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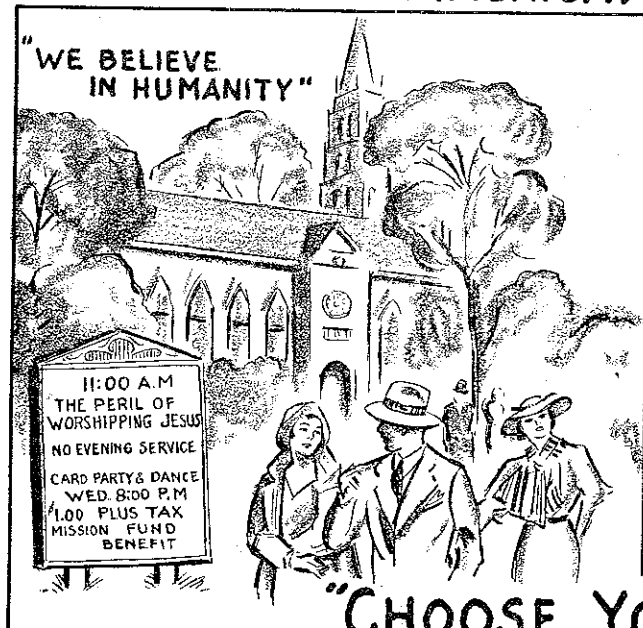
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## THE NEED OF THE HOUR! TO RECLAIM MODERNIST BAPTIST CHURCHES FOR THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

"To Open Their Eyes, And To Turn Them From Darkness To Light . . . . ." It CAN Be Done. It IS BEING Done. It MUST Be Done. HOW? By Prayer And Sanctified Common Sense

### THE TRAGEDY OF AMERICA!

### THE HOPE OF AMERICA!



"CHOOSE YOU THIS DAY--"

In the past twelve months we have been actually startled at times to see how the Lord has worked in filling pastorates with men who will not only "hold the lines" but press the battle through the power of the Spirit. We could name off hand half a dozen outstanding churches in the East and the middle West where God has marvelously worked.

Let this be known and writ in letters large—THE KEY THAT OPENS THE DOOR OF AWAKENING AMONG BAPTISTS IS THE PULPIT. At this very moment, with no exaggeration, hundreds of modernist

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### "BLOODLESS-BUT RED"

**Dr. Riley, 40 Years In The Baptist Denomination, Reveals The Facts Of Baptists "Red" Report**

It was our privilege to be present at a great gathering of Bible-believing Baptists in Detroit this summer, held in the huge tent on Oakman Boulevard, where the saving Gospel of the Blood and Cross of Christ has been faithfully proclaimed during the summer months under the auspices of the great Temple Baptist Church

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### IOWA PASTOR BRAVELY BATTLES NBC MACHINE

**Read And Pray-Don't Weep. Rejoice That Another Of God's Servants Is Standing True "Fighting The Good Fight Of Faith"**

Rev. Albert Rust seven years faithful pastor of the 1st Baptist Church of Corwith, Iowa, is now faced with a fight against "the powers of darkness."

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## WHO GETS N. B. C. MISSION DOLLAR?

### Facts That We Cannot Afford To Ignore

By Rev. John B. West

In the N.B.C. there is a Unified Missionary Budget, and the missionary dollar is apportioned to various agencies on a percentage basis. Of course, churches have been permitted to designate money to some particular work, but that practice has not been encouraged in the writer's experience. At present designated funds may be solicited only from individuals, not from churches.

#### Who Gets the Convention Mission Dollar?

Here are some figures (the Watchman-Examiner, July 4, 1935) on the division of the missionary dollar for this year (1935-1936). Foreign Boards, 31.15 percent; Home Boards, including the City Mission Societies, 24.97 %; State Conventions, 22.95 percent; State Convention Promotion, \$150,000 (this is not a percentage); Council of Finance and Promotion, \$225,000 (again not a percentage); Board of Education, 9.82 percent; Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board, 8.44 percent. Various small objectives take up the rest of the budget. On the basis of these published figures, only 56.12 percent is to go to mission boards, but the appeal for the budget has always been made on the ground of missionary needs.

