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"CHURCH FAILS THE GI"

A wounded Chaplain back from the South Sea Islands, brings a strong indictment against the Church Preaching-System today.

Lt. W. Charles Goe was a chaplain with the marines on Saipan and Tinian Islands; and in a recent Kansas City Star, told how ill-prepared the soldiers are for death. Here is part of his words:

"Scores of times," he said, "suffering men wistfully have told they have been preached at all their lives, but that they never had had the opportunity to sit down with anyone and have the 'preaching' explained.

"They had believed, never having been told differently, that by going to church regularly and listening to the sermons, they had become Christians in the full sense.

"The result of all that has been that when plunged into the brutality, the heartaches and suffering of this war, their 'religion' has failed them. In their cases it has had no sustaining influence.

"I've talked hours with such men trying to supply, while I had them at close quarters with all bars down, the truths that were left out of their religious education. I believe I've helped many." * * *

"I've sat before a flickering light beside such men far into the night with the Bible before men showing to them wars are not God's will, but the result of man's selfishness and hate and that war is God's scourge for such waywardness."

The churches are going to have a tough time of it and have to do a lot of explaining when the millions of youths come home, hard and disillusioned, Chaplain Goe believes.

"They've done a poor job of it," he said. "They've taken one arm off the cross of Christ and built a wobbly chair of it. They've got to build solidly from the ground up after this war ends. They've got to teach, not preach; explain, not assert. Otherwise the churches will have to content themselves with their little congregations, largely made up of women."

Remarks

1. The denominational preachers do not definitely tell the people what to do to be saved. With their doctrine of "justification by faith alone," there is no line between the Church and the world. Acts of Apostles shows that people then, believed, confessed Christ, repented of their sins, and were baptized for the remission of their sins. (Acts 2:38.) "As many of you as have been BAPTIZED INTO Christ, have put on Christ (Gal. 3:27). The true Church of Christ tries

to make this definite as the Scriptures do. Read the entire book of Acts on this.

2. "Teach, not preach," to Christians. That's the scriptural way. Preaching was for the world; but when the apostles had preached and baptized, they were commanded, "TEACHING them to observe all things I have commanded you." (Matt. 23: 19, 20.) There is about as much spiritual food in a modern sermonette as there is physical food in a Japanese concentration camp. These soldiers that this chaplain mentions have been starved, just as the others at home have been starved, with the result that hardly any one knows anything about the gospel and general plan of salvation.

True churches of Christ are working against this starvation system. Read elsewhere in this paper where many of our churches are having protracted Bible readings, development of talent for public work, short Bible readings, and we are trying to make this UNIVERSAL among the brethren.

There is plenty of room for improvement in the Blaine Ave. church of Christ (1349 Blaine), here in Indianapolis where the writer attends, but Lord's Day mornings they have a regular chapter, which is read and commented on by different members, with the membership as a whole looking on their testaments. If we do not agree with a speaker, our minds are quickened to investigate and find the full truth. They are not "preached at" with a milk and water sermonette, for modern sermons leave hearers about as ignorant at the end as they were at the beginning.

So, brethren, let us rejoice that we are on the right line. Let us not be satisfied till EVERY member of the Church will, in the course of ten years, have the opportunity of going through a good part of the Bible, under competent teachers. In addition to all the regular meetings of the Church, let us at least have two weeks of Bible study and development each year by one of the many preachers who are now able to conduct such work, and let us train EVERY YOUNG MAN AND WOMAN in the church, so they will be able "to give a reason of their hope," and will not be tossed about by the uncertainties of life.

Hidden Treasure

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for

joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field." (Matt. 13:44.)

1st: Its Nature. "A treasure." The most valuable treasure. "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness. . . ." (Matt. 6:33.) Its treasures not temporal, but eternal. (See Rom. 14:17; Heb. 12:28.)

2nd: The Discovery. "Found." Unexpected. Perhaps never having considered religion seriously, he did not realize his need, nor the importance of investing in a kingdom that is eternal. He had not known the satisfaction to be found by obeying the gospel and living a Christian life. But something happened which changed his perspective. Possibly some calamity caused him to change his views. At any rate, he understands the importance of Christ and His kingdom.

3rd: Where Hidden. "In a field." We might compare this to a world of business problems, social or personal cares, or even of religious traditions. All of which have obscured the true teachings of Christ.

4th: "He Hides." Did not want to take any chances with it, now that he has found it.

5th: Sells All He Has. We can not take hold of Christ with a hand that is already full. "What things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ." (Phil. 3:7.)

6th: "Buys." Personal acceptance of the gospel. We should accept Him if it costs us all our friends, all our money, all our time, all our habits, etc. "But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lust thereof." (Rom. 13:14.) We must be translated into this kingdom. (Col. 1:13.) Only those who are born again (of the water and the Spirit) can enter this kingdom. (John 3:3-5.)—Roy Harris.

The Introduction to a Series of Notes for a Development Class:

No one may deny that in the apostolic church every member was urged to participate in the public services according to his ability. The suitable men were developed to be teachers, or to exhort, or to pray, or to direct the singing, or to perform other functions, so that all might participate, encouraging one another, and being built up together. These participants were made fully conscious of their function as a priest at the altar of the Creator.

Very important in the services was the reading of the scriptures, with exhortations based upon the selections read (the familiar practice of the synagogue prior to the forming of the church), as should our Bible study services be to us, where all may grow in the knowledge of Christ. (1 Peter 2:2.)

Their program was informal, any being permitted to speak or read or participate in prayer or song, who was known to be a Christian and who expressed the desire, with

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someone to preside and preserve order, so that none might abuse a privilege, and that any gainsayer might be confuted.

Those who were faithful and who desired to devote themselves to the work as teachers were instructed (2 Tim. 2:2); and the teachers of the congregation labored to ground the members firmly in the doctrines of our Lord.

When the members of the congregation failed to grow, but continually thrust themselves upon a hireling teacher, and allowed themselves to be taught instead of becoming teachers themselves, they were reproved. (Heb. 5:12-14.)

Men of exceptional ability and proven faithfulness were appointed as overseers of the congregation, charged with watching for the souls of those in their care.

It should be the purpose of every person to qualify for as high a stewardship as he may bear, yet never with the spirit of envy, nor with desire to lord it over brethren, but simply with conscientious regard for his duty to be making use of the talents placed at his disposal, knowing that he must give account in the day of the Lord.

The church of the apostles' day participated upon the first day of the week in an appointed service, and then as occasion arose, in social gatherings of brethren, in prayer meeting, in study classes, and other meetings of various nature. These were simple meetings which disposed of the ritual of the worship of the religions around them, having congregational singing, prayers, reading, teaching, exhortations, and when on the first day of the week, the keeping of the Lord's Supper, and the taking of the contribution (for the care of the poor, and the support of those who preached the gospel).

And thus we preserve the true model.—Kenneth Morgan.

"Morals and Movies"

How many times are we asked the question, Why oppose the movies?

I think every institution, whether secular or religious, has certain fundamental principles that determine its character. And institutions, like men, are proportionately important according as they are able to influence the greatest number of people for good or evil. Then measured by this standard, it is impossible to be indifferent to modern movies, for it is the most potent moral influence among us. Approximately four times as many people attend the movies

as are students in all the Sunday Schools of the nation. For instance, 77,000,000 people, 28,000,000 of them adolescents, 11,000,000 not over thirteen years old, attend picture shows each day in this country.

