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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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BAPTISTS AND LENT

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The Lenten Season is named for the period of the year in which the season falls, when the daylight part of the days is lengthening in the northern hemisphere. The liturgical churches observe the period as the time during which the Lord Jesus drew closer and closer to the cross, and His death there.

Baptists are not liturgical people and have definite reasons for omitting the observing of Lent. The first of these is the fact that the resurrection of Jesus Christ is celebrated by Baptists, not only on Easter, but also on the first day of every week. That is why we call Sunday "the Lord's Day." The only possible explanation for worshipping on Sunday instead of Saturday is that Sunday worship is an observance of the resurrection of the Lord! Baptists are more conscious of worshipping a risen and victorious Christ than some others. It would be very difficult for Baptists to enter into the feeling which many others seem to dwell upon during Lent. Baptists are too filled with the joy of the knowledge that Christ is arisen, and that He is victorious over death, and sin, and the grave.

Second, Baptists believe in an experiential religion rather than a formal or institutional religion. Baptists believe the Christian life should be lived all the time, not just a few weeks of the year. Someone has well said, "If it is wrong during Lent, it is always wrong." Baptists teach and preach against the indulgence of the flesh at all times. The Bible says, "For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace" (Rom. 8:6).

Third, Baptists reject the idea that self-denial which is institutionally enforced can enhance the worthiness of the individual. Popular ideas about Lent suggest that the observance of the Lenten period with self-denial brings the observer closer to Christ and makes him more worthy of receiving forgiveness and eternal life. Baptists, however, are very conscious of the teaching of the Scripture which says: "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast" (Eph. 2:8, 9).

Finally, Baptists believe in Christ-centered living the year around. Baptist Churches offer a full program of appointments for worship, study, training, and evangelism, every Sunday of the year. On week-nights also, Baptist Churches offer opportunities for Bible study, prayer, missionary study, inspiration, and training, all the year round.

A Baptist who feels he needs the spiritual experience of observing Lent is probably in need of a revival. Let him observe Lent by placing Christ first in all parts of His life. Then let him celebrate Easter by promising the Lord to live his Lenten vows, to the glory of Christ, throughout the entire year! — North Star Baptist.

Why Billy Graham's Evangelism Should Not Be Supported By Any True Believer

I never thought that I would ever carry anything written by the leaders of Bob Jones University, to place my stamp of approval upon, and to commend. Through the years I have held up to ridicule Bob Jones, Jr. (the present president of Bob Jones University), and also his father, Bob Jones, Sr.

Both are rankly wrong on many of the great truths of God's word. On the subject of the church they are farther from the truth than the North Pole is from the South. This goes for the majority of the doctrines of grace. I have heard Bob Jones make fun of the doctrine of election, from the pulpit, and also the doctrine of security. He claims to believe the latter, but minimizes its worth in a way that makes one doubt how much he really believes this truth.

Be that as it may, though we have differed with these two in many instances, it is good to see them take a stand against the so-called evangelistic efforts of Billy Graham. I sincerely commend this article and trust that God may bless it to the good of our readers, and I do this with sincere appreciation to Bob Jones Jr. for having written it.

Chapel Talk by Bob Jones, Jr., on February 8, 1965

Our students have seen in the paper that efforts are being made to bring Billy Graham to Greenville for a crusade in March of 1966. The attitude of Bob Jones is expressed on November 7, 1965—that is more than eight years ago. I want to read it to you. It was expressed in a letter from Ralph W. Mitchell of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association,

Minneapolis, Minnesota: "As much as we love Billy personally, if he came to Greenville on the same basis as he goes to these other cities, we could not co-operate or in any wise endorse a campaign." That position has not changed.

Some of you new students may not understand just exactly why we take the position we take in regard to Billy Graham's ecumenical "evangelism"; so at the risk of repeating what some of you older students have heard, I want to make it clear this morning—though I intend to speak out further whenever I feel it is necessary. First of all, I want to point this out. Billy Graham and I have been for many years personal friends. This is not a

personal difference between my father and Billy Graham—that is what the defenders of Billy Graham's policies try to imply. There is nothing personal in our stand. I would to God that Billy Graham were following a Scriptural program so we could endorse it. We are against anything unscriptural; and, therefore, we have to take a stand against this ecumenical evangelism, even when it is our friends who are (Continued on page 5, column 2)

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"HOW WE CAN KNOW THE BIBLE IS THE WORD OF GOD"

"But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned of whom thou hast learned them; And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness; That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works."—II Tim. 3:14, 17

I don't think anybody here will doubt, or deny the fact, that we

are living in a day of much scriptural declension. I mean by that, that everything around us is declining from a spiritual standpoint. We read:

"And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold."—Mt. 24:12.

It would seem that it ought to be just the reverse, but actually, when iniquity abounds, the love of God's people waxes cold. I am sure you realize that all about us there is abounding iniquity, and at the same time the love of God's people is waxing cold.

Listen:
"Having a form of godliness,

but denying the power thereof; from such turn away."—II Tim. 3:5.

I say we are in a time when there is much spiritual declension. All over the world you'll find churches, so-called, and you'll find organizations who have a form of godliness. Maybe it is Methodist, or Campbellite, or even a Baptist form of godliness—yet, they deny the power thereof. They have a form, but they haven't any power. I am satisfied that is true of many, many, many of the so-called churches of the world today; they (Continued on page 2, column 1)

"I'll Go Where You Want Me To Go"

"I will go where you want me to go, dear Lord,
Real service is what I desire,
I will sing a solo any time, dear Lord,
But don't ask me to sit in the choir.

I will do what you want me to do, dear Lord.
I like to see things come to pass
But don't ask me to teach girls or boys dear Lord,
I'd rather just stay in my class.

I will do what you want me to do, dear Lord.
I yearn for Thy Kingdom to thrive,
I will give you my nickels and dimes, dear Lord,
But please don't ask me to tithe.

I will go where you want me to go, dear Lord.
I'll say just what you want me to say;
I am busy just now with myself, dear Lord,
I'll help you some other day."

Who Shall Be Baptized And How, Is Important

By Elder Bob Nelson
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Your opinion of baptism will indicate exactly your attitude towards the matter of salvation, the church, the Bible, and Christ. Since this subject is vital won't you then read this article seriously.

1. The Importance of Baptism.

Baptism will not take you to Heaven or deliver your soul from Hell. No church ordinance or sacrament will do this. "Ye Must Be Born Again" to enter Heaven (John 3:3-21). It is by faith in the person of Jesus Christ alone and not by good works or rituals (Eph. 2:8-9). Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." (John 14:6).

Christ also said, "Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the Kingdom of heaven." (Matt. 5:19). Here is one of the Lord's commands: It is for all nations unto the end of the age. Three things: (a) Make Disciples of the nations, (b) to baptize these disciples, (c) to teach these disciples. This implies membership in a local church. (Matt. 28:19,20).

The early disciples commanded new converts to be baptized. This matter was not optional, or the choice of new believers, but an imperative. (Acts 10:48).

It was the common practice of the early church in their evangelistic campaigns. The heathen people were not merely converted, but were baptized immediately. Look up the account of these evangelistic meetings that were held. (Acts 2:41; 8:12; 9:18).

Jesus Christ set an example by being baptized Himself. He said, "It becometh us to fulfill all righteousness." (Matt. 3:15). Dear friend, if baptism is of no importance, then you are judging Christ, who is the Lord of glory. (Continued on page 8, column 3)

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ELD. JAMES HOBBS

sermon contains valuable information about some of the doctrines of Catholicism. I would recommend that every child of God read it. In this country we have two serious threats to our religious freedom, Catholicism and Communism. It is necessary that we have the courage to speak out against both. If either group gains control, we Baptists will have to expect to withstand much persecution and go into hiding to worship.

Yours in Christ,
JAMES E. HOBBS

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"The Word Of God"

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have a form of godliness, but they don't have any of the power of the Holy Spirit. Our Lord says that from such, we are to turn away.

Notice another passage that tells us about this decline of the day:

"Knowing this first, that there shall come in the LAST DAYS scoffers, walking after their own lusts, and saying, where is the promise of his coming; for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation."—II Pet. 3:3, 4.

We are all prone to say, "Well, surely the Lord Jesus is coming soon." We recognize the fact that a hundred years ago the saints of God said the same thing. I went back in history a short time ago and read that in 100 A.D. the saints of God were looking for the coming of the Lord Jesus. And down through the ages God's children have always been looking for His coming, thinking that His coming couldn't be far removed. Peter says that as time passes on, there are going to be lots of folk that are going to become scoffers, and they are going to say, "What is the use in looking for the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ? They have been looking for it all through the years." Those scoffers are going to make fun of His return. They are doing this today.

There are plenty of folk today that are making fun of the second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. I am a premillennialist, and so far as I am personally concerned, I'll say that there is not one thought of eschatology that can in any wise explain the second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ except premillennialism, yet we have all kinds of religious scoffers today who sneer at the premillennial return of Christ.