Here in Michigan last year to May 4, 1935 the Convention spent \$29,528.74, according to the treasurer's report. The Mission Payroll was \$2,509.66. Less than ten percent of the state budget to the outlying fields, where people need the Gospel! No wonder that some Baptists are beginning to wonder what is happening to their missionary dollar.

#### The Inclusive Policy and Missionary Dollars

But we believe that the "inclusive policy" has done the greatest damage to Convention giving. With that policy in force, the foreign field is sure to become honeycombed with unsound missionaries, and Baptists at home cannot prevent it. Charges of unsoundness have already been made, and the sweeping—but unconvincing—denials so far made, have done nothing

to restore the confidence of Baptists in the 'inclusive' foreign board.

The same policy is evident in the Home Board, as is seen in the Communist use of the Board's settlement house in Hammond, Indiana, the story of which was published in the August-September number of the Baptist Bulletin. Baptist mission dollars ought to go to the preaching of Christ and Him crucified, not to the harboring of Reds who would do away with all such preaching if allowed to gain control!

#### Has it Come to This?

There came to us recently a folder bearing the imprint of the Civics Department of the Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society and the Woman's American Baptist Foreign Mission Society. In that folder, Baptist women are urged to enter politics, and a course of study is outlined which, if carried out, would take every bit of the spare time of any normally busy woman. We thought that the purpose of the use of missionary money and time was to stir interest in the preaching of the Gospel. Not so here, and while the women spend the time and money God puts in their hands in such foolishness as the folder outlines, home and foreign fields are crying for time and money and prayers.

"— and the end is not yet"

The Northern Convention budget includes an item of \$10,000 for the Federal Council of Churches. Ten thousand missionary dollars to be diverted to that organization which is neither Baptist nor missionary! And several thousand dollars more to the Social Action Committee, whose report, in Dr. Riley's words, is "Bloodless, but Red." Can the Board of Education assure us that all the \$331,000 they get in the budget will go to schools which are positively free of any taint of Modernism and Communism on the faculties?

We confess that we grow indignant as we look at the misuse of the missionary dollars of Baptists, who give those dollars with the idea that they will be used for the spread of the Gospel. It is time that some of these things are more generally known, and it is high time that Baptists make sure that their missionary dollars go to the preaching of the Gospel of a crucified Saviour, who is risen and will soon come again.

## THE HOLY SPIRIT IN US UNGRIEVED

**"And Grieve Not The Holy Spirit Of God, Whereby Ye Are Sealed Unto The Day Of Redemption"**

Eph. 4:30

By Rev. Earle G. Griffith

The mightiest forces are invisible. Steam, electricity, helium and other natural agencies evince this. Christians trail the demonstrably real but the "unseen" "Whom having not seen we love" "We look not at the things which are seen." There is no more dependable proof of the downgrade course of the churches than their trust of the tangible. We should account for the fact that in the morning of this age, without property, prestige, government sanction, wealth or highly perfected human organization, the churches were a resistless force. In contradistinction, with all these accompaniments, very desirable if rightly estimated, churches, with scattered exceptions, face their day in fear, and failure. Those who first blazed the Gospel trail had a heart for hidden power. They were Holy Ghost governed.

Our subject is cubical. We deal with but one side. No Bible truth has gone undistorted. The very Person of the Holy Ghost has been attacked and denied. Not a few would destroy the Athanasian Creed statement about the Spirit, "The Holy Ghost is of the Father and of the Son, neither made, nor created, nor begotten, but proceeding." This article pre-supposes the oneness of the Spirit, and His co-equality with the other two who form the blessed Trinity. This is more than implied in Christ's evaluation of the importance of His coming, "it is expedient that I go away." Certainly not if a lesser was to come.

This is the Holy Spirit age. Not the age of self-reliance, or social-reliance but Spirit-reliance. To all Christians this is not an experimental fact, hence He lives in us in grief. A believer is God's joy or sorrow. There was one whose name has become immortal who "before his translation has this testimony that he pleased God." How many have enacted an opposite roll, and if it be possible, have scalded the face of God.

with tears?" Turning to our commandment, "Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God," what losses do we sustain by grieving Him?