Now if the influence of the movies is uniformly good, the institution deserves the approbation and support of us all; but if it is evil, it is serious and dangerous threat to the morals of the nation, and should be opposed by all Christian people.

I understand the committee of Child Welfare of the League of Nations in a recent survey of American films found that in two hundred fifty pictures there were ninety-seven murders, fifty-one cases of adultery, nineteen seductions. Now of the characters shown, one hundred seventy-six were thieves, twenty-five were prostitutes, and thirty-five were drunkards. Stark scenes of violence, lust, murder, adultery, drunkenness, crime were common to all. Millions of young people thus had unfolded before them, sin in all its vulgar reality. Surely such an influence is not conducive to spiritual welfare or advancement in any Christian character. As a matter of fact, other nations I notice have taken notice of the corruption in American films and have taken steps to guard their people against the seductive influence thereof. A few years back in the brief period of two months 150 films shown in theatres throughout the United States were barred from Canada and Australia. In a book written by Mr. Vom Bruch, "The Carnival of Death:" "Repeated warnings against American films are being heard today from all quarters of the globe; from China and Japan, India, Italy, Germany, France and South America. Even Turkey, the infidel nation, is aroused to protect its children against the influence of this (Christian ?) Nation!"

This is indeed a sad commentary on the nation that all others boasts of its superior type of civilization! Sad to say, but even the morals of Hollywood are now the morals of the nation. It is then not surprising that the adulterous unions of that city would eventually find their counterpart throughout the country, when it is recalled that millions today go to Hollywood for both manners and morals. Revelling in lust, prostitution and seduction, it is not to be wondered that their lives would eventually find portrayal on the screen and thence into the lives of their ardent admirers and imitators throughout the country.

The alarming increase in Juvenile delinquency is to be attributed to the influence of the movies. It could not be otherwise. When millions of impressionable boys and girls live from week to week in an atmosphere of crime and open immorality—their corruption is an inevitable result.

The influence alone of the picture show is uniformly evil. Even those pictures which do not contain objectionable scenes are merely lures to draw unsuspecting people into the palaces of sin, later to be corrupted. Thus more fans are enlisted for the sex-filled, love-crazy crime and blood pictures to follow. It is also admitted that occasionally there may be presented a picture with a good lesson or moral. There may also be found occasionally a good piece of bread in alley garbage cans, too! But as the environment in which it is found renders

it unpalatable, just so should one avoid the movies as the source of their good moral lessons. After all, no motion picture can present a moral lesson that has not been in the New Testament for nineteen hundred years!

Christians must not engage in that which is forbidden in the New Testament, nor participate in that which is harmful to their spiritual life, or indulge in practices that are worldly in their nature. The movies are clearly forbidden, being a work of the flesh. (Gal. 5:19.) They are harmful to the Christian life and are palpably worldly in their nature. Any preacher or Bible student who frequents the motion picture houses does so at the expense of his Christian influence. Surely the price is too much to pay for the few morsels of worldly entertainment he receives.

A few years ago I knew a young sister in the Church who stood high in the esteem of her Bible class, but who was persuaded to attend the movies. Her class heard of it and was scandalized. They talked of it at home and discussed it with each other. Some were disillusioned, others discouraged, all were saddened. This sister was never able to recover her former place in their hearts. Neither are we if we do likewise. No man, it matters not who he is, can wield the influence he should if he attends the shows. Even wicked people take notice of it. They know that crime and sex and lewd exhibitionism are not fit subjects for amusement of children of God.

"What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price, therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's." (1 Cor. 6:19-20.)—Gladys Potts, Seneca, Ill.

Parents Needed For Job

After all is said and done, it is mothers who have to solve the juvenile delinquency problem. Child centers and public playgrounds and recreation halls for adolescents and all the other efforts that are being made to entice youngsters to walk the straight and narrow path by hanging garlands on it are mere makeshifts. The real job has to be done by mothers.

And, like all other reforms, reforming children has to be done before it is needed if it is to be efficient. Boys and girls have to be kept good, instead of being made good. They have to be taught to wash behind their ears and brush their teeth and have good manners and morals until they like that way of life, until they prefer to be clean and decent, instead of dirty little tramps.

This puts the question of every child's fate squarely up to its parents, and particularly up to its mother, for the hand that rocks the cradle not only rules the world but it opens, or shuts, jail doors. For practically every man and woman are what their mothers made them and their whole lives are conditioned by the kind of homes they were brought up in.

No honest thinking person will deny that the appalling fact that by far the greatest number of criminals who clog up our police courts and fill our prisons, are boys and girls in their teens is due to the lack of happy

homes and on mother laying down on her job.

Sometimes she is an absentee mother. She is never at home when the children come from school.

Or perhaps the home is one in which the husband and wife fight continually and call each other names, and in which there is never a moment's peace, or good cheer.

Or perhaps it is too strict a home in which the children are denied all liberty and are ground down by the tyranny of their parents.

The children who have happy, cheerful, comfortable homes, with mothers who make things nice for their guests, don't have to have clubs organized for their entertainment. They are content to stay at home.—Dorothy Dix, Columnist whose articles on the Home are published in hundreds of large daily papers.

Striving for Port

As I crossed the Ohio river bridge this afternoon returning from Paducah, I noticed to my left a small tug pushing three empty barges up the river. To my right, about an equal distance from the bridge, a large steamboat was proceeding swiftly downstream with only a single barge.

The sun shone brightly; whitecaps dotted the river; and roving clouds sparsely spotted the light blue sky. A plane roared overhead and a car sped past me, but neither could jar my thoughts from the two boats. I had crossed this bridge hundreds of times before, but this was the first time I had paused to gain a lesson of life. May I pass it on to you?

When I saw the little tug struggling against the mighty current, striving to make headway with its three empty barges, each of which was larger than the boat itself, I thought of the many people who today are seemingly unduly laden with sorrows, cares, and work which offers no relief. Those who have lost loved ones in the present worldwide conflict sometimes feel that they are struggling against the forceful current with only an empty life before them. Many are living in a state of constant anxiety because the horrors of war have given the reality of death a deeper and closer meaning than it had in years of plenty, peace, and joy. We have become increasingly aware that this life is only transient.

True, there are people even now who are continuing a life of ease and luxury. They have forsaken God and have disregarded the needs of their fellowmen, intent only on their personal satisfaction. They are like the large steamboat which was very impressive in its grandeur and air of self-importance but was merely going downstream with a single barge.

I admired the small tug because it was working hard in overcoming the forceful current so it could eventually gain its port where the three barges would be filled.

We, as Christians, must successfully overcome the current of worldliness that tries to deter us from reaching our heavenly port, for there we shall receive treasures far greater than the wealth of this world. Each sorrow borne, each hardship endured, each temptation overcome, each kind deed per-

formed, and each word spoken for the cause of Christ will gain for us treasures in heaven, "where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal." (Matt. 6:20).—Richard Kerr's "English Composition at Paducah (Ky.) Junior College."

