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THE DIVINE COMMISSION

From "Joshua and the Land of Promise" by the late F. B. Meyer, B. A.

(Joshua 1:7)

As Joshua stood on the threshold of his great work, he was repeatedly bidden to be strong and of a good courage. Some little time before the death of his predecessor, a great convocation of all Israel had been summoned, at which Moses had solemnly transferred his office to his successor, and had given him a charge, saying, "Be strong and of a good courage; for thou must go with this people unto the land" And now the voice of God reiterates the charge and repeats the injunction.

When therefore the call came to him to assume the office which Moses was vacating, his heart failed him, and he needed every kind of encouragement and stimulus, both from God and man "Be strong" means that he felt weak; "Be of good courage" means that he was afrighted; "Be not thou dismayed" means that he seriously considered whether he would not have to give up the task. He was a worm and no man: how should he deliver Israel?

It is when men are in this condition that God approaches them with the summons to undertake vast and overwhelming responsibilities Most of us are too strong for Him to use; we are too full of our own schemes, and plans, and ways of doing things. He must empty us, and humble us, and bring us down to the dust of death, so low that we need every straw of encouragement, every leaf of help; and then He will raise us up, and make us as the rod of His strength. The world talks of the survival of the fittest But God gives power to the faint, and increases might to them that have no strength; He perfects his strength in weakness, and uses things that are not, to bring to nought things that are. If Ehud had been right-handed, he might never have judged Israel; if Gideon had been the greatest instead of the least in his father's house, he would never have vanquished Midian; if Paul had been as eloquent in his speech as he confesses himself to have been contemptible, he would never have preached the Gospel from Jerusalem round to Illyricum

Let us consider the sources of Joshua's strength.

A FAITHFUL PAST

"After the death of Moses, the servant of the Lord, the Lord spake unto Joshua, the son of Nun, Moses minister"

The previous years of Joshua's past had been full of high and noble endeavour. For forty years, if Joseplus be correct in his statement as to his age at the death of Moses, he shared the slavery and sorrows of a captive race His childish eyes must have become accustomed to witnessing the brutality of the Egyptian taskmasters, even if his own shoulders were not torn by their cruel whips As a scion of one of the leading families of Ephraim (Num. xiii. S, 16), he may have taken some leading part in the marshalling of the Exodus, and there approved himself as worthy of all trust. His conflict with Amalek; his good report of the Land of Promise; his refusal to take any part in the disastrous attack on the Canaanites; his eagerness for the good name and fame of Moses; his patient endurance of the weary years of wandering-all prove that his was no common character

None of us can tell for what God is educating us. We fret and murmur at the narrow round and daily task of ordinary life; not realizing that it is only thus that we can be prepared for the high and holy office which awaits us. We must descend before we can ascend We must suffer, if we would reign. We must take the via crucis (the way of the cross) submissively and patiently, if we would tread the via lucis (the way of light) We must endure the polishing, if we would be shafts in the quiver of Emmanuel God's will comes to thee and me in daily circumstances, in little things equally as in great; meet them bravely; be at your best always, though the occasion be one of the very least; dignify the smallest summons by the greatness of your response; so the call will come to thee as to Joshua, the son of Nun, Moses' minister.

A DISTINCT CALL

"Arise, go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I do give to them Be strong and of a good courage, for thou shalt cause this people to inherit the land which I sware unto their fathers to give them." When a man knows that he has been called to do a certain work, he is invincible. He is not unconscious of his own deficiencies, whether they be natural or intellectual He is not insensible of difficulty; none so quick as he to see the great stones, the iron gates, the walled cities, the broad and flowing rivers; he is not invulnerable to the shafts of ridicule and adverse criticism: but for all these he looks steadilv away to the declared purpose of God, and vields himself to be the channel through which it may operate

The supreme enquiry for each of us, when summoned to a new work, is-not whether we possess sufficient strength or qualification for it, but -if we have been called to it of God: and when that is so there is no further cause for anxiety. If it is in his plan that we should march through a river, or attack a walled town, or turn to flight an army, we have simply to go forward. He will make the mountains a way. Rivers will dry up; walls will fall down; armies shall be scattered as snow in Salmon. There is no such thing as impossibility, when God says, "Forward, soul: arise, go over this Jordan!"

THE SENSE OF THE PRESENCE OF GOD

"As I was with Moses, so I will be with thee I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee".

All through the arduous campaign that followed, nothing could daunt Joshua's courage whilst that assurance was ever ringing its silver tones in the belfry of his memory: "I will be with thee" Ah, it is well when we can so encourage ourselves in God! The fire is heated seven times; but He is with me, and no smell of fire shall pass upon my flesh. The river is deep; but He is with me, and its (Continued on page 9)

MODERNISM THE HANDMAID OF ATHEISM

"And It Came To Pass As They Were Eating of the Pottage, That They Cried Out and Said, O Thou Man of God, There Is Death in the Pot. And They Could Not Eat Thereof."—2 Kings 5:40.

By MARTIN S. CHARLES, Reclaimed Atheist.

There are three great universities in Russia today which confer the degree, "Doctor of Atheism", or D. A. Two in Moscow, capital of the U. S. S. R., and one in Leningrad. Courses in "Scientific Atheism", Dialectical Materialism" and "Godless Evolution" are offered as part of the regular curriculum, as well as specialized coaching and training in the "art" and "science" of antireligious propaganda.

These universities are, of course, supported by the Soviet Government, but the courses in Atheism and Materialism are promoted by the League of Militant Godless, an international, world-wide organization boasting today of international headquarters in Moscow, and national branches in every country on the From this central bureau globe thousands of speakers, writers, editors and organizers receive their instructions in the form of a 16 page mimeographed bulletin every six weeks. And to these universities thousands of young men and women are sent from all over the world, to study the "technique" of efficient anti-religious propaganda.

