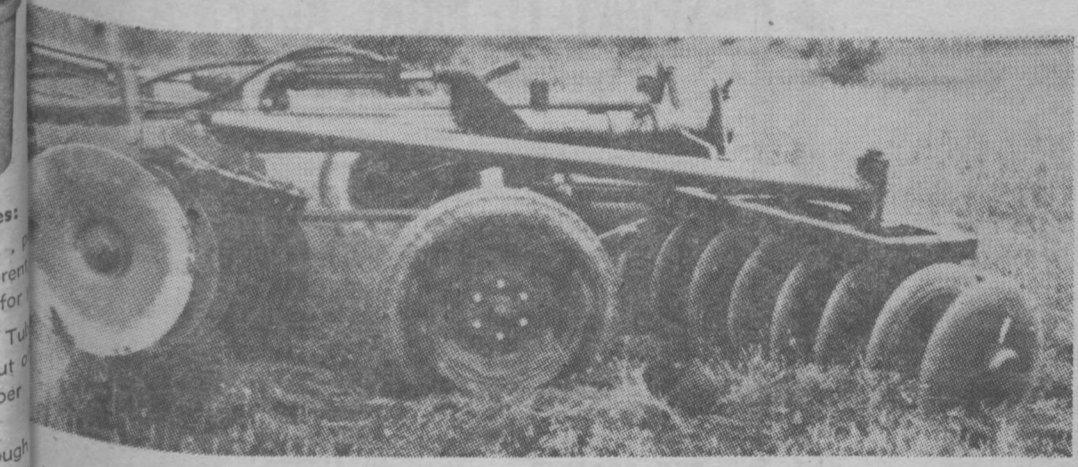
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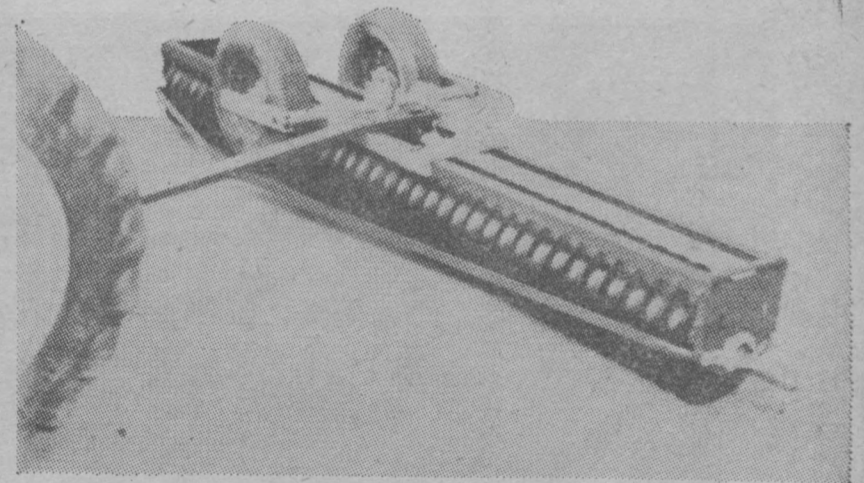
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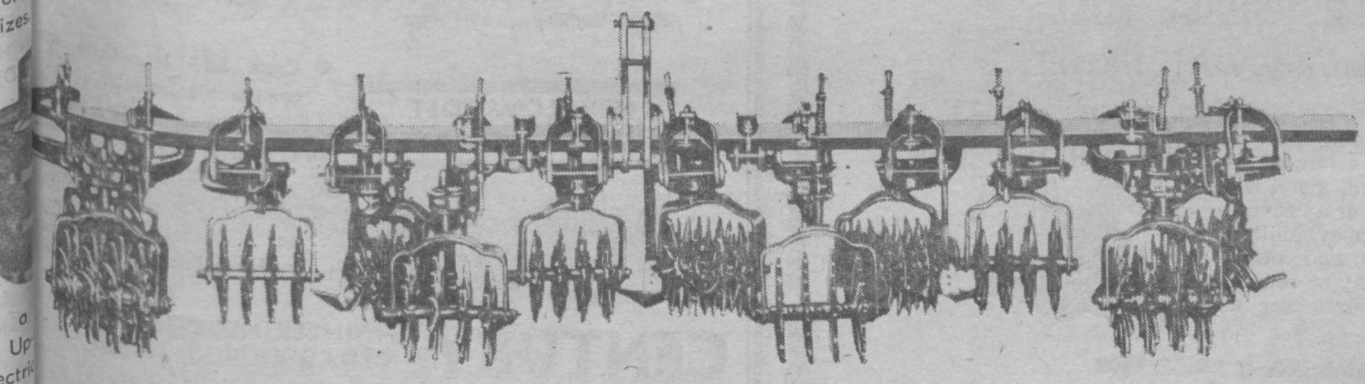
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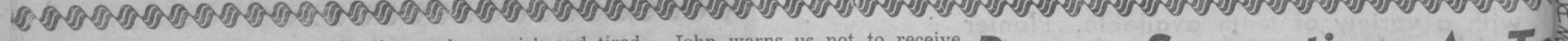
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Great Commission