In Times of Sorrow

There are so many "missing-in-action" telegrams flashing across the seas, casting gloom over the lives of mothers, wives and friends. I want to tell you how one mother's faith bridged the chasm of despair and was rewarded. Her son was in the midst of the fighting against the German army. He has been twice wounded, but was back in action when the word came "missing in action."

His young wife was terrified. The two little ones, one who has never seen his father, orphans? He is the mother's only son. Her heart is wrapped up in him; her letters of comfort and cheer, her constant thought, her prayers for his welfare and safety, her very life.

Did she give up when the word came? She did not! Perhaps there were tears in the privacy of her room, a more set look on her face; but she held out to the stricken wife the hope and faith that the son, husband and father would surely be back, that these notices of "missing in action" were not conclusive. Others had come back after hope was gone. He would, she was sure he would. His friends were saddened by the news and we were wondering just how best to offer our comfort and consolation to the young wife, when the mother called to tell us that a message, the telegram, had been a mistake and that the boy was alright. How we all rejoiced! With joy the young wife could turn back to her regular duties. Her hope was strengthened, faith returned.

Of course, there are many such messages carrying sorrow to homes all over the country. Yet many of them are only temporary "missings" and so the faith that can tide one over the difficulties we all have to bear in these uncertain times is like a bright, bright star in the firmament of our earthly work.

Keep up your faith, your courage, loved ones. There is One more mighty than all the hosts of our enemies, more powerful than even our own great leaders. He holds the earth in His mighty hand, and overrules the nations of men.

One whose all-seeing Eye can penetrate the deepest jungle, the worst infested, the coldest, most terrible of all earth's battlefields, and comfort the hearts of the boys so far from home, and can bring them safely back to us.

And even if the worst comes, this faith can span even that, and look beyond the reach of wars, of suffering and death. Thank God for a mother's faith!—Nancy Gingrich.

Why I Am a Member of the One Body

The one and only reason why I am a member of the "one body" is that I desire and long for a life beyond this mortal and

temporal habitation. The basic reason why anyone who has considered the subject desires to obey the dictates and limitations of God is that he wishes to receive salvation instead of destruction, and immortal life instead of the fiery death which is the portion of the ungodly and sinners.

Man immemorial, even in ignorance, desires and believes that there is an existence beyond the severing of this body and spirit. The "Happy-hunting-ground" of the American Indians, and the "Transmigration of Souls Theory" developed by the Brahmans of India illustrate this fact. To obtain this life we must be a member of the "one body," which is plainly taught by the Scriptures as the church, which we uphold as the ordained institution whereby man is to receive redemption.

In Acts 2:47 we note that it says that "The Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved." In connection, Ephesians 3:21 says, "Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end." Since man's whole duty and obligation on earth is to glorify God and finish the work given him to do, (and he is told to do this glorifying and laboring in the church) he is of necessity limited to that one institution.

Now let us examine Colossians 1:18 and definitely and positively prove that the church and the "one body" of Ephesians 4:4 are synonymous, being exactly one and the same. Such is the statement of the Holy Writ of God and can not be refuted or questioned. Paul says here to the Colossians: "And he (Christ) is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the first-born from the dead; that in all things he might have the pre-eminence." The scriptures here teach beyond a shadow of a reasonable doubt that there is salvation and redemption in the church or "one body."

However, some might doubt if it alone was instituted and ordained by God for that exclusive purpose. In the assigned period I have not time enough to discuss the creed or belief of The Church of Christ, which is alone the "one body," but I wish to search some scriptures with this subject in mind; to see what they say in regard to its being exclusive in this power. Let us turn back to the scriptures previously quoted; we find that they establish this argument also. It says "such as should be saved" (or were being saved) were added to the church by the Lord; hence common logic leads and compels us to the conclusion that those who were not added by belief and obedience were not saved. The scripture which says that glory must be given him in the church of course limits it to the one body. Thus all other attempts at glorification outside will only bring a double portion of condemnation.

II Timothy 2:10 says that there is salvation in Christ Jesus and also eternal glory through him. The one body "was purchased with his own blood," Acts 20:28, hence we see that it would be absurd and ridiculous for Christ to give his life if salvation was obtainable outside of that purchased by his suffering.

Revelation 22:14 reads, "Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they might have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city." Christ, speaking in Mark 16:16, says, "He that be-

lieveth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned."

In summary, I am a member of the church for the reason prominent throughout the report. This reason being that there is a promise of life in the church (and only in the church) and a threat of condemnation if I go outside. I wish to eternally dwell in the blessed presence of God and Christ—not in a cast-off and condemned state, there suffering the just deserts of the unbeliever.—Robert A. Freeman. (This brother is under 21 years.—Editor.)

The Catholic Church and America

The Catholic Church has set itself to the task of winning America; in fact, the Catholic Church has to win America in order to maintain itself in the world. We are informed from reliable sources that the chief support of the Vatican comes from American Catholics. We know that the lengthening shadow of the kremlin has fallen across St. Peters, that there is an anti-clerical revolution threatening in Spain, that Communists sit in the Italian cabinet, that France emerges from captivity with a strong leftist group embedded in the government, that Latin-America is seething with religious unrest, that, in all the Roman Catholic world, the only place where the wealth and stability of the church are not threatened is in the United States.

I wonder if our people know what the threat of Romanism means? The Roman Catholic Church is a totalitarian church; it is just as totalitarian as Nazism in Germany, or Fascism in Italy, or Communism in Russia. The Pope is the absolute dictator.

This totalitarian church has as its purpose, according to a book published in 1940 and used as a textbook in all the Catholic universities, the intention of establishing itself as the state church in this country. The encyclical of Pope Leo XIII condemns the American system of separation of church and state.

If anyone denies this, or questions it, let him take the statement of Pope Leo XIII quoted in "Catholic Principles of Politics" as authority. Pope Leo XIII said, "The state must not only have care for religion but recognize the true religion. This means the form of religion practiced by the Catholic Church."

We wonder if a democratic country that repudiates totalitarianism in politics will accept a church that is totalitarian in religion and that has as its announced objectives the subordination of the state to that religion. Literature is being circulated among the soldiers in the Army which affirms that there is only one church of Christ, the Catholic Church.—Southern Baptist.

Walk by Sight and Not by Faith

In the December issue of the Macedonian Call, we gave a little history of the Church under the title, "The Greatest Evil in the Christian World," referring to the one-man preacher-pastor and the Bible colleges and seminaries which are hatcheries of the pastors. We showed how the brotherhood was

led off by Bethany College, and that when brethren in the South established Nashville Bible School, now David Lipscomb College, Daniel Sommer tried to show them the danger of the schools, but he was not heeded.

We who have opposed these schools have tried to walk by faith and not by sight, but the promoters of the schools have walked only by sight, or experience, it seems. We have opposed these schools because, in the first place they are human ORGANIZATIONS, teaching the Bible, which is the work of the Church. And second, we have opposed them because through nearly two thousand years, they have been the nurseries of a clergy which has led the Church astray. We showed how J. N. Armstrong, who was a promoter of such schools through several decades, finally before he died, saw that they were developing a clergy, and acknowledged, that in his opposition to them, "Sommer, was after all largely correct." Bro. W. W. Otey has shown these truths in a tract, which is mentioned in the following words in the Christian Leader, a Bible College journal, by T. Q. Martin, one of the old editors of it:

"Is It Truth?"