**Gone is the Sweet Sense of Salvation's Actuality When He is Grieved.**

"The Spirit Himself beareth witness with our spirit that we are the children of God."

It is an aged error to make that apply only to the moment of elation "When first we knew the Lord." Such narrowed use is without justification. Does love voice itself once, and then become wrapped in a mantle of eternal silence? They are a strange bridal pair who throttle mutual heart commerce after a lifelong contract has been effected. The Holy Spirit will keep lustrous the assurance that He has "chosen us out of the world." He will renew daily in the life that is submissive the sweetness of the divine pledges.

**Gone is the Possibility of Perfect Self Restraint When He is Grieved.**

"Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh." Gal. 5:16.

The Spirit has been placed with us not merely to inhabit but to prohibit. Thus shall the righteousness of the law be fulfilled in us who "walk not after the flesh but after the Spirit." There is hardly an evil practice entered into by men of the world not now taken up by professing Christians with equal zest. Such a surrender even in a measure is unthinkable where the Spirit resides unregnd in the life. He snaps all earthly chains. He makes a sin-loving world beautiful. "Where the Spirit of the Lord is there is liberty." Not only liberty from law as a means of salvation, but liberty from lust as a means of pleasure.

**Gone is the Power of Conquest when He is Grieved.**

As Samson entered the vineyards of Timnath, enroute to secure a bride, "a young lion roared against him." The expected sequel to that statement would be, one more dead Hebrew for whom funeral conventionalities were unnecessary. Instead it reads, "And the Spirit of the Lord came mightily upon him and he rent him as he would have rent a kid." A lion in the hands of a Spirit swayed man becomes a baby-goat in its helplessness. Have young lions ceased to

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## THE NEED OF THE HOUR! TO RECLAIM MODERN BAPTIST CHURCHES FOR CHRIST

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Baptist churches are dying on their feet, if they are not already dead. The message of modernism in these days of terrific stress and strain is so much sawdust. It always has been, but in prosperity when people's problems were light and cares were few, the "sawdust" was apparently relished. But now it is "gall and worm-wood."

### "Modernism—When It Is Finished"

Not so long ago the choir director in the church where the writer was pastor, was in New York City, and happened to be in a company where one of the so-called leading ministers of the city with one of the largest churches, was present. The minister, with a great deal of pride and eclat, was telling about his Sunday evening services, how the crowds had to be turned away, "Why," he said, "we've had Al Jolson, and George Jessel, and Eddie Cantor, with us at Sunday night services, and how the crowds do come." A Southerner was in the group listening to this "tid-bit." When the cleric had finished he drawled, "Waal Doctor, I'm not much of a hand to attend church, but I reckon it seems to me as if you are running a first class night club." We wonder if you have any "night club churches" in your home town. We don't doubt it.

And the reason? This—and other things equally nauseating — are the logical fruits of modernism. No message — no Christ — no Bible — and they must hold the people! And how low they will stoop!

### How Do You Go About It?

There will be from time to time in your community Baptist churches going vacant. The outgoing minister may have been a modernist or a middle-of-the-roader, or a "machine" man who would be "willing to die for dear old NBC." If you belong to a church where the minister is standing true to Christ and His Word, suggest that he with others in the church begin praying definitely for that vacant pulpit, that God may overrule and send a man who will preach "the Book—the Blood — and the Blessed Hope."

As you pray, work and use sanc-

tified common sense. If you know any of the members of the church whose pulpit is vacant, talk with them if they will listen. Show them they face an issue. Do they want a man who believes and preaches God's Word? Are they going to be dominated by an ecclesiastical "machine" which is corrupt with modernism and communism, or are they going to stand as a group of Baptists responsible to no one save God, and ready and willing to bear a testimony to the saving Power of Calvary's Cross and the Atoning Blood?