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tists, I have preached in most of the counties of my own commonwealth, and in more than half of the states in the Union. Pastors by the hundreds and laymen by

the thousands are sick and tired of this stuff of alien immersion and open communion being crammed down the throats of our young preachers.
Paul said, "A man who is an heretick after the first and second admonition reject."

John warns us not to receive heretics nor bid them God's speed lest we be partakers of their evil deeds.

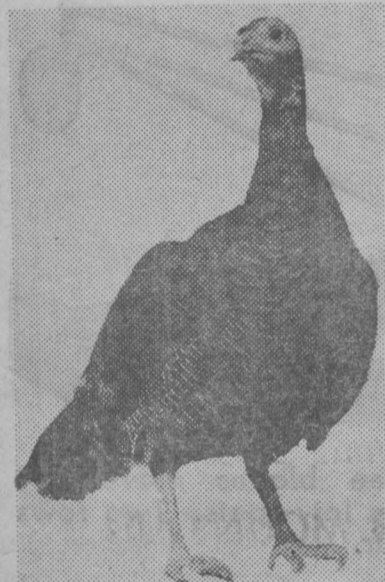
Baptism is of divine origin, its purpose is divinely stated, its depository is divinely fixed in the New Testament. Tampering with it is divinely forbidden. Therefore, no one is at liberty to substitute a baptism of men which is fraught with dangers, destruction and death. Scriptures are not to be twisted and conscience murdered. Since we have had fewer baptisms this last year, shall we violate the scriptures and destroy New Testament baptism by accepting Campbellite detergent in order to get another addition? God forbid.

The great Commission was given to Baptists (they were the only ones back there to get it). It was given to make Baptists and loyal Baptists. Therefore, we should listen to Paul and keep the ordinances as he delivered them to us.—Baptist Bible Institute Herald, Mayfield, Kentucky.

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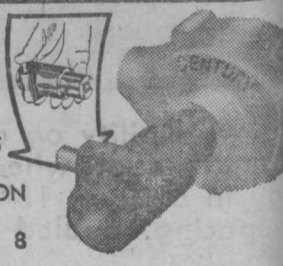


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1—The True New Testament Church is of Great Importance in the Life of a Christian and the Word of God.

2—The Church is the Place for Baptized Believers. (Acts 18:8;)

3—The Church administers the Ordinances. (I Cor. 11:2;)

4—The Church commissions missionaries. (Acts 13:1-4;)

4—The Church is the storehouse of the Tithes. (Mal. 3:10; I Cor. 16:1-2;)

5—The Church is the agent of God's Glory. (Eph. 3:21;)

II—The True New Testament Church Is Independent of all Other Churches In Its Actions.

1—They choose their own officers. (Acts 6:1-5;)

2—They received their own members. (Acts 9:26-30;)

3—They dismiss their own members. (I Cor. 5:11-13;)

4—They dispense their own monies. (Phil. 4:14-16;)

No other organization existed in the New Testament to do the will and work of God, except the New Testament Church.

There were no mission boards, Bible schools, evangelistic crusades, youth movements and Conferences. Each church was its own Bible School and its own mission society. Nothing takes the place of

a New Testament church. It is due our support, faithful attendance and prayer. It is wrong to send our tithes to Radio "Pastors", Evangelists and even missionaries, unless it is given through the church.

A person who would call himself a follower of Christ and play down His church is not much of a follower.

I learned the Bible through T. B. E. I appreciate your boldness in standing for the truth and the sovereignty of God.