These words are quoted from a tract recently written by W. W. Otey of Belle Plaine, Kansas, subject, Bible Colleges. Realizing the fact that old men are often regarded, when they criticize things about them, as cranky, and out of step with the times, he suggests that the only question to ask about such criticisms, is it truth. In this he is 100 per cent right.

I consider this the most timely tract that I have read since the lamented M. C. Kurfess wrote "Walking by Faith."

Now, lest some say that I have "soured on the Bible Colleges, I want to make a few remarks out of the fullness of my heart. I believe that some of the most able, and most pious, men in the church today are connected with the Bible Colleges. I feel very sure that some of the best friends that I have on earth are among the managers of and teachers in the Bible schools. I have never refused an invitation to take part in any program of such schools. I recognize and appreciate all the good that these schools have ever done. I believe they may yet do great good or great harm to the cause of Christ.

When Daniel Sommer, years ago, pointed out the possibility of the great harm that might come to the church from these colleges, I thought him an alarmist, and paid little attention to his writing. He pointed out what Bethany and other such colleges, established for a good purpose, finally did for the churches. When he first began his fight against "Our" Bible schools, they were small, poor and struggling for existence. They existed independent of any connection or affiliation with any association of colleges, and therefore took no dictation from such institutions. Those who taught in them taught without salary, and I said, whatever Bethany or any other college ever did that was harmful to the church, these little schools will never go beyond the limit of Scriptures or the right of human institutions. The schools were small then,

and I saw no danger. No one envied or sought to supplant the other fellow. There was nothing in them that appealed to worldliness. No salary, no recognition by worldly associations, nothing to be sought in connection with the schools then but the glory of God.

Bro. Martin continues to show the evil tendencies in their Bible colleges but thinks that the presidents and deans see the danger, and that the schools will not get very far away in their lifetime, yet Armstrong did not put the apostasy of the schools two decades hence, but said "they are all set to develop a clergy." He saw it as an evil RIGHT HERE. Martin has faith in the schools, but he certainly knows little of history. He can come as near flying through the air as holding back the apostasy of the power and money they have now invested in these institutions. **THEY ARE ALREADY DEVELOPING A CLERGY**, and have been for years, and their pastors are emasculating the eldership everywhere.

The brethren who use the Macedonian Call as a medium of exchange of thought have made a great fight, not only against the Bible colleges as such, but against compromising with its supporters. **AND FATHER TIME IS JUSTIFYING OUR COURSE.**

Home and Church

THE FIRST CHURCH—

It Believed.

A woman who reads these articles wishes me to deal with the idea that so many people have that they can live about as they please, and that whenever they get into trouble they can cry to God and he will answer; and that they can then go on in the same old life. We shall let the Lord confute this error along with the error that men can be accepted while rejecting God's doctrines.

"Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but HE THAT DOETH the will of my Father which is in heaven." (Matt. 7:21.)

"The Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and OBEY NOT THE GOSPEL of our Lord Jesus Christ." (2 Thessa. 1:7-10.)

"He that saith, I know him, and KEEPETH NOT HIS COMMANDMENTS, is a LIAR, and the truth is not in him." (1 John 1:4.)

"We must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ that everyone may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad. Knowing therefore the TERROR OF THE LORD, we persuade men." (2 Cor. 5:10-11.)

"HE THAT TURNETH AWAY HIS EAR FROM HEARING THE LAW, EVEN HIS PRAYER shall be abomination." (Prov. 28:9.)

Now, friends, these teachings are only a few of such in the Bible, and you must either accept them or reject them. But don't reject them and PRETEND to be Christians; for you are NOT, but are only hypocrites. The First Church BELIEVED God's Word.

and it turned the world upside down. But now many mere nominal Christians, and modernists and other doubters, in the Church, don't believe God as the first Chris-

tians did, and **THE WORLD IS TURNING THE MODERN CHURCH UPSIDE DOWN.** Let's get straight with God before it is too late. —D.A.S. in Indianapolis Sunday Star.

Preaching, Teaching, Developing, Purifying

"Go into all the World and Preach the Gospel to Every Creature."

—(Mark 16:15, 16.)

"Teaching Them to Observe all Things Whatsoever I Have Commanded You."

—(Matt. 28:20.)

"The Same Commit Thou to Faithful Men who shall be Able to Teach Others."

—(2 Tim. 2:2.)

"Put Away from Among Yourselves that Wicked Person."

—(1 Cor. 5:13.)

WE ANNOUNCED in last M. C. the death of Levi Gingrich at Oakland, Calif. He had been a member of the Church 35 years. The wife and two daughters survive. Bro. Gingrich was 89 years old. The funeral was preached by Bro. Lloyd Riggins. Soon we all shall go the way of Bro. Gingrich—are we ready? Sister Gingrich expresses appreciation for the many letters of condolences received from friends in many places.

KLAMATH FALLS, ORE.—The work is showing a degree of success in the increasing attendance, and the sincere interest in the study/classes conducted, and in the recent baptism of a young man who promises to be very useful in the congregation. Continuing according to plan is the series of lessons on the life of Paul, and the analytical study of the 1 Corinthian letter. One more month of work is scheduled here. Last week I was in Portland, to assist the brethren over a crisis, the loss of the principal leader, but they plan to go ahead, and I will be in the vicinity for about six weeks beginning during the first week of April. We are planning to hold two classes a week at Estacada during that time, and also two classes a week at Vancouver, Wash., in the home of Walter Stephens, whom we have found faithful in the Lord, and in addition work in Portland with the brethren there. We are glad to see these prospects for doing good.—Kenneth Morgan.

SPRINGFIELD, MO., Rte. 3, Box 162.—Our BIBLE STUDY in Springfield is entering its sixth week. We are now studying in 1st Samuel. Sickness has hindered some, attendance and interest have been gratifying, under the circumstances. Two regular attendants from out of town. Also privileged to have Bro. Henry Boren part of the time. He gave us an excellent sermon upon a recent Lord's Day. He is, at this writing on leave, but must be back to the O'Reilly Hospital here.—Roy Harris.

I WISH EVERY PERSON in the United States could have the opportunity of reading the Macedonian Call, especially the last two numbers. I hope and pray that you live many more years to put out the good old paper. The poem about Lincoln is very good, send me 50. Also, I am sending a subscription.—Mrs. Allie Hawbaker. (Well, with the paper shortage we can hardly send the paper to the hundred and thirty or forty million people in the U. S. A., but, brethren, if it is hewing to the line, let's send it to us many as we can. Thanks.—Editor.)

MEADVILLE, MO.—I am not a book agent but I do want 5 more Simplified New Testaments. After the brethren saw them they liked them fine. For a small congregation we will be pretty well supplied with

Simplified New Testaments. Am sure they will be a great help to each one in the congregation. This has been a fine Lord's Day—nice and warm. Good attendance at Church this morning. Congregation moving along very well except a few who are negligent in their duty. We are trying and hoping they do their duty. If not, the Church will have to use discipline. Think the M.C. a fine paper. May the Lord bless you in your good work.—W. R. Sallee.

