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Called to Conservatism

By E. G. Garrett

Generally speaking, most of the church world is accepting the trend toward rapid change. Under the name of progress, church leaders seem to think the Church has been too slow in its effort to push forward, and thus it is felt that since we are so far behind, we must move in the direction of change as rapidly as possible. It is not denied that as society changes there comes a need for the Church to recognize the fact that methods and ways of approach in winning the hearts of sinners is necessary. People and their ideas change, thus making it necessary for our approach to change. Means of finance are based differently from those of decades ago, and thus even the Church must look at this differently from the way it was viewed in the past. However, this is not to say that the doctrines and teachings of the Bible are to change with the tides of men.

For years, the holiness people were willing to hold the line against the drift coming upon the Church, but it is rather sad to note that within the ranks of the holy people, there is creeping in a tendency to "let down" and go with the crowd. God has peculiarly called our crowd to hold the line on conservatism. St. Paul had his battles as he endeavored to stem the tide of Judaism, and Wesley had his trials as he rode throughout the country spreading the message of Holiness; but we, also, have our tasks as we of the twentieth century hold the "Bride of Christ" together against the onslaughts of worldliness. The trend is on in every church group among the holy

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people, and few are crying out against its evils. The easy thing to do is to go along with it — but, brethren, we dare not consider the idea. Time is running out on us, and we shall soon be called upon to give answer for our conduct and standard. God will not accept any excuse! We have a job, and we must not fail!

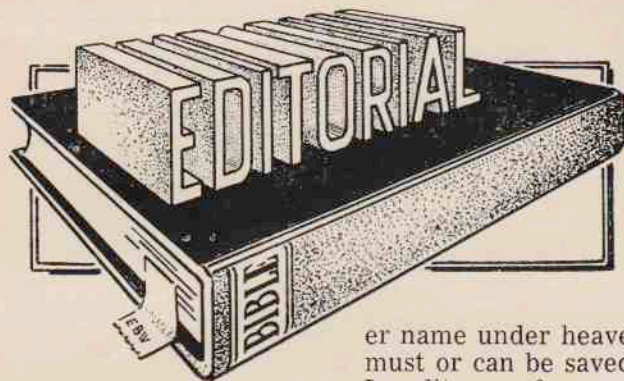
It is a privilege to let the world know that we stand for the eradication of the "carnal nature," and the way in which a man or woman is enabled to live above sin in every portion of one's life. The conservatives believe in and practice the truth that the Spirit of God comes into the heart and life of the sanctified to make the daily life an exhibition of divine power, and a revelation of what God can do for

His children. Love flows throughout the entire life of the holy people, and it is no chore to love everyone as the Master loved those about Him. We are willing to lay down our life, if need be, for the salvation of the lost. But more than giving our life, we practice loving our neighbor next door. Conservatives, or holiness folk, do not sin one moment and talk as if they loved God and man the next moment; but they daily live the life of sanctification.

Conservatism also calls us to a life of separation from the world. In other words, we do not "go along" with the fads of Paris or of Hollywood. We know that most of these fads are not pleasing to the Master. We do not desire to cross the commands of the Bible in regard to worldly trends. Holy people keep their nakedness covered. The men keep their hair cut, and the women keep theirs uncut. No amusement that is not conducive to a better relationship with the Creator is entered into. Habits of vice and wickedness are never so much as considered among us. Thank God for the clean, holy, conservative way!

Although it is readily recognized that the world is in opposition to the conservatives, yet it is felt that the holy people are holding back the forces of evil from completely destroying the world. The Holiness ranks are still holding the battlelines, and the Captain is still giving the command to fight on. We are not seeing as many won to the way of Christ as in days gone by, but we are seeing the manifestations of the Spirit in our worship services. The enemy is fighting harder as the days pass, but our

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Effectual Praying

James 5:16 "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."

Prayer is more than just a repeating of words. There is no hint in the Word that the "now I lay me down to sleep" type praying shall be heard or answered. Yet, the Bible does declare that praying avails much.

From the words of the text we might conclude there are several requirements for effectual praying. Let us seriously consider some of these requirements.

I. Be Saved

While God may on occasion hear the prayer of the unsaved, yet, to be effectual in prayer we must know God and know that He definitely saved us. The Old Testament types, if we can accept them as such, and I believe we can, bear this out.

In the arrangement of the various articles of furniture in the Tabernacle, wisely enough the Brazen Altar was placed first within the outer court. At this altar a sacrifice must be offered for the sinning Israelite before he can proceed any further. Here he must stop, offer his sacrifice, be identified with his atonement and then trust that this sacrifice brings him in right relationship with his God.

It is also true, in this New Testament dispensation, as a sinner I must first meet at the altar of sacrifice, be identified with my atonement and trust my sacrifice to bring me into a right relationship with God. To be thus identified means, I come face to face with my sins and Christ, recognize that in Him is my only sacrifice for sin, give up any self righteousness or ideas of my own, place my trust and confidence in this sacrifice, and recognize that there is no oth-

er name under heaven whereby we must or can be saved. And like the Israelite, confess our sins with a resolve to leave them forever.

II. Be Sanctified

A righteous man is not only one outwardly, but inwardly. We will follow the Israelite as he leaves the Brazen Altar and proceeds toward the "Laver". Here is where he is cleansed. He must pause here for that cleansing before he enters the Tabernacle proper. The Psalmist expressed this same thought when he declared, "Who shall enter into his courts, He that hath clean hands and a pure heart." Jesus further declared it, "Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God." Since God is both Pure and Holy, one must of necessity, be pure and holy to be able to come into His presence, and approach Him. While saved men can and do hear from God, only those who have been sanctified wholly and holy have really prevailed with God and been a means of changing conditions in the world.

III. Be Consistent

We next see the worshipper at the Altar of Incense. Here the burning incense, a type of prayer, rises up to the throne of God, as a sweet smelling savor. The supply of incense was never to be depleted and the fire never to go out. This is a very clear type of a consistent continual attitude of prayer. Paul further agrees with this when he declares, "Pray without ceasing". "Hit and miss" praying will not avail with God, in fact, I seriously doubt if He will even hear, much less, answer this type of praying. Prayer is not a device of emergency or convenience. Daniel would have never escaped the den of lions had his praying not been consistent. "His windows being opened towards Jerusalem, he prayed three times a day as he did afore times." A prayer channel that is exercised daily is always opened and operational.