Not one preacher in ten thousand has any idea or conception of the enormous numerical strength of the International League of Militant Godless in the world today, nor of the wide-spread, efficient and deadly ramifications of this twentieth century conspiracy "against the Lord and against his anointed". Only one who has been on the "inside" and who has actually fought in the frontline trenches of the present world warfare against God, can really know with what amazing and appalling success the World Union of Militant Atheists is meeting-not only in the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics, but also in China, India, Turkey, France, Spain, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Mexico, Central and South America, Cuba, and even in the United States of America and in Canada.

The writer knows, because he was for many years a professional atheist and anti-religious propagandist Elected first general secretary of the American Branch of the International League of Militant Atheists in January 1931, he founded and edited the official organ of that organization, known as the Godless World Magazine He, as well as every other agent of the World Conspiracy Against God, received his 16 pages of instructions from Moscow every six weeks

It may interest the readers of this magazine to know that it is a definite and wide-spread practice of Organized Atheism to encourage and even to direct its youthful adherents to join, not only lodges and fraternal organizations, but also young people's religious societies, such as Christian Endeavoi, B Y. P U. and Epworth League, for the purpose of carrying on undermining activities from within the auxiliary organizations of the Christian Church Not only that, but agents of Organized Atheism are also encouraged and directed to qualify as teachers and professors, not only of secular schools, where they are today operating to destroy the religious faith of tens of thousands of our high school, college and university students, but also as faculty members of nominally Christian schools, colleges, universities and theological seminaries

Atheists are also encouraged and directed to enter Christian schools, colleges and theological seminaries for the purpose of qualifying themselves to act as pastors of churches, missionaries and directors of "religious" education! The writer knows from intimate and personal contact that there are hundreds of men and women in Christian schools, pulpits and editorial offices today who are as godless in real belief and at heart, as is Charles Smith, President of the American Association for the Advancement of Atheism! I've heard

them freely express, in strict confidence, their own unbelief. I have lectured in their churches, debated before their "Open Forums", and addressed their young people's societies of Christian Endeavor, B. Y. P. U. and Epworth League.

Like Charles Smith, President of the 4 A, I was a young preacher and student for the ministry before I was ever an infidel or an atheist. It was in the nominally evangelical schools where we went as students to complete our preparation for the ministry that we received our first lessons in rationalism, skepticism and unbelief, which represented, for us, the first steps along the high road which led at last to militant atheism. Four years ago the second of August I was reclaimed Charles Smith is still on the firing line of the World War against God. But if God could bring me back, He can also bring back Charles Smith. And to this end I carnestly solicit the children of God everywhere to unite with me in prayer.

The following extract from a recent report of the American Association for the Advancement of Atheism tells its own story, and identifies modernism, liberalism, higher criticism and the "New Theology" as allies of Militant Atheism in language far more eloquent than any I could use, or any that could be employed by any Fundamentalist preacher anywhere! Comment would be superfluous

"With what zeal the Fosdicks, Matthews and the whole crew of rescuers
toss out first the Garden of Eden,
the Flood, followed by the Virgin
Birth, atonement and resurrection
And then they gain a great victory by
getting rid of hell and heaven, and
of the devil and God—although with
much ado they keep the name of the
last. They save the vessel of ecclesiasticism, but how long will men sail
the seas in an empty ship? They will
go ashore and enjoy life with the

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GOD'S DWELLING PLACE

By RALPH T. NORDLUND, Pella, Iowa

The tabernacle was God's Old Testament dwelling place among men. He called Moses up into the Mount and said, "Let them make me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them. According to all that I show thee, after the pattern of the tabernacle." If we will study the blue prints of that pattern as given in the last half of Exodus and learn the key of its symbolism, I am sure we will all agree that "all Scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable " This portion of the Bible is often considered useless by superficial readers, but it becomes a peculiar treasure to the one who studies it carefully in the light of the New Testament.

Let us remember that the tabernacle is symbolical of Jesus Christ our Lord You will remember that in John's Gospel we read that the Word became flesh and dwelt among us. The word "dwelt" is literally "tabernacled" in the Greek. We may therefore say that Jesus Christ became the tabernacle of God in His incarnation, and that men can only meet with God through him Since God had planned that incarnation before the foundation of the world, it should not surprise us that He gave Moses a pattern of a tabernacle that would in every detail set forth the person and work of the Saviour who was to come We must also remember that as a place of worship, the tabernacle was symbolical of the church, which is now the body of Christ upon the earth The tabernacle was replaced by the temple, and we read that "the church groweth into a holy temple in the Lord " We also read that the Holy Spirit dwells in the church, even as the Shekinah cloud of glory dwelt in the tabernacle. Therefore we must be prepared in our study to learn much concerning both our blessed Lord and His church.

Let us imagine ourselves in the camp of Israel after the tabernacle was set up What would we see? That would depend on us If we came as seeking souls, through the gates of the court, and took our stand at the brazen altar, where needy sinners ought to stand, we should see five golden pillars and a beautiful cur-

tain of blue, purple, scarlet, and of white linen

The tabernacle would appear to be most beautiful. It is even so today with earnest seekers of Christ Nothing so attracts weary souls as the blue that speaks of His heavenly origin, for they want a Saviour sent down from above. Nothing is more welcome than the purple that tells them He is King of kings and Lord of lords, for after failing to manage themselves, they long for a sovereign Lord Nothing gives them more relief than the sight of the scarlet that speaks of His redeeming blood. To a seeking soul He is fairer than ten thousand, and one altogether lovely...