### The Information Needed

If you feel led, as you pray, send in the name of the vacant church to the Editor of the Bulletin who has been asked to serve in capacity of chairman of the Pastoral Exchange Committee. We have on file the names and qualifications of a number of God's servants in the Baptist ministry. We are willing to render whatever service we can to any church who may call upon us, without charge and without obligation of any kind.

The information we would like on vacant Baptist churches is: how long

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## THE RESPONSE HAS BEEN THRILLING

Honestly, we have never been so encouraged. Bible-believing Baptists are really waking up. We would have been happy to receive half of the response which has been shown, especially during the summer months when church activities are curtailed. Well over 1,000 subscription to date and they're still coming in!

But this just goes to prove how much more work needs to be done. **AND YOU CAN DO IT!** If no one else will, make yourself a committee of one to secure a list of 25 SUBSCRIBERS. Send in their names and addresses with the special subscription price 25c a year for 10 ISSUES OF FRONT-LINE BAPTIST NEWS.

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## EDITORIALS

### HOW MUCH DOES "HARMONY" COST?

It is exacting a fearful toll among denominations today. "Harmony"—at the expense of principle and conviction. The victim of a deadly disease sometimes takes "dope" to deaden the pain. For awhile it works and the sufferer begins to think all is well. But two things happen; the disease spreads, and the drug habit fastens itself upon another poor dupe.

Within the past few weeks there have come to the editor's attention two official organs of two different denominations. In both it is all but ludicrous the steady and studied attempt which is made to tell their readers that there is peace and harmony and clear skies ahead for their great church.

Listen to this from Missions (Baptist) for September, "It may have been the high altitude of Colorado Springs. Perhaps it was the oxygenic quality of its air or the exhilarating stimulus of its climate. Possibly the daily view of its majestic mountain peaks was responsible. Or it may be that the Spirit of God used all of these

as avenues to the souls of Baptists. In any event, whatever the reason, the Northern Baptist convention was the last word in harmony."

There is perfect harmony and unity in Germany today—according to "official" statements. The same is true in Russia, in Italy. The leaders can ill afford to let the truth be known. Their power and prestige are at stake. But the public will not be fooled by propaganda no matter how cleverly presented.

A life-and-death struggle is going on within the church today, and the Baptist denomination is no exception. Smoke screen and dust cloud may temporarily blind those for whom it is intended but "the truth will out" sooner or later.

The facts cannot be denied, Baptists are waking up to the peril of "machine" domination and the infiltration of "red" atheism and "black" modernism. The "disease" is spreading and the "drug habit" of compromise has fastened itself upon its victim. "There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death."

Take your stand, Bible-believing Baptists wherever and whoever you

are. God will honor the one who honors Him and His Word, whatever the cost may be. It costs something to "pay the price" for Christ—but it's worth it!

## A TRAGEDY WITHIN A TRAGEDY

A Baptist minister was asked to conduct the private funeral service of Will Rogers, the famous American humorist.

The minister, Rev. J. Whitcomb Brougher, Sr., is considered to be a fundamentalist. He knows the Gospel, that Christ alone can save the souls of men; and yet at the funeral service of this celebrity, where many present knew not the saving power of the Blood and Cross of Christ, no word was mentioned of the Saviour of men or even the Name God.

According to the New York Times account, the message in part of Dr. Brougher was as follows:

"The word 'sincere' means without 'putty' or 'paint'. Men use putty and veneer to stop up the cracks and give the appearance of hard wood to that which is not genuine. But Will Rogers never made any pretense.

"Like a rubber ball bounding on a clean wall, he threw out his thoughts and they rebounded to you without taint or soil upon your heart and soul."

And thus, a Baptist minister, pledged to preach the Gospel of Christ on any and all occasions, sullies and soils his testimony before God and man.

Perhaps Dr. Brougher had been requested not to mention the name of Christ or God. If so, it makes matters still worse. Is a funeral service, especially with many unsaved present, a time to talk of "bounding rubber balls" or "paint and putty"?

The last time we listened to Dr. Brougher in Tremont Temple we left with a sad heart. We almost felt like saying without bitterness or sarcasm, "Dr. Brougher, how much better it would be if there was less clown and more Christ."

