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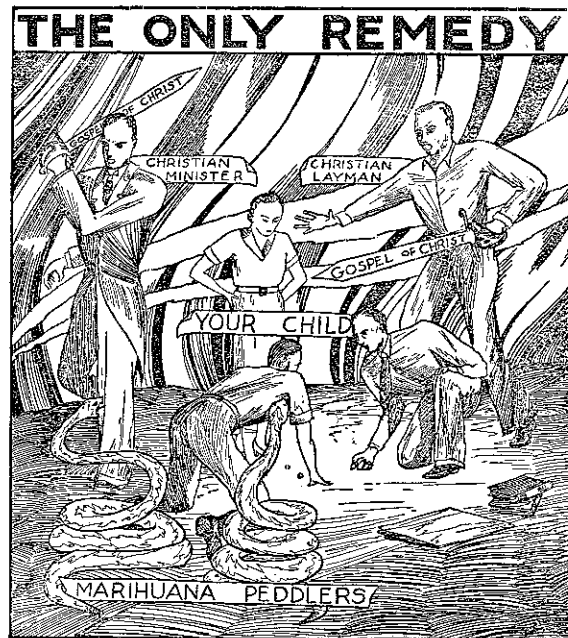
# BULLETIN

## The Menace of Marihuana

Known To The G-Men As The "KILLER-DRUG"

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A deadly danger, spreading through our High Schools like a contagious disease, is leaving in its wake the wrecks of precious boys and girls. Like smallpox, it is no respecter of persons. Perhaps your boy or your girl may become a victim of this terrible scourge. Read this article, written from the viewpoint of a Christian sociologist. (See page 6)

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# THE FOOL'S PRAYER

By Edward R Sill

*The royal feast was done; the King  
Sought some new sport to banish care,  
And to his jester cried: "Sir Fool,  
Kneel now, and make for us a prayer!"*

*The jester doffed his cap and bells,  
And stood the mocking court before;  
They could not see the bitter smile  
Behind the painted grin he wore.*

*He bowed his head, and bent his knee  
Upon the monarch's silken stool;  
His pleading voice arose: "O Lord,  
Be merciful to me, a fool!"*

*"No pity, Lord, could change the heart  
From red with wrong to white as wool;  
The rod must heal the sin: but, Lord,  
Be merciful to me, a fool!"*

*"Tis not by guilt the onward sweep  
Of truth and right, O Lord, we stay;  
'Tis by our follies that so long  
We hold the earth from heaven away*

*"These clumsy feet, still in the mire,  
Go crushing blossoms without end;  
These hard, well-meaning hands we thrust  
Among the heart-strings of a friend*

*"The ill-timed truth we might have kept—  
Who knows how sharp it pierced and stung?  
The word we had not sense to say—  
Who knows how grandly it had rung?*

*"Our faults no tenderness should ask,  
The chastening stripes must cleanse them all;  
But for our blunders—oh, in shame  
Before the eyes of heaven we fall.*

*"Earth bears no balsam for mistakes;  
Men crown the knave, the scourge the tool,  
That did his will; but Thou, O Lord,  
Be merciful to me, a fool!"*

*The room was hushed; in silence rose  
The King, and sought his gardens cool,  
And walked apart, and murmured low,  
"Be merciful to me, a fool!"*

—From "One Hundred and One Famous Poems"

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## CHRIST'S LOVELINESS (Abridged)

Song 5:16. "Yea, He Is Altogether Lovely"

In this book (which is a Divine Marriage-Song) are all the strains of holy love set forth in the purest allegories and metaphors, such as do represents that dear affection and union between Christ, and His Church. The text is nothing else but the breathing forth of the spouse's love to Christ, "He is altogether lovely."

The text you see contains a glorious and magnificent description of Christ: "He is altogether lovely." Behold here a spring full of the water of life, and whosoever brings his vessel hither, a heart fit to receive this water, may be refreshed, as the woman of Samaria coming to Jacob's well, for Christ is here. The text is a sacred cabinet which contains in it, first the jewel, Christ, in this word, "He;" secondly, the price of this jewel, "altogether lovely"

The truth resulting from the words is this, That Jesus Christ is infinitely and superlatively lovely.

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### *Christ's Loveliness Appears by Demonstrations*

These two in particular: He is lovely in Himself. Second, He is lovely in the account of others.

1. He is lovely in *Himself*. He is lovely in His person, and that as He is man, Psalm 45:2, "Thou art fairer than the children of men." The Hebrew word is emphatical in the form, it denotes excellency of beauty. For though it be said "He hath no comeliness," (Isaiah 53:2), that was in regard of His afflictions, which did so disfigure, and as it were draw a veil over his glory, yet certainly the person of Christ was incomparably fair. And if His body on earth was so beautiful, what is it now in heaven? The apostle calls it "a glorious body," (Phil. 3:21). If Christ can make a lily of the field more beautiful than Solomon in all his glory, how fair is He Himself? how white is that lily which grows in Paradise?

Christ's person is lovely as He is God-man. He may not unfitly be compared to Jacob's ladder, (Gen. 38:12), which reached from earth to heaven; Christ's human nature which was the foot of the ladder, stood upon the earth; His divine nature, which was the top of the ladder, reached to heaven. The Arians and Socinians deny His Godhead, as the Valentians do His manhood. If the Godhead be in Him, He must needs be God, but the Godhead shines in Him, (Col. 2:9), "In Him dwells all the fulness of the Godhead;" and to confirm us in this truth, let us consult with those scriptures which do clearly assert His Godhead, I Cor. 8:6, "To us there is but one God the Father, of whom are all things, and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things," and Phil. 2:6, "who being in the form of God;" which is as much as to exist in the essence of God, I Tim. 3:16, "God was manifest in the flesh," and I John 5:20, "We are in Him that is true, even in His Son Jesus Christ, this is the true God."

Besides these testimonies of scripture which

do expressly assert the Godhead of Christ, it may be clearly demonstrated by those incommunicable properties belonging to the Deity which are ascribed to Christ, and are the flowers of his crown, as omnipotence, Heb. 1:3; omniscience, Mark 2:8; omnipresence, Matt. 28:20; power of sealing pardons, Matt. 9:6; the mission of the Holy Ghost, John 16:7; co-equality with God the Father, Phil. 2:6, both in power and dignity, John 5:19, 23.

Thus we see His Godhead proved; and as He is God-man, He is "altogether lovely." He is the very picture of his Father's glory. Therefore He is called the express image and character of his person, (Heb. 1:3). The very effigies and print of God's face is seen in Christ, the glory of God's wisdom, holiness, mercy, does most transparently shine forth in Him. Thus His person is lovely.

### *Christ is Lovely in His Disposition*

A good nature is able to render deformity itself lovely. Christ is lovely, not only in His complexion, but in His disposition. He is of a loving and merciful disposition. It is reported of Marcus Aurelius the emperor, that he was of a most affable winning temper, given to clemency, and every day he would set one hour apart to hear the causes of the poor. Thus Jesus Christ is of a most sweet disposition, "He will not always chide," (Psalm 103:9). He is inclinable to show mercy to the penitent "He delights in mercy," (Micah. 7:18). He invites sinners to come to him, (Matt. 11:28), He begs of them that they would be saved, (II Cor. 5:20), He knocks at their hearts by his Spirit, till His head be filled with dew, and His locks with the drops of the night, (Rev. 3:20). If any poor soul accepts of His offer, and does arise and go to him, how does Christ welcome him. Christ makes the feast, (Luke 15:23), and the angels make the music, (verse 7). But if men will not receive the tenders of grace, Christ grieves, (Mark 3:5). He is like a judge that passes sentence with tears in his eyes, (Luke 19:42), "And when he came nigh the city, he wept." Ah sinners, I come to save you, but you put away salvation from you. I come with "healing under My wings," but you bolt out your physician; I would have you but open your hearts to receive Me, and I will open heaven to receive you, but you will rather stay with your sins and die, than come to Me and live, (Psalm 81:11), "Israel would none of Me." Well sinners, I will weep at your funerals. Oh how lovely is Christ in His disposition! He comes with His suppling oil to pour into sinners' wounds; He would fain break their hearts with His mercies, He labors to overcome their evil with his good.

### *Christ is Lovely in His sufferings*

When He did make expiation for our sins; but what, lovely in his sufferings? lovely when He was buffeted, spit upon, besmeared with blood? O yes, He was most lovely upon the cross, because then He showed most love to us; He bled love at every vein. The more Christ endured for us, the more dear He ought to be to us.

Nor did Christ only endure pain in His body, but agony in His soul, He conflicted with the wrath of God; which He could never have done, if He had not been more than a man. We read that the altar was overlaid with brass, that so the fire on the altar might not consume the wood, (Exodus 27:1, 2). This altar was a type of Jesus Christ. The human nature of Christ, which was as the wood, was covered with the divine nature, which was like the brass, else the fire of God's wrath had consumed it; and all this Christ suffered "in our stead," (Isaiah 55:5). We ate the sour grapes, and His teeth were set on edge. We climbed the tree, we stole the forbidden fruit, and Christ goes up the ladder of the cross and dies. Oh how lovely ought a bleeding Saviour to be in our eyes? Let us wear this blessed crucifix always in our heart. How beautiful is Christ upon the cross! The ruddiness of His blood took away the redness of our guilt. How lovely are those wounds which wounded the red dragon. When this blessed rock was smitten, water came out of it to cleanse us, and blood to cheer us, (I John 5:6). When Christ was on the cross, the vine was cut, and salvation came to us in the blood of the vine. Oh how lovely is this bleeding vine. Christ's crucifixion is our coronation.

#### *Christ is Lovely in His Graces*

His graces as a divine embroidery did bespangle and set Him off in the eyes of the world. Grace was not in Christ as a quality, but essence; as light is intrinsic to the sun, and is of the essence of it. Christ did open a box of precious perfume, and because of the savors of His ointments "the virgins love Him." In Christ there was a constellation of all the graces; how did He shine in wisdom, humility, zeal, heavenly-mindedness; and which did not a little adorn him, his meekness, (Matt. 11:29). How lovely was Christ in this grace!

He came into the world meek, (Matt. 21:5), "Behold thy King cometh meek." He came not with a sword, or scepter in His hand, but with an olive branch of peace in His mouth. He preached tidings of peace; though He was the "lion of Judah," yet He was the "lamb of God."

When He was in the world, He was a pattern of meekness, (I Peter 2:23), "When He was reviled, He reviled not again." He left his Father's bosom (that hive of sweetness of a dove; not a lion, or eagle, but exchanged his place for a dunghill; how oft was he called a friend of sinners, nay, He was charged to have a devil, but see how mildly He answers, (John 8:49), "I have not a devil, but I honor my Father." All his words were steeped in honey.

When He was going out of the world. He showed unparalleled meekness. He prays for His enemies, "Father forgive them," (Luke 23:34). When the soldiers came to take Him by force, one would have thought He should have called for fire from heaven, as the man of God did (II Kings 1:10), but behold "Grace was poured into His lips;" (Psalm 45:2). See what a mild answer he gives, enough to have made the hardest heart

relent, (Matt. 26:55), "Are ye come out as against a thief, with swords and staves to take Me?" What wrong, I pray, have I done you? What have I stolen from the world, but their sins? What have I robbed them of, but the wrath of God? Oh the mildness of this Saviour! surely had not the soldiers' hearts been very hard, Christ's meekness would have melted them into tears of repentance. When He was led away to be crucified, "He went as a lamb to the slaughter, He opened not His mouth," (Isaiah 53:7). He opened his sides, but not his mouth in repining; and was not Christ lovely in his meekness? No wonder the Holy Ghost descended upon Him in the likeness of a dove; not a lion, or eagle, but a dove, which is the emblem of meekness.