However, for those outside the court, there would be no such beauty to behold. They would see only the bluish black covering of badger's skins. It was a covering without pattern or beauty. But did not Christ appear in similar fashion to those outside the courts of true faith? Did not Isaiah foretell that they would say, "There is no form or beauty that we should desire Him"? And so they said in act when they crucified Him, if not in words. And they are saying it yet Millions show no interest in the wonderful Christ we worship. He does not seem wonderful to them. He is without form or beauty to them.

If we were to draw near, however, and lift the outer covering a little, we should discover another covering underneath, of ram's skins dyed red That tells us what every one must find who looks into the life of Christ—His crimson cross. It meets us everywhere in the Bible. There is a crimson line running through the Bible from Genesis to Revelation Nay, whole pages are red with the story of the cross in the gospels, or with the explanation of the cross in the epistles. "Christ died for the ungodly", is the explanation.

The red speaks of the fact, but the ram's skin material helps us to see that is was a substitutionary death. The young male lamb had been the substitute for the firstborn on the night of the passover. Earlier still, Abraham had learned that truth,

when he was about to offer up Isaac. He lifted up his knife in faith, but how relieved he must have been when he saw a ram caught in a thicket and heard the Lord tell him to offer it in place of his son. It became the substitute for Isaac, even as Christ is the one who has died for us.

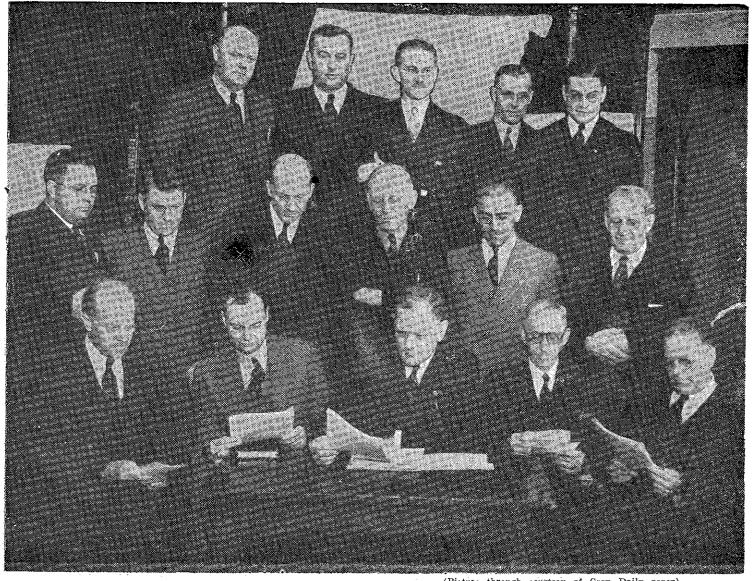
We lift up that covering and find another that substantiates what we have said It was made of goat's hair, and the goat was the usual sin offering. So we know that Christ died for us, and for our sin. The fact that this was a double curtain, linked together with rings of brass further proves it, for brass stands for judgment. Christ suffered the Judgment of God upon sin, and therefore died as our substitute. It may not be an attractive message to preach. Some fastidious and selfrighteous people do not like to hear it, but God did not make those plain curtains of goat's hair for art lovers but for sinners. If we are to worship God, we need that covering to shield our guilty souls.

At last we come to the curtains of beauty that formed the real tabernacle, but we would not be able to see them very well unless we entered into the sanctuary. They were a little shorter than those above them, and they were hidden in front by an overhanging flap of the goat's hair. These white linen curtains spoke of the sinless humanity of Christ, but notice that they could not be seen from without That must seem strange to the Modernist He would like to let the whole world see the character of Christ, that it might copy Him and improve its social order; but God seems to have hidden it I wonder why. Because He does not want us to follow in the steps of Christ? No, but because He knows that salvation comes another way. We are not to admire the righteousness of Christ, but get under it.

If we were to enter the tabernacle, however, we would see more than a snowy white curtain. We would see it embroidered with numerous figures of cherubim in blue, purple, and scarlet. It would be beautiful to behold

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PROGRESS AND MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AT MEETING AT GARY



(Picture through courtesy of Gary Daily paper)

EXECUTIVE MEETING OF G A R B. HELD IN CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH, OCTOBER 15TH & 16TH, A LONG STEP IN RIGHT DIRECTION

Here to confer for several days with Rev. R. T. Ketcham of Central Baptist church, president of the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches in the United States, are the above fundamentalist Baptist leaders. They were pictured just before the opening session of the conference this morning. Front row, left to right: Rev. E. C. Shute of Decatur, Ill; Rev. Raph W. Neighbour of Elyria, O; Rev. Ketcham; Rev. G. Rector Dye of San Diego, Calif.; Rev. Leo Sandgren of Austin, Minn. Second row: Rev. Gordon

Kemble of Linton, Ind.; Rev. T. G. Gibson of Verona, Wis.; Rev. Gus Dahlberg of Eldora, Ia.; Rev. H. E. Ketcham of Booneville, Ind.; Rev. Ford Porter of Princeton, Ind.; Rev. O. W. Stanbrough of Kansas City, Mo. Rear row: Rev. Harold Strathearn of Rochester, N. Y.; Rev. A. G. Annette of Grundy Center, Ia.; Rev. Ray F. Hamilton, assistant pastor of Central Baptist church; Rev. J. J. Rader of Silvis, Ill.; and Rev. Joseph M. Stowell of Brunswick Baptist church.

For two days, morning, afternoon and evening we met in closed and open session to pray about and work out problems confronting us in the rapid growth of the GARB. The whole issue of the Bulletin could

easily be devoted to what transpired. Space only permits the briefest of reports on this far-reaching conference.