IV. Be Specific

Elijah's prayer was brief but specific, "And he prayed that it might not rain". When we came to the place where we confessed our sins and asked to be saved, He did it. Praying "all around Robinhood's barn" will never bring specific results. Let us be specific and definite in our praying.

V. Be Concerned

Too often when what we are praying for doesn't apply to us personally, we lack real heartfelt concern. Casually mentioning needs seldom, if ever, brings results. "The fervent prayer availeth

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DELIVERANCE FROM PRIDE

The heart is the seat of sin. Actions derive their moral character from the disposition with which they are performed. To give a sum of money may be an act of benevolence, or it may be bribery — it may spring from love to Christ, or from love of the praise of men. "For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness. All these evil things come from within, and defile the man." — Mark 7: 21 - 23.

A justified soul does not yield to sin. "Whosoever is born of God, doth not commit sin." — I John 3:9. A soul sanctified to God wholly does not have sin. "But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin." — I John 1:7. True holiness will save one from sins that are popular, just as readily as from those that are disgraceful. It is the work of the Spirit. With God, the standard of right does not vary. Selfish considerations lead men to tolerate sometimes one sin, and sometimes another. Many take no decided stand against pride and worldly conformity. But those who really aim at being right with God, turn from everything which He has forbidden, even though it has been encouraged by the Church.

Holiness implies deliverance

from pride. A holy person cannot feel proud. A holy Church cannot indulge in pride. Pride cannot dwell in a holy soul. "Him that hath an high look and a proud heart will not I suffer." — Ps. 101:5. "Be clothed with humility; for God resisteth the proud and giveth grace to the humble." — I Peter 5:5.

Catholics are taught that if they would become holy, pride must be renounced, and all appearance of pride must be laid aside. But in Protestant churches, you will find persons advocating holiness, whose appearance unmistakably declares that pride reigns within. Their costly apparel, their ornaments of gold, their **affected tones**, their **whole bearing**, **proclaim** that there has been **no real renunciation** of the vain pomp and glory of the world. This is all wrong, and altogether wrong.

It may be urged that such a course recommends holiness; that it leads the rich and the refined to embrace it. But this is a mistake. It may lead them to embrace a delusion — to believe that they are sanctified, when they are not even scripturally awakened. That, which is thus recommended, is not holiness. It may have some of its properties, but the essentials are wanting. To make people believe that they can so put on Christ's righteousness as to set off their own purple and fine linen to better advantage, is to make them believe a ruinous lie. Contraries cannot dwell together. Pride and humility can not reign at once in the same heart. Then do not deceive, even for so good an object as the promotion of holiness. The Saviour has commanded us to count the cost. **Until men can see that holiness is more to be desired than all which they**

are required to give up, they will never obtain it.

"But," many urge, "we should have pride enough to be decent." There is no pride in Heaven. But there is purity. So we may have inward and outward purity, without pride. Pride is a result of the fall. It had no place in Eden. It should have none in all our hearts. Seek then for that holiness which roots it out entirely.

You may make a consecration to the Lord ever so full in other respects, but if it does not include the giving up of your pride in all its forms, you will not get an experience which will enable you to do the will of God. And just in proportion as you give up pride and long for deliverance from it, just in that proportion will God take it from your heart. It is a dangerous foe — give it no quarter. It is a subtle foe, lying in ambush for your overthrow — give it no place for concealment.

Holiness implies deliverance from pride, as manifested in the provision which we make for our children. Pride is one of the sad effects of the fall. It will manifest itself in some form or other in our children, until they are brought completely under the influence of divine grace. But parents, who are wholly sanctified to God, will not give it any encouragement. It needs no fostering. Do what you can to prevent it; from the atmosphere around, it will drink in enough nourishment to grow with alarming rapidity. Cut it back all you may, and with each coming season it will put forth new vigor, and manifest the utmost tenacity of life. **As long as you find in yourself a disposition**

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CHURCH NEWS

SALUNGA, PENNA.

As we close the year 1967, we can truly say at the Salunga church that God has been with us. The Spirit of the Lord was felt in nearly every service. Every meeting is a special service and God is honoring His Word, as we lift high the standard of true Bible Holiness. The attendance is increasing, several new families have been added to the Church, souls are seeking God and the saints are shouting the victory.

Our fall revival was conducted, October 5 - 15th, with Rev. and Mrs. William Tillis as the workers. God used His servants nightly. The services will go down in history as another "Pentecost". Forty some seekers came to the altar, many praying through while the saints shouted His praises. Night after night the church was nicely filled and on weekends the building was crowded. Three separate services there was no preaching, folk willing to mind God and hungry for salvation came to the altar while Sister Tillis was singing the special numbers in song. Bro. Tillis preached from night to night under the anointing of the Holy Ghost and the truths were rich to our souls. We highly recommend this fine couple to all churches. Their spirit in both the church and home is conducive to old fashioned holiness and they will do your church much good.

Within the Thanksgiving week we had three special services. November 21, Rev. Earl Deetz Jr. and his radio staff was with us for a special service. The building was completely filled and as they sang and preached the saints shouted the victory. For a real spiritual treat call this group for a service.

Nov. 22, the church group went to Lancaster to the Water Street Mission for our monthly service. About 75 men were there, from many distant places. Men without homes, some running away from home and some trying to run away from themselves, all trying to run from God. The church group sang and the Pastor preached that Christ is the answer. God gave us a most wonderful time. We look forward to this monthly meeting.

Thanksgiving night found us at the church again, some 300 people

crowded into the auditorium, the Sunday School annex and the balcony. Rev. Herman Noll, pastor at the Milesburg God's Missionary Church, was with us for this special service. God greatly used him to preach on the subject, "The ear of corn being full". His message was a tremendous challenge to all present, and was punctuated with shouts of praises. The Aurand family from the Lebanon Church rendered some fine numbers in song. The praises of God were heard up and down the street while the saints joined in singing the old hymns.

Watchnight service found us again in the church. The singing Youngs from Hellertown were with us to do the singing. God has used these fine folk to His Glory, among us many times. We would also like to recommend them to our churches.

We are looking forward to 1968 as our biggest year, watching for Jesus to come. Pray for us and we shall be doing the same for you.

— Rev. John F. White, Pastor

DORNSIFE, PENNA.