We have the post-millennialists, we have the A-millennialists, and now we have the individuals who say they are Pro-millennialists—they are for it when it gets here.

Well, I am for it too, when it gets here, but I think I have a better idea about when it is coming, and how it is going to come to pass. I am not one of those who scoff at the second coming of Christ, but I am looking for the immediate return of the Lord Jesus Christ back to this world.

Paul tells us about the decline in this world spiritually, for he says:

"I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables."—II Tim. 4:1-4.

Here is a passage that tells us the day is coming when we are not going to be able to hear much sound doctrine. In fact, Paul says that the preachers will turn away from the truth unto fables, and about all you'll get when you go to the house of God will be something that will be just about as satisfying as if somebody were scratching your ear — like a massaging or tickling your ear. Well, of course it makes you feel good for you rejoice to have somebody lightly massage your ear. Paul says we can expect that day so far as this world is concerned.

I have taken time to read you these four Scriptures (and I can read you many others) to show that we are living in a day when there is much spiritual and Scriptural decline, when the minds of those who claim to be God's people are not as set on the things of the Lord as we think they should be, and when those who claim to love the Lord are getting scarcer and scarcer, and the churches that fellowship together are getting fewer and fewer as the days go by. Now what is wrong, beloved? Simply this: We have modernism in the pulpit, and we have worldliness in the pew! Frankly, whenever you have modernism in the pulpit, you are bound to have worldliness in the pew. You can be certain of one thing, you can't have a modernist in the pulpit and have spiritual members sit out in the pew.

Beloved, there is just one resource, and that resource is God's Word. That is what Paul says in my text, when he declares, "But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned." In other words, in spite of all the decline — in spite of all the spiritual declension in the world today, you just continue on in the things of the Lord."

Beloved, I think that is exactly what you and I ought to do. I have a definite conviction that everyone of us ought to just

TWO OF OUR BRETHREN EXPRESS THEMSELVES AS TO . . .

JEPHTHAH'S DAUGHTER

EDITOR'S NOTE:

Of recent date we carried an article relative to the rash desperate vow made on the part of Jephthah, and at that time we invited our readers to comment concerning it. Although we have had only two who have written, we are happy to quote their letters in full as follows:

I am not saying that I agree with either of these brethren. I don't know for sure the meaning of the passage. I'm afraid it's one passage we will have to wait until we stand in God's presence to learn fully its truth. —J. R. G.

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Dear Brother Gilpin:

In your last issue of the paper you printed an article, taken from Eternity magazine, upon the subject of Jephthah offering his daughter as a sacrifice. At the beginning of this article you asked for comments from your readers.

I take issue with the article. I do not believe that it speaks the truth of the matter found in Judges 11. The only truth that I find in the article is his arguments disproving the idea that Jephthah in his vow only intended to offer up a lamb. For a lamb would certainly not come forth from the "doors of his house" as is stated in Judges 11:31. Also there is no magnanimity in offering an animal sacrifice as this was a common thing in Israel.

This article takes the position that Jephthah's vow consisted not in offering his daughter up as a burnt offering, but in offering her up to the life of a nun. That is, not to ever marry. There are several things that will not let this position be true.

1. We are distinctly told in Judges 11:31 that he vowed a "burnt offering." This is conclusive. The same term is used in Gen. 22 in reference to Abraham offering up Isaac. In this article this phrase is not discussed. How anyone can get a life of celibacy out of that is beyond me. I think it is a case where the evident meaning is not wanted to be believed so a forced interpretation is put upon the account.

2. The fact that Jephthah is mentioned in Hebrews 11, as one of the heroes of the faith, proves nothing as to the basic view held here. It does prove that whatever Jephthah did WAS RIGHT. This article states that had Jephthah actually offered up his daughter as a sacrifice he could not be referred to as a hero of the faith. I do not accept this reasoning at all. What about Abraham offering up Isaac as a burnt offering? The fact that God stayed the hand of Abraham proves nothing.

keep right on plugging away, day by day. Though it may be more difficult and discouraging, and though the smallness of the crowds and the fewness of the number that come to hear us may be pathetic and appalling, nevertheless, God would have us to keep plugging away until the end of the day.

Now if that be true, then I ask this question: How do we know that the Bible is God's Word? I have a Bible in my hands, and I have been preaching the Bible for many years. I thank God for the fact that I preach the same message that I preached when I was a boy, and I am still contending for the same truth that I have been contending for, for nearly half a century. Beloved, I say to you, after preaching for nearly half a century, how can I know that this Bible that I have been preaching is (Continued on page 3, column 1)

The New Testament tells us that God regarded Isaac as actually offered. Abraham's idea was ACTUALLY to offer Isaac. Did Abraham sin in this? Surely not. He did it at God's direction. Would God have told him to do this if it had been wrong? Surely not. We must keep in mind that whatever God does is RIGHT. The fact that He does it MAKES IT RIGHT. Not one writer of the Bible condemns Jephthah for this act. Also this act is one of the GREAT things that he did for which he is listed in Heb. 11. The only other thing great he did was fight a battle for Israel. Also notice that Judges records him making this vow after "the Spirit came upon him."

3. Also this article is not correct in leading one to believe that the Bible sets forth the single status as more holy than the married. It can not be shown by the Old Testament scriptures that there was a place of "special" service for the unmarried woman. Even the Nazarite vow states nothing about single status. As to the argument of his daughter "bemoaning her virginity" certainly does not prove this article right. Why does she need two months to do this if she is only to become like a nun? She would have her entire lifetime to bewail this. But not if she is to die. She was bewailing her virginity because that her parents would have no offspring of her. This was because she was to die, not because she was to stay in the single status.

4. To accept the evident meaning Jephthah offered his daughter as a burnt offering does not prove that anyone else can do likewise. It must be kept in mind that he was an "extraordinary person." The Spirit of the Lord was upon him. Many circumstances, now unknown to us, no doubt make this extraordinary, and justify it, yet not so as that it might justify the like.

Some say that Jephthah actually offered his daughter as a burnt offering, but he did wrong in it. This can't be right in the light of him being found in Heb. 11 as a hero of the faith. I realize that there are those that are listed there that did evil things, but if this was an evil it was SO EVIL

that it could not be. The of the matter is that he actually offered her as a burnt offering AND HE DID WELL.

ROY TATUM
Paducah, Kentucky

Many, many years ago I heard a preacher preach a sermon on Jephthah. The only thing I remember about the sermon was his explanation of Jephthah's vow. I cannot be for sure about this but I believe it was Brother H. B. Taylor who preached the sermon; if so, it was back in late twenties or early thirties.

As I remember, the people Jephthah's day were herders. Almost everyone had at least a few sheep. For one reason or other there would sometimes be an orphan lamb, which the owner would raise in his house for at least a few weeks. Sometimes these lambs became such good pets that they were allowed to stay about the house. I don't know what kind of a house Jephthah lived in but I'm sure it was like the ones we live in today. I believe this preacher said that often had dirt floors. Don't be too excited now, some people keep dogs in the house today. If I had a choice I think I would choose a lamb.

As I remember the story when Jephthah came home his lamb would always come out to meet him, and later on as he grew into a sheep it became very fond of his master. Now, if a sheep, or maybe it was still a lamb, that Jephthah thought would come out to meet him, it was the only one who came out to meet him, why not this time also?

I believe the writer of the article on Jephthah in The Baptist Examiner Jan. 29, 1966, was on the right track when he said, "Now there is a marvelous lesson in this story. Be careful of making rash promises to God." Our pastors are to blame something for people making rash promises. Our pastor asked everyone who would promise God that they would do a certain thing to come forward. More than half of the members responded. May the Lord have mercy on them, they know not what they do.

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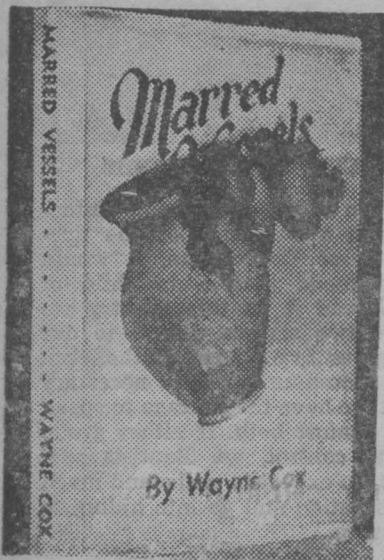
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"The Word Of God"

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the Word of God? I want to give you ten reasons why I know the Bible is the Word of God.

I

THE BIBLE STATES IT IS INSPIRED.

The Bible itself states that it is inspired of God. That ought to be sufficient in itself. You ask the question, how can we know that this Bible is the Word of God? Well, I can know it, because the Bible tells us so itself. Listen: **And GOD SPAKE all these words.**—Ex. 20:1.