The first thing that we had clearly understood is that the GARBC

as constituted is a fellowship of CHURCHES and not individuals. That is, individuals could belong officially only as their churches belonged officially. We realize this has (Continued on page 7)

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THE I.E.A. AND THE G.A.R.B.—THEIR RELATIONSHIP

Some have wondered why there should be two separate organizations, with **Dr**: Strathearn, general secretary of the Interstate; and **Dr**: Ketcham, President of the General Association of Regular Baptists

The answer is quite simple. Because there is a genuine need for both. Each has its own function. One, the Interstate, in existence now for over eight years, is doing the finest home missionary work among Baptist pastors and laymen that has ever been done. Dr. Strathearn is constantly in demand for advice and consultation. He could use two more secretaries with no effort at all

The GARB has its own work cut out. Far from overlapping one another, the two organizations are working in perfect accord and with a mutual understanding. Both stand for the promotion of true Christian fellowship among Bible-believing Baptists, and of that there cannot be too much. If it had not been for the groundwork laid by the IEA we doubt very much whether the GARB would be advancing as rapidly as it is today.

The chief aim of the GARB is to contact, encourage and advise those Baptist ministers and laymen throughout the country who, because of discouragements and the dark outlook in this crisis hour, are just about ready to "cry quits"

We are of the candid conviction that there are hosts of Bible-believing and Bible-loving Baptists through the country who need and long for the fellowship of others, who have seen the utter folly and futility of trying to reform or "clean up" an apostate machine The IEA and GARB are specific and definite answers to such a need and such a longing

FACTS AND FIGURES FEW WILL FACE

The recent presidential election has again conclusively shown that the average person is loathe to face disagreeable facts and figures. On the other hand a winning smile, a false prosperity, a smooth, cultured speech will all conspire to cause the individual to earnestly and enthusiastically declare "Black is white, and white is black."

At the last annual convention of the NBC not one missionary was sent out to the field, but within the next year or two 70 WILL BE RECALLED FROM THE FIELD But independent Baptist missionary organizations, thoroughly fundamental and with a zeal for souls, this past year alone have sent out BETWEEN 15 AND 20 FULLY EQUIPPED MISSIONARIES, which is a conservative estimate

Here are two sets of facts and figures placed side by side just the opposite of one another The reason is obvious whether you wish to admit it or not. One, the NBC, a Baptist organization having discarded the Christianity of God's Word, namely the cleansing Blood of Christ, His death for sinners, His triumphant resurrection from the Grave, and the authority and finality of the Bible They have embraced instead a set of mongrel willow-o-the-wisps which include Kagawaism and cooperatives, the social gospel, communism, infidelity and modernism.

The other, a group of small independent Baptists who stand unequivocally for the essential and vital truths of Christianity, and who believe in and are "NOT ASHAMED OF THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST, FOR IT IS THE POWER OF GOD UNTO SALVATION" They are standing true in these days of apostasy, and the Lord is blessing their stand

But as we have above stated, these are facts and figures few will face. The pleasant, smiling face of a state secretary, a pleasing personality, a false optimism and a deliberate misrepresentation of conditions within the denomination, all combine to keep the average Baptist layman and minister "fiddling with Nero while Rome burns".

PROGRESS AT GARY MEETING

(Continued from page 5) its limitations, but it acts as a safeguard against grave dangers.

But is there provision for individuals who would like to join our fellowship? There is Such are urged to place their membership with churches in the fellowship, and in the case of ministers and evangelists they can then be listed in the annual of the association

We do not wish to be considered hidebound nor hardshelled. Cooperation and practical fellowship is extended to all in sympathy with our movement, even though voting privileges are withheld.

It was agreed as funds permitted there should be statistical information published relative to all independent Baptist churches even though many are not as yet affiliated with the GARB. Dr. Ketcham conservately estimates 1,000 independent churches have freed themselves from "machine shackles" but many of these are without a fellowship.

THE NEED OF PROVING OURSELVES

Many good brethren are skeptical of the GARB. Many others know nothing of it. What is to be done? By all means show these churches the advantages of this new fellowship. We are not fanatics. We are not out for a free-for-all fight, but we are anxious and cager for true Christian fellowship among Bible-believing Baptists

The committee's sentiment concerning those churches who have not yet separated from the NBC, was to deal patiently and kindly with such brethren. Many are in hard places; many are "on the spot" with the machine. Some of course wilfully blind themselves, but these are in the minority we believe

WHAT ABOUT MISSIONS?

Dr. G. Rector Dye, Vice-President from California discussed at length our missionary set up. We were glad for his frank and open criticism. It was agreed that methods of operation in several of the mission agencies approved by the GARBC could be improved. That these agencies should con-

tinue as independent, self-governing mission groups was the unanimous opinion of those present

Dr Dye brought greetings from the Independent Baptist churches of California. He was instructed to return the cordial greetings of the executive committee to the California brethren

After some discussion it was moved by **E. C. Shute**, seconded by **A. G. Annette** that we recommend a change of name from the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches to "The Association of Independent Baptist Churches in the U.S.A." This motion was carried.

S S LITERATURE AND WORK OF VICE-PRESIDENTS

Everyone present felt the great need of adequate Bible School literature for Baptist churches. Rev. Entzminger's work of a whole Bible series for the whole Bible school was discussed. The progress of the committee appointed last spring to work with Rev. Entzminger, was reported on

The first part of this work being done the committee is in hopes will be available by April, 1937. Should the work come up to the standard set by the committee, the GARBC will have the joy of sponsoring the greatest thing in Bible school literature that has ever been published.

Not one person present disagreed with the statement that the greatest need in our fellowship is for independent state fellowships. As this is the task of each state Vice President, Dr. Ketcham pointed out Independent churches of each state can be brought together by means of one or two day Bible conferences, young people's meetings, etc.