#### *Christ is Lovely in His Conversation*

What was said of Saul and Jonathan, (II Sam. 1:23), "they were lovely in their lives;" is much more true of Christ. His life was purer than the sunbeams. All the ethics of Aristotle, all the wisdom of Greece could never so describe virtue as it was lively portrayed in Christ's holy example. His life was a fair copy; never did any one write without blotting besides Christ; He is called "a lamb without spot," (I Peter 1:19). His lips did never speak a word amiss, (Luke 4:22), "All bare Him witness, and wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of His mouth." Thus were his lips like lilies dropping pure myrrh, (Song 5:13). His foot did never tread a step awry. He was so pure that no temptation could fasten upon him. Temptation to Christ was like the throwing a bur upon a crystal glass, which will not stick but glides off. "The prince of this world cometh and hath nothing in Me," (John 14:30). There was no powder for the devil's fire to take. What was Christ's whole life but a pattern of good works! "He went about doing good." He was either anointing the blind, or healing the sick, or raising the dead; either preaching, or working miracles. Thus He was "altogether lovely."

2 Christ is lovely in the account of others. He is lovely to God His Father; He is lovely to the saints; He is lovely to the angels.

He is lovely to God His Father. God is infinitely taken with him. Christ is called the "rose of Sharon," and how does God delight to smell this rose! (Isaiah 42:1), "My elect in whom my soul delighteth." Surely if there be loveliness enough in Christ to delight the heart of God, there may well be enough in Him to delight us. Christ is the center where all the lines of His Father's love do meet.

Christ is lovely in the account and esteem of His saints, (II Thess. 1:10), "He shall be admired by all them that believe." He is admired now, and He shall be more admired of them. Well may the saints admire to see Christ sitting in the bright robe of their flesh above the angels in glory. Well may they admire to see their nature united with the Deity. O how lovely and beautiful is this sight! Well may Christ be admired of His saints.

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# DR. ROBERT T. KETCHAM AVAILABLE FOR CONTINENT-WIDE MINISTRY

*To Begin Series of Regular Baptist Conferences January 1st*

By R. F. HAMILTON, Sec'y-Treas. of the G. A. R. B.

Almost ever since Dr Robert T. Ketcham became pastor of Central Baptist Church five years ago, there has been a steady stream of requests coming to him and to the church for his services in needy churches throughout the country. Within the last year these requests have become almost an avalanche.

Acceding to the desire of the brethren, as voted at the annual meeting of the G A R. B. C. in Johnson City, New York, this spring, Central Baptist Church at a specially called business meeting on June 6, voted to release Dr. Ketcham to the Regular Baptist movement for six months beginning the first of January, 1938, and ending July 1. The pastor is to receive his usual salary from his church during that time. Central Baptist Church has recognized the need of the hour and has responded nobly to the challenge.

Very few of the pastors and churches throughout the country realize fully the importance of someone getting into the field to inform our Baptist churches of the opportunities there are and the avenues through which they can work. There are many who think that the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches is just another group of disgruntled churches that could not work with anybody, and would not amount to much anyway.

I have before me the reports from 69 churches out of nearly a hundred in the Fellowship. These 69 churches report a total membership of 20,032. Last year they added 1,959 members to their roll, and spent \$254,099.26 for local church expenses. All this is interesting to one who wants to compare the figures with that of Convention churches; but the thing that gladdens our hearts more than anything else is the amount spent for missions last year: \$64,471.79, which represents a giving of \$934.37 per church, or \$3.22 per capita. While this is not as large as it ought to be, yet in comparison with what we were doing during the days of affiliation with the Convention, it makes us feel grateful to God for what has been accomplished through the missionary set-up of Regular Baptists.

It may be of interest also to those who want to know what Baptists are doing, to get the figures sent in from 64 other independent Baptist churches which are not officially in the Fellowship, but are friendly to the work. These 64 independent Baptist churches, representing 11,850 members, added 1,299 to the rolls last year. They spent \$138,050.98 for local expenses, and sent \$38,127.17 to the mission fields; which represents a giving of \$595.00 per church, or \$3.22 per capita.

We have heard it oft repeated that Baptists have lost their missionary vision. We do not be-

lieve that this at all represents Fundamental Baptists. Where churches are informed about missions, where they have the opportunity of hearing missionaries direct from the field that are true to the Word of God as Baptists believe it, we have found that they always respond most generously with their support. Central Baptist Church of Gary is a church which illustrates the truth of this statement.

Five years ago when Dr. Ketcham first came to the pastorate of Central Baptist Church, their annual missionary giving amounted to \$1800. After five years of missionary education, presenting missionary agencies that are true to the historic Baptist faith, the offerings have steadily increased such that this year the missionary giving will almost reach the \$8,000 mark. People have given because they know where their money is going, and that it is bringing results. In addition to the gift of money, Central Baptist Church has contributed six young people to the mission fields within the last two years.

The General Association of Regular Baptists in its five years or so of existence, has set as its major goal the uniting of Fundamental Baptist Churches in the support of the Fundamental Baptist mission agencies. God has abundantly blessed efforts along these lines. *Within the past year as a result of the effort put forth by Regular Baptist Churches, twenty candidates have gone forth to the mission fields under the General Council of Cooperating Baptist Missions alone. This fact by itself has made well worthwhile the Fellowship of Regular Baptists.*

## *The Sole Purpose of This Continent-Wide Ministry*

The purpose of Dr. Ketcham in going into the field for six months, beginning the first of the year, is to reach independent Fundamental Baptist churches from Maine to California, who are looking for an old-fashioned Baptist fellowship where old-time missionary zeal is manifested. We believe that there are thousands of Baptist churches who want to support Fundamental Baptist missions, but do not know where to put their money. In addition, we want to invite these churches into a Fellowship that is devoid of any ecclesiastical hierarchy, and where old-time Baptist independency is respected, and fellowship in the Lord abounds.

We know of no other man so well fitted for this particular type of deputation work as Dr. Robert T. Ketcham. Within the ranks of Regular Baptists, there is no one man who is so thoroughly informed upon Baptist history and practice, and present day missionary enterprises. These

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# THE MENACE OF MARIHUANA

By REV. ROBERT JAMES DE VINE, Lansing, Mich.

"Hey, what's matter, kid? Ya look as if the bottom was out Grandma dead, or is the canary sick or the goldfish, maybe? Honest, ya got a face on ya like ya'd just lost yer best friend."

"Oh, it's this crazy math. Good-night, they pile homework on a guy so he doesn't get a minute to himself I can't do the stuff anyway. And what good is it? Just a lot of bunk to drive a fellow nuts I can't get the right answers."

"You're crazy, kid, to worry about that. Look in the back of the book for the answers, dumb-bell. Whatda ya think they put 'em there for? Look at me. I don't have no trouble nohow with none of my problems. Don't take none home, neither. Me, I just work 'em out of my head, and what won't come that way I take from the back of the book. It's a cinch, kid 'Course, besides that, I got a little secret that was give to me by another guy who had trouble gettin' places, just like you When I get stuck now, I just float."

"Float? What do you mean, float? On your back? How can you do lessons floating on your back?"

"Listen, simp. You ain't got it right atall Floatin' comes from floaters. You know—reefers. Muggles Mary Warner. Get me? Boy, it's great—and how? Just a couple of 'em, kid, and ya kin wade through math or history or spellin'—or anythin'! Want to try some?"

"I'd sure like to try anything that would help me with this crazy math. First thing they know they're going to have me cuckoo, piling it on the way they do Then they'll be sorry, 'cause the State'll have to take care of me for the rest of their life. What's this floating business like, anyway?"

"Not so fast, kid. This is somethin' different Ya have to be kinda initiated into this And ya haveta cross yer heart ya won't tell where ya got it, or anythin'. Ya smoke, don't ya? Well, this is a smoke, too Only it's different, like I told ya. Ya float! Honest, ya really float! Boy, it's great! And ya kin do anythin' ya want Say, believe it or not, I can even sing after I smoke a coupla reefers. And fight? Say, ya could lick the heavy-weight champ with one hand. Lissen, the fella I got 'em from says that's how the champs gets to be champs I can tell ya where to get Mary Warners, but they wouldn't sell 'em to ya until yer initiated. Ya can get 'em right near the school any time. I'll put ya wise, kid. If ya want to try 'em, I've got some. I use 'em right along A lot of guys do Dames, too. Boy, ya ought to come to one of our Mary Warner parties Do we have fun—or do we have fun? Come on with me to my place. I smoke 'em down in the basement My old man's dead and the old woman works out, so nobody knows nothing about it, see? I bet ya won't have no more trouble with yer lessons."

## *The Fearful "Racket" Is On*

And so another high school student becomes a Marihuana customer, having been "sold" on the idea of artificial inspiration The above "approach" is only one of many used by trained assistants employed by the peddler of Marihuana. The "thrill" accompanying "reefer" smoking is a great selling point with many. Cleverly the go-between draws out of his intended victim an admission of a controlling desire or ambition, and subtly the prospective customer is made to realize that marihuana will fill the bill. Behind the go-between is the master mind of the beast (with profuse apologies to all beasts) who gloatingly rakes in the shekels that pile up from his remunerative racket. I have sometimes referred to these peddlers as skunks They are worse than skunks ever were or will be. A skunk is a gentleman in high standing in comparison. A skunk will at least let his victim know where he is and what he is doing! Not so the peddler of marihuana. And well he knows that when he has gained a customer from the ranks of high school or grammar school students, he has usually gained a customer for life. He has little to fear from the forces that should oppose him Law enforcement agencies usually have their price for protection. Not always, perhaps, but too often If you doubt that statement you have only to attempt, as I have attempted, to get some action through the recognized channels of law enforcement. I warn you that you will find yourself bumping your head against a stone wall. The churches are asleep at the switch; even fundamentalist brethren are afraid to death to face the issue lest someone accuse them of being side-tracked on the "Social Service Spur." The school system helps little because the school system is built around the idea of preparing the minority of students for college life rather than preparing the majority for every-day living. In later articles, with the permission of the editor-in-chief, I shall deal frankly with these various agencies, and their tragic lack of aggressive action in the face of this persistent pollution of the bodies and souls of our boys and girls

Every pastor worthy of the name should interest himself and his people in the battle against this hellish business. Its reaction upon the lives of young and old is so terrible that every right-thinking citizen, whether he be a Christian or no, should rise up in revolt against the traffic. The spineless attitude of legislators who cannot be induced to pass laws which will make the growth and sale of this weed a crime to be punished drastically, should be protested Spewed out of the maws of the "Moloch" of Marihuana are the wrecks of some of the finest, most promising young men and women of this age. Ruined mentally, physically and spiritually, they are thrown

upon a state already over-burdened with the floatsam and jetsam of sin

#### *Alarming Growth of Menace*

Ten years ago there was little traffic in marihuana in this country. Since then it has steadily forged its way to the front until it has reached second place and is rapidly overhauling the bar-bital group for first place. It is conservatively estimated that one out of four persons in the American South has the marihuana habit. Seventeen states in the Union have prohibited its sale under state laws. Federal control over marihuana under the Harrison Act has been urged, but so far there is no Federal jurisdiction over the growth and sale of this terrible scourge. The International Treaty for the Limitation of Narcotics recently acted on by the League of Nations, has included it in its agenda. The weed now grows wild in almost every state in the Union, is easily obtainable and has come into wide use. The situation that faces us as a nation is especially fraught with danger because of the fact that the drug is being carried as a new habit to circles which hitherto have not been contaminated. Reports reaching the Narcotic Division of The Federal Bureau of Investigation show the existence of a dangerous and rapidly increasing traffic in this drug in at least twenty-nine states.

#### *The "Killer Drug"—the G-Men Call It*

I have received from Mr. Harry Anslinger, Federal Commissioner of Narcotics, Washington, up-to-the-minute lists of crimes committed by marihuana users. They include the most brutal, the most fiendish, the most horrible crimes listed in the records of the F. B. I. So much is this so, that the weed has become known to the G-Men as "The Killer Drug". Among its many names is one which bears out this evil reputation. It is known as "Hashish". Now hashish has an ancient history. So far back as 1090, A. D., a branch of the Shiite sect was founded in Persia. It was called Hashishan, derived from hashish, which in turn was the name given to a confection of hemp leaves (marihuana). This sect, a religio-military order, became famous for its unprecedented acts of cruelty, which were known not only in Asia, but in Europe as well. Because they fortified themselves for their brutal murders through the use of hashish, they were called "hashishans". Now listen to this: From that Arabic word "hashishan" we derive our English word "Assassin"!