And Moses wrote all the WORDS OF THE LORD.—Ex. 24:4.

Where did Moses get his words? They weren't Moses' words, but they were the words of the Lord. Listen again:

And Moses gathered all the congregation of the children of Israel together, and said unto them, These ARE THE WORDS WHICH THE LORD HATH COMMANDED, that ye should do them.—Ex. 35:1.

Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth; for the LORD HATH SPOKEN, I have nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled against me.—Isa. 1:2.

Then the WORD OF THE LORD came unto me, saying.—Jer. 1:4.

As HE SPAKE by the mouth of his holy prophets, which have been since the world began.—Luke 1:70.

Now, beloved, having read to you these Scriptures, I say that the Bible declares it is inspired. You say, how can I know this Bible is the Word of God? Well, I know it is the Word of God because it says so. It tells us itself that it is inspired, for Paul said:

ALL SCRIPTURE IS GIVEN BY INSPIRATION OF GOD.—II Tim. 3:16.

For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man; but holy men of God SPAKE as they were MOVED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT.—II Pet. 1:21.

Listen, beloved, I am trying to say to you that this Bible tells us that it is inspired. If you'll read it carefully, and I have done so, you'll find that the Old Testament writers declares 2600 times that their words are the words of God. When you come to the New Testament you'll find that there are 525 times that the New Testament writers declare that their words are the words of God. In other words, there are better than 3100 times that the writers of the Bible tell us specifically that they did not write what they thought, but rather they were writing the words of God Himself.

So I say, if you would ask the question, how can we know that the Bible is the Word of God, I say that we can know it because the Bible itself tells us that is the inspired Word of God.

II

THE BIBLE DOES NOT CONTAIN THE ERRORS OF ITS DAY.

Do you realize that when this Bible was being composed that sixteen centuries elapsed from

the time the first book was written until the last book was written? Do you realize that there were a lot of errors and heresy in the world then just like there are today? Yet, beloved, the Bible doesn't contain the errors of its day.

We read concerning Moses: **"And Moses was LEARNED in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and was mighty in words and in deeds."**—Acts 7:22.

Notice, the Word of God tells us that Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, yet when Moses wrote the first five books of the Bible—Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy—when Moses wrote those books, though he was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, he didn't put any of the errors of the Egyptians in the Bible.

The fact of the matter is, the folk of Egypt were strong evolutionists. If you will read the books of history relative to Egypt, you'll find that the Egyptians were the strongest for evolution of any group of people that have ever lived on the face of God's earth, yet Moses said, in spite of that fact, "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth."

I ask, why didn't Moses put in the errors of the Egyptians? Why didn't he put in the errors of his day? Those Egyptians even said that God had not existed always, but that He produced Himself.

I remember reading once years ago that an individual said, "I, Osiris, am God. I produced myself." Now Moses knew that, because he was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, yet when Moses wrote the Bible, he didn't put in the errors of that day. Instead of saying that God produced Himself—instead of saying that the world came about through an evolutionary process, instead of preaching the theory of evolution, you'll find that Moses said:

"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth."—Gen. 1:1.

Beloved, this is my second reason as to why this Bible is the Word of God.

III

THE HONESTY AND CANDOR OF THE WRITERS.

I know the Bible is the Word of God because of the honesty and candor of the writers of the Bible. Did you ever stop to think how honest the writers of the Bible are? Did you ever realize the honesty that they manifest? In history, rulers are always made to look good. You remember when you were a child in school, and you were studying history, how the ruler was always made to look good. Come down to this day, for example, and we talk about Alexander the Great. Everybody thinks that Alexander was a great man. Do you know what Alexander was noted for, primarily? He was the bloodiest butcher that ever walked on the face of God Almighty's footstool and on top of that, he was the biggest drunkard, yet we talk about him as Alexander the Great. Great for what? A great drunkard, and a great murderer—a butcher, yet history has glorified him and made the children of the world to understand him as some unusually great person. That is the way that history glorifies and makes a ruler to look good.

In fiction, the same is always true, because the evil is always overlooked in the hero or in the heroine. If I were writing a book, I wouldn't dare tell you about the things that the hero or the heroine did that were bad. If I were writing a love story, and if I had some beautiful heroine that I were describing, I wouldn't for a moment's time tell you about the terrible temper fits she had, when mad, and how she said things she ought not say. I wouldn't do that. I'd keep all that to myself.

Beloved, do you realize not only in the writing of fiction is it true that the evil is overlooked, but what we have in fiction is an overdrawn account of beauty? Actually, you just have an overdrawn beauty that is presented to us. Now how is it in the Bible? Do you find men that are glorified to the extent that you don't know anything about the wrong that they do? Do you find in the Bible that the hero or the heroine is described in such a way that you never see anything that he did, that was wrong? No. What do you find about Moses? Moses wrote five books of the Bible, yet recorded his own mistakes. Can you imagine a man writing a book wherein he refers to himself and records his own mistakes? That proves that God was the one that was guiding the writing. Man wouldn't have done that, but Moses revealed his own shortcomings.

We read in the Bible how that Jacob lied, how Abraham lied, how Isaac lied. We find that David committed adultery, and that Simon Peter cursed and denied his Lord. I tell you, beloved, the honesty and the candor of the writers of the Bible prove to me that this Bible is the Word of God.

If I were writing a book, I wouldn't write this kind of book. I'll be frank with you, and tell you that I wouldn't tell the bad things that the hero or the heroine did. I wouldn't tell anything at all except that which would glorify and make them look good. But when the Bible was written, everything that an individual did was put down. I tell you, the honesty of the writers of the Book prove to me that the words they spoke were not their words, but rather were the words of God Himself.

IV

ITS INDESTRUCTIBILITY.
The indestructibility of the Bible proves to me that it is God's Word.

You say, "Brother Gilpin, I know we are living in a day when

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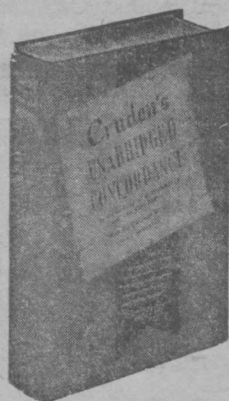
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As fresh for each need as the dew on the sod,
O, new every morning, the mercies of God!

—Annie Johnson Flint

"The Word Of God"

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have never had but one system of doctrine. We have never had anything other than one system of faith. Beloved, the Bible's harmony proves to me that it is God's Word.

VI

IT IS SCIENTIFICALLY ACCURATE.

Do you realize that the Bible is about 3500 years in advance of science? In it are things that science teaches today, which are the things the Bible taught 3500 years ago. Science has been very slow about catching up with the Word of God.

For example, I turn to the book of Job and read you a statement that Job made. Listen:

"He stretcheth out the north over the empty place, and hangeth the earth upon nothing."—Job 26:7.

You understand that Job was the first book that was ever written in the Bible. We know that it was the first book that was ever written because there is no reference to the law. You can be certain of one thing, if the law had been existing at that time, Eliphaz, Bildad, and Zophar would surely have chopped Job to pieces with "thus saith the law," but they never quoted the law one time.

Notice what Job said. Beloved, modern science never taught this until in the last fifty years' time. We talk about astronauts flying around in space at an incredible rate of speed. Do you know the astronauts wouldn't even have considered that until a few years ago? Why? They didn't think about the Lord preparing for them such an empty space.

Notice another Scripture which shows how far in advance of science the Word of God is:

"For the life of the flesh is in the blood."—Lev. 17:11.

When did science come to believe this? Just a few years ago. Go back to the time when George Washington was president of the United States, and the doctors then didn't believe Lev. 17:11. They didn't believe that the life of the flesh was in the blood.

George Washington didn't die from pneumonia as it is commonly thought, but he died because his doctor bled him to death. They gave him two blood-lettings, and caused his death as a result thereof.

Every doctor fifty years ago carried a lancet around in his satchel. Why? Well, at the first sign of sickness they would open up the veins and let the blood run out. They would purify him and get rid of the impure blood he had, so they said. Now what do they do? At the first sign of sickness they rush a man to the hospital to get a blood transfusion. What does the Word of God say? "The life of the flesh is in the blood."

Can you imagine how far behind the Bible science was in that respect? God said that the life of the flesh is in the blood. Science used to say that the life of the flesh is in the muscle. If a fellow's muscles got flabby, he hadn't much life. Or they would say the life of the flesh was in the brain. Well, I know a lot of people that would have been dead a long time ago if that had been true. No, beloved, the life of the flesh is not in the muscle, and it is not in the brain, but the life of the flesh is in the blood, and God said it 3500 years before science ever thought about it.

Listen again:

"Or ever the silver cord be loosed, or the golden bowl be broken, or the pitcher be broken at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern."—Eccl. 12:6.