MANY PARENTS write us asking that we pray for their boys in the service. We do pray that all these Christian boys may be brought back safely and live many years to honor the Captain of their salvation, etc. And then the thought comes to some: "Did I train my boy as I should have done when he was little?" Well, there is no use in crying now over spilled milk, but it should cause us who have little children still at home to avoid the mistakes that many others have made. I believe Solomon was right when he said, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." That does not necessarily mean that he never will depart, but when he becomes older he will see what you meant by your warnings and will return. He has had a standard in his mind by which to judge the events as they came before him. And don't think you are obeying Solomon when you merely send your child to a Bible study once a week, or even two weeks to a vocational Bible Study once a year. That is SO LITTLE compared to what we should give our children. When we lie down, rise, walk and sit in our homes, God commands us to talk of Him and his Word. Read elsewhere in this paper what Dorothy Dix, great columnist, says on this home training. Our bookmark, "Make the HOME Front Strong," was intended to help. Send it to parents who need these exhortations. "Why stand ye idle all the day?"

MARTIN LUTHER was the great reformer who broke the shackles of the Roman Catholic Church and started the people back toward Jerusalem. It was a gigantic task, and took a supreme courage. **SOMETIMES HE PRAYED THREE HOURS A DAY.** He needed the help of God, he thought. Old Daniel in the long ago prayed three times a day. I wonder how much we pray. Many people in the denominational world spend what time they have for devotions simply in talking to God in prayer, but don't spend very much time in letting God talk to them **IN HIS WORD.** There are extremes. Let us pray more, and then read and work as well as pray.

A BROTHER IN HONOLULU writes that he attends the Bible college Church

there, and says: "On Sundays, more than nine-tenths of his subjects are doctrinal, with no (or little) admonition to the membership. I've often wished for an opportunity to ask him for his scriptural authority to preach Baptism TO THE CHURCH continually. . . . Maybe I'm mistaken, and there is a need for such teaching in that particular place, but I still see no place for this one-man congregation." It is not there alone, but it seems to be almost universal for the Bible college preachers to preach instead of teach. "TEACHING them Christians to observe all things," etc. They don't obey this command, nor do they develop teachers in the churches who will. There is no hope for a movement so contrary to God's Word.

"OH, I'M AS GOOD AS YOUR CHURCH-MEMBERS."—That is often the remark when you ask some one to come into the church. And there is far too much truth in it. The ungodly people in the Church are stumbling blocks to those without. But, as has often been said, the man who hides behind a hypocrite in the Church has to be smaller than the hypocrite himself!! True, no matter how clean a church tries to be, there will always be people in it who are not living right. But when people bring open reproach on the church, Paul says, "When ye are gathered together . . . deliver such an one unto Satan. . . . A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump. . . . Put away from among yourselves that wicked person." (1 Cor. 5.) I know a man who pretends to preach some, and is always lambasting people when he does talk, and is a stickler against many things and many people, yet he can leave the midweek meeting and go to a wrestling match where the world, the flesh and the devil are all mixed together. If such characters are not "old leaven," then I don't understand the Scriptures, and Paul says, "Purge out therefore the old leaven." (1 Cor. 5:7.) Let us keep the Church clean, and thus take away from the world their pet argument.

Temptation

Deal gently with the erring one;
You know not of the power
With which the dark temptation came
In some unguarded hour.

You may not know how earnestly
He struggled, or how well
Until the hour of darkness came.
And sadly then he fell.

His is the selfsame heritage,
Child of the selfsame God;
He hath but stumbled in the path
Thou hast in weakness trod.

—Author Unknown.

AGRA, KANSAS.—You will be interested in knowing that the Agra congregation, with Red Cloud, Dentonia, and Concordia cooperating, will attempt to establish a congregation in Phillipsburg (11 miles west of here) this spring. A building has been rented and plans are well under way for a three-week meeting to begin April 29. Bro. Bill Hensley will do the preaching. He will arrive here on April 15, and begin immediately a canvass of the town. Prior to that we will run advertising and announcements in the local papers. We have about 15 members in the town now and that group will start Lord's Day meetings April 1. We should like to mail tracts to all box holders in the community both before and after the meeting.—Clyde S. King.

1000 PRECIOUS PROMISES.—Every Christian needs ALL the encouragement he can get through life, and that is the reason

we should have our children, and others, memorize the scriptures which will do them the most good, as we think, and where they are found. Many verses in Psalm 37 should be memorized: "Fret not thyself because of evil doers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity; for they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb." Go, **RIGHT NOW**, and mark that, and read the whole Psalm. There is **SO** much there we **ALL** should know. We get down in the mouth and think that it doesn't pay to be righteous, when we see the wicked prospering, but we must **REMEMBER THEIR END**. Brethren and sisters, let us store the minds of our children with such soul-inspiring exhortations, and **OUR OWN**, too. Our tract on that will help you locate these precious scriptures.

MISCELLANEOUS.—There is a possibility that we may not have to cut the M. C. to issues every five weeks instead of every four. Let us hope that the war soon ends and relieves everything in general. . . . The booklet, "What is Wrong with the Movies?" has been raised to fifty cents a copy. . . . Bro. Leonard Bilyeau recently sent 46 subscriptions from the Lillian Church in St. Louis. From this event and the fact that elders in Des Moines, Ia., sent about as many from their group, it is evident that these leaders consider that the paper will do their members good in Christian life and activity. . . . Notice the new Heading for the News Reports in April issue. . . . Indiana Ave., in Bloomington, Ind., are now printing each month a Bulletin of the church's activities there.

How to Live

"Though you have but little,
Or a lot to give,
What the Lord considers
Is the **HOW** you live."

Let us all strive to make our lives acceptable to God. If you want your neighbor to know the wonderful things your religion will do for him, let him see what it has done for you. We are trying to keep up the work in Denver. Attendance is about the same. Our building fund is growing. When in Denver, remember to meet at 3822 W. 39th Ave.—Lois Herndon, 2492 Ingalls, Denver 14, Colo.

"**DRAW UP YOUR BELT**, so there will be enough to go around." That is the instruction now concerning our food. Well, we apply it to space in the Macedonian Call. Let us not make an article over two typewritten pages of double space lines. But we wish **MORE** to write, sisters as well as brethren. Try to tell the readers how we can live better and do more good and save more souls. Notice our new Heading for the News Reports. Let us try to condense our reports to at least 25 or 30 lines, but we wish **EVERY** one to report if you have anything encouraging going on. Preaching to the world, Teaching to the Church, Developing of all faithful talent, Purifying of our own lives or of the congregation in general—it is all Good News, and a **FEW LINES** of report will encourage others. Yes, Church Discipline is a good subject to mention, for one of the greatest hindrances to the Church today is the ungodliness among professed Christians. The first thing most non-members say when you try to interest them in the Church, is this, "I'm as good as many that are in the Church." We must take that sweet morsel out of their mouth. Many of you may not write an "article" but you can a paragraph of from ten to thirty lines, on something you think is needed, or will be helpful. Make it short and **TO THE POINT**. We wish to devote considerable space to this

Church Teaching and Reports, for we think it will give the non-members a better idea of the true Church of Christ than even the articles do. Send your reports about the middle of the month, for the next month. It takes almost three weeks now from the time we get the copy to the printer, till we get the papers in the mails. Brethren and sisters, we **HAVE THE TRUTH**, and are gaining impetus every day, and let's tell the world about it.