Each state fellowship is to be independent of the national fellowship but the aim and desire is to maintain the friendliest of relations between the groups

WORK OF PLACING PASTORS

Dr Ketcham explained that there should be no overlapping or conflict with the agency already in the field seeking to do that very type of work.

Dr. Strathearn of the IEA presented in detail the ways and means of assisting churches in securing fundamental pastors. With a wealth of experience behind him, and a record of honesty and fairness that no one can successfully challenge, Dr. Strathearn speaks with authority. The problems of pastoral exchange are multiple and cause much grief and misunderstanding. That is to be expected and accepted as such.

The one point that was emphasized in this discussion was that no personalities whatever should enter in, no "wire pulling" or receiving pay for placing a man in a pulpit This last **Dr Strathearn** has been charged with many times by the "machine" but such a charge is a direct and malicious lie for propaganda purposes. This type of attack along with other types is to be expected in placing pastors. The use of the pamphlet "Your Next Pastor" published by the IEA was suggested

The fellowship's publication, "The Baptist Bulletin," was brought up for consideration; much helpful criticism was offered by the executive committee. The favorable features and the objectionable features of the paper were freely discussed. After agreeing to some typographical and editorial policy changes, it was recommended that, (1) the editor make connections with some national advertising agency for religious papers and thus open the paper for suitable advertising; (2) To increase the subscription price of the paper from 50c per year to \$1 00 a year, 50c in bundles to one address, and to place the paper on a weekly basis as soon as possible; (3) To add a young people's section, a women's section and a missionary page to the paper when it is enlarged; (4) To recommend the paper to our Sunday Schools for use as a Sunday school paper in the young people's and adult departments when the paper goes on a weekly basis

(All of this will be gladly done PROVIDING the funds are furnished. We cannot and will not enlarge the Bulletin, make it a weekly and other suggested changes unless the churches in the fellowship whole heartedly cooperate in making this possible. At present we need funds immediately to pay for this issue. One can obviously see that without a surplus in the treasury such suggestions as have been made cannot be even begun, let alone carried out. Ed.)

Believing that Baptists are facing a critical time in their history,
and that Dr R. T. Ketcham is a
man called of God and especially
endowed with a message for this
time It was recommended that all
the members of the Executive Committee petition Central Baptist
Church to release Dr R. T

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OPPORTUNITY OF A LIFETIME IN MANILA

Catholics Hungry for God's Word on the Islands

As we go to press word has just been received from Rev. N. S. Mc-Pherson who sailed with his wife and family as missionaries under the Association of Baptists for Evangelism in the Orient. The McPhersons are two of the seven new missionaries appointed and sent out by this independent Mission Baptist Board in recent months.

For several years the Catholics in the Philippines have been planning in a large way their great Eucharistic Congress which will draw literally hundreds of thousands of Catholics from all over the world It is the 33rd International Congress of this kind It will begin in February, and to say the Catholics are "doing things in a big way" is putting it mildly Mr. McPherson writes: "The thousands of delegates from abroad will be entertained on chartered ocean liners in the harbor serving as hotels." Mr. McPherson continues in an earnest and burning plea from someone or some group of people in this hour of need and wideopen opportunity for the preaching of the Gospel for hungry souls bound hand and foot by Communism; "But what are we Protestants going to do about it? Very little unless God lays the burden of it on those who are in a position to do something about it-May some catch the vision of the possibilities for good in this occasion! I daresay \$3,000 would bring a worldrenowned evangelist and rent a theatre for a week or so-if God were in it. Is He? Will you pray with us about it? Our God is faithful and will supply whatever is needed for His program "

We urge every reader of the Baptist Bulletin to make this a definite matter of prayer. We must realize that as Christians living in the end time it is our solemn and iron clad duty to "buy up the time" until He shall come. How swiftly the march of events parade past us these days. How breath-taking are the events taking place! No one knows what a day may bring forth. The Mission fields are crying for those who will take the Gospel. The Denominational Boards are recalling and

retrenching on all fronts. We know that God would have souls saved in spite of the hardening and blighting apostasy in our midst. If our readers wish further information concerning this great work in the Philippine Islands, please address Rev. Harold T. Commons, 705 Schaff Bldg., 15th and Race Sts., Philadelphia, Pa.

YOU'LL BE INTERESTED

MEMBERSHIP TRIPLED IN KANSAS CITY, MO.

Not so long ago the readers of the Bulletin were acquainted with the founding of the First Regular Baptist Church of Kansas City, Mo, located at 2425 Van Brunt Boulevard The pastor of this courageous group is the Rev O. W Stanbrough whose picture appeared in these pages in a previous issue. Ever since its beginning this Church has gone forward by leaps and bounds. Only a few days ago we learned from Brother Stanbrough that he is beginning a daily broadcast known as The Cosmopolitan Daily Bible Class over Station W9XBY, 1530 Kilo 7:00 to 7:15 A. M.

If you succeed in getting this Station drop Brother Stanbrough a line. We know it will encourage him, and brethren, we need encouragement these days! The membership of this Church has tripled since its organization on March 18th last-but remember, it is the First Regular Baptist Church. There is quite a difference between the First Regular Baptist Church and the First Baptist Church of Kansas City, as Brother Stanbrough clearly mentions. The nucleus of the membership of Brother Stanbrough's Church has come out from the "machine" controlled Modernistic First Baptist Church of Kansas City.

Now here is something that every Pastor should make special note of Brother Stanbrough writes: "I am contemplating recommending to our Church that we put the Bulletin in the Church budget for each family in our Church, and make it a rule to send in subscriptions as regularly as new families are represented in our membership. I believe that would be

real God-honoring missionary work."
And so do we, though in no sense do we wish to "toot our own horn."