Greetings to the Standard family from the Wayside Mission Church. God has done great things for us, whereof we are glad. On May 1, 1964, we accepted the pastorate of the Wayside Mission Church, which was conducted at that time in a nine room house. In answer to prayer, God helped us to acquire nearly three acres of land at a most beautiful location and at a very attractive price. In March of 1965 we had a ground breaking service for a new church and Sept. 12, we entered a beautiful new brick church 40 by 60 feet, equipped with electric heat and wall to wall carpet. For our first service and dedication day, Rev. George I. Straub, General Supt. of the God's Missionary Church and Rev. James Stehr of the Evangelical Methodist were with us as special speakers. God gave us a wonderful day. About 300 were present for the dedication service, among that number were 20 preachers.

Since that service God has given us several good revivals for which we give all glory to God. The initial cost of the building was \$43,000.00 and in December of 1967

the last cent was paid. Truly God has done great things for us. We praise Him for His goodness to us, and the end is not yet. We are eagerly looking forward to the mortgage burning service in early spring along with an old fashioned revival.

We praise the Lord for the wonderful answers to prayer and the miracles He has wrought among us. We cordially extend to any who can, to come visit and worship with us.

— Rev. Raymond Hoffman, Pastor

Revival Services

Revival services in the Wayside Mission Church, Dornsife, R. D., Pa. (on Route 225) March 17 - 24, and longer if led. Rev. Harley Hoffman of Middleburg, Pa. will be the evangelist. Special music and singing provided by local talent. Your presence and prayers desired.

SALISBURY, MD.

The Lord is helping us here on the eastern shore of Maryland. We are having very good meetings. There are times when the Holy Ghost takes over in the service, for which we are glad. We are also thankful for the fine attendance, between 45 and 55 in the Sunday School.

Rev. Fred Watson will be with us for revival Feb. 15 - 25. We covet the prayers of the Standard family for this meeting and the work here that many precious souls will be added to the Kingdom of God.

The people were wonderful to the Pastor and his family. May the Lord richly bless them. In affliction and distress they have patiently stood with us, and when necessary have opened their homes to shelter us. Again please, remember pastor and people in your prayers.

— Rev. Earl Deetz Sr., Pastor

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OBITUARY

Mrs. Hazel B. (Lehr) Miller

Mrs. Hazel B. (Lehr) Miller of 104 S. Front St., Catasauqua, passed away January 12, 1968 in the Sacred Heart Hospital in Allentown, Pa. Born in Allentown, she was the daughter of the late Harry and Ida (Fritz) Lehr. She was the wife of Earnest P. Miller, Sr.

Surviving besides her husband are seven sons, Rev. Earnest P. Jr., William, Roger and David, all of Allentown, Daniel of Catasauqua and Joseph and Timothy both at home; seven daughters, Mrs. Robert Radovich, Mrs. Edward Fries, both of Allentown, Mrs. Robert Hül and Mrs. Samuel Kratzer Jr. both of Fullerton; Mrs. Larry Kmetz of Bethlehem and Karen and Loru both at home. Three sisters and 18 grandchildren also survive.

Sister Miller was a member of the Good News Tabernacle, 7th Street, Allentown, and attended faithfully until her recent illness. Services were conducted Jan. 15, in the Thomas A. Burkholder home for funerals, with the Rev. Allen Russell officiating. Interment was in the Cedar Hill Memorial Park, Allentown, Penna.

Our most sincere sympathy is extended to this family at this time. May God bless them and help fill the empty place in their lives until that great meeting where we shall never part.

— Reporter

Rev. E. P. Miller Jr. wishes to take this opportunity to thank all the friends and ministers for their kindness, the flowers and their prayers at this time.

— MORE CHURCH REPORTS — MILESBURG, PENNA.

Seven Stars, Pleasant View and the Milesburg God's Missionary Churches cooperated on New Year's Eve for a watchnight service and what a service it was. Rev. LaDette Cooley, pastor at Pleasant View, was in charge of the service. A time of congregational singing was enjoyed as Bro. Clarence Beckwith led the singing. Special vocal and instrumental numbers, testimonies, prayer and preaching adorned the service. Best of all, the Lord was present. His Spirit bringing conviction resulted in several seeking the Lord. Sixteen members from the various churches com-

prised a very efficient orchestra, rendering some exceptional music.

Visitors included folk from the Zerby church, The Pilgrim Holiness Church, Free Methodist and Nazarene churches. The highways were snow covered, yet, 139 attended the service with a delegation coming all the way from the Sherman's Valley Brethren in Christ, including their Godly pastor, Rev. Earl Lehman. A good time of spiritual fellowship was enjoyed and all went home thanking the Lord for this good day.

Love Overcomes Hate

From The Free Methodist

Hate Generates war and war generates hate. But even in war there are occasions when God's love shines forth.

Commander Mitsuo Fuchida who, on December 7, 1941, led the 360 planes in a sneak attack on Pearl Harbor, is today a born-again Christian. He turned down the highest military job in the Japanese Air Force to organize a five-member evangelistic association. Now in his sixties, he is the only one of the 700 officers who led the attack on Pearl Harbor still living. All the others were killed.

Fuchida was summoned to Tokyo from Hiroshima the day before the atomic bomb leveled that city. After the bomb fell, he and 11 other officers flew to inspect the damage. They were there for two weeks, knowing nothing of the danger from radioactive fallout. The other eleven died from radiation sickness. Fuchida suffered no ill effects. He said, "I believe that God laid His hand on me and protected my life for some strange reason, but I did not know why. I was constantly searching to understand who God is, and why He spared my life."

When one of Fuchida's friends returned who had been imprisoned in a hospital in Utah, the United States, Fuchida met him and asked how he had been treated. He expected to hear a tale of torture. Instead, he was told the story of an 18-year-old-girl, Margaret Covell, who had been an angel of mercy to him.

Margaret was the daughter of missionary parents in Japan. When

the war began, the Covells fled to the Philippines, finally taking refuge in the mountains of Luzon. When the Japanese came, the Covells were captured and shot as spies because they had a small radio receiver. When Margaret first heard of her parents' death, her heart was filled with hate for the Japanese. Later she learned that before her parents died, they prayed for nearly thirty minutes. Margaret's attitude changed so that she began to treat the Japanese prisoners in the hospital with Christian love.

Returning to Tokyo, Commander Fuchida was handed a tract concerning Jacob DeShazer, bombardier who flew with the Doolittle squadron. On parachuting into Japanese territory he was imprisoned, tortured and starved. His hatred grew. Then a Japanese guard gave him a Bible. Jake, whom I know personally, was changed as he read of Christ's love, and he promised to return to Japan and preach the gospel of love.