It is a far cry from the marauding bands whose cruelty and indescribable atrocities made them famous over the known world as "Assassins" to the more refined but none-the-less cruel murderers who prowl our streets and prey upon girls, women and other innocent and defenceless victims, but the records of the Federal Bureau of Investigation show that in too many cases the motivating power is the same—whether it be called by its ancient name, "hashish" or its modern name, the "killer" drug—marihuana.

Other names for marihuana are: Indian Hemp, Cannabis, Cannabis Indica, Cannabis Americana or Cannabis Sativa. Among the

"trade" it is known as "hay" "greefo" "muggles" "weed" "Mary Warner" etc. In fact, the drug is known in various localities by a wide variety of names.

#### *The Awful Effects of the Drug*

The active narcotic principle of marihuana is known as "cannabin". The toxic effects produced by cannabin seem to be exclusively to the higher nerve centers. The reactions might be described as fourfold. First—an exaltation with a feeling of well-being; usually a happy, jovial mood; a sense of ability and strength; under the effects of the drug one could easily step across the Atlantic ocean in a couple of strides. Nor would it be difficult to climb the Empire State Building unaided. This feeling of exhilaration, exaltation, and artificial ability is much sought after by certain types of musicians and artists in every line of endeavor. The increased feeling of physical strength and power may be very fleeting. The general euphoria experienced as a part of the first reaction may last but a few moments. It is usually followed by a stimulation of the imagination which leads to a more or less delirious state characterized by vivid kaleidoscopic visions. These visions are often of a pleasing, sensual kind, sometimes of a gruesome nature. Addicts have testified that this delirious state is accompanied by a remarkable loss in spatial and time relations; persons and things in the environment look small; time is interminable; seconds seem like minutes and hours like days. An ordinary man or woman will become, in the eyes of the marihuana addict, beautiful beyond compare. Sexual desire flames into fires of passion, undeniable, uncontrollable. This is the second phase of reaction. The most debasing perversions are invited and practiced. This is true whether the users of the drug are school children meeting in basement rooms, or college youths in groups within or outside of the campus; or whether it be prison inmates who have secured quantities of the drug through trustees. Marihuana has been grown on prison farms by trustees, unknown to the officials, and taken in to the inmates. When it is realized that under its influence inmates fall desperately in love with each other, just as they would with members of the opposite sex outside prison walls, one can understand the debaucheries which take place within such institutions. Even a fleeting remembrance of the recent death of one of the murderers of little Bobby Franks will recall that it was the refusal of another inmate to submit to his demands for unbelievable perversions that led to his death by stabbing, in the Illinois State Prison.

#### *"As It Was in the Days of Sodom"*

But it is this second reaction as it affects the boys and girls of school age that makes for a menace to our civilization. The number of perverts is increasing so rapidly as to be drawing the attention of men and women in every walk of life. Grosset immorality is being practiced, not by hardened criminals with long records, but by the sweetest girls and most promising boys, whose

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# INTERSTATE EVANGELISTIC ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE



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Another mountain peak of spiritual blessing lies in the past, the eighth Great Fundamental Rally and Prophetic Conference of the Interstate Evangelistic Association is over. It was held in the First Baptist Church of Buffalo, N. Y., the Rev. Harry Hamilton, D. D., pastor, October 26 through 29. Dr. Harold Strathearn, executive secretary of the Association, whom one of the speakers called "the inimitable leader", was in charge. The pastor of the entertaining church extended a hearty welcome to the historic old First Church, which numbers among a noble line of pastors the man who wrote the New Hampshire Confession of Faith, J. N. Brown.

## Masterly Messages

The conference began with three masterly messages on Sunday by Mr. Robert Le Tourneau, business man of Peoria, Ill. While he disclaimed all right to the name "preacher", those who heard him know that the Holy Spirit does preach through Brother Le Tourneau. This reporter was privileged to hear only the evening message, but was greatly blessed thereby. The theme was the question, "What Does it Mean to be a Christian?" The answer given was, "Falling deeply in love with Jesus Christ." "We don't really love Him or we would serve Him better, and our hearts would be warmed by His love."

Another outstanding speaker was the Rev. R. L. Powell, D.D., Tacoma, Wash. Dr. Powell brought three messages, speaking first on the question found in John 6:68, "To whom shall we go?" He answered this question by saying that there is no one else to whom we can go and find help in every time of need, but to Jesus Christ. Monday evening this deeply spiritual preacher searched our hearts with a message on, "The Cross," and Wednesday afternoon treated most helpfully the subject of, "Peace." We may have the peace of reconciliation, of assured salvation, of unbroken fellowship and of unshaken faith. We greatly appreciated the sacrifice of Dr. Powell in making the long trip from Tacoma to minister to us, and trust that God refreshed his own soul as much as he did ours.

The Rev. John Raymond, Bay City, Mich., spoke Tuesday morning. We shall not soon forget his theme, "Remember Jesus Christ", taken from II Timothy 2:8. We need to remember Jesus Christ in our churches, our homes and our lives. It was a masterly address and precious message.

## A Former Pastor Speaks

The Rev. Howard Fulton, D.D., now pastor of the Belden Avenue Church, Chicago, but

formerly for five years pastor of this year's entertaining church, teamed with Dr. Powell Monday evening. Dr. Fulton expressed pleasure at the opportunity to preach again from the First Church pulpit, then brought a rich exposition of Ephesians 1. It was surely a full meal and we were glad to remember again all that we have in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## One Local Pastor Heard

The first speaker Monday morning was the Rev. Frank Waaser, recently become pastor of the Helen Randall Memorial Church, Williamsville, just outside Buffalo. Brother Waaser spoke on "The Christian's Inheritance," using I Peter 1:3-8. "Now we have peace, power, love, joy, but there is heavenly wealth reserved for us."

## A Prophetic Message

"Perilous Times and God's Way Out," was the announced subject of the Rev. J. J. Pease, D.D., Jackson, Mich. He changed it to read, "God's way Up", then took us to three Psalms—1, 2, 23—which he said show that way. The First shows the way for the individual man, the Second for nations and the Twenty-third for every trusting soul. There was a freshness about the treatment which rested and blessed.

## Dr. Savage Speaks

The Rev. H. H. Savage, D.D., Pontiac, Mich., was present and brought two messages. Tuesday afternoon he spoke on the recent controversy the churches of Michigan have had with the Foreign Mission Board of the Northern Baptist Convention. One could not help being impressed with the fact that Dr. Savage and his co-laborers had gone more than the second mile in trying to work with the Board, and they had been seriously betrayed. It was the old, old story of lack of appreciation on the part of the Convention officers of a sincere effort to co-operate. Dr. Savage preached Tuesday evening on the Bible as "The Key of Knowledge". He said that the Bible is the World's one reliable book on the science of Anthropology. Dr. Savage is a prince of a preacher, and exalted the blessed old Book in a wondrous way.

## Pinch-Hitters Serve Well

Adjustments have always to be made in the best planned programs and it was necessary to call upon some substitute speakers.

The Rev. J. A. Sutherland, representing Wheaton College, pinch-hit for the Rev. Coulsen Shepherd of Atlantic City. Dr. Sutherland exalted the Lord Jesus by an exposition of Hebrews 1, showing Him to be greater than angels in His name, nature, position and power.

When Dr. Paine was delayed, his place was filled by the Rev. Clarence Keen, Kitchener, Canada. Brother Keen announced his subject as "How to Behave in Church". He also exalted the Lord and our position in Him.

The first message of Dr. Powell was also



pinch-hitting, he filling the time until the arrival of Dr. Pease

#### An Educator Preaches

Dr. Stephen W. Paine, newly elected president of Houghton College, Houghton, N. Y., and the youngest college president in the United States, brought an address on education which was little short of a sermon. The suggestion was made by a number that it be printed, and Dr. Strathearn is planning to have it done.

#### Two Evangelists On the Program

The Rev. Rolfe Barnard, southern evangelist, who has been busily engaged among our northern churches for the past two years, brought two brief messages urging the need of a vitalized Fundamentalism. The Rev. Martin S. Charles, converted atheist, gave a soul-stirring presentation of the spread of atheism in the world today, and urged the need of an unhesitating witness to the only true God.

#### Missionaries Given A Place

Wednesday was Missionary Day. In the forenoon the Rev. Harold Commons, president of the Association of Baptists for Evangelism in the Orient, assisted by Miss Yerger, a missionary home on furlough, presented the work of that Association. The Rev. Thomas MacDonald of New York City spoke on European missions. In the afternoon Dr. J. Hoffman Cohn, missionary to the Jews in New York City, described some of his experiences in Germany.

#### Great Closing Message

The final sermon was delivered by the Rev. James McGinley, D.D., of London, Canada. It was a great climax to a wonderful series of spiritual messages. Taking as his text Luke 14:25-27 he spoke on "The Cost of Discipleship". Dr. McGinley emphasized again and again that while it is gloriously true that we are saved by the free grace of God, yet there is a price in sacrifice, service and godly living for us to pay. I am sure that all must have felt with the writer how little we do for Him who has done so much for us.

#### A Spiritual Conference

The devotional messages were all of a high character, and in fact it might be said that every address was devotional. The theme of the Conference seemed to be the need for a deepening of spiritual life in our fundamentalist churches. A deep tide of spiritual power seemed to be flowing, continually increasing with the increase of God. When Mrs. Dorothy Strathearn sang that wonderful hymn about the great Creator who became our Redeemer we all came near turning "shouting Methodists". God certainly has given Mrs. Strathearn a glorious ministry in song. Ralph Carr's song leading and the rich tones of the organ helped to lift our hearts heavenward.

The registration this year was 525, representing several states. The writer received the impression that while the number of ministers was not as large this year as last there were more of the lay people of the churches. This is a healthy condition indicating that this movement is more than a preachers' movement, and that the churches are seeing the need and getting behind the

work in a new way. This is as it should be.

#### Pithy Points

"If we love a person we want to do all for them we can. If we were truly in love with Jesus Christ we would give all our time to His service."—*Le Tourneau*.

"Material blessings are shared alike by saint and sinner, but spiritual blessings are only for God's children."—*Waaser*.

"We will not have a revival until we preach on sin in our churches."—*Powell*.

"We can live above the circumstances by His grace."—*Pease*.

"Forgiveness takes place in heaven, not here on the earth, through the blood of Christ, not through tears, prayers, penance, or any other earthly thing."—*Fulton*.

"As the cross appears in our lives, so we become effective Christians."—*Powell*.

"Atheism is spreading over the world today like a mighty conflagration."—*Charles*.

"If the Church were not divine, we, its friends, would have killed it long ago."—*Raymond*.

"The history of the world has proved that the Bible is the only reliable text-book on science."—*Savage*.

"Discipleship involves a cost, the payment of which devolves upon the shoulders of every man or woman who would follow Christ."—*McGinley*.

"The hour is coming, and now is, when our Fundamentalist preachers, deacons, trustees, church officers and members, need a Holy Ghost revival."—*McGinley*.

"All the martyrs are not dead. All cannot wear the martyr's crown, but all can have the martyr's spirit."—*McGinley*.

"This is the first time I ever substituted for a pain (Paine)."—*Keen*.

"God's way out is up."—*Pease*.

## THANKSGIVING

The story is told of a good Presbyterian minister in Scotland, but of a rather conservative type, who had in his congregation a poor old woman who was in the habit of saying, "Praise the Lord, Amen," when anything particularly helpful was said. This practice greatly disturbed the minister, and one New Year's day he went to see her. "Betty," he said, "I'll make a bargain with you. You call out Praise the Lord just when I get to the best part of my sermon and it upsets my thoughts. Now if you will stop doing it all this year, I'll give you a pair of wool blankets." Betty was poor, and the offer of the blankets looked very good. So she did her best to earn them. Sunday after Sunday she kept quiet. But one day a minister of another type came to preach—a man bubbling over with joy. As he preached on the forgiveness of sin and all the blessings that follow, the vision of the blankets began to fade and fade, and the joys of salvation grew brighter and brighter. At last, Betty could stand it no longer, and, jumping up she cried, "Blankets or no blankets, Hallelujah!"—Selected

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luded Baptist preachers and laymen will "fall" for all this "Why the denomination is becoming fundamental! See, didn't I tell you the fundamentalists would win?" Poor souls, "there are none so blind as those who will not see."