—John M. Alber
Calif.

Raise A Crook

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ing the responsibility onto others.

- 6. Let him read any printed matter he can get his hands on. Be careful the sawware and drinking glasses are sterilized, but let his mind feed on garbage.
- 7. Quarrel frequently in the presence of the children. Then they won't be too shocked when the home is broken up.
- 8. Give the child all the spending money he wants. Never let him earn his own. Why should he have things as tough as you had them?
- 9. Satisfy his every craving for food, drink, and comfort. See that every desire is gratified. Denial may lead to harmful frustrations.

10. Take his part against the neighbors, teachers, and policemen. They are all prejudiced against your child.

- 11. When he gets into real trouble, apologize for yourselves by saying, "I never could do anything with him."
 - 12. Prepare for a life of grief—you will have it.
- from The Presbyterian Journal
- "Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it."
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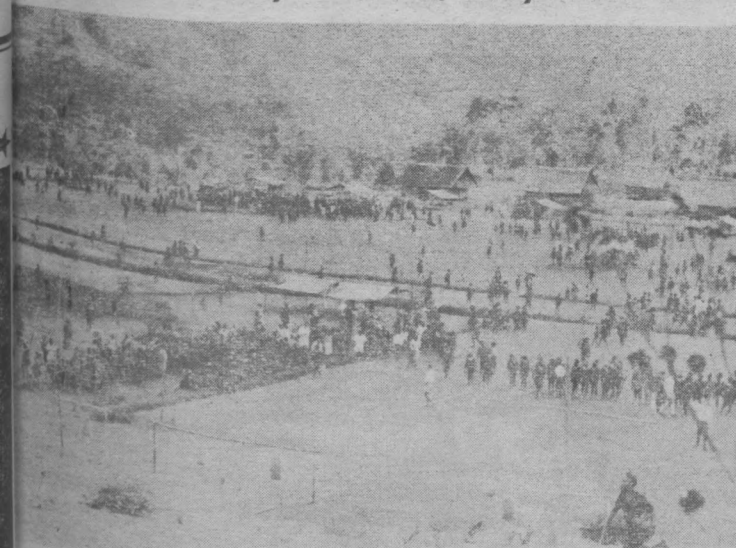
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I. UMING

Many of you have read in T.B.E. about Brother I. Uming, the Solomon Island native that God led our way while we lived in Bulolo and then again to the Mission Station here in the Southern Highlands of New Guinea, to study with me. In this picture you see Brother Uming, a man that is dear to my heart. Brother Uming had to cut his studies with me short due to one of his boys having a very bad sickness. While here he averaged several hours each day in the study of the Word under my supervision and he had an amazingly good grasp of the Word of God by the time he left. He is an ardent student of the Word and he will continue his studies in his home land and via correspondence with me. He is going back to start a Baptist work among the people of the Solomon Islands. I expect to visit him and spend several days there preaching and teaching, within about two months from now. I baptized Brother Uming while he was here. This work in the Solomon Islands has been an outgrowth of our ministry here and we are truly thankful to God for permitting our ministry to reach out to these dark corners of the South Pacific. I feel that God is going to open up more of these islands to our ministry. We ask you to pray for Brother Uming and his ministry.

These Souls In Levani Valley Will Live Eternally



In this picture you see one of our buildings where we meet to hold services in the Levani Valley. About 180 people live in the vicinity of this building and all of them attend every service. Five individuals made professions of faith in Christ here at this place the last time I preached there. This place is dismal and lonely but the Sun of Righteousness has begun to shine there now and we look forward to a brighter future.



In this picture Brother Crace is inspecting a stone axe. Mostly one sees steel axes in this area now, but it was a rare thing to see anything but a stone axe when I first came in here just over 3 years ago. This picture was taken just outside one of our meeting houses and not too far from the Mission.



This is another picture made in the Levani and is a close-up of the folk that attend the services when we go there to preach. None of the folk in this picture are professing Christians. Seldom does a day go by but what it rains in the Levani and it was raining at the time that this picture was made. The objects that you see draped over the heads of these people are a type of umbrella made of banana tree bark. They are very effective in shielding off the rain.