Jake is still serving as a Free Methodist missionary in Japan. He and Fuchida have met and are Christian brothers. They both discovered that, "if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."

SO SHORT THE TIME

So short the time at my command,
These children that I hold tonight;
God give me grace to understand,
Wisdom, to guide my steps aright,
That I may be, throughout the land,
A lamp unto their feet for light.

So short the time do small hands
cling
With confidence of babyhood,
Let me not idly dream the thing
But live the noble part I should
That henceforth from such leadership
They shall, instinctively, seek good.

So short the time for each embrace,
For love, cheer, comfort, lullabies--
God help me hallow the brief space
That turns to gold each sacrifice,
So surely does a teacher's grace
Build her soul's mansion in the
skies.

A PAGE FOR YOUTH

Are You Listening?

from
The Alliance Witness

In his spare time a young English shoemaker made a globe of the world, using different colored leathers to represent the various countries. He studied about foreign lands and began to pray for the salvation of people in those countries. Because he was informed he felt increasingly the burden of nations without Christ. His burden resulted in the formation of the first British missionary society, and not long afterward William Carey himself went to India. He became known as the "father of modern missions."

Young people are often asked: "Is God calling you to be a missionary?" Perhaps a better question would be: "Are you listening in case God should call you?" In view of the need for workers on all mission fields there must be many young people who are not listening (or at least not responding) to God's call.

The informed Christian young person is in an excellent position to know whether God wants him to serve in another land. It is our privilege and responsibility to learn as much as we can about the world in which we live and God can use this knowledge to make us aware of the spiritual need in other lands. One way these become familiar to us is through books and magazines.

Every Christian young person should have a regular reading program. It is good to begin by reading on a wide variety of subjects and countries. Get into the habit of reading a weekly newsmagazine. After you get into a reading program you will probably feel drawn to some particular country or part of the world. Find out all you can about that area, but also know what is going on in other places.

Once you have become interested in one country you may want to do a special study. Note the geography, history, religion, economy, politics and culture.

If you are a college student your professors will be glad to guide you in finding and organizing material

for an intensive study. You will find many sources of information. The public library has the widest variety of books and magazines. Many government agencies provide materials free or at low cost.

A large map of the country is sometimes available at the embassy or consulate offices. If you cannot find such a map, make your own. You can also collect pictures, such as those published in the National Geographic magazine.

Of course, with your special interest in missions you should study the history of missions in "your" country and in the general area. The annual report of missionary societies will let you know what is going on at the present time.

Missionary newsletters are also an excellent source of current news in missions. Most missionaries write general prayer letters and are glad to send them to anyone expressing an interest in their work. It would be very helpful to receive the letter of each missionary working with the board in which you are interested in the country you are studying.

Never miss an opportunity to hear missionaries from the area of the world that you are studying and, if possible, talk to them. It is exciting to get firsthand information and, incidentally, it encourages the missionary to find serious-minded young people interested in his field.

Your general reading should include missionary biographies from many lands. All of this information has a threefold purpose. It gives you a basis for intelligent, consistent prayer support of the missionary effort. It puts you in a better position to feel the need in a particular part of the world, and to be willing to serve God there or elsewhere in His will. And wherever God directs you, you will be better prepared to serve Him and will have more to contribute to the united missionary endeavor.

Is God calling you to be a missionary? Are you listening? God is looking for intelligent, informed, determined Christian young people who will carry His message to every part of the world. Could one of them be you?

HAVE COURAGE, MY BOY, TO SAY NO

You're starting today on life's journey,

Alone on the highway of life.
You'll meet with a thousand temptations,

Each city with evil is rife.
This world is a stage of excitement.
There's danger wherever you go,
But if you are tempted in weakness,
Have courage, my boy, to say no.

The siren's sweet smile may allure you,

Beware of her cunning and art.
Whenever you see her approaching,

Be guarded and haste to depart.
The billiard saloons are inviting,
Decked out in their tinsel and show.

Should you be invited to enter,
Have courage, my boy, to say no.

Be careful in choosing companions,
Seek only the brave and the true;
And stand by your friends when in trial,

Ne'er changing the old for the new.

And when by false friends you are tempted,

The taste of the wine cup to know,

With firmness, with patience and kindness,

Have courage, my boy, to say no.

The bright sparkling wine may be offered,

No matter how tempting it be.
From poison that stings like an adder,

My boy, have the courage to flee.
The gambling halls are before you,
Their lights, how they dance to and fro;

You may be invited to enter,
Do have courage, my boy, to say no.

In courage alone lies your safety,
When you the long journey begin,

And trust in your Heavenly Father
To keep you unspotted from sin.
Temptations will go on increasing,
As streams from a rivulet flow.

But if you are true to your manhood,

You'll have the courage, my boy,
and say no.

— Author Unknown

Use Your Own Nickel

Selected

I was quite pleased with myself recently. Driving downtown on business, I discovered a parking meter with almost thirty minutes of unused time still on it, and was very glad to see that this "time" did not go to waste. It's strange how jubilant one can be over saving five cents.

All my life, since my parents presented me for Christian baptism as an infant, I have been surrounded by church life. Being raised in a preacher's home, I was able to observe first hand "the inside story" of the operations of a church. During those formative days, as an active church worker, and later as a minister, I have come to the conclusion that church members are divided neatly into two classes. The first group carries all the responsibility, and the remainder are content to "park on somebody else's nickel".

It wouldn't have sent me into bankruptcy to spend five cents for my parking space the other day, but the prospect of being able to park without paying proved to be most appealing. Similarly, very few people have actually worked themselves to death in service for the Lord. We each can afford to expend our energy in the Lord's employ. But all too often we look for the opportunity, both in the stewardship of our time and our money, to "park on somebody else's nickel."

I think of some people, ordinary folk, who work hard all day in the factory, and at night are found at the church, giving all of their spare time to the activities of the church they love. They are the reliable ones. Always there on Sunday, always in line when the jobs are being handed out. Always eager to help out when needed.

On the other hand, we have those church members who, having forgotten most conveniently the fact that they once promised, when they joined the church, to "devote themselves wholly, the remainder of their lives, to the service of the Lord," rapidly sit by and watch the others working. They are the ones who are absent from their place in church on Sunday without warning

or apology; the ones who "just don't have the time" to hold any responsibility in the church, and are too burdened financially to be able to tithe. Perhaps, as we think of Pentecost and all of its implications, we could each determine, reverently before God, that we shall never be guilty of "parking on somebody else's nickel," but that we each shall, with alacrity, fill our place of responsibility in God's Kingdom.