This publication we want to be for the honor and glory of our Lord Jesus Christ, and for fellowship of Bible believing Baptists of like precious faith If every Church would put this work on its budget, it would not be long before we could increase the size and circulation of the "Bulletin."

MEETINGS IN CORWITH, IOWA

We are in receipt of the following encouraging word from Brother Albert Rust of Corwith, Iowa; "Just closed three weeks meetings with Phil Ward and the Musical Ormans. Folks from sixteen neighboring towns attended the services, so enjoyed large attendance. The Word proved "the power of God unto salvation to those who believed,"-believers were edified, and all who heard were blessed. We enjoyed blessed fellowship. We have now a better and more attractive auditorium seating more people than the Convention owned building which we were forced to vacate a year ago.

NEW FELLOWSHIP FORMED

October 5-6 the Regular Baptist Churches met at Eldora, Iowa, with the First Baptist Church, Rev G Dahlberg, Pastor The time was spent in Bible exposition and prayer Fine fellowship marked the meeting throughout A fellowship of the Association of Regular Baptists of Iowa was formed with Rev. Dahlberg as President, and Rev. Albert Rust, Corwith, as secretary. fellowship is to have the New Hampshire Confession of Faith as a basis We are urging all the Independent churches in Iowa to definitely adopt this Confession of Faith and so identify themselves with this fellowship. There are now twenty or more churches in Iowa free from the machine

CONFERENCE IN WATERLOO

An Interstate Prophetic Conference was held at the Walnut Street Church of Waterloo, Iowa, recently, where Dr. P B Chenault is the Pastor Dr Harold Strathearn and Rev Harvey Morrison of Detroit were the main speakers. A fine time of

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LETTERS OF INFORMATION - WARNING

AN ILLUMINATING LETTER TO REV C. P. KIRBY OF CADILLAC

(The following letter was sent us by Rev. Harold J Hamilton of Plainwell, Mich We felt that the information contained in it is needed as yet more evidence of what we face in this thing called Modernism.)

The Rev. C. P. Kirby, D. D., Cadillac, Michigan. Dear Dr. Kirby:—

I have just read in the Baptist Bulletin your letter to **Dr Fuller**, of the Wealthy St Baptist Temple of Grand Rapids, defending atheistic, communistic Russia.

Words can but little express my surprise at such a letter from you I am wondering if you remember the conversation we had in Owosso a year ago, when you told me that you were a Fundamentalist, and preached the same kind of Gospel that Dr. C H. Heaton of New Castle, Pennsylvania preached I am wondering if you remember how earnestly you tried to impress upon me that you were orthodox in your theology, and that you were opposed to modernism in all forms

You asked me to recommend you to the First Baptist Church of Paw Paw, Michigan, and believing that you were honest and sincere in your statements to me, I did so I wrote to Judge Anderson, of the Paw Paw Church, and asked him to have the Paw Paw Church give you a hearing I also recommended you to the Church at Three Rivers In the presence of several people I urged Dr. Shulls of Sturgis to use his influence in getting you a hearing at Three Rivers

I am won lering why you deceived me? I now find that you openly espoused modernism at Elkhart, Indiana, and that you always worked with the Modernistic faction in the Indiana Convention. I find that you constantly recommended the books of Dr. Fosdick at Elkhart, and openly denied many of the Fundamental doctrines of the Christian faith.

Of course I know in my own heart why you deceived me. You were looking for "a job," and were willing to be "anything" to get one. You were willing to crucify your Lord afresh in order to get a new pastorate

I shall not enter into a controversy with you about Russia I cannot believe that you really believe what you wrote to Dr Fuller. You were only doing your master's (Judge Millington, of the Cadillac Church) bidding, when you wrote to Dr. Fuller It is a well known fact that Judge Millington, "dictator of the Cadillac Church," and new president of the State Convention is a modernist, and is very active in the Social Action program of the Northern Convention, and therefore, you had to endorse Russia to 'get a stand in' with him.

Because I hate to believe that you do not believe in fair play, I am sending you a book entitled, "The Mystery of Iniquity," by Dr. Louis Patmont. This book presents an accurate picture of the Russia that you defend I am asking you in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, Whom you profess to love, to read this book carefully and prayerfully I am asking you to investigate every charge made by Dr. Patmont, and then when you find that you were misinformed about the conditions in Russia by your Socialistic, Communistic, Social Action bosses, to apologize to the leaders of The Baptist Bulletin, for your insult to the Lord Jesus Christ.

This letter is written in the kindest spirit, with an earnest prayer that you will yet see the light, and preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ, instead of the Gospel of Karl Marx and Joseph Stalin

With every good wish, I am, Yours and HIS by wondrous grace.

GOSPEL CRUSADERS

Evangelists Nygren-Bundy report great blessing attending services held recently in Canada and North Dakota. Their slate for the rest of the year is as follows: Detroit Lakes, Minn., with Rev. Ralph Erickson; Winona, Minn., with Rev. E. A. Johnson, and Toronto, Ontario, Mt. Pleasant Rd. Baptist Church,—Rev. A. Thomson. They can be reached at 912 Belmont Ave., Chicago, Ill., or 223 Church Street, Toronto, Ont., Canada.

ENCOURAGEMENT

MISSIONARY DIRECTORY

The following independent Baptist Missions are recommended to all Bible-Believing Baptist Churches or individuals who are desirous of placing their mission funds in sound evangelical missionary work.

Interstate Evangelistic Association,

Rev. Harold Strathearn, Temple Bldg., Franklin St., Rochester, New York

Association of Baptists for Evangelism in the Orient, Rev. Harold T. Commons, 705 Schaff Bldg., Philadelphia, Pa

General Council of Co-operating Baptist Missions of NA or Mid-Missions,

Dr. M. E. Hawkins, Pres, First Baptist Church, Mishawaka, Ind.