DISCIPLINE

I have been pondering these questions many months and have never been able to find the answers. In the first place, we know and do obey the laws of our state and government; because if we do not we'll be punished. Then why do we not obey God's Laws? Not one, but all of them?

It seems to me some of our churches are falling short on one thing that is very important—and that is Discipline. Now everyone knows one of our worst enemies is people in the church walking disorderly, bringing reproach upon the church. Disorderly-walking members not only harm themselves but also weaken other members.

Then tell me why the elders and leaders don't take upon themselves the responsibility to discipline the members of the Church of Christ? We all know if we read God's Word those things cannot be overlooked through ignorance.

Shall we say then our elders and leaders are not qualified? Do they not have the courage to put God's laws into effect? If some worldly person speaks to us of these things and we know they're true, what shall we say? Do we have any defense to offer?

Now will some reader answer these questions honestly? Will the light of the Church ever shine forth to the world if discipline is thrown aside and ignored as if it were nothing? Discipline is not a minor but a major law.

The only answers I have gotten from these questions are excuses. An excuse is nothing less than an alibi, and we certainly will never alibi ourselves into heaven. Will members of the Body of Christ ever realize we are fighting a battle for our lives, and that we are to put on the whole armor of God and do what He commands; or will we continue walking along in a state of spiritual lethargy, deceiving ourselves, and letting the Church sink into a state of impoverishment.—(A sister in Missouri writes this. All elders should take heed. Send 35 cents to W. Carl Ketcherside, 7505 Trenton, University City 14, Mo., for his tract on "Clean Churches," and ten cents to the M. C. office for tract on "Untangling Ourselves or Self Government and Church Government." They may help make the Church **FREE** before the world and the Lord.—Editor.)

The Right Idea, but Wrong Method Perhaps

"Neighborhood Bible story hours will be conducted in more than 50 Indianapolis homes Thursday afternoon as a part of the "Winning-the-Children-for-Christ" program, sponsored by Baptist Men, Inc. The local organization is co-operating in the project with the departments of Christian education and evangelism of the Northern Baptist Convention. Training of leaders for the program will continue at the Woodruff Place Baptist Church."—Daily Paper.

There seems to be some unscriptural organization about this, but the plan of teaching and telling Bible stories to all groups is all right. If any brother or sister can gather a group of children or others in their homes, and tell Bible stories, that is fine. Why can not sisters, possibly young sisters,

on Saturday some time, gather some of the neighbor's children in their home, or different homes, and tell Bible stories? Why can not a mother or father call in some of the neighbor's children who are playing with ours, when we give them a lesson **EACH DAY** this summer. Why not **TRAIN** ourselves for such work, if we think now we are not qualified; or why not the church train us? Brethren, sisters, the world is sinking down in sin, and "Why stand ye idle all the day?" Let us make **EVERY** church and **EVERY** home a Bible training school, and there will be no need for seminaries, Bible colleges, nor any other human organization to do the work of the Lord, and the juvenile delinquency problem will be solved.

You May—and Yet Be Lost

"Reader, ponder the following statements:

"You may offer like Cain (Gen. 4:3), weep like Esau (Gen. 27:38), serve like Gehazi (2 Kings 5:20), leave Sodom like Lot's wife (Gen. 19:26), tremble like Felix (Acts 24:25), be zealous for God like Israel (Rom. 10:2), be a disciple like Judas (Acts 1:25), take part in worship like Korah (Num. 16), have a house of worship like Micah (Judges 17:5), desire to die the death of the righteous like Balaam (Num. 23:10), make long prayers like the Pharisees (Matt. 23:14), prophesy like Saul (1 Sam. 10:10), have lamps like the foolish virgins (Matt. 25:1-13), be near the Kingdom like the young man (Matt. 10:16), almost a Christian like Agrippa (Acts 26:28)—**AND YET BE LOST!**"

"Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he can not enter into the kingdom of God." (John 3:5.) "Blessed are they that do his commandments."

LET'S GET TOGETHER on personal difficulties. Some weeks ago a brother wrote me that he was out of joint with his home church, etc. I gave him what advice I could, and sent his letter to an elder in the same district. Now this offended brother writes: "Apparently I was wrong in assuming an amicable adjustment could not be made. A reasonable, agreeable, and I think, fair conclusion has been reached. I no longer feel a dead weight nor constriction, nor an impasse. Which all goes to demonstrate **WE SHOULD GET ACQUAINTED**, if for no other reason than to learn what ideas one may be harboring. My idea is, when we study the Bible **AT HOME**, why not occasionally invite another, or several occasionally, to share the study." I am glad the brother wrote this, for it calls attention to a neglect. Too often the strong members of a church mingle together and let the weak ones, or babes, shift for themselves. But Paul teaches that the strong should help the weak. Just as we physically give attention to weak eyes, heart, lungs, etc., so should the Body of Christ give good attention to the weak members.

WHAT SOME OF THEM THINK—I enjoy the paper very much, and pass it on for others to read.—Nancy Ramey, Mo. . . . My sincere prayer is that the M. C. will continue to be as good and helpful in the future as it has in the past.—Bessie McCracken, Ill. . . . Your Macedonian Call arrives regularly and I find it **VERY** worthwhile. I particularly like the concise and comprehensive manner in which it is written—the absence of extraneous matter.—Cecil Baker (far out in the Pacific). . . . I think you are doing a wonderful work, and I don't want to miss a copy of the M. C. I pass it on to others.—Mrs. K. B. Evans, Ill. . . . I enjoy the M. C. very much. May the Lord bless

you in every effort for Him.—Herschell Ottwell . . . Send me 25 December issues and 10 Nuggets of Gold. You are doing a wonderful work in your paper. We are trying to do as Bro. Buttram marked for us.—Mary C. Cook. . . . I certainly enjoy the Macedonian Call—Mrs. Roscoe E. Mullenix . . . My family and I enjoy reading it.—W. H. Leuker, Pa.

BLOOMINGTON, Ind.—The young people sang two hours for the sick Lord's day afternoon. They put out the monthly Bulletin Lord's day and are sending one to each of our soldier boys. Ten of the young men were on the program Lord's day night and four of them occupied 45 minutes speaking time. Monday night a group of 22 met and studied the first four chapters of Esther. Afterwards we had a social gathering at Brother Clarence Uland's. Singing, fellowship, and refreshments were enjoyed by all. The church here is going to put on an extensive mission campaign this summer at surrounding points. In May, three of us young men are going to hold a meeting in Greene county in an effort to establish the church on a more solid foundation. We also have two other meetings scheduled at mission points during the summer. I am teaching a Bible Reading in Matthew on Friday nights at a mission point. We have a development work on Tuesday nights. The elders are also working on the delinquent members and intend to keep the church as pure as possible. The church record is now registered on individual cards and definite contact and account is kept of each individual member. We hope to put everyone to work, and develop talent so that in the shortest time possible the church may be able to use all the members in the public work. The Lord's day mornings that I work here, we are using the book of Timothy for chapter lessons and teaching on the government of the church. Prospects are bright for lots of activity in the future, if a good working foundation is laid now. We have had four additions recently and lost two members through death. Pray for us in this great work.—J. ED. ULAND.