"God's Providence"

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 If you do not find the name of the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit, and that in the book of Esther. Though you don't find the name of God in every chapter, God manifests Himself in the book of Esther in a providential way. Her was chosen to be queen, if you will notice carefully,

as you read the book of Esther, you will find that her choosing was on a very low basis. She was chosen from the standpoint of a fleshy lust. She just happened, we would say, from a fleshy standpoint, to please old king Ahasuerus more than any of the balance of the women of his harem. I ask you, why was it that Esther pleased him more than any of the balance of the women of his harem? Let's just be honest about it. Why was it that some of his other women weren't just as pretty? Why was it that some of those other women weren't just as vivacious? The Word of God says that she was the one that was chosen to become his queen. You ask why. I'll tell you, beloved; God was directing.

I see the turn of events. Her uncle, Mordecai, in the providence of God, was able to save the life of king Ahasuerus, but nobody gave him any concern. He was forgotten, and no reward was given to him. The king probably didn't know who it was that gave the warning that there was treason abroad in his household. At any rate, Ahasuerus never rewarded Mordecai for saving his life. In the providence of God, that was strange. You would think that the king would ask who it was that gave the warning — who it was that told them that these men were rising up in treason against them, but he didn't do it. I ask, why didn't king Ahasuerus inquire as to the man to whom he was indebted for his life? I'll tell you why. Because God intended it that way.

In the providence of God, there was a man in that country by the name of Haman, and he hated Mordecai, and he wanted to put Mordecai to death — so much so that he goes home one night and builds a gallows 90 feet in the air. He is going to hang Mordecai on that 90 foot gallows the next day. He is certain that the king will give him his way. He is so certain the king will listen to him, that he goes ahead and builds the gallows before he asks the king's permission to kill Mordecai. I ask you why it was

that Haman proceeded to build that gallows on which to hang a man without getting the king's permission first to do so? I'll tell you, beloved. It was God that directed him.

While Haman is building that gallows, Ahasuerus has a sleepless night. Did you ever stop to think that maybe a sleepless night is of the Lord? Well, Ahasuerus couldn't sleep. What do you do when you can't sleep? Get an aspirin? Drink hot milk? Play the radio until the music puts you to sleep? Of all the strange schemes to induce sleep that I have ever heard of, Ahasuerus used the strangest. He might have had his orchestra come in and play music, but he didn't do it. He might have had one of his story tellers tell him a story, but he didn't do it. He might have had his singers to sing for him, but he didn't do it. What did he do? He said, "Bring me a book." The Word of God tells us that this was the way that he expected to get his rest. He expected to have them read to him a bedtime story and that he himself would be put to sleep thereby.

Can you imagine a great man like Ahasuerus, ruler over a great country, 127 provinces, yet he couldn't buy ten minute's sleep that night? He said, "You bring the records of the chronicles." You would have thought that there would have been enough bloodshed, and enough crime, and

enough injustice, and enough of man's inhumanity to man in those court records that it would have driven sleep from his mind for a thousand years. You would think he never would have gone to sleep again. I ask you why it was that Ahasuerus said, "You bring me a book out of the court records." I'll tell you beloved: it was God that directed it so. There were 127 provinces in that country. That meant there would be a court record of all those 127 provinces. How was it that when the man went into the library to get the book, that he got the exact book out of the 127 that told the story of Mordecai saving the life of king Ahasuerus? When he brought the book in (and evidently it was a large book because it was the book that had to do with Shushan, which was the leading province of all the 127), I ask you why it was that it opened to the very page that told the story of Mordecai saving the life of Ahasuerus? Why didn't he get one of the other 126 books, and when he did get this book, why didn't he

open it to the front or back of the book? Why did it have to open to this very page that told about the story of Mordecai? I'll tell you why, beloved. God was directing. That is providence. When the story was read as to how a man had saved the king's life, the king said, "My life? And what did I do for him?" The man read on, and then said, "Not a thing is recorded." The king said, "Do you mean to say that a man saved my life and I didn't do anything to reward him?" Beloved, the king who had the book brought in to be read to him so that he might go to sleep, doesn't want to go to sleep now. Now he wants to stay awake. Now he wants to take care of the man that has taken care of him. Now he wants to reward the man who should have been rewarded before. He is not interested in sleep; he is interested now in paying his just debt to this man. The Word of God indicates that he never went back to sleep that night. Instead, he (Continued on page 7, column 1)

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"FOR WHAT IS A MAN PROFITED, IF HE SHALL GAIN THE WHOLE WORLD, AND LOSE HIS OWN SOUL? OR WHAT SHALL A MAN GIVE IN EXCHANGE FOR HIS SOUL?" — MATT. 16:26



"God's Providence"

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that they were not dealing in some other commodity? I'll tell you why. God was controlling it.