SECRET SERVICE

by

Clara Howell

If the shut-ins all united

In one voice of common prayer,
What a ceaseless shower of bless-
ings.

Would be falling everywhere.

Though so weak and oftimes help-
less.

They can wield a mighty power,
Lifting up their soul's petition,
To the Savior hour by hour.

They can importune the Father,
From the secret place of prayer,
In the quiet and the stillness,
They can hear Him speak to
them.

Never soldier in fierce conflict,
 Could a higher honor bring,
 Than the shut-in who's performing
 Secret service for the King.

Songs Our Grandfathers

Sang

Selected

Philip Bliss has been considered one of America's best writers of gospel songs, ranking second only to Fanny Crosby. He was born in 1838 in a backwoods log cabin near Rome, Pa., and though deprived of many advantages, he early showed a great fondness for music. As a child, without having been taught, he fashioned crude instruments with which he could play a sort of music.

One day when he was about ten years of age, he walked the dusty roads into the town of Rome to sell

a basket of berries he had picked from the swamps. He hoped to add a few pennies to those he had already been saving to buy a cheap violin. Passing a house he heard, for the first time in his life, a piano being played. So thrilled was he with the wonderful music that, ragged and dirty as he was, he walked right into the house where a woman was playing. When she stopped, startled to find a ragged urchin at her elbow, he said, "O lady, play some more!" Instead, she ordered him out, scolding him for making tracks on her porch. We cannot help wondering if the lady remembered this when Bliss became, two decades later, one of the best-known song evangelists of his day, associated with such men as D. L. Moody, Ira D. Sankey, and D. W. Whittle.

While still a youth, Philip sent a song he had written, to Mr. George F. Root, then one of America's best-known composers, and a partner in a music firm, asking for a flute in return, if the song was good. Mr. Root sent him the best flute in the store, and promised him a position with the firm, if he wanted to come. This, along with his acquaintance with Wm. B. Bradbury, a writer of hymn-tunes, led to his becoming a musician and singing evangelist.

Bliss wrote both words and music for many of his songs, often inspired by a story or incident, or perhaps a text. In 1870 he heard related an incident of the Civil War in which General Sherman signalled a message to soldiers defending the garrison at Altoona Pass, Ga., "Hold the fort; I am coming. W. T. Sherman." Bliss was reminded of Rev. 2:25, "That which ye have, hold fast till I come," and, as a result, wrote the song, "Hold the Fort." The song became so popular that his monument at Rome, Pa., is inscribed: "P. P. Bliss, Author of 'Hold the Fort.' "

When only 38 years old, Bliss and his wife were killed in a terrible railroad accident near Ashtabula, Ohio. Mr. Bliss got out of the wreck, but perished when he went back to rescue his wife. He has left to us a rich treasury of gospel hymns, among them, "Let the Lower Lights be Burning," "The Light of the World is Jesus," and "Almost Persuaded," as well as the music only for the song, "It is Well with My Soul," and many others.



Missionary Message

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Dear Prayer Partner:

"Tweet, tweet!" Two little black and white striped yellow-breasted birds sing with joy as they build their nest of feathers, string, and bits of soft grass in the orange tree outside our office window. We, too, feel like singing because our nice new house has finally been completed. Of course, we didn't build with feathers and bits of straw, and it took quite a lot longer to build it, but we surely do say "Thank you, Lord for our new home."

November 3 was moving day. The second year Bible School boys scurried back and forth like busy squirrels carrying boxes and barrels and piles of things. Even four-year-old Brian Graffenberger, assisted by his two-year-old sister, Valerie and little Beverly Hess had a little red wagon filled to the brim as it shuttled back and forth between the two houses. Dave and Marilyn Graffenberger supervised the work and did a tremendous job. In three hours everything was moved! It is a wonderful feeling to get everything unpacked and in its place.

We want the lovely home which God has given us to always be used for His glory, so on Nov. 12 we dedicated it to Him. Dave Graffenberger acted as Master of Ceremonies, Hudson Hess gave the dedicatory address, and Lou Fuchs sang the beautiful number, "Bless this House". Since you couldn't be here to hear the word of thanks Aldean gave to all those who had a part in making our house a reality, we want to say a big, heartfelt thanks to you who gave, and prayed and helped with the construction.

We know that God has great things in store for us, as you, our faithful prayer partner, join us in

prayer each day, for His blessing and help upon this great work. Oh that we might move men through prayer and faith in God alone. God bless you as you pray.

Serving Christ in Haiti,

Aldean and Ellen Saufley

PRAISE AND PRAYER NOTES FROM RADIO 4VEH, HAITI

PRAISE THE LORD for his faithfulness in the clinic. Many more have been saved than in other years. Praise the Lord for the men coming in January to complete the unfinished portion of the clinic.

PRAY that the Lord will provide good weather and keep the men well.

PRAISE THE LORD for the services held each week-end in different villages in the mountains overlooking Tovar, by two laymen from the Vaudreuil church. Nine were saved this last week-end in one service.

PRAY for the others that say they, too, want to be saved. Pray for these laymen as they travel many, many miles on foot to reach these villages.

PRAISE THE LORD that the three newest missionary families at Radio 4VEH, the Cleveland Irvines, the Harold Browns and the Jack Hannays were able to get their shipments of furniture and equipment from Customs.

PRAY for the Irvines as they await the birth of possible twins and as they begin their study of French. Pray also for the Browns and Hannays as they begin their new lives in Haiti.

PRAISE THE LORD for the six Hannay children as they take part in the Children's Radio Hour. Their beautiful three-part harmony reminds us of the Picazo children we miss so much.

PRAY for the ministry of the Children's Radio Hour and for the Picazo family who started this program on 4VEH.

PRAISE THE LORD for the several people saved in the evening open-air services conducted by the Vaudreuil church young people.

PRAY as these young people also conduct child-evangelism classes, that they will not become discouraged when the attendance is low.

PRAISE THE LORD for the news received from Phil Chandler concerning his return to Haiti in the near future. He will be bringing the badly-needed quad antenna which will greatly increase our outreach to short-wave listeners.

PRAY for four new transmitter tubes, costing \$200 apiece, needed to replace the present tubes which have been in service for over one year and whose normal life expectancy is eighteen months or less. Failure of these tubes will greatly reduce broadcast coverage.

PRAISE THE LORD for the sale of the old Jeep.