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vacant? A brief history of the former pastor, the general feeling in the church toward modernist or fundamentalist preaching, and whatever other information you may deem wise to send

### A Further Word about the I.E.A.

We also refer you to one who has had nearly nine years experience in placing fundamentalist Baptist ministers in pulpits. We say without hesitation that the work of the Interstate Evangelistic Association is the greatest home missionary project in America at the present time. The Rev. Harold Strathearn, D. D., General Secretary of the IEA, has been used of God in a marvelous way. Even his enemies will testify to this. In the past nine years he has been enabled by the Grace of God to place over five hundred fundamental Baptist pastors in churches, many of which were dying because of the inroads of "modernism" and "machine" methods. And the work of the IEA is growing and spreading like wild-fire.

Pray for Brother Strathearn. And not only pray, but show that you are back of him by sending in contributions to the work of the IEA. It is supported entirely by voluntary contributions. If for no other reason, the Interstate has justified its existence by that timely publication "Communism in Baptist Circles. Baptists, Wake Up!" If you haven't a copy get one. Only facts are stated, but what devastating facts they are! The address is Temple Building, Franklin St., Rochester, N. Y., located in the center of Baptist modernism and communism.

We personally hope it will be made financially possible very soon to publish the history of the IEA and how it started, over the coffin of a former Baptist state secretary!

### "Why Do We Sit Still?"

We ask in all frankness, why should we not press the battle and seek in every legitimate way possible to recapture and reclaim these Baptist churches which once were standing for the Lord Jesus Christ? It certainly is a missionary work right

here in the homeland. Missionaries on the foreign fields do not lie down and quit because the devil seeks to throw them out or use demon-possession or other methods to frustrate their efforts. No, far from it, they press on to victory and the winning of souls for Eternity.

Why should we resign ourselves and placidly fold our hands while hell is holding high carnival in many of the churches? Granted, the apostasy is upon us, and the darkness is increasing; granted, we are living in the "last days;" granted, the "love of many shall wax cold" and "iniquity shall abound."

Do you advance these and other facts as reasons for our doing nothing but waiting in "patient idleness" for the Lord to come? To our way of thinking such an attitude is the height of folly. And the Scriptures nowhere give us warrant for adopt-



**HAROLD STRATHEARN, D. D.**  
A mighty force among Baptists for  
such a time as this.

ing it. Cannot we truly say with our Lord, "I must work the works of Him Who sent me, while it is day; the night cometh when no man can work." Have we not been sent forth into all the world as witnesses to the Gospel? Is not the night coming? Then let us work for Him as we have never worked before!

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## INDEPENDENT ORDINATIONS OF BAPTIST MINISTERS

Rev. Harry M. Fargo, Prattsburg, New York.

On Friday, Feb. 22nd, a council called by the Prattsburg Baptist Church, consisting of fourteen pastors and thirty-six messengers from eighteen churches, was called to examine Harry M. Fargo (a member of the Prattsburg Church and at present acting as supply pastor of the Trumbles Corners Christian Church) as to his fitness for the Gospel ministry. The council voted its satisfaction, and proceeded with the ordination service in the evening. Rev. D. T. Yaxley of Trumansburg, N. Y. preached the ordination sermon, while the charge to the candidate was given by his father, Rev. R. A. Fargo.

Rev. Lee Orhum, Galetton, Penn.

At the call of the Galetton Baptist Church, a council convened in connection with the Monthly Bible Conference of the Association of Regular Baptist Churches of Tioga-Steuben and Yates, consisting of nine pastors and twenty-four messengers from eleven churches in the Galetton Baptist Church, Friday, March 22nd. The council declare its satisfaction with the candidate's doctrinal statements, and a vote was taken to request the Galetton Church to proceed with the ordination. Ordination sermon was preached by Rev. J. Irving Reese of Ithaca, N. Y.

Rev. Harvey Boda and Rev. Wade Pinckney, Ithaca, N. Y.