Has Colgate Rochester Seminary changed with its modernistic, communistic professors and student body? Has the NBC repudiated the blasphemous laymen's report which they condoned and upheld in 1933 in Washington? Has the "machine" condemned the Federal Council of Churches of Christian America, or rebuked its new president for being one of the members of the Federal council?

But, no matter how clever the "smoke-screens" thrown up by "these enemies of the Cross of Christ" there is only one course for us to pursue if we love Him, believe the old Book, claim the Blood as the only remedy for sin; hew to the line, let the chips fall where they may. Thank God for the fellowship we have enjoyed in the past among regular, old-fashioned Baptists and look forward to greater times of blessing

## "I Am Ready Not To Be (Deposed) Only, But Also To Die At (Asbury Park) For The Name Of The Lord Jesus"

Acts 21:23

(This is a sequel to the article appearing in a recent issue of the *Bulletin*. Since this was written Dr. Cornwell has been "beheaded" by the Methodist Church in its ruthless but characteristic way. This is only a sample of what the Baptist hierarchy is doing under cover, and would like to do in the open, if they dared. When we read such cases as this we again thank God for the sovereignty of the local Baptist church.—Ed.)

Time races on! A few more days and the plans so well laid by the conference hierarchy will be let loose upon us. The general charge against us is that of UNACCEPTABILITY. We have laid this matter before outstanding lawyers of New York City and Philadelphia

The Discipline requires that counsel must be a member of an Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church. It has been interesting to see how Methodist preachers are afraid of this vicious system of over-lords—bishops and district superintendents. We have received a number of letters from preachers in the New Jersey Conference saying that they were glad for the testimony of TOMORROW. We have written some of them asking if they would not like to serve as counsel. "They with one accord began to make excuses"

Men have often talked about the alleged practice in other days of the Catholic Priest getting the young bride for her bridal night; this is not to be compared with the vicious Methodist system in which men grow old and stoop-shouldered, their families subjected to hardships and barely existing on \$500-\$900 salaries, while all the time these same preachers exhort their congrega-

## EDITORIAL

### FUNDAMENTAL 'SMOKESCREENS' OF THE MODERNISTS

Several issues back we commented on the election of Dr. Earle V. Pierce to the presidency of the NBC (see July issue of the *Bulletin*). The saddle-riding modernists in the machine are finding it rough-riding in the saddle these days. Like Tammany Hall, the "pickings" are altogether too slim to suit those in highly paid offices.

Something MUST be done. It is being done. We learn that the annual meeting of the New York state Baptist convention has chosen Dr. William Rogers, pastor of the First Baptist Church of New York City as its principal speaker. At the annual meeting of the Michigan State Baptist convention they secured as one of the principal speakers a man from Canadian Keswick! Dr. Pierce was leaning over backward on his fundamentalism when his turn came on the program. And then the Michigan "machine" turns right around and re-elects Judge Millington as President, the modernist-communist layman of Cadillac.

But saddest of all things is the way poor, de-

tions to pay the "apportionments" for these high salaried officials.

Hear the cry of those parsonage wives! Husbands have gone through the Methodist preparation—prescribed courses of study, denomination loyalty injections, exhortations and commands of false attitudes towards so-called superiors. The result? A Methodist Preacher who has lost his manhood, willing to stand by without protest and eat the crumbs that fall from the appointment-tables of district superintendents and bishops who push them, their wives and children around like robots.

Did these officials find their system in the New Testament? No They found it in their own sinful desires to rule and to ruin for personal gain and profit Whatever they may do or not do makes no more difference to us than "the quack of a duck in a mill pond" This testimony will go right on. Whether or not you agree with us for saying these things there are some things that you will have to admit.

First, Nothing in TOMORROW has been proved untrue.

Second, We said it to their faces while still in the "system".

Third, We are willing to take the consequences. But, brother, let us tell you now; the only way this pen will ever stop or this tongue be stilled against this iniquitous system will be by the COMING OF JESUS CHRIST or by PHYSICAL DEATH. First, last, and for all time it will be "OPEN SEASON" on this apostate consort of ungodly clerics who have crept in unawares but who are ordained in God's own time to hell Jude 4

### The Fulfillment of Prophecy in Palestine Today

Two years is a long time in the world in which we are now living. World-shaking events follow one another with incredible swiftness and with unpredictable surprises. And nowhere is this more true than in the political and religious center of the world, Palestine, which the Bible calls "the glory of all lands" (Ezek. 20:6, 15).

Two years ago George T. B. Davis wrote a remarkable series of articles for THE SUNDAY SCHOOL TIMES later published as a book) on the fulfillment of prophecy in Palestine. Mr. Davis, known the world around for his evangelistic campaigns in distributing Testaments, and in his earlier work with Torrey and Chapman and Alexander in their evangelistic world tours, had been in Palestine four years earlier, in 1931, but when he revisited the land in 1935 he was astounded at the almost unbelievable developments that had taken place there in four short years.

But when, in the spring of 1937, he returned to Palestine for another visit of observation and study, he found so much that far transcends what he saw in 1935 that he has written for THE SUNDAY SCHOOL TIMES a new series of articles, reporting the latest facts and showing both the startling repetition of history and the glorious

fulfillment of prophecy in the land of Abraham, David, Nehemiah, and Immanuel

This new series by Mr. Davis will begin in an October issue and continue until toward the end of the year. The articles will be illustrated by fresh and unique photographs brought from Palestine by Mr. Davis.

One of the early articles in this new and startling series on Palestine has as its title the question "Who Owns Palestine?" Mr. Davis discusses the question from every angle, showing the just claims of the British, the insistent claims of the Arabs, and then goes back to the indisputable authority of God's Word. This article is of the greatest value to Bible students, ministers, Sunday school teachers, as well as statesmen and international politicians. It gives an absorbingly interesting bird's-eye-view of Israel's career from the time of Abraham to that of Chaim Weizmann, —that is, from 1920 B. C. to 1937 A. D. In it we have God's own answer to the question, "Who owns Palestine?" There are, in Palestine today, about ten times as many Jews as returned from the Babylonian captivity under Ezra and Nehemiah. Today's figure is some 430,000 Jews. They did not have an easy time of it when they returned in the fifth century B. C.; they are not having an easy time of it in the twentieth century A. D. Artaxerxes had his problems with the Arabs and their friends long ago; Britain is having a critical time for the same reason today. All this is brought out by Mr. Davis, among many other striking parallels between the historic return of the Jews from Babylon and their return now.

Mr. Davis secured a full account, by an eyewitness, of the strikes and riots between the Arabs and the Jews during the entire time of the trouble. This first-hand story of a witness gives facts that it is impossible to secure in any other way.

Did you know that Palestine has now become one of the most important airway centers of the Near East? The airport is near Lydda, where Peter healed Aeneas. The runway for the planes to land and take off has been completed at a cost of nearly a million dollars. Mr. Davis talked with the engineer who built the runway, and with airplane officers, one of whom told him that they had had their breakfast that day at Athens, had cool drinks at Alexandria, their lunch at Lydda, and were expecting to have tea in Bagdad and supper at Bosrah. There will be more airplanes in and over that land some day—perhaps in the near future; for God has promised: "As birds flying, so will the Lord of hosts defend Jerusalem; defending also he will deliver it; and passing over he will preserve it" (Isa 31:5).

These are just a few of the extraordinary facts that will be discussed in this new series on Palestine and Prophecy—From "The Sunday School Times"

"The Church That Does Not Burn On Burns Out"

"EVANGELIZE OR FOSSILIZE"

# G. R. Ass'n of Regular Baptists Hold 29th Annual Fellowship, Sept. 29-30, 1937



**REV E R HILL**  
First Baptist Church,  
Allegan, Mich.

*Newly elected Moderator of the Grand Rapids Association of Regular Baptist Churches.*

On Wednesday morning at 9:30 one of the largest attended sessions of the Grand Rapids Association of Regular Baptists began in the main auditorium of the Wealthy St. Baptist Temple. From the very start the presence of the Holy Spirit was in evidence. Rev. A. J. Corcoran, pastor of the Baptist Church at Ensley Center, brought a devotional message on the 138th Psalm. The burden of his message was needed by everyone present, namely that King David praised God with his whole heart, even in the midst of trial and adversity. So should we in these days. Pastor Headley, Moderator this past year of the Association felt the need of much prayer during the sessions, and so for a time the first morning, a number led in prayer for missions in China and Ethiopia, one in particular was prayed for who is in the midst of Hopei Province, China, Miss Annie Kok from the Lake Drive Baptist Church.

A cordial and hearty welcome was extended to all of the delegates by the pastor of the entertaining church.

Rev. J. Gordon Dandignac, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Kent City, had charge of the music, and proved to be a splendid song leader. The annual sermon of the Conference was delivered by Rev. Lester E. Anderson, pastor of the Immanuel Tabernacle, Traverse City. Some of the fine thoughts that were brought out by Brother Anderson in his message, "Man's Greatest Motive—For the Lord's Sake," were as follows: "Thoughts that would cause fear often come to us, and we ask ourselves, 'What price will the Lord call on us to pay?'" "Jealousy vanishes away from the Lord's people when we turn our eyes to Him." "Sin in the life of God's church needs to be eradicated and put away entirely. The trouble is we are afraid of hurting someone's feelings." "The greatest motive we can have is 'for His sake'."

During the morning session Rev. I. Van Westenbrugge, pastor of the Second Baptist

Church, Grand Rapids, spoke about the pressing need of a car for Miss Katharyn LaSor and Mrs. Marie Duffie, who have been for the past 8 years used by the Lord in giving the Gospel in Braille form to those who are not only physically blind, but many of them spiritually blind.

## *Officers and Committees Elected*

At one o'clock in the afternoon, after a time of fellowship at luncheon, the Nominating Committee met in Paterson Hall. Rev. C. N. Fields, pastor of the First Orthodox Baptist Church, Holland, was chairman of the committee. The following officers and committees were elected for the coming year: Rev. E. R. Hill, Moderator; Rev. B. J. Adcock, Vice Moderator; R. Q. Harrison, Clerk, and A. DeNise, Treas. B. J. Green, Auditor.

B. Y. P. U.—Albert Rohrer, Second Baptist, President; Chas. Hart, Stanton, Vice Pres; Katherine Norum, Berean Baptist, Secretary and Treasurer. Bible School Committee—Rev. J. Gordon Dandignac, Rev. Gerard J. Flokstra and S. B. Quincer from Middleville. Missionary and Reception of Churches Committee—Gerard Knol, Chm.; Fred Haines, Herman Faber, I. Van Westenbrugge, and Allison DeNise. Ordination Committee—Howard Keithley, I. Van Westenbrugge, Wm. Headley, Gerard Knol and Chas. Fields. Program Committee—Pastor of the entertaining Church, Moderator E. R. Hill; Clerk, R. Q. Harrison and three others, L. J. May, A. Veltman, and G. Rice.

At the opening of the afternoon session after the report of the Nominating Committee, the secretary was instructed to cast a ballot for the officers nominated. At 2:30 Rev. Floyd Peterson was the first speaker during the hour that the Moderator very graciously gave up. This is the 50th anniversary of the work of the Christian and Missionary Alliance in French Indo-China, the Board under which Mr. and Mrs. Peterson have been working for the past twelve years.

Well do we remember the great influence of the life of Dr. Simpson when we attended Nyack years ago. Those closing years of his life, both he and his wife, who lived in their home near the school "set on a hill" above the Hudson, were truly mighty forces in the spiritual life among the students and faculty members. Brother Peterson spoke on the verse in Mark 8:37 "Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" as being the determining factor in his deciding on the Mission field. For twelve years he has labored faithfully for His Lord.

Mr. and Mrs. Moneysmith, after speaking of their work in Africa and displaying a miniature native village in Africa, sang "The Old Time Religion" in the native African tongue.

Dr. Sutherland brought to us some very interesting facts concerning Wheaton College. It

has spent some \$20,000 in the education of Baptist students who have matriculated at the institution. The number of Baptists at the present time, if we have been informed correctly, is as high if not higher than the number of Presbyterian students.