The Sweet Baptist Mission (China),

Rev. A. G Annette (Representative), Grundy Center, Ia

The Lithuanian Missionary Association,

Headquarters: 3238 S Halsted St., Chicago, Ill

The Mexican Gospel Mission,
Rev and Mrs Leonardo Mercado, Directors,
1022 E Washington St,
Phoenix, Arizona

THE DIVINE COMMISSION

(Continued from page 2) waters shall not sweep me off my feet. Mine enemies are many, and they hate me with cruel hatred; but He is with me, and no weapon that is formed against me shall prosper, and every tongue that shall rise in judgment against me He will condemn. Who can wax faint-hearted whilst He holds the right-hand saying, "Fear not, I am with thee!" The Lord Jesus ever lives to save unto the uttermost, and is with us all the days, even unto the end of the age.



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INTERSTATE SECTION

Edited by J. Irving Reese, Tabernacle Baptist Church, Ithaca, New York

HAROLD STRATHEARN
A FRIEND IN TIME OF NEED



Rev. J. Irving Reese

The Rev. Arthur Williams, now pastor of the Park Avenue Baptist Church, Binghamton, N. Y., writes:

"When I graduated from Colgate to all appearances there was not an open door to me for

pastoral work. I was not in good standing' with the ecclesiastical directors who provided openings for students from the school, and was frankly told by the Dean of the Seminary that he could not recommend me as 'qualified to meet the demands of modern ministry.' Of course I knew this also, but with Bible School training before taking four years in the university I felt that academically I had as much preparation as many whom they did recommend, and that the ground of their course was due to other reasons. Modernists do not usually recommend Fundamentalists, and when they do, let the Fundamentalist watch his step

"Well, it was at a time when I really needed a friend that I was made acquainted with Harold Strathearn Very quickly he understood the situation, and was most sympathetic to my case Immediately he referred my name to the Helen M Randall Memorial Baptist Church at Williamsville, the pulpit of which was then vacant, and I was called to the pastorate of that fine church in August, 1928. I praise God for the work of Brother Strathearn"

OLD FASHIONED REVIVAL

A meeting announced as "An old fashioned Revival" was conducted in the Tabernacle Baptist Church, Ithaca, N. Y. by the Rev Rolfe Barnard of Oklahoma, October 4th to 25th. About fifty conversions were reported and the Church was set going for personal visitation. A group of fifty has now been organized by the pastor into teams of two each and great results for the Lord are anticipated.

Independent Ordinations Of Baptist Ministers

REV RICHARD CRAMER

On Tuesday, October 6, 1936, fourteen delegates from twelve churches, assembled at the Calvary Baptist Church of Calumet, Michigan, for the purpose of examining and ordaining to the gospel ministry Brother Richard Cramer.

The following delegates responded to the invitation: Rev Ezra Hill, Allegan; Rev. A. J. Hoolsema, Lowell; Rev. Wm Paulson, Newaygo; Rev Lester E. Anderson, Traverse City; Rev. Elton C. Hukill and Mrs. James Barta, Hancock; Mr. Gust Juntunen, Calumet; Mr. Erick Lahti, Hancock; Miss Viola Steve and Mr. William Olson, Dollar Bay; Rev. Clyde E. Wood, Berean Baptist; Rev. Gerald Knol, Lake Drive Baptist; Rev. Wm. Headley, Calvary Baptist; Mr. G. J. Flokstra, Alpine Immanuel, Grand Rapids.

Rev. Gerald Knol was elected moderator and Rev. Lester E. Anderson acted as clerk. Bro. Cramer gave an account of his conversion and call to the ministry. Following this, he was examined as to his beliefs in regard to the fundamental doctrines of the Word of God. The candidate responded in an exceptionally satisfactory manner. The motion was then made and supported that the council proceed with the ordination in the evening service. The program was as follows:

Song service, Rev. A. J. Hoolsema; Prayer, Rev. E. C. Hukill; Scripture, Rev. W. Paulson; Ordination sermon, Rev. Wm Headley; Charge to the church, Rev. Clyde E. Wood; Ordination prayer, Pastor G. J. Flokstra; Right hand of fellowship, Rev Gerald Knol; Benediction, Rev. Richard Cramer

C. H. Spurgeon, at a time of downgradeism, being urged to defend the Bible, eried, "Defend the Bible? I would just as soon attempt to defend a lion. I say—let it loose: it will defend itself." "The words that I speak unto you they are spirit and they are life" (John 6:63)

"Faith is to believe what we do not see, and the reward of this faith is to see what we believe"—St. Augustine.

GOD'S DWELLING PLACE

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Everything was beautiful within: that figured ceiling, the curtains at the entrance and before the holy of holies, the golden walls, and the golden furniture; but beauty was secondary to truth. What could those angel figures teach?

They must teach the same lessons as the golden cherubim over the ark: namely, the glorious presence of God, before whom the highest created beings must worship. No priest could look up at the cherubim on the ceiling and not feel called upon to worship in the utmost of humility. But notice, that these cherubim were embroidered on the curtains and in the colors that spoke of Christ The glorious presence of God was the presence of Christ, who is Immanuel God with us. There can be no question about that He was the Angel of God's presence that led the children of Israel; and He is the One who meets with His people today, wherever two or three are gathered in His name. Oh, let us join with the angels of heaven in worshipping before Him!

We have studied the coverings and the curtains of the tabernacle. Now let us look at the framework. It was made of forty-eight boards of shittim wood covered with gold. Each was a cubit and a half wide and ten cubits high. They had golden rings through which bars were slipped to hold them together. On the open eastern end there were five pillars, and within four more to partition off the holy of holies. These bars and pillars were also of shittim wood and were covered with gold.