What does this mean? The silver cord is the spinal cord. "The golden bowl be broken, or the pitcher be broken at the fountain?" What is this talking about? Who was the man that discovered the circulation of blood, the fact that the blood circulates in the body? Do you know if he had ever read what God wrote a thousand years before the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ he would have been able to have proved it long, long ago. I tell you, beloved, when I read a passage like this and realize that God taught the circulation of the blood long

before man ever thought about it, I say to you, the Bible is scientifically accurate. It is in advance of science thousands of years.

How can I know that the Bible is the Word of God. I know it is God's Word because it is scientifically accurate.

VII

ITS HISTORICAL ACCURACY.

Do you realize that there are a lot of things that were never recorded in history until archaeologists had taken a spade and dug up some ruins in the Orient. Now they are able to prove that certain people lived and certain things took place, yet the Bible taught that a long time ago?

Take for example that man Sargon, who in the Bible is recognized as an Assyrian monarch, yet history said there never was a man by the name of Sargon. Less than fifty years ago they took a spade and started digging in the ruins of some of those Assyrian cities and they came up with tablet, after tablet, after tablet, with the name of Sargon on it, showing that he was a monarch, the king of Assyria. The Bible is historically accurate.

Again, look at it from this standpoint. You remember while the Jews were in Egypt they were making brick. One day the Egyptians took the straw away. They said, "You have to much time on your hands; if you have time to worship, you just gather your own straw. We are not going to bring you any more straw for the making of brick. We are expecting you to turn out the same number of brick every day, but you'll have to gather your own materials." What did those

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Jews do? They did just exactly what you and I would have done under the circumstances — they made bricks without straw.

How do we know it, beloved? Go down into Egypt today with an expedition of explorers who are there for the purpose of finding out historical data, and you'll find buildings that were built so high of bricks that were made of straw, and then from there on, you'll find bricks that were made without straw. What does this teach? It proves that the Bible is historically accurate. Now that they dig up the ruins, we find that the Bible is historically accurate.

Talking about the historical accuracy of the Bible, come to Daniel 5, which talks about Belshazzar. You read about Nebuchadnezzar, and Belshazzar, and Nabonidus — Nebuchadnezzar first, then Nabonidus and his son Belshazzar. Nabonidus and his son Belshazzar reigned jointly. They reigned at the same time over in Babylon. For years, nobody believed that there was such an individual as Nabonidus. Nobody believed that Belshazzar was second to Nabonidus in the kingdom, and the historians repudiated it. The very fact that the Bible taught it caused the historians to repudiate it for years,

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but they don't repudiate it any longer, because it has been proved by the spade that Nabonidus was supreme ruler and Belshazzar was second under him. You read in the Bible when Belshazzar said to Daniel, "I'll make you third ruler in the kingdom." Why didn't he say, "I'll make you second ruler?" Beloved, there was a reason. He was second himself. His father Nabonidus was first, and he was second, and when he said to Daniel, "If you'll read the writing on the wall, I'll make you third ruler of the kingdom," it was because he couldn't make him any more than that. If he had, he would have had to have given him his own position—that is if he had made him second.

You say, "I wish I could be assured that the Bible is the Word of God." Well, I know it is. Its historical accuracy is enough to prove to me that it is the Word of God.

VIII

ITS SUPERIOR PRINCIPLES.

Do you know the principles that the Bible teaches are so superior to those taught in the world that I know it didn't come from man; it had to come from God? What is the outstanding principle of the world today? It is selfishness. I don't think there is a man here but would admit that the outstanding principle of the world is selfishness. But what is the outstanding principle of the Bible? It is just the opposite—it is generosity. Generosity did not come from man.

Again, what is the outstanding attitude of man toward man? Beloved, it is hatred. The wars of this world have all come as a result of the hatred of mankind. That is the outstanding principle of the world—hatred. But what does the Bible teach? It teaches us to love one another and to do good to them that hate you. We read:

"And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise."—Luke 6:31.

Does that sound like the world? No, beloved. The world is given over to selfishness and hate, but the Bible teaches generosity, and love, and compassion. I say, beloved, the fact that the Bible teaches superior principles to the principles that are taught by the world, proves to me that the Bible is the Word of God.

IX

ITS FULFILLED PROPHECIES.

I turn through the Bible and read prophecy after prophecy, and I never find one of them failing in any wise at all. Let's notice a prophecy relative to the Jews. Listen:

"And the Lord shall bring thee into Egypt again with ships, by the way whereof I spake unto thee, Thou shalt see it no more again; and there ye shall be sold unto your enemies for bondmen and bondwomen, and no man shall buy you."—Deut. 28:68.

What is the meaning of this passage? Moses hasn't even gotten them into Canaan yet. He has them at the end of the forty years wilderness journey. They are just getting ready to enter the land of Canaan; they are out there in the land of Moab, and he is delivering the message of the book of Deuteronomy to them. He says, "Somebody is going to take you back to Egypt someday, and they are going to take you

by ship. I brought you by land, but you are going by ship. When they get you back to Egypt, they are going to sell you for slaves, and no man will buy you."

I am satisfied those Jews looked at one another, and thought probably Moses was just a little touched in the head. Come down to the years just after Jesus in 70 A.D. and see Titus, Roman general, as he came near the city of Jerusalem, destroyed its walls, tore down its buildings, and killed its people until the blood of Jews ran in the streets of Jerusalem like water runs the streets of our modern city on a rainy day. Then see how he took 100,000 of them, loaded them into vessels, or ships, and sent them to Egypt, and they were sold for slaves. Finally, the slave market became glutted to the extent that when they would put them up for sale, no man would buy them. They could even get a bid on them. It was to the place where Jewish slaves were so common that they had to give them away. Beloved, was exactly what God told the Jews would happen.

I tell you, beloved, fulfilled prophecies like that prove to me that this Bible is the Word of God. I could stand here at midnight and give you prophecies after prophecy that have been fulfilled.

Look at the Medo-Persian Empire conquered by Alexander the Great. You read in Daniel 8 that this kingdom that was conquered by Alexander the Great was to be divided among his four tenants. You read it and wonder how that could happen. Who ever heard of a man dying, and his men deciding that they would just divide up the empire among themselves. Greed wouldn't allow them to do anything like that. (Continued on page 5, column 1)



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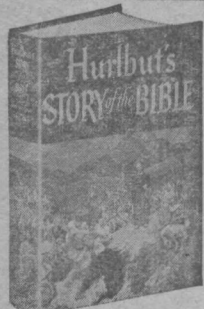
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PRICE OF REDEMPTION

short time ago the Associated Press reported from Rome that a wealthy farmer of Ferrara named Magrini had left most of his estate, it was valued at over 1000 lira — about \$114,000 — to the Roman Church. Lawyers claiming the estate said that the deceased had declared that Mario Magrini had his wealth to go to the church to atone for his sins.

At a vast price, you say. No, the price is — far too small. All the riches of the earth and all the splendour of the skies cannot redeem a single soul from sin and

not with corruptible things, silver and gold, but with the precious blood of Christ" — this is what God says through His servant Peter (1 Peter 1:18-19).

And silver and things, but the blood of Christ is unspeakably precious in the sight of God.

Archbishop Leighton on

"The Word Of God"

(Continued from page 4) ... would cause one of them to say, "I am the biggest, and I am going to take possession." ... beloved, God had said that ... going to be divided among ... men, and what was the re- ... The Word of God tells us ... that Ptolemy, Seleucus, Cas- ... er, and Lysimachus were the ... men that divided up the ... of Alexander the Great. ... that is fulfilled prophecy. ... all you, beloved, when I read ... is like that, I come back to ... truth, it is the Word of God ... use it is fulfilled just like ... said that it would be.

X

PERENNIAL FRESHNESS.

Believe the Bible is the Word ... because of its perennial ... ness. I mean by that, you ... something new out of it every ... you read it. If I would write ... a letter, you would get the ... ing of it the first time you ... it. If I have expressed my- ... intelligently, by the time you ... read it a second time, you ... throw it away, for you ... have the meaning of it. ... is nothing else to be had ... But that isn't true with ... ble. You can read the Bible ... read it tomorrow, and next ... and you can read it ten ... from now, and you'll find ... thing new everytime you

ever pick up the Word of ... to find an old book. I always ... the old book is still a new ... It is perennially fresh, and ... moves to me that the Bible ... Word of God. If man had ... ed it, it wouldn't be that ... that the mind of man has ... But the very fact that ... and of man can't exhaust ... ble proves to me that the ... wasn't produced by the ... of man, but it was produced ... ed Himself. Its perennial ... ss proves that the Bible ... Word of God.

this point: "The precious soul could not be redeemed but by blood, and by no blood but that of this spotless Lamb, Jesus Christ, who is God equal with the Father, and therefore His blood is called the blood of God." (Acts 20:28).

At the Passover time the Israelites were saved by the blood of a lamb sprinkled on the lintel and sideposts of their doors (Exod. 12). It was not put on the threshold — a caution, Matthew Henry says, to take heed of trampling it under foot.