The afternoon session closed with a condensed report of the various churches, and at 5:30 another fine meal and time of fellowship was enjoyed downstairs. We wish to thank especially the ladies who made possible such splendid meals and such fine service.

#### Wednesday Evening

The evening session Wednesday began at 7:30 with a rousing song service led by *Brother Dandignac*. A number of ministers were introduced from various fields in Michigan. *Elton C. Hukill* from Hancock; *Glenn R. Blossom* who has just started work at North Adams; *Arthur J. Corcoran* of Ensley Center; *R. Vernon Paulson*, Howard City; *H. A. Keithley* of Berean Baptist Church, Grand Rapids, who began his work in June; *Rev. S. B. Quincer*, Middleville; and *Rev. V. W. Moneysmith*, Africa.

One of the inspiring parts of the evening service was the special numbers of music brought by the Men's Chorus of the Berean Church. This Church is to be congratulated for the very high type of music that was rendered that evening. *Dr. M. E. Hawkins* was the principal speaker at the evening session, his message being "The Two Sons". The whole burden of his inspiring address was to be ready for service for Christ the moment we are saved. As the invitation was given at the close of the service, young people came forward to dedicate their lives in full time service for the Lord Jesus Christ at home or abroad.

On Thursday morning at 8:30 the Ministers' Conference convened in McCurdy Hall. *Dr. Hawkins* was given charge of the Question Hour, and various timely questions were discussed. At ten o'clock the meeting adjourned to the main auditorium. Two churches were voted into the Fellowship, the Dollar Bay Church and the Sand Creek Church. Letters from these churches were read, and several of their members spoke.

#### Missionary Symposium

A missionary symposium followed and *Rev. McCaba* who heads the African Christian Mission, an independent Baptist work, brought to us the great need of the Gospel for the Moslems of West Africa 350,000,000 in the darkness of Mohammedanism. *Brother McCaba* told of his experiences in translating the New Testament from the Greek to the native language. When he, with the translators, came to Rom. 8:1 they could find no word to express "condemnation." They asked the Moslem who was helping them, and who was not a Christian, for the word meaning "to condemn." He said, "We don't have it any more," but he went out and consulted with others of his own race and came back with this definition—"condemnation"—"to get a man down on his back and pound the life out of him" and that, said *Brother McCaba*, is exactly what condemnation

is. The sentence is not only passed, but it is already taking effect. Again he used a striking statement when he said, "I would rather let the buzzards of West Africa eat the flesh off my bones, preaching Christ, than to stay in America amidst a nation filled with complacent and dead churches."

The report of the Missionary Committee was made by *Rev. Gerard Knol*, Missionary Chairman, who read part of the first of Acts, and reminded us again of our duty to missionary causes both at home and abroad. *Miss Minnie Schulman* who is working under the Hebrew Christian Mission of Detroit, brought a message concerning her work among the Jews in Grand Rapids, and told of her many entrances into Jewish homes.

A number of ministers attended the weekly meeting of the Maranatha Club, held each Thursday noon at the Y. M. C. A. and *Dr. Bob Jones*, famous evangelist and educator, brought a timely and inspiring message. Some of the phrases that *Dr. Jones* used were: "This is the day of Balaam's ass when the Lord is willing to use anybody He can get." Another, "If a hound dog came to my town and began barking for Jesus Christ I would welcome him into my home; and if he had the mange, I would help him get rid of it."

At 1:45 Thursday afternoon, after a season of prayer and song service, *Rev. Griffith Rice*, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Cedar Springs, brought the doctrinal sermon of the Conference. A number of those present spoke with deep feeling concerning this message, and remarked they had received a rich blessing from it. *Brother Rice* wove his thoughts around the great passage in Phil. 3:10. Following the message, *Pastor Flokstra* of Alpine read the obituary notices calling attention to 45 members of the various churches gathered who had gone Home to be with the Lord.

A telegram was read from the Interstate Evangelistic Association bringing greetings to our Conference in session. At 3:30 the ministers adjourned to McCurdy Hall for a continuation of Minister's Conference while the ladies remained in the auditorium.

#### Women's Missionary Meeting of Association

The women's missionary meeting of the Association was called to order by *Mrs. E. R. Hill* of Allegan. After a short song service in charge of *Mrs. R. Q. Harrison* and time of prayer, *Mrs. William Larsen* of Wealthy St. Baptist Church brought the Bible lesson, using John 15:9-19 on "Jesus our Saviour Friend."

He is a F—Faithful Friend—

I John 1:9

R—Redeemer Friend—Job 19:25—Titus 2:14

I—Infinite, interceding Friend—Heb. 7:25

E—Eternal Friend—Deut. 33:27—Rom. 6:23

N—Near at hand Friend—Psalm 119:151

D—Divine, directing Friend—II Peter 1:3—Prov. 3:6

We have this friend and He has told us to bear fruit. We first must be dead to everything, lust, self, pride, etc., then the Lord can use us to bear souls for Him.

We next enjoyed a solo sung by *Mrs. J. A. Sutherland* from Wheaton, Ill., who with *Dr. Sutherland* were guests during the Association meetings. The rest of the afternoon was spent in listening to missionaries of the Cross give their testimony and the workings of grace among the heathen of foreign lands. *Mrs. Virgil Moneysmith* from Africa, took us into several African homes and told us of the marvelous change when Jesus came into these homes. She had with her a replica of an African home and contents. *Mrs. Floyd Peterson* of French-Indo China, gave us three examples of God's saving grace in this needy field. She told how God could give spiritual sight to the blind, and cleansing for the soul. *Rev. Joseph McCaba* of Africa, also brought us a timely message of how God saves, keeps and satisfies those who come to Him by faith. *Mrs. Anna Gowman* a veteran missionary of China, spoke briefly on the great commission, emphasizing, "Lo, I am with thee alway." This, she said, was the secret of a missionary being able to work for Him; the consciousness of His presence going before and with.

After sitting together in the heavenlies of Christian fellowship, we were adjourned to meet in April.

The following officers were elected for the coming year:

President—*Mrs. E. R. Hill*, Allegan.

Vice Pres.—*Mrs. Ed Sattler*, 2nd Baptist, Grand Rapids.

Sec'y-Treas.—*Mrs. Verna Pond* — Berean Baptist, Grand Rapids.

In the continuation of the Ministers' Conference *Rev. C. F. Fields* of Holland was in charge. An inspiring message was brought by *Rev. Hitchcock* on the imperative need in Michigan for reaching the boys and girls with the Gospel of Christ. This last summer some 3100 were reached in Summer Bible Schools, and 900 definitely accepted Christ.

The closing session of the Conference began at 7 o'clock, and following the opening song service *Mr. John Bajema* brought a fine vocal solo. For the first part of the meeting the Conference B. Y. P. U. group had charge with *Mr. Orley Bechtel*, Vice-President, on the platform. He introduced the various groups that were represented, and fine reports of progress in the young people's work were made.

The matter of a car for the work of *Miss Katharyn LaSor* and *Mrs. Marie Duffie* was mentioned again by *Brother Van Westenbrugge*, and a special offering was taken. It was truly a blessing to see the way those present responded to this urgent need with their offerings and pledges.

*Dr. H. H. Savage*, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Pontiac, and well known to many Baptists throughout the State, brought the closing message of the Conference. In his opening remarks he gave greetings from the Interstate

Evangelistic Association from which he had just come, having been the principal speaker there at Buffalo the Tuesday evening previous. *Dr. Savage* has been known for his aggressive and untiring work along missionary lines. The Pontiac Conference of last May, where nearly 100 Baptist Churches were represented, will prove in days to come a corner stone of missionary endeavor among Baptists in these last days. *Dr. Savage* took the liberty of changing his subject to "Problems in the Day of Nehemiah," and clearly showed how very similar those problems were to those of our day. With all the obstacles and difficulties and hindrances that Nehemiah had to face, he began to pray. He waited four months before acting, and while he waited he prayed. We refuse to wait on God. God needs men and women who have had a personal experience with being born again.

Altogether it was perhaps the finest and most spiritual Conference that this Association has had in all of its some 29 years of existence. Our prayer and hope is that the coming year may be filled with greater hope and blessings than ever before.

### Christ's Loveliness (Abridged)

(Continued from page 4)

Christ is lovely in the esteem of the angels. They adore Him, (Heb. 1:6), "And let all the angels of God worship Him." The cherubims which did represent the angels, are painted with their faces looking upwards, to show, that the angels in heaven all are still looking upward, as admiring, and being ravished with the amazing beauties of Jesus Christ.

Use 1, for Information. If Jesus Christ be so lovely, it shows us the misery of a man out of Christ; a man that lives without Christ; a man that dies without Christ.

*Behold His Misery That Lives Without Christ*

He is very deformed and unlovely; for all loveliness flows from Christ. A sinner in the state of nature is like an infant tumbling in its blood, (Ezek. 16:6), "Thou wert in thy blood." The leper in the Law was but the sad emblem of a sinner, for the leper was to live alone, as being unworthy to come into the congregation of the holy. The leper did wear three marks to be known by, his garments torn, his head bare, his mouth covered. He was to cry unclean, unclean. This spiritual leprosy is upon every Christless sinner. Therefore a man in a state of unregeneracy is in scripture compared to things most unlovely and unbeautiful. To a dog, Rev. 22:15; a swine, II Peter 2:21; a viper, Matt. 3:7; a devil, John 6:70. A sinner's heart is a poisoned spring. It is like a piece of muddy ground which defiles the purest water that runs through it. The heathen had this kind of notion ingraft into them, for they had their stone pots of water set at the doors of their temple, where they used to wash before they went to sacrifice. A sinner is blind, (Rev. 3:17), and the more blind, because he thinks he sees. He is dead; and though he may be decked with some moral virtues, this is but like strewing flowers upon a dead corpse. Dead things have no



beauty in them; a sinner out of Christ is a filthy creature, he runs nothing but dregs, he is hell epitomized. There is no part of him sound. The man who had his "running issue in his flesh," (Lev. 15:2), was but a type of a sinner who has the plague-sores of sin running upon him. Oh how ghastly and deformed is every Christless soul! God loaths him, (Zech. 11:8), "My soul loathed them." So adominable and unsavory is a sinner, that God stands afar off. He will not come near the stench of him. The sinner is so deformed and diseased, that when he comes to be converted, the first thing he does, is to loath himself, (Ezek. 26:31), Thus unlovely is every person out of Christ. If he brags of his goodness, it is because he never yet looked at his face in the glass of God's word, that would discover his spots and blemishes

*Behold His Misery That Dies Without Christ*

Though Jesus Christ be so infinitely beautiful, the sinner shall see none of his beauty. Christ will put a veil upon His face, as Moses did when his face shone. Nay, that is not all; though Christ be so lovely in Himself, yet to an ungodly sinner He will be terrible to behold. A wicked man shall see nothing in Christ that is lovely. The sun of righteousness will be eclipsed to him, His beauty will be changed into fury. The lamb will be turned to a lion. Christ's visage will strike the heart of a sinner with horror and amazement. King Ahasuerus was pleasant to Queen Esther to behold, when he held forth the golden scepter, but how dreadful was his visage to Haman, when he arose from the banquet of wine in his wrath. His look did carry death in its face. So, though Christ be so lovely in Himself, and full of smiling beauty to His saints, yet to those who reject him, and die in their sins, O how ghastly and affrighting will His look be? His eyes will be as a flame of fire. Christ is represented with a bow and a crown, (Rev. 6:2). Give me leave to allude. Christ will appear to the saints with a crown, very lovely, and glorious to behold, but to the wicked He will appear with His bow, to shoot at them with the arrows of His indignation. We read, (Psalm 97:2), "clouds and darkness are round about Him." To believers Christ will shine forth with his rays of majesty and beauty, but to the wicked He will cover Himself with a cloud of displeasure. This will be the hell of hell to be damned, they shall be shut out from a sight of Christ's glory, and shall behold only a sight of His wrath. They shall cry to the mountains to cover them from "the face of Him that sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb," Rev. 6:16. The human nature of Christ will be as terrible to a sinner as the sight of hell fire.