The first truth may be simple, but it is very important. This frame work gave the tabernacle stability. Without it, the curtains could at besthave formed a fragile tent. A tent may be good for an evangelistic meeting, but any one who has held such a meeting knows that it is not easy to keep the tent up in the wind. God wished a more stable dwelling place among men, and He wants His church to be more stable today.

We read in First Timothy that the church of the living God is "the pillar and ground of the truth" It must be, if the truth is to stand. There are winds of Modernism, that would blow down the banner of a supernatural Christ There are winds of Biblical criticism, that would tear the whole Bible to tatters. There are winds of evolutionary science, that would level the Garden of Eden and substitute chance for creation. There are winds of pagan licentiousness, that would sear the fair flowers of Christian morals as a Kansas southwester. Who shall stand today? No one, but the man who takes refuge in a church with mighty pillars.

Let me repeat that this tabernacle has a double symbolism. As a place of worship, it naturally speaks of the church; but in its framework it speaks of the Lord Jesus Christ It is Christ that will give the church stability. His deity, His miraculous incarnation. His substitutionary death for sinners, His resurrection and ascension, His present intercession for us, and His coming again-these are the boards and bars and pillars that will keep the church unshakeable in the storm

There is one more thing I want you The tabernacle stood on to notice. silver bases—all but the five outer pillars, that were set on brass. Why brass at the entrance? To remind the priests of God's righteous judgment before they presumed to enter and perform their service Unlessthey sprinkled blood before the curtain, they were not qualified to enter. Neither can we worship acceptably, unless we come trusting in the blood our Saviour shed for us. Even as priests in the service of God, let us not forget our former lost condition. It is not our service that justifies, but His precious blood

All the rest of the tabernacle was supported on silver. The bases were made of the silver of the half shekels that all who enrolled in the army had to pay to redeem their souls On that silver of redemption God was pleased to build His dwelling place among them. So is the church of Christ built upon redemption, only we have not furnished the price of it in paltry shekels of our own, but Christ has paid it all

"I am redeemed, but not with silver, I am bought, but not with gold; Bought with a price, the blood of Jesus.

Precious price of love untold "

My friends, can you sing that? Are you a member of the ransomed church of God? Have you fled to its pillars of truth? Have you sheltered yourself under the curtains that speak of a rejected, a crucified, and a holy Saviour, and have you acknowledged Him as your glorious, everpresent God? If you have, have you also enrolled in His army, and are you willing to join in the conquest of His Canaan?

* Author of "Re-Thinking the Northern Baptist Convention." This pamphlet recently issued should be in the hands of every Bible believing Baptist It is filled with facts that cannot be denied. Copies may be secured from Brother Nordlund, Pella, Iowa, 10 cents for one, 60 cents per dozen, or \$300 per hundred)

YOU'LL BE INTERESTED

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fellowship and refreshing was enjoyed by all At this meeting plans were made for promotion of quarterly Bible Conferences and for locating fundamental pastors in Baptist churches. Several were delegated to promote this work in different sections of the state More and more churches are declaring their independence, and fundamental pastors are being located in churches in spite of all that the Convention can do to keep them out.

"BAPTIST HISTORY" BY DR. E. G. GRIFFITH

The Brooklyn Heights Baptist Church of San Diego, Calif. has sent for two dozen copies of Dr. E. G. Griffith's Book on Baptist History, Principles and Polity and will make it the basis of a midweek study class. The book is admirably adapted to this use Why not many other churches do likewise? Churches need indoctrinating.

Word has just reached us that Rev. Delbert J. Brignall, died suddenly last Saturday evening, October 31st Brother Brignall was Pastor of the First Baptist Church at Wilmington, and was Secretary of the California Association. His going is a distinct loss to California Baptists.

Spurgeon said: "He is risen, I am risen to Him, why then should I cleave unto the dust?"

PROGRESS AT GARY MEETING

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Ketcham for three months in order that he might tour the nation from coast to coast speaking for the cause of fundamental Baptists in conferences especially arranged in strategic centers in every Northern state.

Members present at the Executive Meeting:

- R T Ketcham, Gary Ind., Pres. R F Hamilton, Gary, Ind., Secy. Treas. D O Fuller, Grand Rapids, Mich, Editor, Baptist Bulletin.
- A. G. Annette, Grundy Center Iowa, First Vice-Pres.

 R. W. Neighbour, Elvria Ohio State Vice-
- Pres.

 Gus Dahlberg, Eldora Ia , State Vice-Pres.

 E C. Shute, Decatur, Ill., State Vice-Pres.

 O. W. Stanbrough, Kansas City Mo State
- Vice-Pres.
 G. Rector Dye, San Diego Cal. State Vice-
- Pres.
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- Pres.

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- Miss'y. Com.

 Ford Porter, Princeton Ind., Pres. I A
 Missionary Baptist Churches
 G. B Kemble, Linton, Ind.

MODERNISM, THE HANDMAID OF ATHEISM

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We welcome the aid of atheists these modernists in ridding the world of fundamentalism-of any serious acceptance of Christian theology''.

Note to pastors: The writer of this article will be glad to mail additional literature and information to all pastors who would like to know more of the inside workings of the present world crusade against God, as well as free copies of his personal testimonies, "How I Became an Infidel", "Back to Christ From Atheism", "How I Won My Godless Partner, Ralph Underwood, to Christ'', and "How I Won My Infidel Son and Daughter".

Mr. Charles is also available for series of lectures, revival meetings and evangelistic campaigns in Fundamental churches anywhere. He is an ordained Baptist minister. Now booking engagements for the Spring, Summer and Fall of 1937. Especially interested in Summer Bible and Evangelistic Conferences. Will speak at the Winona Lake Conference in August Write:

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