These merchantmen bought Joseph and carried him all the way down to Egypt and he was sold to the house of Potiphar. Why wasn't he sold to somebody else? Why was it that Mrs. Potiphar was so filled with lust that she did everything within her power to cause Joseph to sin with her? Why was it they put Joseph in the dungeon? Beloved, if one phase of this had failed to come to pass, God's whole plan would have failed. Don't you see the great truth that I am telling you? If one thing had failed, the entire plan of Almighty God for Joseph and for Israel would have failed.

Why was it there in that dungeon the butler had that dream, and Joseph interpreted his dream? Joseph said, "You are going to get out of here in three days, and when you get out of this dungeon, I want you to speak a good word for me." I ask, why was it that the butler forgot all about Joseph when he got out? Oh, that forgetfulness, that lapse of memory on the part of this butler! You can't excuse him for his sin. You can't excuse him for what he did, but he did it because God caused him to forget.

Two years passed by and Joseph is still in prison. He is still in the dungeon. Why was it that the king dreamed? Why was it that the king saw those seven fat cattle eaten up by the seven lean cattle? Why was it that the butler remembered at that particular time what he had forgotten for two years? Two years before

he ought to have said to the king, "Joseph would like to get out of jail," but he never said a word about it. Now, having forgotten it for two years, he said, "I remember that there was a man in prison with me that knew how to interpret dreams. Bring him up and he'll be able to tell you the meaning of your dream."

I ask you, why was it that this butler never thought about Joseph for two years and then when the king had a dream, he remembered Joseph immediately? I'll tell you, beloved, God was controlling.

You remember the rest of the story, I am sure, how that Joseph said:

"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.

In other words, Joseph said, "You meant to kill me. You meant it for evil, but God meant it for good." Don't you see the providential hand of God in the life of Joseph? Don't you see God's providential dealings with Joseph? Don't you see how God providentially dealt and led every step of the way—Joseph going out to see about his brothers; Joseph going on over to Dothan; Joseph being put down in the pit, with Reuben being called away; Joseph being sold to the Ishmeelites, who were dealing in slaves, and who were going direct to Egypt; Joseph being carried down to Egypt and sold to the house of Potiphar, whose wife lustfully laid her eyes upon Joseph; the butler and the dream of Pharaoh. Put it all together, beloved, Joseph said, "God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much

people alive." Don't you see that if one single event hadn't come to pass, the whole plan of God would have failed? It took every one of these events to bring God's purpose and God's plan to pass.

CONCLUSION

I have taken time to tell you these stories in order to say a few things to you in closing. First, the providence of God should certainly teach us that God is a sovereign God, and that He is working all things out for His own glory. Listen

"Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world." — Acts 15:18.

It doesn't make any difference what comes to pass, God knew about it from the beginning of the world. Providentially, He is sovereignly directing all things that take place. Everything that happens is predetermined by Almighty God.

Even the place where you live, the house you live in, is predetermined by God, for we read:

"And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath DETERMINED the times before appointed, and the BOUNDS OF THEIR HABITATION." — Acts 17:26.

Where you live, beloved, is just exactly where God wants you to live. The fence around your yard, the bounds of your habitation, have been determined of God before the foundation of the world.

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live? I'll tell you; you are going to live just as long as the plan of God for your life is. How do I know? Listen:

"Seeing his DAYS ARE DETERMINED, the number of his months are with thee, thou hast appointed his bounds that he cannot pass." — Job 14:5.

Notice, beloved, God has it determined and you can't get beyond it.

Oh, I tell you, this thought of the providence of God thrills my soul when I remember that it includes the little things as well as the big things. For example, every little thing in the life of Joseph was so important in the fulfillment of God's plan for Joseph's life. Even the little things were of importance to God, for he said:

"But the very hairs of your head are all numbered." — Mt. 10:30.