The blood of Christ has been shed. But has it been applied to your heart? The remedy is of no avail unless applied. Are you trampling it under foot? That is surely a dreadful offense — the worst form of sacrilege.

O precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow.
No other fount I know,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

—The Evangelical Presbyterian

CONCLUSION

Beloved friends, I believe this Book. We are living in a sad day. There is modernism in the pulpit and worldliness in the pews. Conditions are getting worse, churches are falling apart, and fellowship between churches is growing less and less. But we have a resource—and what a resource to fall back on! We have this old Book—God's Book.

You say, "I wish I could believe it is the Word of God." Beloved, if you can't after what I have said to you, all the argument and reasons of this world will never cause you to believe it is the Word of God. May God help you to believe it, and help you to take it and hug it to your bosom, stand by it, keep it, preach it, and ever realize that it is the Word of God, that we are given the privilege to preach to the world.

May God bless you.

Billy Graham

(Continued from page one) ... guilty of Scriptural disobedience. It is not because Billy Graham is involved—it is in spite of the fact that Billy Graham is involved—that we have to take our stand.

Cliff Barrows, the song leader, is a graduate of Bob Jones University. I do not know any graduate of Bob Jones University for whom I feel any warmer personal affection than I do for Cliff Barrows. He is a sweet-spirited fellow. He came to Bob Jones University, I think, from a GARB church. He was so separated when he came to this institution that he did not like to attend a Southern Baptist church. He thought it was a compromise to go to any Southern Baptist church. Now he goes anywhere to any kind of church—orthodox or heretic. Billy Graham is responsible for the change in Cliff Barrows. I take it for granted that both Billy Graham and Cliff

Barrows must have great trouble of conscience about what they are doing, but I can just speculate on that. However, I know what they are doing because they say what they are doing, and they demonstrate what they are doing; and it is unscriptural. I am not questioning Billy Graham's sincerity; I am not questioning his motives. I am only saying that what he is doing is unscriptural; and, therefore, Bob Jones University cannot endorse it.

Billy Graham has said he would go anywhere under any sponsorship. This is a pretty broad statement. That means that if a Buddhist priest invited him to go to preach in a Buddhist pagoda under Buddhist sponsorship, he would go. That statement is as broad a statement as one can conceive. He did not say, "I would go to any Bible-believing church." He said, "I will go anywhere under any sponsorship." But wait, Billy Graham's public relations department states that he does not go under modernistic sponsorship—that he does not "sponsor" them and they do not "sponsor" him. I say this, and I say it bluntly; and I have said it in print—the public relations department of the Graham organization and the people who answer the letters addressed to Bro. Graham do not seem to care whether they tell the truth or not. They are completely unscrupulous when it comes to misrepresenting the facts. They try by misdirection, deceit, and false statements to persuade the public they are not doing what they are doing. You cannot depend upon any statement that comes out officially from the Graham organization as to what they are doing and as to what their stand is. They will tell you one thing one time, and they will tell you something else another. I suggest therefore, that those who have not seen it read a letter written by a member of the Graham staff who passed away about six months after this letter was written. The letter attempts to deceive and misdirect and gives a false impression. I have paragraph by paragraph shown the fallacy of what he said and have pointed out how inconsistent and deceitful this letter is. Now, this is a perfect example of the tactics of the Graham organization. I can quote others, but this is all you need to show how their public relations organization works.

Graham has said that he would go anywhere under any sponsorship; yet the Scriptural position is separation from apostasy and unbelief. When Billy Graham had a meeting in South America within the last year or two, a Roman Catholic Bishop in a benighted country stood on the platform and made the sign of the cross over the converts as they came forward. When Billy Graham was in Boston, he went to see Cardinal Cushing — the Cardinal did not come to see him. This is the Cardinal who was President Kennedy's close personal friend and who conducted his funeral, throwing holy water over the American flag which covered the coffin. This is the same Cardinal who said in a newspaper story recently that he could not quote a single Psalm from memory. Billy called on that Cardinal, who was quoted as saying to Billy Graham in effect, "I am glad to have Catholics go to hear you preach because you make better Catholics out of them."

No man can be a good Catholic and a Scriptural Christian. I did not say a man could not be a Catholic and be saved. I think the Lord has a remnant even in the Catholic Church of saved people; but no man is going to be a good, effective, Biblical Christian and a good Catholic—you cannot be both, because Catholic doctrine is contrary to the Scripture. A man may get saved in spite of the teaching of Rome and stay in the Romanist Church because he does not know enough to get out; but he cannot be a good Catholic and a good, spiritual Christian. If the

Cardinal told Bro. Graham, "You make better Catholics," then there is something wrong with Billy Graham's preaching. I do not believe my preaching would make a better Catholic out of anybody. I do not believe any Scriptural, Spirit-controlled evangelist ever went up and down America and made better Catholics. He got Catholics saved, and then they were not good Catholics any more. Most of them left the church. Maybe some of them were weak and stayed in, but they were not good Catholics ever thereafter. If you are saved,

you will cease to be a good Catholic. You will not believe in the saints' bones in the altar and in the mass and in having to confess to a priest. You will not believe that you have to pray for the dead or to the Virgin Mary. If you do that, you are a good Catholic but a mighty poor Christian.

That is the kind of ministry Billy Graham has. You can "bet your life" on this—if he comes to Greenville, an effort is going to be made to make it appear that he is here on a different basis than he is. For example, his organization tried to give a false impression of the basis on which his crusade was set up in Southern California. Billy Graham went into Southern California and had as the honorary chairman of his committee Bishop Kennedy. He is a rank, unbelieving, agnostic, Christ-denying Methodist Bishop; and yet Billy Graham's organization tried to make it appear that his crusade was under the control of Bible-believing folks and that these liberals did not wield any authority. Whether they wield any authority or not, Billy Graham gives them Christian recognition and has them on the platform to pray over the meeting and calls them "brother"; and he refers the "decision" cards of the professed converts over to them. That is unscriptural. You are not to turn the lambs over to the wolves. You are to protect the lambs from the wolves.

The whole policy of the Graham organization is effective in breaking down all the lines set up between truth and error, between belief and unbelief; and it is contrary to God's Word, which demands separation. Harm is being done all across America. I want to say this—if there is any Bible-believing church in Greenville that does not have any more sense than to go along with the Graham crusade, they will find that their position is weakened when it is over; and liberal churches and those which are friendly to liberalism are the only ones who will have benefited from it.

Some ten or twelve years ago I was in a hotel in Washington, and I ran into Billy Graham in the lobby. He said, "I haven't seen you for a while. Come up—I want to talk to you." I went up to his room where Cliff Barrows and Mrs. Graham were present with Billy; so I have no other witness to our conversation, but I am sure that Billy Graham and his wife would not deny what they said. I am sure that Billy Graham is personally a truthful man.

At that time there was a documentary film in the regular motion picture theaters dealing with the religious conditions at mid-century. It gave emphasis to Rome, with the Pope presented; and then they presented Billy Graham. This film was run in the commercial theaters in connection with the regular features—the sordid, sexual Hollywood films. Either Billy Graham or Mrs. Graham said that they had been greatly criticized because they had permitted that film to be shown since it might encourage people to go to the theater and see a "Hollywood" movie, also, Graham was being criticized for being identified with that kind of thing. Mrs. Graham said to me, "We have made up our minds that we are not to call the righteous but sinners to repentance, and we are going to go just as far as we can as long as we do not lose the prayer support of the Bible-believing Christians." Now that is significant. "We are going to go as far as we can without losing the prayer support. . . ." Billy Graham spoke up and said, "Yes, without the support of the fundamentalists we could not get anything done." I (Continued on page 6, column 5)

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Let us hear the eloquent historian, Abbot, on that sad event: "In the midst of unparalleled success, and while all the bells of the land were ringing with joy, a calamity fell upon us which overwhelmed the country in consternation and awe. On Friday evening, April 14th, President Lincoln attended Ford's Theatre, in Washington. He was sitting quietly in his box, listening to the drama. When a man entered the door of the lobby leading to the box, closing the door behind him. Drawing near to the President, he drew from his pocket a small pistol, and shot him in the back of the head. As the President fell, senseless and mortally wounded, and the shriek of his wife, who was sitting at his side, pierced every ear, the assassin leaped from the box, a perpendicular height of nine feet, and as he rushed across the stage, bare-headed, brandished a dagger, exclaiming 'Sic semper tyrannis!' and disappeared behind the side scenes. There was a moment of silent consternation. Then ensued a scene of confusion which it is in vain to attempt to describe.

"The dying President was taken into a house nearby, and placed upon a bed. What a scene did that room present! The chief of a mighty nation lay there, senseless, drenched in blood, his brains oozing from his wound! Sumner, Farwell, and Colfax and Stanton, many others there, filled with grief and consternation.