PRAY that two other old cars will be sold and replaced with new running vehicles.

PRAISE THE LORD for the blessings received by all in attendance at the dedication service of Aldean and Ellen Saufley's newly-constructed home.

PRAY for additional funds for more missionary homes to provide more facilities as our 4VEH family continues to grow.

PRAISE THE LORD for the Christians of the Vaudreuil church as they present the dramatization of the Christmas Story, previously directed by a missionary.

PRAY for Gaudin Charles, director, as he takes time out of his busy radio schedule. Pray also for the many outsiders who come especially to see this program.

Always a Divine Surplus

By

R. A. Beltz

This column is named "Abundant Living" and dedicated to that theme. It is the writer's conviction that God has made provisions for man to live abundantly here on this earth in both spiritual and temporal things. The Bible teaches us that God gives in abundance and that there is always a divine surplus.

God gives abundantly in nature. Think of the abundance of air, water, food, and natural resources. We do not have to use air and water sparingly unless man has polluted the air and the streams. It has been said that the amount of fruit that falls to the ground and rots in the tropics every year would feed the whole world. There is enough lumber, stone, cement, iron, steel, and other materials to build a mansion for every person. There is enough clothing material to adequately clothe every one. God has given abundantly, but selfish man has neither had the will or wisdom to use and distribute these resources to meet the needs.

God gives abundantly of the spiritual graces. He has made full provisions for the abundant life. "And the grace of our Lord was exceeding abundant with faith and love which is in Christ Jesus" (I Tim. 1: 14). "Our God . . . will abundantly pardon" (Isa. 55:7). "According to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope" (I Pet. 1: 3). These few promises tell us that God gives abundant grace, love, pardon, and mercy.

Paul tells us of God's abundant ability. "Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us" (Eph. 3:20). There is no question of God's ability or willingness. His abundance is given "according to the power that worketh in us." This is the power of faith as Jesus clearly taught. He said, "If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth" (Mark 9:23). It was upon this authority that Paul wrote to the Philippians: "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4:19).

The divine surplus is available to meet our supply. There is no one to blame but ourselves if we allow the pipeline that leads to it to become clogged by our unbelief and fears. We are too prone to talk "poor mouth," magnify our trouble and ills when we ought to rejoice and be thankful for our blessings.

That which we think about and talk about multiplies. Thanksgiving clears the pipelines, but doubt, fear and complaining clog them.

Our abundance is increased by our liberality and diminished by our selfishness and withholding. The widow with only a pot of oil who came to Elisha discovered that the oil increased as she poured out. The widow who fed Elijah during the famine found that the meal did not fail when she gave the first cake to the prophet. They were obeying the law, "Give, and it shall be given unto you." It was their pouring out and giving that brought them prosperity. They discovered that even though there was lack and famine about them there was a divine surplus.

You're In My Way

Tomorrow would be the Lord's day and some of the preparation was the care of the church furnace. Our four-year-old and I were filling the hopper with stoker coal, my implement of labor being a scoop shovel and his toy bucket that would scarcely contain a quart. The combination of his short legs and boyish inclination to make everything into play resulted in a ratio of three or four scoopsful to one of his toy bucketsfull.

Quite unexpectedly he sincerely lamented, "Daddy, you're in my way!" The truth was that he was in my way, slowing me down, scattering bits of coal all over the floor, and getting himself generally black and both he and I specifically in trouble with his mother. At the conclusion of the performance "daddy" had him and the furnace room to render presentable.

With the impulsive reply of, "Son, you're in my way!" on the tip of my tongue, the Holy Spirit quietly stood at the lectern while I sat at my desk.

Perhaps in our consecrated pur-

poses and zealous enthusiasm to accomplish God's work on earth, it is human to momentarily forget Who has the scoop and who has the toy bucket. It is possible to be so ardently involved in kingdom pursuits that a divine change of method or direction for a given assignment may find us "champing the bit." Why are matters worsening? Why are they not falling into place? Why are the developments so slow? Why am I ill when I should be going? Why is the money so scarce? Why doesn't someone help me?

These characteristic human questions and quandaries could be unintentional ways of telling God that He is in the way. Perhaps while racing up the glory road with a "full head of steam" our Guide must occasionally blockade the progress and slow us down long enough to get our attention. It is during these times when He can get us quiet long enough, that we can see the coal we've scattered all over the floor, the constant care and oversight He has maintained, and Who has the scoop.

He never suggests that we have actually been in His way, but rather dusts us off and sends us on our way with the warm feeling that He has helped us fill the hopper. What a wonderful God!

HANDS REACHED OUT

By Grace V. Watkins

Along the avenue of years
So many hands reach out to me:
The hands of those who need a bit
Of healing sympathy;
The grasping hands of those intent
On dark and self-directed gain;
The hands of children wandering
Through gray and sullen rain;
The hands that give remembrances;
The hands of those who grieve;
The hands that offer gratitude
And undemanding love receive.
Whoever reaches out his hands —
O Father, help me always be
So dedicated, Lord, that I
Shall point his heart to Thee!

— Pilgrim Holiness Advocate

Holiness Teachings

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to encourage display in your children — to fit them up to shine with worldly splendor, you may rest assured that the work of holiness in yourself is not complete. **You are not fully delivered from pride.**

Holiness implies deliverance from denominational pride. There are many who dress plain, and who furnish their houses plain, who will nevertheless give their thousands towards the construction of a church, when every accommodation could be secured for one-third the amount paid for its construction.

Two-thirds of all that is paid for our fine houses of worship, is expended for display, and answers no purpose except to gratify pride. The fine Church must be filled with finely dressed people, and so pride and extravagance are encouraged and the poor virtually excluded from the house of worship. If the true Gospel course were taken by all who call themselves by the Christian name — if the money expended to gratify pride were judiciously employed in spreading the truth as it is in Jesus, the time would soon come when it could be said in all parts of the world, "The poor have the Gospel preached to them." — Matt. 11:5.

— From Holiness Teachings
B. T. Roberts, A. M.

EFFECTUAL PRAYING

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much." Blind Bartimaeus cried the more desperately, "Jesus Thou Son of David, have mercy on me". Jesus paused, listened, and gave him his sight.

VI. Be Persistent

If we do not receive the answer immediately, pray again. Elijah did. In fact, he prayed at least seven times before he saw the cloud the size of a man's hand. How many of us pray once or twice then say, "No use"? Let us demonstrate impatience and keep knocking until there is response.