W. CARL KETCHERSIDE writes this in a private letter: "As is my custom I sat down when the M. C. first came today and read it through from the front page to the back. It was good, and I rejoiced at the fine reports therein. I'm sending a little article which you may see fit to use in some issue, also enclosing our new folders in color. By the way, I've one coming off soon on "The Simple Life" which I think you'll like—orange and dark blue on light blue stock! Work is fine here. There were 259 at Manchester last Sunday when two of the boys spoke. Been using several fellows each Sunday and all seem to appreciate it. Certainly the crowd holds up and contribution was \$160."

PAUL F. MCKENZIE, JR., Long Beach, Calif., writes on Christ and the Family in Western News, from which we take the following: "We have reached an age similar to the time of Noah. It is clear that the salvation of Noah's family depended upon him. Noah believed God, and waited upon his divine instruction, and in doing so, saved his family. It was a time of terrible sin and moral decadence; such a condition of apostasy from God, and plunging into wicked pleasures, that Holy Scriptures declared: 'It repented the Lord that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved Him at his heart.' Gen. 6:6.

"In such a time, and in such a crisis, Noah saved his family. How? He heard God's word; he believed it; he acted upon it. He sacrificed time, energy, everything to build the ark. But it was worth the effort! He

saved his household. His life was a grand success, and his name is among the heroes of FAITH in Heb. 11.

"We have come to a critical hour for the Christian home. Always, in wartime, the strain on home ties is strong. Thousands of homes are broken by the absence of husbands and fathers. Great distortions of home life are caused by defense or war-plant work. The speed and pleasure is terrific, and "Home" is in danger as never before in the history of our nation. HOME has been into the background for SO MANY.

"It is time to call on ALL Christians for a new dedication of home life! As water can rise no higher than its source, except under pressure, so can the life of a nation rise no higher than ITS source, AND THE SOURCE OF OUR NATION'S LIFE IS IN THE HOME!"

ITEMS FROM HERE AND THERE

The Missouri Mission Messenger comes out with 8 pages for March, and it seems will continue that large henceforth. It is filled largely with church news. . . . The Service Tie promises to come out in printed form, instead of mimeograph sheet, but has not yet appeared. It goes to about 700 service men. . . . We rejoice that Bro. Henry Boren, wounded in France, is able to be around, and even preach a time or two, but reports are that he will be slow in recovery. He is now in hospital in Springfield, Mo. . . . Word just received of the arrival of Alice Ann Shasteen in the home of Brother and Sister Shasteen, Des Moines, Ia., Thursday, March 22. Congratulations. But say, brother and sister, wait till they come TWO AT A TIME! Then you won't attach the postscript: "Please omit sending accessories as sufficient quantity is already in stock." . . . Bro. Ketcherside, 7505 Trenton, University City 14, Mo., has sent us two new folders for mission work titled, "Why Halt Ye Between Two Opinions?" and "We're Not Hounding You, But We Do Want to Invite You." Of course, any folders he gets out are good. They are too large for the ordinary envelope but fine to hand to people at meeting house doors, or place in boxes in waiting places. They, like broadcasts or newspaper articles such as we write here, are educating the people, so that future work will become easier. "Fill Jerusalem with the doctrine."

A SISTER SENDS FIVE NAMES and order for books, and writes: "I certainly get a lot of good out of the Macedonian Call. The Woman's Bible Study here is a good example of how a group of earnest Christians can work together in harmony and love, if they will study the Bible in a humble and co-operative way. Here is one way we have found to create interest: A different member volunteers each week to give ten clues on some Bible character for the others to guess. Each clue is numbered, but no one is allowed to speak up until all ten clues are given; then they can all tell what clue gave them the right answer. Discussion then follows which is very interesting because we think of other characteristics and events pertaining to the character given. In looking up hard clues each person gains essential knowledge which edifies the rest. . . . I am very much interested in the new book you intend to write. Please count on me for three and maybe more. If you have more Church of Christ books, please send me two to give to others."—Vesper B. White, Bethany, Mo.

RAILING, MISREPRESENTATION, AND WORSE. Some of the compromisers with the Bible College people did not like our article in the December M. C. on "The

Greatest Evil in the Christian World." The simple reason is that they have betrayed the Cause of the Redeemer and have a guilty conscience. The A. C. Review wrote six columns in an attempt to extricate itself, which was simply railing, misrepresentation, and worse. Only once have I ever seen in a religious paper anything in so bad a spirit. We disdain to reply to such, and if we ever display any such spirit, we hope all our friends will write us a letter of protest. I wish only to give one sample of misrepresentation: The editor of the Review said that those papers opposed to them and the college people are split. I am glad to say there are now FOUR papers, standing TOGETHER in this fight against the clergy and all compromise with it (including Art Freeman's Service Tie); and the following article in Bro. Ketcherside's Missouri Mission Messenger for March gives you an idea of how we are standing together:

The Wallace Wailing Wall

The Jews still gather at Jerusalem to bewail their fate, and try to heap maledictions upon their enemies. G. K. Wallace, pastor of the church at 39th and Flora, Kansas City, has chosen as his wailing wall the front page of the "Christian Worker". Regularly he lines up and weeps and bemoans the fact that the faithful churches in Kansas City will not fellowship him. Then as he thinks about it, the poor fellow becomes enraged and tears around something fearfully. In the February 15 issue he asserted that Ketcherside is now opposed to the Macedonian Call, and said he would like to see a debate between D. Austen Sommer and myself. I get quite a kick out of that! You know how Germany acted in trying to split the allies: Hitler, Goebbels and the rest of that crew would talk about the division between England and the United States, as though it existed. They thought that enough people would fall for that propaganda, so that a division would actually occur among them. But poor old G. K., with his colleges to try and defend is barking up the wrong tree. I stand with D. A., and the Macedonian Call, 100% in the fight they are making! And I stand against Wallace the same way in his endorsement of everything that is unscriptural including his own sectarian "pastorate". So G. K., you and the assistant pastor can cry on each other's shoulder for a while yet. I still think the best way to fight fellows like that is to ignore them. They are so full of bombast and puffed up with a sense of their own self-importance that it hurts them to know they are not being noticed. But I just couldn't resist letting them know that in this one case the tactics will not work, for some of the rest of us know something about "the psychology of suggestion" also. The people in the south are fast awakening as to the danger of the college system. The Gospel Broadcast has just carried an article citing many instances and the Firm Foundation carried the word, that "Daniel Sommer was right in many instances" in his opposition. Fight it out among yourselves, boys! It will not affect us, for we've always opposed the things!

ONE FOOT IN HEAVEN AND ONE IN HELL. One in the Church and the other in the world. That is the way many professed Christians are trying to live. But, friends, it will not get you anywhere, and the sooner you understand that the better. Better go out headlong into the world and enjoy it and get out of it all you can, for you have nothing in the next world. "Because thou art lukewarm and neither cold nor hot, I will

spew thee out of my mouth," warns our Savior himself. Churches neglect to exclude you for ungodliness, but don't fancy that because your name is on a church record it is on the Lamb's Book of Life. So you see, elders, leaders, when you fail to exclude evil members, you help to blind their eyes and damn their souls.