Use 2 For exhortation. If Christ be so infinitely lovely, then let us labor to get a part in Christ, that the cursed deformity of our nature may be taken away, and the bespangled beauties of holiness may shine in us. It is little comfort for the soul to say, Christ is "altogether lovely," unless it can also say, "My beloved is mine," (Song 2:16). The ground of privilege is union. There are many Christians who have nothing of Christ

in them. Oh labor to be made one with Christ, to have Christ not only in your Bible, but in your heart; renounce your own beauty, all your parts, moralities, duties, these are a rotten bough to hold by, (Phil 3:9), "That I may be found in him not having mine own righteousness." When Augustus Caesar desired the state of Rome to join some with him in counselship, the senate answered that they held it a great disparagement to him to join any counsel with him. So Jesus Christ takes it as a great disparagement to him, to join our duties in equipage with his merits. Oh sinner, cast away your beggar's rags, that you may put on Christ's lovely robes. I would not take you off from duty, but from confidence in duty. Noah's dove might make use of her wings to fly, but she did not trust to her wings, but to the ark. A man makes use of his feet to go over the bridge, but he trusts to the bridge for safety; Christians while they walk with the feet of obedience, must trust to Christ as the bridge to lead them over the devouring sea of hell; in short, if you would get an interest in Christ, rely on Christ by faith, and resign up yourself to Christ by service. A believer with one hand receives Christ, with the other hand gives up himself to Christ. Christ says to a believer, "with my body, yea with my blood I thee endow," and a believer says to Christ, "with my soul I thee worship." Oh Christian, part with all, for a part in this lovely Saviour.

Love Christ more than your estate. Gold is but shining dust, though it may be lovely, yet it is not "altogether lovely." Gold is worse than yourself, it is of an earthly extract. If you love anything love something which is better than yourself; and that only is Christ, who is "altogether lovely."

Riches avail not in the day of wrath, (Prov. 11:4). Riches are no life guard to defend us from divine fury: but how lovely is Christ who can screen off the fire of God's wrath from you. Oh then love him more than these perishable things. Christ's gleanings are better than the world's vintage. Be not like Noah's raven, which when it had found a carrion to feed on, cared not for returning home to the ark. He that loses all for Christ, shall find all in Christ.

Love Christ more than your life, (Rev. 12:11). "They loved not their lives to the death." They carried their sufferings as ensigns of their glory. They had pangs of love stronger than the pangs of death. Did the Curtii die for the Romans, the Codri for the Athenians, and shall not we be willing to lay down our lives for Christ who is so infinitely lovely?

Show your love to this lovely Saviour by the effects of love.

The first fruit of love is desire of converse, (Psalm 42:2). Love is a transporting of the affections. Lovers desire to be often talking and conversing together before the marriage day. Christ converses with the soul by His Spirit, and the soul converses with Him by prayer, and meditation. The soul that loves Christ, desires to be much in His presence. He loves the or-



dinances, he thinks it is good "lying in the way" where Christ passes by. Ordinances are the chariots of salvation. Christ rides into the believer's heart in these chariots. Ordinances are the feast of fat things, (Isaiah 25:6). The soul feasts with Christ here, (Song 2:4), "He brought me to the banqueting house." In the Hebrew it is, "He brought me to the house of wine." Word, prayer, sacraments are to a Christian "the house of wine." Here often Christ turns the water of tears into wine. How lovely is this house of wine! The ordinances are the lattice where Christ looks forth and shows His smiling face to his saints. Christ's parents found Him "in the temple," (Luke 2:46). The soul that loves Christ, desires conference with Him in the temple.

Where there is love to Christ, there is sympathy. Friends that love do grieve and rejoice together. They have sympathizing spirits. Homer describing Agamemnon's grief when he was forced to sacrifice his daughter, brings in all his friends weeping with him, and accompanying him to the sacrifice in mourning. And I remember Aristotle in his Rhetorique spends almost a whole chapter upon this, proving a sympathy among friends. Lovers grieve together. Thus if we love Christ, we shall grieve for those things that grieve Him, (Psalm 119:158), "I behold the transgressors, and was grieved." We shall grieve to see truth bleeding, heretics increasing. We shall grieve to see toleration setting up its mast and top-sail, and multitudes sailing in this ship to hell. Toleration is the grave of reformation. It was a charge drawn up against the angel of Pergamos, that he had them there, (nestling and brooding, who held the doctrine of Balaam, Rev 2:14). By toleration we adopt other men's sins, and make them our own. I pray God this does not hasten this country's funerals. He who loves Christ will lay these things to heart.

He who loves Christ will endeavor to preserve His memory. Friends that bear respect will preserve the memory of those persons they love, by keeping their pictures, letters, love-tokens; sometimes by preserving their monuments. Herein Artemista, Queen of Caria showed an act of singular love to her husband Mausolus, for he being dead, she caused his body to be reduced to ashes, and to be mingled in her drink every day, so making her body a living tomb to hold her dead husband. Thus the soul that loves Christ will be often eating his body and drinking his blood in the sacrament, that he may "remember Christ's death till he come." They that live without sacraments show plainly that they have no love to Christ, because they do not desire to preserve His memory among them.

He that bears love to Christ, this lovely object, will not entertain any other lovers; "What have I to do any more with idols?" (Hosea 14:8). The Hebrew word is "with sorrow." Indeed sin raises a tempest of sorrow in the soul, and he that is espoused to Christ has now changed his judgment, those sins he before looked upon as lovers, now he looks upon as sorrows. He that loves Christ can look a temptation in the face and turn

his back upon it. When Cyrus would have tempted the chaste wife of Tygranes, she took no notice of him, (though a king) she had a husband at home. When like Mercury's rod with a snake about it, would wind itself subtly into the soul, he that loves Christ dares not give it entertainment, he says all the rooms are taken up already for Christ, and a better guest cannot come, for He is "altogether lovely."

If Christ be so lovely in Himself, then you that profess Christ, labor to render Him lovely in the eyes of others. And that two ways.

1. By commending Him, and telling others of His beauty, that they may admire Him. So the spouse in this chapter labors to portray and set him forth in his glory. "My beloved is white and ruddy, the chief among ten thousand." Tell others that Christ is all marrow, all sweetness. He is the richest jewel in the cabinet of heaven. Set up the trophies of His honor; triumph in His praises, that you may tempt others to fall in love with His person. The tongue is the organ of praise. It is a pity the organs are so often out of tune, murmuring and complaining. Oh let these organs be still going, let our tongues sing forth the praises of Him who is altogether lovely. Daughters of the blood royal have the pictures of kings brought to them, and by seeing the pictures, they fall in love with their persons, and are married to them. By our commendations of Christ, we should so paint out Christ to others, and draw His picture, that when they see His picture they may fall in love with Him, and the match may be presently struck up.

2. Render Christ lovely in the eyes of others by adorning his gospel, and "walking worthy of Christ."

Brethren, there are some persons among us whose scandalous impieties masked over with religion, has made Christ appear unlovely in the eyes of others; it is enough to make men afraid to have anything to do with Christ. As if He did abet men in their sin, or at least connive at them. The blood of some will not make reparation for the injury which their tears have done to Christ. I have read of certain images which on the outside were covered with gold and pearl resembling Jupiter and Neptune; but within nothing but spiders and cobwebs; and have not we many who have been covered with gold and pearl of profession resembling the saints of the most high, but within (as Christ says) full of all uncleanness, (Matt 23:27), insomuch that we may see the spiders creeping out of them. O that all who profess the name of Christ "might depart from iniquity," (II Tim 2:19), that they might set a crown of honor upon the head of Christ, and make him appear lovely in the eyes of others.

(This is part of an abridged sermon from one of the great Puritan Divines, Rev Thomas Watson. From time to time sermons from these giants of the faith will be reproduced in the pages of the Bulletin. Be on the lookout for them, and keep your subscription up to date so you won't miss an issue.)

## The Menace of Marihuana

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parents, pastors, and teachers apparently know nothing of their secret vices

Marihuana parties have been described in detail in juvenile courts when boys and girls, with their parents, have stood before juvenile judges and told of the nights of debauchery and licentiousness covering long periods of time, and attributable to the smoking of marihuana.

Come with me to a juvenile court where such evidence is being given: Perhaps ten to twenty-five boys and girls, from 8 to 15 years of age, have been brought in for questioning following an investigation into school conditions. The stories are sordid in the extreme; filthy, nauseating—but true!

The marihuana, in cigaret form, had been procured, in this case, from the man who kept a school supply store just around the corner from the school. (If any of my readers wish to locate the source of supply of marihuana cigaretts in his or her city, let him look first within a block of the high school!) This storekeeper sold chocolate bars and gum; milk and school supplies. The children initiated into the "reefer" group pooled the candy and milk money given them by fond parents, and purchased a supply of "Mary Warners". The lower-than-skunk storekeeper in this case supplied them with a basement room, which he had furnished with a couple of old mattresses and other needed pieces of furniture. Here he could guarantee them freedom from interference for hours at a time. He had even sent his wife and family away on an extended visit to make sure that his illicit operations would not be discovered.

*O God! Spare America!*

Here the youngsters played at being married. Rings stolen from the ten-cent stores served to bind the mock ceremonies which permitted unbridled lusts to have full sway. Probing by the juvenile judge resulted in shamefaced girls sobbing out sordid stories disclosing many nights of debauchery and degradation. Sometimes these young girls would be too drunk to leave the basement where they had staged their "parties" and so had to stay all night. Each party was a continuous round of dissipation, drunkenness and drugs.

The stories of the girls varied according to the number of marihuana parties they had attended. Some of them said they had started their wrongdoing because they lost control of themselves after smoking a few "Mary Warners." One said she had gone ahead even though she knew it was wrong, because she "loved" her boy friend and was afraid that some other girl would take him from her.

One boy, 16 years of age, just before he was called to testify, took his "girl" by the arm and said:

"Don't worry, kid. I've been in this mess before and I can tell whether it's serious or not. They won't do anything to us. All they'll do is tell us to be good."

But the little girl was really afraid. She had heard something said about a doctor and a physical examination. Poor child, the marks of her serious adventures were stamped upon her for life. All but one of her little girl friends were in her unfortunate class. The sole exception was found just in time to save her from the same fate as the others.

The story itself reads like many other records of almost any juvenile court. But no amount of repetition or callousness can take away the tragedy and misery of each individual case.

Detailed evidence in court describes such parties as are staged by young boys and girls who have learned to smoke marihuana cigaretts.

### *Sin When It Is Finished*

After the first thrill, producing its effect of swashbuckling, braggadocio to the accompaniment of false feelings of physical strength, the dope begins its deadly work of arousing sexual passions. Over in one corner of the room one child begins to disrobe his or her companion, as the case may be. It becomes general in a very few minutes, until clothes are scattered all over the floor and the naked youngsters give themselves over, with a wild abandon, to the ecstasies of every imaginable perversion prompted by drug-crazed minds. Some evidence is to the effect that those involved in these unspeakable debaucheries never "cheated" on "husband" or "wife." Whatever comfort parents may get out of that boast is questionable in the extreme.

One such girl, giving evidence in the presence of her parents, stated that her father worked nights, and that she knew she was safe if she got home by 1:30 on her mother's club nights, for her mother never got home until after that hour!

### *Arouses Desire To Kill Loved Ones*

But let us draw the curtain on this filthy yet pitiful scene. Before long some innocent remark by a member of the party will bring forth an angry reply, for the drug will have carried its victims into the third phase of reaction, which is the desire to kill someone, or do serious bodily harm. One of the idiosyncrasies of this dreadful drug is its power to make bitter enemies of those who but a moment before were inseparable companions. No wonder the G-men call it the "killer" drug! Not only does it bring to its votaries the desire to kill, but, worse still, the desire to kill someone near and dear to him or her. And to kill in the most brutal, fiendish manner! Hashish! Assassin! The habitual user may carry in his mind for months, or even years, the desire to kill a chum, or a brother or sister, or a parent. Seldom until after the deed has been performed will such an one admit to that overpowering desire that haunted him through the terrible months or years of the past. When you read of atrocious crimes, horrible, fiendish killings or mutilations, you may know that, in nine cases out of ten, the perpetrator of the terrible deed has been a marihuana addict.