VII. Be Resigned

God always answers prayer, but not always in the affirmative. Many times God's answer is "No", yet we continue to ask. Remember, God answered the Israelites' prayer but

sent leanness to their souls. Jesus own prayer is a perfect example of praying with our will resigned to His. "Nevertheless not my will but thine be done". Unless we pray, resigned to His will, we had better not pray at all.

In conclusion we wish to mention several that we do not have time to discuss: Pray in accordance with His Word and will, Pray in the Holy Ghost, Pray in faith, Pray in Jesus name and with a thankful heart. If we will, He will hear us and answer. — P. M.

CALLED TO CONSERVATISM

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Master is still calling the plays, and we shall come out on the victory side. We are privileged to live for Christ in the midst of this crooked and perverse generation. God's strength is still able to see us through, and we shall not fail. Much depends upon the holy people holding steady in the storms of life. The end is not yet, and the faithful are the only ones who shall receive the crown of life.

TAKE COURAGE

Reflector signs along the highway enable drivers to progress confidently even on the strangest road in the darkness of night.

Living is not unlike motoring. All along the way are warnings, directives, and encouraging mileage signs. The history of mankind; biographies of individuals; the writings of the literary masters among which the Bible ranks high; the minds and hearts of daily associates—all of these are repositories of wise information relative to growth and advancement in good living.

"Take courage," is a sign frequently posted in the Bible. And it is significant, for life is full of terrifying circumstances. That brief directive indicates that one's progress depends pretty much upon his purpose and his attitudes toward the circumstances which he encounters. If one is courageous, it is because he chooses to be. If he is discouraged, it is because he permits himself to be.

Tragic periods of depressions which dishearten and lessen one's confidence are common to all, and at such times it is easy to turn

aside into some dead-end, side road. Such feelings may come from various sources: one's own physical, mental, or spiritual condition; or from any number of outside factors as his surroundings, associates, and his unfortunate, material circumstances.

David, of Old Testament fame, set an example all may well follow. On one occasion he returned to his headquarters only to find the city burned, his goods stolen, his family carried away, and his soldiers ready to kill him. In this terribly distressing time, David deliberately went aside and "encouraged himself in the Lord." Then he was able to get matters in hand—to restore the loyalty of his troops, to retrieve his goods, and bring back his family, and to continue through life on his appointed way.

So it is that difficulties need not scare us out. As Charles Spurgeon once wrote: "Should the power of depression be more ordinary, think not that all is over with your usefulness. Cast not away your confidence. Put no trust in frames and feelings. Care more for a grain of faith than a ton of excitement... Any simpleton can follow the narrow path in light; faith's rare wisdom enables us to march on in the dark with infallible accuracy since she places her hand in that of her great Guide."

As an ambitious young woman Ina Dudley made plans which seemed sure to lead her to success in a cherished public career. But frustrating circumstances developed in her family circle. Her father became a helpless invalid, and there was no money to hire needed care. She had to turn aside from her envisioned road. It was a disheartening moment, but she must have seen the sign "Take Courage." The cruel disappointment did not scare her out. She reconciled herself to humbler, more limited tasks, giving her father the care he needed. But something of the victory and contented life she was able to lead is expressed in the words of a song which she wrote during those days:

"Do not wait until some deed of greatness you may do,

Do not wait to shed your light afar,

To the many duties ever near you now be true,

Brighten the corner where you are!"

His Presence With Us

by

Rev. John C. Bethune

Editor's Note: Rev. John G. Bethune is a pastor in the Lewistown area, and we recently became acquainted with him. He has attended some of the services in various God's Missionary Churches. He is a Godly man, with a zeal for God and Truth. We are happy to introduce him to the Standard family. I do hope that this message will be a blessing as you read it.

“And He said, My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest.” Exodus 33:14.

A great promise from a great and faithful prince is a great and precious privilege. Let our God speak and His word will infallibly be fulfilled. He has given us exceeding great and precious promises, that by these we might be partakers of His divine nature. The one thousand promises of our bankrupt human nature are of no value. "My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest." This is a word in season to every one that is weary. It is surely ours if, like the message of the shepherds at Bethlehem, it came to us with a stroke of light and rush of mystic music straight from the eternal throne.

This answer came streaming down to Moses from God in answer to his prayer. "Show me Thy way that I may know Thee." Not only Moses, but we see that the whole congregation sought the Lord v. 7. The Lord had promised them that He would be with them, and that He would lead them "Unto a land flowing with milk and honey." "I will come up in the midst of thee." Glory to God!

Moses sought this promise in the face of a great commission. How could he bring this people up without the guiding presence of the subduing God? Many a heartbreak could be avoided if we, like Moses, would seek the face of God until He answers with clarity. Then when God speaks believe and do what He says. It has been said, "God's bid-dings are God's enablings."

Don't go up, don't preach that sermon; don't call that evangelist; don't have that revival until God

says, "My presence shall be with thee." We may confidently ask and expect His all sufficiency to meet our every need (II Cor. 9:8). Listen to Moses, "If Thy presence go not with me, carry us not up hence." Preachers, if we, like Moses, would be very careful that the presence of the Lord was with us when we entered the place of worship, and that time has been spent in prayer, seeking the will of God until the Lord's Holy Spirit broods upon the page of Holy Writ, also the message we have chosen has the blessing and promise of God upon it, then God would come, the blessing would fall and the glory would appear.

Each worshipper in his place would see the glory of God and feel His divine presence. The Lord would carry them up to higher heights of service. Praise God! The Lord would speak, Glory to God! Every man would hear the voice of God talking. The evidence that we are on the right way is found in verse 11, He is with us. This brings joy to the soul and gladness to the heart.

When He is with us we have the blessed assurance that He will drive out the "ites" and give us rest. This is a type of the sanctified heart. "With carnality", as Dr. Godby said, "Blown out with the dynamic of the Holy Ghost." This gives us rest from the power of sin, from the fear of man and from the cares of the world. The Holy Ghost abides within giving us the victory. Not only is this the need of the hour, as far as the minister is concerned, but every worshipper stood in his tent door.

"Lord, grant that in our churches the laity will mind God." Much of the time the laity just sit there, sing a little, say a two-bit prayer and then fall asleep while the preacher preaches. Nothing comes to pass in a dead church, they are at a standstill. The Sunday School suffers, no souls are being saved. Let us pray the power down. The rest mentioned in the chapter we are studying is not that which furnishes a rocking chair, but a rest within.