"The surgeon, General Barnes, solemnly examined the wound. There was silence as of the grave, the life and death of the nation seemed dependent on the result. General Barnes looked up sadly and said, 'The wound is mortal!'" "Oh, No! General Barnes, no, no!" cried out Secretary Stanton, and sinking into a chair, he covered his face and wept like a child. Senator Sumner tenderly held the head of the unconscious martyr.

"Though unused to weep, he sobs as though his great heart would break. In his anguish, his head falls upon the blood-stained pillow, and his black locks mixed with those of the dying victim, which care and toil has rendered grey, and which blood has crimsoned. What a scene! Sumner, who had lingered through months of agony, having himself been stricken down by the bludgeon of slavery, now sobbing and fainting in anguish over the prostrate form of his friend, whom slavery had slain! This vile rebellion, after deluging the land in blood, has culminated in a crime which appeals all nations.

"Noble Abraham, true des-

cendant of the father of the faithful; honest in every trust, humble as a child, tender-hearted as a woman, who could not bear to injure even his most envenomed foes; who, in the hour of triumph, was saddened lest the feelings of his adversaries should be wounded by their defeat, with 'charity for all, malice towards none,' endowed with 'common sense,' intelligence never surpassed, and with power of intellect which enabled him to grapple with the most gigantic opponents in debate, developing abilities as a statesman, which won the gratitude of his country and the admiration of the world, and with graces and amiability which drew to him all generous hearts; dies by the bullet of the assassin!" History of the Civil War, By Abbot. Vol. II, p. 594.

But who was that assassin? Booth was nothing but the tool of the Jesuits. It was Rome who directed his arm, after corrupting his heart and damning his soul.

After I had mixed my tears with those of the grand country of my adoption, I fell on my knees and asked my God to grant me to show to the world what I knew to be the truth, viz, that that horrible crime was the work of popery. And, after twenty years of constant and most difficult researches, I come fearlessly to-day before American people, to say and prove that the President, Abraham Lincoln, was assassinated by the priests, and the Jesuits of Rome.

In the book of the testimonies given in the prosecution of the assassin of Lincoln, published by Ben Pitman, and in the two volumes of the trial of John Surratt, in 1867, we have the legal and irrefutable proof that the plot of the assassins of Lincoln was matured, if not started, in the house of Mary Surratt, No. 561, H. Street, Washington City, D. C. But who were living in that house, and who were visiting that family? The legal answer says: "The most devoted Catholics in the city!" The sworn testimonies show more than that. They show that it was the common rendezvous of the priests of Washington.

Several priests swear that they were going there "sometimes," and when pressed to answer what they meant by "sometimes," they were not sure if it was not once a week or once a month. One of them, less on his guard, swore that he seldom passed before that house without entering; and he said he never passed less than once a week. The devoted Roman Catholic (an apostate from Protestantism) called L. J. Weichman, who was himself living in that house, swears that Father Wiget was very often in that house, and Father Iahiman

swears that he was living with Mrs. Surratt in the same house!

What does the presence of so many priests in that house reveal to the world? No man of common sense, who knows anything about the priests of Rome, can entertain any doubt that, not only they knew all that was going on inside those walls, but that they were the advisers, the counsellors, the very soul of that infernal plot. Why did Rome keep one of her priests, under that roof, from morning till night and from night till morning? Why did she send many others, almost every day of the week, into that dark nest of plotters against the very existence of the great republic, and against the life of her President, her principal generals and leading men, if it were not to be the advisers, the rulers, the secret motive power of the infernal plot?

No one if he is not an idiot, will think and say that those priests, who were the personal friends and the father confessors of Booth, John Surratt, Mrs. and Misses Surratt, could be constantly there without knowing what was going on, particularly when we know that every one of those priests, was a rabid rebel in heart. Every one of those priests, knowing that his infall-

his daily memorandum, the very day before his death: "I can never repent, though we hated to kill. Our country owed all her troubles to him (Lincoln), and God simply made me the instrument of his punishment." *Trial of Surratt, vol. 1, p. 310.

Yes! Compare the bloody deeds of those two assassins, and you will see that they had been trained in the same school; they had been taught by the same teachers. Evidently the Jesuit Ravailac, calling all the saints of heaven to his help, at his last hour; and Booth pressing the medal of the Virgin Mary on his breast, when falling mortally wounded, (*Ibid p. 310.) are both coming out from the same Jesuit mold.

Who has lost his common sense enough to suppose that it was Jeff Davis who had filled the mind and the heart of Booth with that religious and so exalted fanaticism! Surely Jeff Davis had promised the money to reward the assassin and nerve his arm, by the hope of becoming rich. The testimonies on that account say that he had promised one million dollars.

***Assassination of Abraham Lincoln, pp. 51, 52.

That arch-rebel could give the money; but the Jesuits alone could select the assassins, train them, and show them a crown of glory in heaven, if they would kill the author of the bloodshed, the famous renegade and apostate — the enemy of the Pope and the Church — Lincoln.

Who does not see the lessons given by the Jesuits to Booth, in their daily intercourse in Mary Surratt's house, when he reads those lines written by Booth a few hours before his death: "I can never repent; God made me the instrument of His punishment!" Compare these words with the doctrines and principles taught by the councils, the decrees of the Pope, and the laws of holy inquisition, as you find them in Chapter 59 of this volume, and you will find that the sentiments and belief of Booth flow from those principles, as the river flows from its source.

And that pious Miss Surratt, who, the very next day after the murder of Lincoln, said, without being rebuked, in the presence of other witnesses: "The death of Abraham Lincoln is no more than the death of any nigger in the army." — where did she get that maxim, if not from her church? Had not that church recently proclaimed, through her highest legal and civil authority, the devoted Roman Catholic Judge Taney, in his Dred Scot decision, the negroes have no right, which the white is bound to respect! By bringing the President on a level with the lowest nigger, Rome was saying that he had no right even to his life; for this was the maxim of the rebel priests, who, everywhere, had made themselves the echoes of the sentence of their distinguished co-religionist — Taney.

(To be continued)

Billy Graham

(Continued from page 7) said, "Billy, you have begun to lose the support you are going to lose money all the time." Since that time, more and more people have their eyes opened to Billy Graham has gone.

It is essential that if a crusade is accomplished in a Bible-believing folk, will work. These "liberals" not going to work to get saved. They want to get on the roll. They want the ability of being Christians; they are not. They like Billy Graham's endorsement so they will be unaware of their thing that will deceive the lic as to where they stand anything that is done is to be done by the Bible and the Bible believers. ones who will lose out as a result—for they disobey the ture and aid and abet ap. Bob Jones University can a party to that.

Billy Graham has not his policies at all—the are the same as they have in these other cities where given Christian recognition, agnostic, unitarian preachers has put his influence back National Council of Churches. Billy Graham told a man Bay area some four or five ago, "I am going to have a setup where I do not cover der anybody's sponsorship fellow fell for it, and he me and said, "Graham changed." I said, "If I changed, let him make a statement." Graham ha publicly, "I will go under any sponsorship." Billy Graham gets up and publicly, "I have been co-ing with modernists and Catholics and everybody have been seeking their ship and turning conver to them; I am convicted is wrong, and I want to of my sin of disobedience this day on I am going with God's people, the lievers, and nobody else I will be the first one "Praise God, let's help until he makes a public ment of his repentance clares his new position not going to plead his is that clear? So when to Greenville, whatever uation may appear to whatever their public department and the mo preachers of Greenville make the setup appear Bob Jones University is to co-operate.

I want to make it clear I mean by that so if there of you who want to co you can make your plan re-enroll next year. No tory student from Bob University will be given (Continued on page 7, co

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ible Pope had called Jeff Davis his dear son, and had taken the Southern Confederacy under his protection, was bound to believe that the most holy thing a man could do, was to fight for the Southern cause, by destroying those who were its enemies.

Read the history of the assassination of Admiral Coligny, Henry III and Henry IV., and William the Taciturn, by the hired assassins of the Jesuits; compare them with the assassination of Abraham Lincoln, and you will find that one resembles the other as one drop of water resembles another. You will understand that they all come from the same source, Rome! In all those murders, you will find that the murderers, selected and trained by the Jesuits, were of the most exalted Roman Catholic piety, living in the company of priests, going to confess very often, receiving the communion the day before, if not the very day of the murder. You will see in all those horrible deeds of hell, prepared behind the dark walls of the holy inquisition, that the assassins were considering themselves the chosen instruments of God, to save the nation by striking its tyrant; that they firmly believed that there was no sin in killing the enemy of the people, the holy church, and of the infallible Pope!