And this is the stuff that is being sold "just

around the corner" from high schools in almost every state of the Union! While we boast of our orthodoxy and fight to protect our fundamental positions (and rightly so!) boys and girls under our very noses are being inveigled into the most damnable soul and body destroying habit known to law enforcement officers and agencies today.

But there is yet another reaction. INSANITY! No one need tell you fellow-pastor, of the appalling conditions in the psychopathic institutions of this country. Over-crowded, these hospitals vomit their surplus into the county jails, where no equipment or facilities for handling such cases are to be found. No wonder authorities tell us that within 75 years one-half of the population of these United States will be insane, or that in 105 years, at the present rate of progress of insanity, every resident of our land will be a psychopathic patient!

#### *A Plea in God's Name!*

Such is the work of marihuana. I could write much more plainly upon this subject, but it should not be necessary to delve deeper into such sordid stories in order to arouse God's people to greater efforts on behalf of those concerning whom Jesus Christ said: "Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me, for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

Fellow pastors! Evangelists! Parents! Sunday school teachers! What are the conditions in your local high schools and colleges? Do you know? Should you know? Are you aware of the fact that "Ether parties" are staged by college students and that they are spreading to high schools as supplementary to the marihuana parties? Do you know that three distinct drugs are being mixed into little pink pellets for the high school trade in a mad desire on the part of the manufacturers and peddlers to share some of the ill-gotten but very extensive profits of the marihuana growers and traders?

#### *Only Remedy—The Old Time Gospel*

Away with our carefully worded little sermons on birds and bees and butterflies preached to a lot of lazy church-goers suffering with spiritual indigestion because they feed and feed and feed on splendid sermons and refuse to go out and exercise in the Lord's vineyard! Away with our prim, precise approach and our dignified bearing while all around us boys and girls are going plump to hell! Away with our fear of being charged with "social service" work or the preaching of the "social gospel." Social gospel? Bah! Rather is it the carrying out of the great commission of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Social service? Fiddlesticks! It is the service outlined by Him who loved us and gave Himself for us! And never has He rescinded His orders. It can never be social service or a social gospel as long as Jesus Christ is presented as Saviour and His finished work on Calvary as the only basis of salvation! And that's what these boys and girls need!

Brethren, we face a problem here—a serious problem. You may rant and rave about the

dangers of communism, of apostasy, of atheism. And again I say:—rightly so. But all of these evils are finding their most fertile soil among our youth. Only the church of Jesus Christ has been slow to awaken to the value of winning the boys and girls in their formative years. We have played at it while destructive agencies have been in earnest.

And yet we have the only solution to the problem. The psychiatrist has not the solution; neither has the psychologist, nor the sociologist. Legislators have not found the solution, neither have the law enforcement bodies. I have studied most of the proposed solutions offered by these agencies. While I say that they have not the proper solution, I must admit to their credit that they are trying hard, with the limited equipment at their disposal, to do something to stem the tide of child crime. In the same breath I am forced to admit with shame, that we, who have the solution to the problem, are doing little, if anything about it!

#### *"The Children of This World" Recognize What Is Needed*

I wish you might have been with me in a recent series of sociology studies taught by a State University professor. We were dealing primarily with Juvenile Delinquency. Toward the close of the course the professor asked his students, (among whom were high school superintendents and principals, doctors, welfare workers, etc.) what they would suggest, after weeks of intensive study, as solutions to the problem of delinquency. I wish you might have heard the suggestions offered. One was confident that more and better dental clinics would solve the problem; another assumed that state-paid optometrists correcting faulty vision among the children would solve the problem; still another, that chiropodists correcting maladjusted feet would do more than any other agency to combat child crime—and so on and on and on. When I ventured to assert that the vital spot had not yet been touched in the discussion, that the heart was deceitful and above all things desperately wicked, and that the problem was one that could be met only by spiritual means, the professor said:

*"We are prepared to admit that spiritual forces must be recognized in any battle against crime. But the spiritual forces in this country may be likened to an immense dynamo standing over there in the corner; plenty of potential power, but utterly idle and useless unless and until someone turns the switch. The church," said he, "is entrusted with the task of setting the great dynamo of spiritual power in action, but the church seems to have lost or thrown away the key to the switch."*

Brethren in the ministry and service of the Lord, I had to admit that to a large extent the professor was correct. And to prove his point he asked: "How many ministers have been sufficiently interested in the problem of juvenile de-

linquency to take the time required to enroll in this course? Only one! Yet there is no group of men whose work so vitally and continually touches the whole problem of delinquency; there is no group whose efforts should be so focused on that problem; there are none who, by virtue of their calling, should have a burden for the boys and girls affected by the permanent wave of child crime as should the ministers of any given community!"

#### *The Christian's Guilt of Criminal Neglect*

You know, and I know, that these charges are only too true. It makes me realize afresh that the world, helpless in itself against the inrush of juvenile crime, expects us to do something. We claim to have the only solution that will give satisfactory, permanent relief. The world hears us talk about the Gospel as being the *dynamite* of God to blow out the strongholds of sin and Satan. And the world wonders why we do not use so mighty a weapon. If they had anything half so powerful, they would use it, brother! Just so long as we sit at ease in Zion with precious boys and girls all about us being sucked into the maelstrom of marihuana addiction and other wickedness, just so long will we have a job on our hands to make the world believe in the sincerity of our preaching. We may be well versed in dispensational truth; we may have wonderful fellowship one with the other; we may conduct mass conferences for study of the Word; we may join most heartily and enthusiastically in singing "Rescue the Perishing" and "Throw Out the Life-line" and all the time, every minute of every hour of every day and night thousands of our country's choicest heritage—our boys and girls—are caught and held and dragged down in the quicksands of sin.

And our Lord Jesus Christ looks to us to wield the weapon He left for us to use. Detailed instructions for its use are in our possession. How can we neglect so cruelly those for whom He died, and yet expect to hear His "Well done, good and faithful servant" when we see Him face to face?

#### *Christ Alone Can Save and Satisfy*

Thank God, the Gospel of Jesus Christ, presented by the humblest child of God, is more potent than all the boasted knowledge of all the psychiatrists and psychologists when it comes to a life completely changed. I recently challenged one of these gentlemen in this wise: "You show me one delinquent boy or girl, giving me name and address, whose life, habits, desires, ambitions and hopes have been completely changed and reversed, so that he loves the things he once hated, and hates the things he once loved; and for every one you can name that has been so changed by your methods, I will guarantee to name you at least ten that have been so changed by accepting my Christ as personal Saviour and as Lord of the life!" The challenge still stands!

The Marihuana menace must be met! Drop something else from your busy life, brother, if need be, and find out the conditions in your com-

munity. Then go to work on the problem with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It works!

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#### ADDENDA

In response to repeated efforts by officials of the Narcotic Division of The Federal Bureau of Investigation, Congress finally took some action, at its recent session, in the matter of Marihuana. Mr. Harry Anslinger, Federal Commissioner of Narcotics, who has waged war relentlessly upon the illicit traffic in this drug, fought valiantly to have legislation enacted that would give the Federal men jurisdiction in the prosecution of peddlers, such as the G-men now have in the matter of bank robberies.

Congress, after due deliberation, repeated the procedure so familiar during the era of prohibition, and President Roosevelt, prior to one of his many fishing trips, signed a measure making Marihuana taxable!!! As the matter now stands, druggists must pay a three-dollar-a-year registration fee if they sell marihuana in any form, and a tax amounting to one dollar per ounce per cannabis content of any preparation sold. That is to say, the remedies for coughs or for athlete's foot or other preparations containing cannabis, must stipulate the amount of cannabis per bottle, and the druggist must pay the Federal tax on the actual cannabis content. There is an advantage here, no doubt, in that the drug in liquid form by the use of which ordinary cigarets may be changed into deadly "Mary Warners", will not be so easily accessible to school children and others. But the druggists, carrying on a legitimate business (and the druggists of this country are on the whole a very fine type of men, antagonistic to illicit traffic in any drug) these druggists are penalized while the lower-than-skunk bootleg peddler carries on his nefarious work among the school children, snapping his fingers at the possibility of a \$2,000 fine and the even less probable sentence of five years in jail, as enacted under the new legislation. The same condition prevailed during prohibition days. The legitimate vendor of whiskey for medical purposes was penalized, while the bootleggers made fortunes overnight. Profits accruing from the growth and sale of marihuana are so great that a \$2,000 fine would be a mere bagatelle in comparison.

The present situation, then, is that Congress pats itself on the back for having taken care of the marihuana menace; the druggist will cease to handle the stuff even for medical purposes rather than pay the revenue tax; or else he will pay his \$3.00 registration fee and charge his customer an additional one dollar transfer fee for every ounce sold; the registered grower will pay the government a fee of one dollar per year; the unregistered dealer will be required to pay a tax of \$100 per ounce, and buyers will be required to pay a

similar tax if they purchase from unregistered dealers. The bootlegger will run the risk of a penalty of five years' imprisonment or a fine of \$2,000 if he is caught and cannot buy his way out. The whole plan is to make the drug so prohibitive in price that no one will be able to purchase it.

Well, we'll see

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## News of Wheaton College

### Wheaton College Has Record Number of Students on Rolls

From 50 states and territories and from 16 foreign countries, 1210 students have come this year to Wheaton College and Academy, according to a final check-up of registration figures for the first semester. Every state and territory, except Nevada, is represented in the student body, and one or more students have come from each continent. While enrollment has reached a new high for the institution, it is only slightly more than last year, because of the action of the trustees in holding down the college registration to 1,100 students.

Of the foreign countries represented, Canada and China have sent the largest number of students. Twelve are registered from the northern Dominion, and eight have come from China. Seven students from the continent of Africa, four of them from Egypt, two from Belgian Congo, and one from Kenya Colony, are here this year. In addition to those from China, Asia has sent eight students from Korea, four from India, four from Siam, two from Iran (Persia), and one each from Japan and Palestine. New Zealand, Norway, Switzerland, Mexico have each sent one student.

Only a little more than a quarter of this year's students at Wheaton are from Illinois. Despite the distances they have to travel 109 students come from Pennsylvania, 75 from Michigan, 68 from California, 60 from New York, and 59 from New Jersey. Other large state delegations include 37 from Minnesota, 30 from Wisconsin, 29 from Indiana, and 27 from Iowa.

In the last four years, Wheaton College's enrollment has increased 54 per cent, a virtually unprecedented gain for this period. However, as the result of the action of its trustees in limiting the college departments to 1,100 students, this year's enrollment is almost exactly that of last fall.

### Wheaton Students Send 15,000 Copies of St. John's Gospel To Californians

Because they feel that a true Christian life is the only answer to the problems facing college students everywhere today, the students of Wheaton

College have sent 15,000 copies of *His Triumph*, an attractively printed booklet edition of the Gospel of St. John, to the students of the University of California at Berkeley, Calif. Each Gospel has an imprint on the back indicating that it is given with the compliments of the University of California Bible Club, a student organization which will conduct its own program of distribution. In addition it will carry the statement: "This little booklet will help us all to win in the game of life," signed by Coach Amos Alonzo Stagg, formerly of the University of Chicago.

According to *Theodore Benson*, Menominee, Michigan, a senior at Wheaton College and president of the Scripture Distribution Society there, "Our purpose is to discharge our responsibility as Christian students to these our fellow students. We know of no more effective way to reach the student world than to present them with the Word of God."

When it was learned that the booklets would cost \$250, *Benson* made an appeal to the 1,100 students of Wheaton College who rallied to his support by contributing nearly \$400.00 in a special offering taken during their morning chapel service. Encouraged by the enthusiastic support of the students, the Scripture Distribution Society is now planning to send copies to 35,000 students of Columbia University in New York.

### Illinois Association Meeting

The first Fellowship Meeting of the Illinois Association of Regular Baptist Churches was held at the Riverside Baptist Church of Decatur, Illinois on September 20-22.

Although the weather was beautiful, there were showers, "showers of blessings". Such blessing and fellowship can only come when we are in the will of God, and honoring His Word as we contend for the "Faith once for all delivered to the Saints."