A SISTER WRITES: "When writing your new book could you stress the importance of the duty of Christians as individuals and through the Church to spread the gospel to others. You know I firmly believe that failure to admonish members of using talents in this way keeps lots of churches from growing. The male members are willing to develop themselves in the Sunday worship duties, but they are content to let it go at that. They need to be taught more how to approach and speak to the sinner about his salvation instead of leaving it up to the preacher. They do not realize that is part of duty to gain their own salvation. The early Christians told everyone they met. Why doesn't their example apply today? Was not that why Christ died—to show how to save ourselves and others?"

The Method of Jairus

Jairus was prominent among the Jews! He was a man of reputation, of skill and wisdom! But now he was confronted with a problem which was beyond his power to solve. He had an only daughter, who was just twelve years of age. He loved this little maiden with all his heart. But now she was dying. There was no hope from the inefficient, bungling physicians of the day! All expectation of prolonging life was gone—that is all but one faint hope. If he could but get to Jesus, the rabbi who was becoming more famous among the common people for the wonderful works which he was daily performing, then things would be different, for sick people became well at a glance from this one who was both son of man and Son of God! So Jairus came to Jesus!

There are thousands of children spiritually ill today! The modern doctors of "child psychology" are forced to admit their failure in the regulation of youth. There is no hope for the future of our nation! That is there is very little hope—only one as a matter-of-fact! What is it? Why simply to get the parents to "come to Jesus." When Jairus came to Jesus, all was well! His little daughter was restored! When parents of today cease to put their trust in theories and come to Christ, the youth problems will vanish like the mist when the sun shines!

Once a man came to Dwight Moody and asked him if he wouldn't "try to get hold of" his son. But Moody replied, "I can do nothing until you first get hold of Christ." Too long most of us have been away from the Master. We have given Him lip-service but not heart-service. We've hung up mottoes in the living room such as "Jesus is the head of this house", and then demonstrated that we cared nothing for his guidance. America is reaping a crop from the seed she has sown. Parents, find Jesus! Find Him today! Find Him as you would a physician, if your dear one lay dying, with fever-wracked form and wildly beating pulse. It is your only hope!

—W. Carl Ketcherside.

Liquor and Lincoln's Assassination

It was just 80 years ago on April 16th, last, since Lincoln was assassinated. Two historical volumes have been published within the past year in both of which this matter has been dealt with. Philip Van Doren Stern in the "Man Who Killed Lincoln," writes: "It was four minutes after ten (on Good Friday evening, April 16, 1865). Booth decided he needed a drink. He managed to slip into Peter Taltavul's bar-room. 'What'll it be?' the barkeeper asked. 'Same as usual, brandy and a glass of water.' Booth replied. He finished two glasses. Seven minutes after, he filled his glass again, put some money on the wet bar, left the saloon, etc." Fortified thus for the dastardly deed, Booth carried it out.

Carl Sandburg writes in "The War Years," of the disastrous negligence of Lincoln's body guard at the very moment when Booth had decided to make his attempt in these words: "It was the assigned duty of John Y. Parker to guard the doors (of the President's box) constantly. The guard took his place at the rear of the box close to the entrance. Either between the acts or at some time when the play was not lively enough to suit him, or because of an urge for a pony of whiskey, John F. Parker leaves his seat, goes outside and down the street for a little whiff of liquor." While Parker forgot his duty the assassin entered and Lincoln was slain.

Many of us remember how Garfield's assassin fortified himself for his crime at the saloon. And yet our country enters into partnership with this criminal and for a bribe lets him go his way. "How long! O Lord! How long!!" —The Index.

God's Promises—

Are conditional and given upon essential qualification: to qualify for the receiving of God's promise is to be obedient to his command. He has required obedience from Adam to the end of time.

He set before his people, the Israelites, a blessing and a curse. A blessing if ye obey, and a curse if ye disobey. Deut. 11: 26, 28.

If the people, the Israelites, had compassed the City of Jericho only 3 days or 5 days, or if they had compassed it 7 days and had neglected or refused to shout, or if they had talked and shouted before the seventh day—would they have qualified for God's promise that he would give into their hand the City of Jericho and the king thereof?

Jesus told the man who was born blind to go to the pool of Siloam and wash: and the man said, "I went and washed and I received sight." Doing what Jesus told him to do was the necessary qualification to receive sight. Luke 9:1, 11.

Elisha sent a messenger to Naaman, the leper, saying "go wash in Jordan seven times and thy flesh shall come again to thee and thou shalt be clean." It made Naaman mad: he thought it might be done some other way. So he turned and went away in a rage; but his servants reasoned with him and persuaded him to "wash and be clean." Then he went down and dipped

himself seven times in Jordan according to the saying of the man of God; and his flesh came again like unto the flesh of a little child, and he was clean. Read 2nd Kings 5:1, 17.

When he obeyed the command of God he was qualified, prepared, to receive the promise that his flesh would be sound again. That reminds us of the two sons who were told to go work in the father's vineyard: the first one said he would not go, but afterward he changed his mind and went. The other said he would go, but never did go. Which one did the will of his father? (Matt. 21:28, 31.) The one which repented, or changed his mind.

Naaman was wise and changed his mind. Paul was commanded, "Arise and be baptized and wash away thy sins." Acts 22:16.

The water of the river Jordan did not cure Naaman's leprosy, but God did when Naaman qualified himself to receive that favor, sound flesh.

The water did not wash away Paul's sins, but God did, pardoned him, when he acted according to the condition by which God promised remission.

Some hesitate for a while and others go as soon as they are told and understand. The blind man said, "I went and washed and I received sight." He was legally qualified or eligible only by obedience.

Obedience is the only means available: meet God half way; do our part and he will do his, fulfill his promise. What Naaman thought about how he would be cleansed, didn't work; his friends reasoned with him to do the simple thing, dip himself seven times in the river Jordan, instead of something he might imagine.—Mrs. Laura W. Goodin.

When Minorities Won

During the one hundred and twenty years that Noah spent in building the ark, he was very much in the minority. But he won.

When Joseph was sold into Egypt by his brethren, he was in a decided minority. But he won.

When Moses appeared before Pharaoh and demanded the freedom of the Israelites, he, too, was very much in the minority. But he won.

When Joshua crumbled the walls of Jericho, with the blasts from a handful of ram's horns, he was in the minority. But he won.

When Gideon and his 300 followers, with their broken pitchers and smoky lamps put the Midianite hosts to flight they were an insignificant minority. But they won.

When Elijah brought down fire from heaven and put the prophets of Baal to shame he was in a notable minority. But he won.

When Samson crushed the temple and destroyed his enemies, he was very much in the minority. But he won.

When David, ridiculed and laughed at by his brothers, went out to meet the giant, Goliath, in size he was in a decided minority. But he won.

When Jesus Christ was crucified by the Roman soldiers, He was a conspicuous minority. But he won.

When Luther nailed his theses on the door of the cathedral, he was a lonesome minority. But he won.—Selected.