Compare the last hours of the Jesuit Ravailac, the assassin of Henry IV., who absolutely refuses to repent, though suffering the most terrible torture on the rack, with Booth, who suffering also the most horrible tortures from his broken leg, writes in

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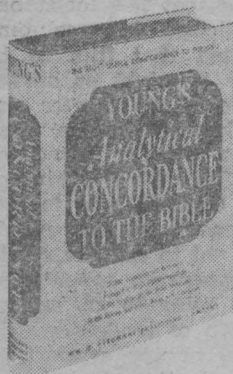
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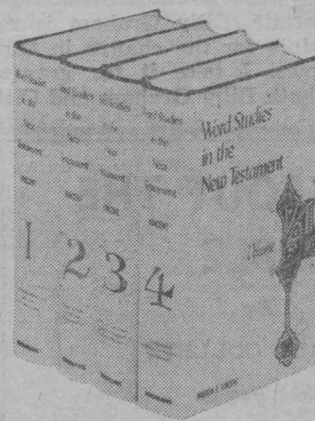
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"PAPERBACKS"

Billy Graham

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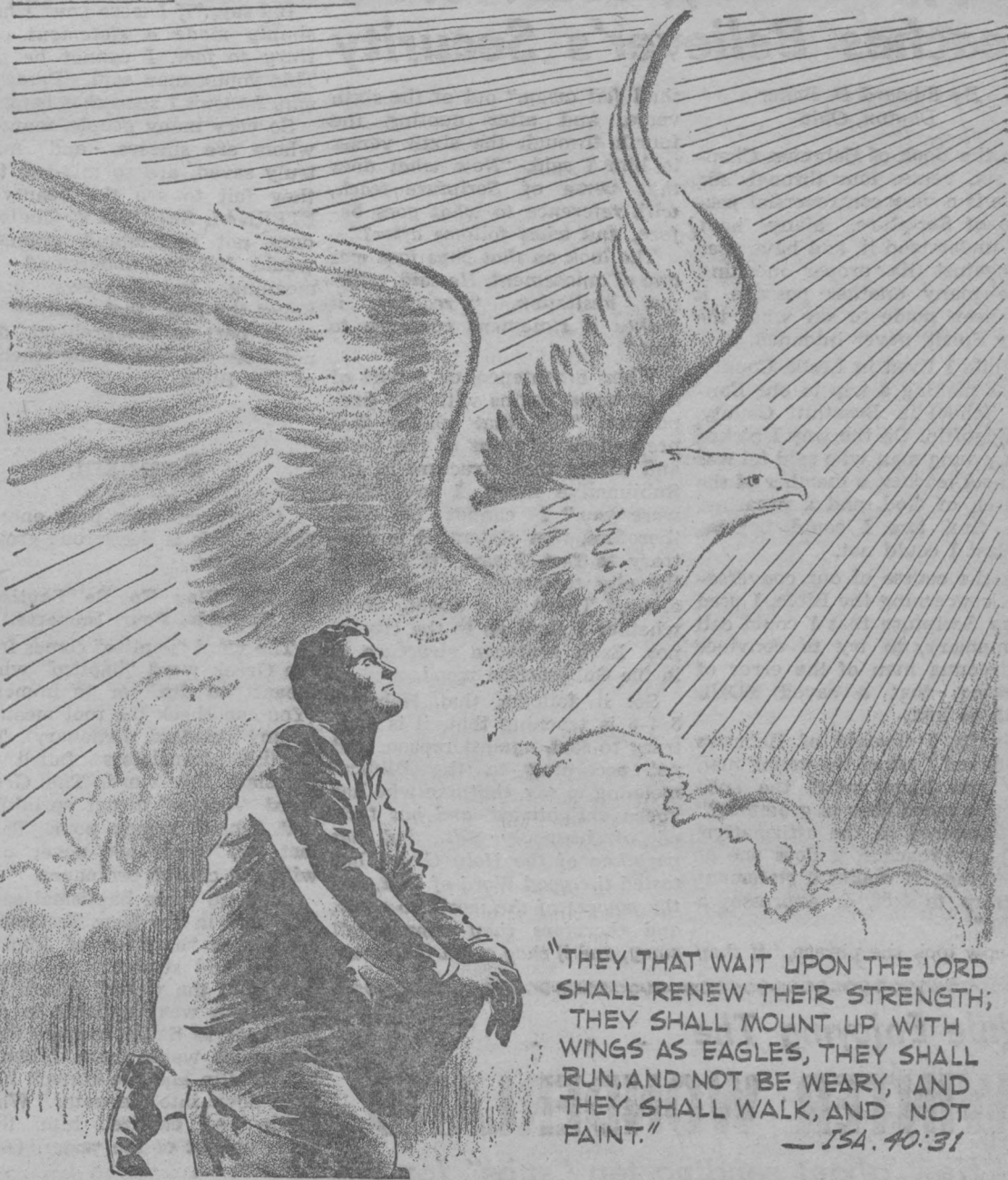
sion to attend any crusade meeting or have anything to do with it. If a Bob Jones University student went, even out of curiosity to see what is going on, they would take advantage of that to make it appear that Bob Jones University is divided on this matter and the students do not go along with the University in its stand for the Scriptural position; and that is, of course, not true. They will try to approach some of you, who have contacts with churches in town that co-operate, in an effort to enlist you to do personal work. If you did, you would be told that you could not say to a person who came forward, "You ought to get in a Bible-believing church." If he says, "I am a Catholic," you would have to send his card back to the priest. That is what they have made personal workers do elsewhere.

The mother of one of our faculty told me this: She was converted when she was teaching a Sunday School class in a modernistic Presbyterian church in Indianapolis. She went back on fire for the Lord after her conversion and told what happened, and they told her they did not want that kind of thing taught in that church; so she got out. Her whole family was converted and came out. When Billy Graham had a crusade in Indianapolis, that church was asked to send about sixty-five personal workers. This dear lady said to me, "If there are some saved people in that church, I am glad the Lord saved them. But I do not know one, and I was in that church to tell people how to be saved. There are not sixty people there who know the Lord; and I doubt if there is one, including the preacher."

You cannot be a party to that kind of thing. So no Bob Jones University dormitory student will be permitted to go to a single meeting of the Greenville crusade. No Bob Jones University adult student, if he is married or lives in town, may attend the crusade and remain as a student in Bob Jones University. You can go if you want to go; you are an adult. But you cannot be seen in that mixed-up, unscriptural mess and be identified as a Bob Jones University student. If you are a high school student or a minor, your parents are in charge of you. If your parents want to take you, you are answerable to your parents—you live at home; but we will not have any Bob Jones University dormitory student set foot in that crusade, and we will not have any adult town student continue in Bob Jones University if he wants to support something which the Bible forbids; so if you wish to do so, do not make your plans to come back here to college next year.

You cannot say I have not made our position clear well ahead of time. If Billy Graham comes to Greenville, it is not going to be until March, 1966. This is thirteen months from now. A lot could happen in thirteen months, but I want to give you plenty of notice so you can make your plans. Young people, we must be consistent. We have taken a stand. We are going to be consistent with the public. We are going to be honest with you, and we are going to be open and honest before God; and we are not going to wait to make our position clear to you. We have taken a stand. The stand was taken in 1956—the stand was taken publicly in print in regard to this very thing. We have not changed; we are not going to back down. Some of you will be approached to co-operate because they would like nothing better than to make it appear Bob Jones University is divided on this Scriptural position. They will try to get to some of you through your church connection. So I say to anybody who attends a church in Greenville that supports this crusade that he ought to get

PAUSE FOR POWER



"THEY THAT WAIT UPON THE LORD SHALL RENEW THEIR STRENGTH; THEY SHALL MOUNT UP WITH WINGS AS EAGLES, THEY SHALL RUN, AND NOT BE WEARY, AND THEY SHALL WALK, AND NOT FAINT."
—ISA. 40:31

out of that church. You are a party to something unscriptural if you remain in that church. If any of our married students are members of churches that choose to co-operate in this crusade, they should get out. Otherwise, you will be identified with the compromise that is upon us.

Now, young folks, if anybody can show us from the Word of God that our position is inconsistent with Scripture, we will change it. I can quote a hundred verses from the Scripture that condemn compromise with apostasy and fellowship with unbelievers. I have never found in the Scripture one verse that endorses it or one verse that condones it, and neither has anybody else. That is why Graham's supporters do not face up to Scripture. They try to dissemble and make it appear that what he is doing is not what he is doing. For example, Graham's man said in the letter I referred to a few moments ago, "The modernists are the ones that are compromising with Mr. Graham in desiring to have a part in the crusades. It would be wrong for Mr. Graham to deny them the opportunity of hearing the true gospel message and perhaps even prohibiting their salvation." How silly that statement is! Because a man does not sponsor a meeting does not mean he cannot go. There will be maybe five hundred sponsors, but they will claim fifty thousand people in the audience. You do not have to be a sponsor to go and hear the Gospel.