Let us go up with God, take more land and see more souls saved. The promise is, "I will come up in the midst of thee. I will give you the land, I will bless thee, I will give thee rest." Thank God!

We can know that He is with us, and that His promises are sure. We can have His presence with us. Have your services been dull and without life? Let "Moses" go out into the place where he can hear from God (v. 8). Let (Moses) stand in the presence of God until God comes upon him with mighty power, bursting upon him with a cloud of glory v. 10. The people looked and watched after Moses, wondering what was going to happen next. Each worshipper stood in his place — then the glory fell.

The people saw the cloudy pillar stand at the church door. They heard God talking with Moses as one talks with a friend. Glory! Let "Moses" get on friendly terms with God until the people recognize that he has been before the throne seeking God with all his heart.

The service was one of real interest. Joshua did not want to leave. Bless God! Who would want to go home when the glory was down? This is the thing that will captivate the young people. Have God on the scene and you will hold the young people. Every one loves to see the Glory of God, to feel His presence with us v. 18.

BY GRACE

When your heart is filled with sorrow:

And you dread the coming morrow;
Breathe a prayer.

When the tempter's voice is strong
Urging you to do some wrong;

Breathe a prayer, O breathe a
prayer.

Christ will hear you when you
pray,

He will wipe your tears away:

He has power to keep from sin

If you will but let Him in.

He will give you grace to bear

Every pain and every care.

Breathe a prayer, O breathe a
prayer.

— Laura Waterman

The Place Called HELL

By Raymond Pollard

The most unpopular subject a minister can choose to preach on is the subject of hell. However, I feel that the Spirit of God would have me to deal with this subject, and I cannot avoid speaking frankly about it from the Scriptures.

The word "hell" is used in thousands of conversations in America today. People use the word "hell" in many different ways. Men use this word daily in foolish swearing. It has been described as a sort of "Never, Never Land" by means of thoughtless jokes and folklore. It has been pictured as a place where the devil roasts people on spits over a burning flame. As a result of this light and flippant attitude toward hell, many folk have written hell off as being impossible, or improbable.

But I must remind you, with all the earnestness of my soul, that the same Bible that tells us about the love of God and the beauties of heaven also tells us about the wrath of God and the burning of hell. Many people believe only what they want to believe, of the Bible, and have written out of it that which is unpleasant to their thinking. Yet as I read the New Testament, I am amazed at the number of times hell is mentioned, especially by Christ Himself. He said more about hell than any other person in the Bible. In Matt. 10:28 Jesus said: "And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him that is able to destroy both soul and body in hell." In Matt. 25:41 He said, "Then shall he say unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels." And in this same chapter Jesus refers to hell as a place of "outer darkness" and "everlasting punishment."

Some people say they believe in living by the Sermon on the Mount, hence they do not believe in hell — but Jesus said in the Sermon on the Mount: "Whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire" (Matt. 5:22).

There are many other utterances of our Lord regarding this place called hell, but these are sufficient to convince me that He considered it important enough to warn men that there is a hell to shun.

What kind of a place is hell? For the answer to this, we turn to the Scriptures. In Luke 16 Jesus tells us what it is like for a person to go to this place called hell.

First, the Bible reveals the fact that hell will be a PLACE of UNENDING TORMENT. "In hell," the Bible says, "he lift up his eyes, being in torments." What a picture flashes into the mind! One can almost see the parched face of this man as he lifts up his eyes toward God and heaven. There was a time in life when he could have lifted up his eyes toward the God of heaven and received mercy, but it took the torments of hell finally to cause him to do what he would not do in life. I often marvel at what people will endure in the service of sin and Satan. I see men every day persisting in the descent down the toboggan of life, in spite of the prayers of loved ones and friends and the faithful wooings of the Spirit of God. I wonder that the torment of sin does not cause them to turn their eyes toward God; but all too often it does not. It is very strange that men will go on in sin and be bound by its chains, and not turn to God; but it seems instead only to lead them deeper in the muck and mire of sin. It turns them more and more to the bosom of the devil who eventually sends them into the torments of hell.

Friends, hell is not a playground nor a summer resort. It is not a reforming or a remodeling school. It is a place of unending torment. "In hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments" (Luke 16:23).

Hell is also revealed as a PLACE of UNQUENCHED THIRST. This man in hell said, "Cool my tongue, for I am tormented in this flame." Perhaps there is no more torturous longing than thirst which cannot be quenched. This man in hell cried for water. He did not ask for a bucketful of water, or for a glassful, or for even a thimbleful. He asked only that someone dip the tip of his finger in water and place it upon his dry and parched tongue.

We all know what a good, cool drink of water can do for one on a hot summer day; but in hell there is no quenching of thirst. What will some people do when they can find no beer, wine, gin, whiskey, brandy, or cocktails in hell to slake their thirst? Imagine the tormenting craving of one who has devel-

oped a passion for liquor in this life, as he is denied the fulfillment of that desire in hell! What will the man do who has had an insatiable thirst for every form of sinful living and pleasure when he can find no satisfaction for that thirst in hell?

Friends, hell is a home of horror where the sinful thirstings of the lost are never quenched, but the longings shall burn on in the breast forever!

Finally, hell is revealed as a place of an IMPASSABLE GULF. The Bible says: "Beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence."

Sin inevitably separates between God and man. It was man's sin in the beginning which created that gulf of separation between God and man; and it is man's sin today that still separates him from God. But this scripture speaks about a gulf that is "fixed." It will be impossible for one who enters hell to return! Once in hell, in hell forever! Transgressors riding the express train of sin into hell have but a one-way ticket.

In this life, man lives by hope. If we are sick, we hope to get well. If business is bad, we hope it will improve. Even an inmate of a penitentiary's Death Row lives by hoping that perhaps there will be a pardon, a reprieve, a stay of execution before the fatal hour arrives; but in hell, all hope is gone forever! The gulf that once could have been bridged is now fixed. As Dante inscribed over the door of his Inferno, "Ye who enter here leave all hope behind," so will it be for one who goes to hell.

Yes, hell is a place of unending torment, of unquenched thirst, and an impassable gulf — but the Bible offers hope to all who are on their way to hell. Jesus Christ died on the Cross of Calvary to save the lost from the place called hell. His Cross of Redemption bridges the gulf which separates men from God. If you will repent of your sins, forsake the ways of sin, and receive Christ as your personal Savior, you can be saved from this place called hell.

Why not kneel at the Cross now, and be saved?