The meeting opened at 6:00 P. M., Monday, with *Miss Laura Martin* of Boonville, Indiana, speaking from Isaiah 49:10-16. Others who brought inspiring messages were, *Dr. H. C. Fulton*, Chicago; *Rev. C. E. Davis*, Chicago; *Rev. Wm. H. Taylor*, Harvey, Ill.; *Rev. D. L. Osburn*, Roxana, Ill.; *Rev. F. W. Naylor*, Chicago; *Rev. H. L. Wortman*, Bunker Hill, Ill.; *Dr. R. T. Ketcham*, Gary, Ind.; *Rev. E. C. Shute*, Decatur, Ill.; and *Mr. and Mrs. Moneysmith*.

Each morning about 100 people gathered for prayer at 9:00, led by *Brother G. R. Graham*, Plainfield, Ill.

*L. E. Leeper*, Latham, Ill., was in charge of all the music throughout the meeting. He was assisted by *A. C. Emmons* of Alton, Ill., *Emmitt Cross*, Roxana, Ill., and *Orville Yeager* of Mentone, Ind.

At the 4:00 P. M. business session Wednesday, *Rev. E. C. Shute* was chosen as President for the coming year, *Rev. H. Leroy Wortman*, Bunker Hill, Ill., Vice-President, and *Wm. Harvey Taylor*, Harvey, Ill., Secretary-Treasurer.

# Letters of Information, Warning, Encouragement

## Letters Like This One—How They Help and Encourage!

Bunker Hill, Illinois,  
September 27, 1937.

Dear Brother Fuller:

Your letter of the 17th received and contents prayerfully noted. Rest assured that this servant of God is vitally interested in the Regular Baptist Church Movement and in its official organ, THE BAPTIST BULLETIN. I am sorry that I have nothing to remit at this writing but I do want to say that you under-estimated us in sending but ten subscription blanks. You may count on us for twenty-five subscriptions in the next few months, AT \$1.00 EACH SUBSCRIPTION.

Believing the Regular Baptist Church Movement to be God-Ordained as His tool to offset the apostasy of our day within Baptist Ranks we believe it should be carried on in exactly the same manner as any other work of the Lord, i. e., BY THE EFFORTS AND GIFTS OF GOD'S PEOPLE (Absolutely no commercialism)

We are indeed disappointed at your "commission" offer and it is our conviction that no Regular Baptist should avail himself of its benefits either for himself or to pass on to his members. This Regular Baptist Church Movement must mean one of two things to all of us, either EVERYTHING or NOTHING. May God help us to catch the whole vision and really get busy for God in putting this over and not for filthy lucre's sake.

I would suggest that a "Loyalty Page" on the order of that used in the VOICE (I F C A.) be inserted as encouragement to the laborers that they may know what progress is being made and to whom it is attributable.

If you could spare a bundle of free copies of the next issue (say fifty) we will use them judiciously in our efforts to secure subscriptions. If coming at all they should reach me before the next meeting of our local R B C. Ass'n on October 19th.

Please forgive all of this unasked advice. We know you have received plenty of that already. Count on us

H. Leroy Wortman,  
Pastor, Berean Baptist Church.

Psal'm 19:14

## We Agree Heartily—May God Raise Up More Supporters

Dear Brother Pastor:

While in New York State recently, I visited the Interstate Evangelistic Association, at Rochester. What I saw and learned impressed me greatly. I know, of course, something about the work of the Association, but had no idea of the magnitude of it, nor of its far-reaching influences. It is certainly a mistake to think that its activities are limited to New York and surrounding states. It is operating actively in Michigan and other

states. If it has not wrought as largely in our own state as we should have liked, I am certain it is because we have limited it.

Have we really limited the work of the Association in this state? This is a matter I feel constrained to call to the attention of Regular Baptist pastors. Without consulting Dr. Strathearn about the matter, I am taking the liberty of writing to a few ministers whom I believe are interested.

I found that tremendous demands are made upon Dr. Strathearn's time. For instance, the evening I came to Rochester, he met me at the train, then had to hurry away to meet with a pulpit committee, some 30 or 40 miles distant. When I met him again the next morning at his office, he showed me a stack of correspondence which had accumulated during his absence. "This will keep me here until midnight," he remarked. I learned that this was a typical day. He certainly is in immediate need of additional help in this growing and important work.

I am convinced that the Regular Baptists owe a great debt to the Interstate Evangelistic Association. A central clearing house, such as this is, is greatly needed to conserve and perpetuate the historic Baptist principles which we hold dear. It would be a great calamity to our cause if this work should cease for want of adequate support. And it is NOT being adequately supported! Dr. Strathearn has made great and heroic sacrifices to carry on this work (it would surprise some of the brethren if they knew how great are the financial sacrifices he has made; I wish I could feel at liberty—but I do not—to divulge what I have learned in this connection!), and he certainly deserves our hearty backing and support.

There is naturally a glamor and romance connected with foreign missionary work. I would not detract one whit from the importance of it in carrying out the commission of our Lord Jesus Christ. But judging by the facts as they appear to me, there seems to be danger of so overshadowing the more prosaic work of home missions that we weaken the foundation upon which the more glittering foreign work rests. In other words, it seems to me that unless we conserve and strengthen the work of Regular Baptist churches, such as was suggested at the recent Pontiac meeting, our work will suffer all along the line. It looks as if God had raised up the Interstate Evangelistic Association to carry on this important missionary work at this crucial time.

My own investigation of the work of the Association and the impression that it made upon me when in Rochester and New York State compels me to pass this word on to you, that here is a work that every Bible-believing Baptist Church should see is continued. Surely it is of the Lord and a work for the times in which we live.

Very sincerely yours,

C. R. Peterson.  
Detroit, Mich.



## Regular Baptists of Illinois Meet

September 27, 1937.

Dear Brother Fuller:

The First Fellowship Meeting of the Regular Baptist Churches of Illinois was a glorious success. The entire program was carried through without a single change. A Constitution and Articles of Faith were adopted and are in entire unison and keeping with those of the G. A. R. B. C.

Pastors and visitors returned to their respective fields of labor and homes with their hearts aglow with blessed joy, and greatly encouraged and strengthened in the realization of the fact that God still has his faithful "7,000" who refuse to bow the knee to Baal, and their number is definitely on the increase.

Plans are under way for the further outreach of the Illinois Fellowship whereby more churches may be contacted and helped. The tentative suggestion is to divide the State into three sections: North, Central, and South, with monthly gatherings in these areas. The South has already been organized in the Mississippi Valley Association of Regular Baptist Churches. Their next meeting will be at the Roxana Baptist Church of which Rev. D. L. Osburn is pastor, Tuesday, October 19th.

The officers elected for the Illinois Fellowship of the G. A. R. B. C. are as follows: President, Rev. E. C. Shute, Decatur, Ill.; Vice-President, Rev. H. Leroy Wortman, Bunker Hill, Ill.; Sec'y-Treas., Rev. Wm. Harvey Taylor, Harvey, Ill.

One regret—we did not receive the sample Bulletins until late on Wednesday afternoon, nevertheless it was presented at the various sessions, by different brethren, Brother Ketcham making the last appeal Wednesday night.

The press gave the conference fairly good publicity, but in their caption to the articles designated the entire movement under the acrimonious epithet of "REBELS".

Do you think, as Editor of the "Bulletin" it would be worth while replying to the stigmata, or let it pass? The reaction has been varied, some seeing it in just a publicity stunt, while others are more or less indignant over the matter.

Shall be glad to have your reaction.

(Let them alone; they be blind leaders of the blind—Ed)

Cordially yours in the Lord,

E. C. Shute

Num. 14:21

Isa. 41:15

## Dr. Robert T. Ketcham Available for Continent-Wide Ministry

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forthcoming meetings will not only be for the purpose of information, but also for inspiration; for Dr. Ketcham will be constantly bringing Bible expositions that have been a blessing to multiplied thousands throughout the East and Middle west.

## Ordination of Ministers

### Leonard Travis

The Ordination Council was called by the Belfast Baptist Church, Belfast, N. Y., Thursday, September 23rd, to consider the setting apart to the work of the Gospel Ministry the pastor Leonard Travis. Rev. Wasser of Williamsville was made chairman and Rev. J. W. Norris of Great Valley, clerk.

After prayer the Roll Call of the churches was read, with eight pastors and fifteen delegates responding. Mr. Travis presented his statements as to Conversion, call to the Ministry, and Doctrinal Belief. The Council was satisfied as to the fitness of the Candidate and recommended to the Church that they proceed with the Ordination service.

The Scripture was read by R. E. Strong, Rev. Swancott offered prayer and the Ordination sermon was given by Rev. Norris. The charge to the candidate by Rev. Wasser, charge to the church, Rev. Green. The Bible was presented by Rev. Mills and Rev. Mason prayed the ordination prayer. Rev. Travis brought the meeting to a close with the benediction.

### F. N. Naylor

A Council was held Tuesday, September 21, 1937, at the Riverside Baptist Church, Decatur, Illinois, for the purpose of examining Mr. F. W. Naylor, for the Gospel Ministry, at the request of the Belden Avenue Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill. Rev. W. H. Taylor, Harvey, Ill., was chosen as Moderator, and Samuel Post of Roseland, Chicago, as clerk.

Twelve pastors and delegates answered to the roll call after which Mr. Naylor was asked to relate his Christian experience, call to the ministry, and doctrinal views. The Council expressed itself satisfied and recommended Mr. Naylor's ordination.

The ordination sermon was preached by Dr. Howard C. Fulton. Rev. E. C. Shute prayed the ordination prayer and the hand of fellowship was extended by Rev. Charles Foster, returned missionary of the South Africa General Mission. The charge to the candidate was given by Rev. G. R. Graham.

## You'll Be Interested

During an evangelistic campaign, by Rev. O. W. Stucky, Evangelist from Detroit, Mich., at the First Baptist Church, Silvis, Illinois, of which Rev. John Rader is pastor, the audience reported a total of 10,471 Bible chapters read. The chapters read increased from 358 to 1846 in one day, during the two weeks period. Bibles present increased from 70 to 119 at the evening service. A total of 121 signed a Bible Covenant, promising to read the Bible through in one year. Thirty-two professed Christ. Four joined the church by letter. The members were unanimous in expressing their appreciation of Brother Stucky's services and anticipate a return visit.



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## DO YOU KNOW?

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DID YOU KNOW THAT A NEW ASSOCIATION OF REGULAR BAPTISTS HAS BEEN FORMED IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS? DID YOU KNOW THAT A GREAT GATHERING OF MISSIONARY-MINDED BAPTIST CHURCHES ENTIRELY INDEPENDENT OF DENOMINATION DOMINATION IS MEETING IN FLINT, MICHIGAN, NOV. 2ND, 3RD, AND 4TH? DID YOU KNOW THAT PRESIDENT ROBERT T. KETCHAM, D. D., IS MAKING A SIX MONTHS' TOUR OF THE COUNTRY IN THE INTERESTS OF THE G.A.R.B.? AND THAT HIS MEETINGS WILL BE REPORTED THROUGH THE PAGES OF *THE BULLETIN*?

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# CAN THE DEAD COMMUNICATE WITH THE LIVING?

I am a father. I have lost an only son who was an only child. My mourning for him has been what Scripture describes it to be, as "when one mourneth for an only son," putting that sorrow forward as of the most intense, the one supreme degree of sorrow.

My heart is buried in his grave. The stars have paled from the night, the sun has ceased to shine as of yore. His going has drawn a horizon over every personal plan, and though I should live a hundred years on earth it would open no vista of glories to me; and were it not that I have the sure, infallible Word of God, the light that never fails, the clear crystal message that tells me where he is, his "far better" state, the imminence of the Lord's return with him and the guarantee from God Himself that sooner or later I shall see him and we shall study the wonder of God's universe together, I would not have energy to live through the fading hours of shortest time, and would without effort to retain them let the best gifts the world could offer me fall indifferently from my hand.

And because of this intensity surely no man on earth would be more predisposed than I to thrust myself outward and break, if it could be, the partition thick or thin between this world and the next and hear my son speak to me again in the voice that would be to me better than the world's best music.

And yet with all this feeling of sympathy with the father of "Raymond"\* I am under bonds as one put in trust with the truth of God to say that this book is the most pitiful, pathetic folly ever given to the world.

*\*(Referring to the spiritualist, Sir Oliver Lodge, and his book "Raymond," written about his son killed in the war.)*