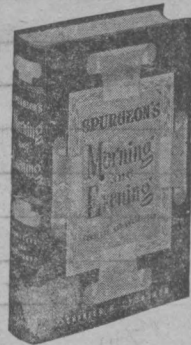
You see, they make it appear that we do not want the modernists to hear the Gospel. That is dishonest. That is Jesuit reasoning; that is sophistry; that is deceit. We say, let them go; but let them sit out in front with the rest of the sinners where they are under the gun—not sit on the platform and look pious and try to act as if they were Christians and have Billy Graham say, "I am going to ask

Bishop Pike to lead us in prayer." Pike is the man who says he does not believe the Creed. He "would rather 'sing it' than say it." It is not quite such a big lie if he sings it. Pike sat on the platform in Graham's Bay area crusade, and Graham publicly congratulated the people of California on this Christian man who was to head the Episcopal Church in that area! Graham sat in a choir stall of the Episcopal Cathedral in San Francisco when Pike was consecrated Bishop—by his presence he approved of this man; and he is the very man who, when Graham had been in New York a year or two before, had made fun of the crusade there. But Pike found it was good to "get on the band wagon." So he did, and Billy received him with open arms. That is wrong!

Poor Christian preachers who have stood and fought for the Gospel and opposed modernism! Billy Graham does not come and stand in the pillory with those who are being persecuted for Christ's sake. He sits on the throne with the inquisitors who persecute. That is wrong. When God's people are standing for the truth of God and defending the faith and fighting liberalism, I am not going to go and take

my place with the liberals who throw stones at God's people and put my arm around these wicked unbelievers and call them brother. I am going to go out where God's man sits under attack and share his persecution. I am not going to sit with the ones who persecute him. The worst thing about this whole business is this. Graham goes to a town where some dear brother has fought for the truth for years, has opposed liberalism and taken a Scriptural stand, and puts himself on the side of those who persecute the man who stands for Christ and the Bible. That is wrong.

I had a real funny experience a few years ago when I was preaching in Cincinnati. At the close of the service a man came up to me all angry and with a chip on his shoulder. He said, "I understand you don't pray for Billy Graham." I said, "How do you know what I pray for?" He said, "You don't pray for him publicly—you didn't pray for him tonight." "No," I said, "If I had, you would be madder than you are now, because I would have had to pray, 'Lord, forgive Billy Graham for disobeying the Word of God; forgive him for stabbing' (Continued on page 8, column 4)



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Grammatically, Heb. 6:4-6 Teaches Believer's Security

By Edward D. Baker
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In the Book of Hebrews, Chapter six, verses four through six, there is a very controversial passage of Scripture. Many have mis-understood it, and have used it against its proper meaning. Like many another passage, it has been made to say what the Holy Spirit, never intended.

While I lived in Leslie County, I was making a trip to our Baptist School in Breathitt County, at Magoffin. On the way I picked up a young man who said he was a school teacher, a member of the Church of God, and a preacher. The first two I could believe, the last I could not.

In the course of our conversation, concerning the Bible, I used every Scripture that I could call to memory, to try to convince that young man of the error of teaching, that a saved SOUL could be lost.

Finally I thought of Hebrews 6:4-6, and I asked the young man "Do you know what the subjunctive mood does in grammar?" He answered in the affirmative, saying, "Preacher, it does one of two things. It makes a statement contrary to fact, or expresses a doubt."

I now took the phrase, "If they

shall fall away," out of the sixth verse, and after quoting the fourth through the sixth verses to him I said, "Now what does that verse of Scripture teach, with reference to what goes before, and what follows after?"

The look on that boys face was one of amazement. He said, without hesitation, "Preacher, it makes a statement contrary to fact."

When a sentence, or a part of a sentence begins with the preposition "IF" that places that preposition in front of the verb, and places that structure in the Subjunctive mood. I say, "if I were you." I cannot be you, therefore, that statement is contrary to fact. I say, "if I go to the city tomorrow, you may go along." There is a doubt, as to whether I shall go to the city or not. Each sentence structure is in the Subjunctive mood.

So, it follows, that Hebrews 6:4-6 is teaching that, it is contrary to fact, against reason, and not according to the Biblical meaning to say, that one who has "been enlightened, and has tasted of heavenly gift, and has partaken of the Holy Ghost, has tasted the good Word of God, and the powers of the world to come, and therefore they cannot fall away, and if they could fall away,

it would be impossible to "renew them again to repentance."

If I say, "If I were you" I have simply made a statement contrary to fact, I cannot be you. This young man said, "Preacher, why haven't I seen that before?"

So very many people, many of whom are sincere, and many truly saved, are so mis-led, that they fail to see the beauty of ETERNAL SECURITY. One who does not understand grammar, would fail to understand the meaning in Hebrews 6:4-6, never-the-less that failure on one's part to comprehend, does not alter the fact of the teaching of the Bible.

Baptism

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Indeed, this is dangerous ground to stand on.

II. The Way To Be Baptized? Sprinkle, Pour, Immerse.

The word "baptize" comes from the Greek word "baptizo" which means "to dip," or to immerse. (You can check the root meaning in any standard dictionary). The English translators failed to translate this word. The Greek word "rantizo" means sprinkling and "cheo" means pour. These last two words are never used with the church ordinance.

Look up these baptismal services held in the New Testament: Jesus was "baptized of John in Jordan and straightway coming up out of the water" (Mark 1:9-11). "John was baptizing in Aenon near to Salim because there was much water there. (John 3:23). "Philip and the eunuch both went down into the water." When Philip had baptized him, they came up out of the water. (Acts 8:36-39).

The purpose of baptism makes matters clear as the way of being baptized. In Rom. 6:3,5, we read that baptism is a figure or pattern of salvation. It symbolizes our identification with Christ in His burial, and resurrection, and our death to sin and resurrection to walk in a newness of life in Him. No other form of baptism signifies this. It is an outward testimony of an inward work of God's grace.

The historical record of men concerning church history makes it clear that the church has predominately practiced immersion. Every church historian without exception declares that immersion was the mode until the 14th century. The Roman Catholic Church was the instigator of sprinkling. Martin Luther said, "They ought to be entirely immersed and immediately drawn out." (Sacrament for Baptism by Luther). Luther had all his children immersed. John Calvin said, "Baptize signifies to immerse and it is certain that immersion was the practice of the early church." The Institutes, Vol III p. 3434). John Wesley said, "Buried with Him, alluding to the ancient manner of baptism by immersion."

III. Who Shall Be Baptized?

Infant baptism is not Scriptural. Absolutely nowhere in the Bible does it say that any infant was baptized or ever should be.

The Bible only lays down two requirements before any one can be baptized: Repentance and faith. This leaves infants out. They cannot think, let alone repent of their sins and believe in Jesus Christ.

Look up these passages of Scripture in your Bible which clearly indicates what took place before baptism: Acts 6:15; gladly received his word. Acts 16:15; and 32-34, believed and is baptized. Acts 18:8, hearing and believing; Mark 16:16, believeth and is baptized. "What doth hinder me to be baptized?" and Philip said, "If thou believeth with all thine heart, thou mayest." (Acts 8:36).

Conclusion

Your arguments are futile.

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Chosen

"Tis not that I did choose thee,
For, Lord, that could not be;
This heart would still refuse thee;
But thou hast chosen me.
Hast from the sin that stained me,
Washed me and set me free,
And to this end ordained me
That I should live to thee,
T'was sovereign mercy called me,
And taught my opening mind;
The world has else enthralled me,
To heavenly glories blind.
My heart owns none above thee;
For thy rich grace I thirst:
This knowing — if I love thee
Thou must have loved me first.

—JOSIAH CONDER
1855

Scripture and facts will not yield. Baptism is vitally important. The mode is immersion. If you are a "born again" Christian. "We ought to obey God rather than men." Acts 5:29. It is also logical to question whether your church is true to the Bible if they do not immerse believers. Bible baptism is plain and simple, if they err in this matter, they probably have erred in other matters of vital importance. Search the Scriptures!

Billy Graham

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in the back those who have suffered for Christ's sake; forgive him for turning little lambs of God over to wolves to be torn asunder; forgive him for building the church of Antichrist and aiding and abetting apostasy. Touch his heart Lord. Bring him to the mourner's bench. Help him to re-

pent and get right so he can do some good." You would have a madder than you are wouldn't you?" He turned and walked away. He did not thing to say. It is funny and too. They criticize you because you do not pray for Billy when they find out you do for him, they get madder ever. They want to tell you to pray. Well, you are to pray in a Scriptural fashion. You plead the promises of God. be in fellowship with God. must be obedient to the of God.

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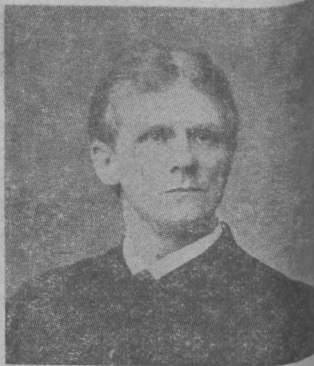
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