Beloved, a hair can't fall out of your head, but that God takes note of it. A sparrow can't fall to the ground without God noting the fall of the sparrow. Beloved, I am saying to you that everything that takes place is according to the will of God. It is all according to God's appointment.

You say, "Brother Gilpin, you are a fatalist." No, beloved, I am not a fatalist. I am a man who believes in the providence of God. Fate is blind; providence has eyes. That is the difference. I am not a fatalist, but I surely

believe in God's providential dealings with us. That is why I read my text which says:

"In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." — I Thess. 5:18.

That is why I read Hebrews 9:27, which says:

"And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment."

I say, beloved, your death is appointed of God. Everything is appointed according to God's plan. God is running the trains on time. There is not one single train that God has ever dispatched that got out of His station late or ahead of time. Every one of God's trains run on time, and every event in your life is according to God's predetermined program.

We read:

"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." — Rom. 8:28.

Whenever I read this verse of Scripture I say "Amen" to it, because I believe it. I don't understand it, but I believe it. I look back across my own experience and I say to you, there are a lot of things I don't understand, but I fall back on a God of sovereignty and I know that in His providential dealings, He is leading and directing, He is controlling, and He is on His throne having His way, and I thank God and take courage.

I have a feeling that that same God who providentially controls our lives, sends people here to services. I am sure He has you here for a purpose tonight. What that purpose is, I don't know. It may be that this is the night that God has spoken to your soul and God has saved you, if you are lost. Or it may be that this is the night that God has spoken a message of comfort to your heart if you are a saved person. I don't know what God's purpose is, but God has you here tonight for some purpose.

We should thank Him, and praise Him, because "in every thing give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."

May God bless you!

Fifty Years

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the whole world and lose his own soul?" (Matt. 16:26).

Another source of serious anxiety for me was then coming from the large sums of money constantly flowing from the hands of my too kind and grateful reformed countrymen into mine. It was very seldom that the public expression of gratitude presented me in their rhetorical addresses were not accompanied by a gift of from fifty to two hundred dollars, according to the means and importance of the place. Those sums multiplied by the 365 days of the year would have soon made me one of the richest men in Canada. Had I been able to trust in my own strength against the dangers of riches, I should have been able, easily, to accumulate a sum of at least seventy thousand dollars, with which I might have done a great amount of good.

But I confess that, when in the presence of God, I went to the bottom of my heart, to see if it

were strong enough to carry a glittering weight, I found by far, too weak. I knew who, though evidently stronger than I was, had fallen of way and perished under heavy burden of their treasure that I feared for myself a sight of such unexpected immense fortune. Besides, only eighteen years old, my erable and dear benefactor Rev. Mr. Leprohon, directed the college of Nicolet, had me a thing I never had ten: "Chiniquy," he said, sure you will be what we will easily make your way of your contemporaries; and, frequently, it is probable that you will have many opportunities becoming rich. But when they have and gold flow into their hands, do not pile and keep it. For, if you set your affections on it, you will be miserable in this world and damned in the next. You must not do like the fattened hogs which give the grease only after their death. Give it while you are alive. Then you will not be blessed only by God and man, but you will be blessed by your own science. You will live in it and die in joy."


These solemn warnings of one of the wisest and best men God had ever given me, young, has never gone from my mind. I found them corroborated in every page of the which I loved so much, and read every day. I found them written, by God, in my heart then, on my knees, took resolution, without making absolute vow of it, to keep my port and give the rest to the or some Christian or patriotic object. I kept my promise 500 pounds Parliament gave not remain three weeks in my hands. I never put a cent in my vaults of any bank when I left for Illinois, in the fall of 1851, instead of with me 70,000 dollars, as I have been very easy, had I so minded, I had hardly dollars in hand, the price part of my library, which too heavy to be carried away.

Just Suppose

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used such attractions as rods, soft pillows, TV sets, movies, ball games, visit Grandma's house on Sunday a thousand other things to your business.

Suppose your firm was obliged to meet certain financial responsibilities and you had to depend on your customers as they "FELT LED."

You may wonder why not throw in the towel to the bridge and end. That's what many men in the business world faced with surmountable problems, done. We might also, if it not for the goodly number of people who love the Lord than anything else in the and who put God first in their lives and consider no sacrifice too great for their Lord. are our pride and joy, the earth, the ones who keeping on in the face of such resistance possible and while.



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