Answering the call of the Tabernacle Baptist Church of Ithaca, N. Y. ten pastors and twenty-three messengers representing twelve churches met on May 7th, in the above named church to examine for ordination to the Gospel ministry Harvey Boda and Rev. Wade Pinckney. Rev. Mr. Pinckney has for a number of years been an ordained minister in the Congregational Denomination. After due consideration the council recommended the Church to proceed with the ordination which was held the same evening. Harvey Boda and his wife expect to leave for Africa as missionaries under the Gospel Mission Society.

Rev. Gilbert Maine and Rev. Lyle C. Anderson, Randolph, N. Y.

The Randolph Baptist Church called together on June 19th an ordination council to consider the setting aside for the Gospel ministry Mr. Gilbert Maine and Mr. Lyle C. Anderson of Randolph, N. Y. Mr. Maine is at the present time the pastor of the Randolph Church and Mr. Anderson expects to sail shortly for Ethiopia, Africa as a missionary. Rev. Ralph Standley brought the ordination sermon.

(We regret lack of space forbids printing other ordinations. More will be published later.)

**"BLOODLESS--BUT RED"**

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of which Dr. J. Frank Norris is pastor.

We heard Dr. Riley of Minneapolis speak for over an hour on the Report of the Baptist Committee of Nine on Social Action. Here is a man who is not prone to exaggeration or falsifying. His past record of fifty years ministry speaks for itself.

His subject was "Bloodless — But Red." We cannot print all of the message. We wish it were possible. But the following extracts taken here and there from the address will reveal the open apostasy and fearful declension of a denomination which was once unalterably opposed to everything it now advocates. Copies of the complete address may be secured at 10c each from L. W. Camp, 1020 Harmon Place, Minneapolis, Minn. Ten thousand have already been distributed.

Here are some of the facts as presented by Dr. Riley. Facts, please bear in mind, not hearsay or second-hand information.

"The relationship between the Indianapolis and the Colorado Springs convention was direct and logical. The convention, having once refused to adopt a Biblical creed, was logically certain to drift to 'another gospel,' which, as Paul declares, 'is not another'; but 'a perversion' rather of 'the Gospel of Christ.' \* \* \*

It was the substitution of this so-called "Social Gospel" for "The Gospel of Christ" that led B. S. Ding, the brilliant Chinese student of Louisville Theological Seminary, to complain that certain of our missionaries, sent to his land, had sought to displace Christianity with mere education and political democracy. Ding said: "They never teach the deep doctrinal teachings such as the atonement by His Blood. They reduce our Lord Christ to a mere man, and it would be better for China if these missionaries were re-called."

Who questions that Modernism in China has aided "that Communism that has kidnapped and murdered" 375 missionaries in recent years?

The authors of this document would doubtless concede that the thing wrong with the world is SIN, and that the discovery of its antidote is the sorest need, both of the individual and of the state! And yet, strange to say, the antidote prescribed by

Christ Himself is never so much as mentioned "The blood" of Jesus as an atonement for sin, found no place in this communication.

Paul's declaration, "without shedding of blood there is no remission" (Hebrews 9:22), and John's statement, "the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin" (I John 1:7) were alike ignored.

While paying repeated compliments to New Testament teaching, its most central truth is silenced. Being void of the cleansing blood it has lost the sole dynamic of salvation, and were it ever adopted by the denomination, it would mean "reckoning the blood of the covenant wherewith we are sanctified an unholy thing." \* \* \*

This report is "unbecoming" to the Northern Baptist Convention.

Its proper place would have been in the Annual Assembly of the Unitarians. That body of people has always laid emphasis upon the exact points therein contained, and notwithstanding all that they have said on the subject, a spiritual social and economic sterility has characterized their experience. \* \* \*

I sometimes think that the whole Unitarian teaching is much as a famed minister said, "Like the tail of Haley's Comet, which it is declared, contains not in ten million cubic miles a thimbleful of real substance."

My repeated readings of this report have impressed me with the fact that it is not a product of research, nor indeed does it reveal a careful assemblage. Passage after passage in it is in contradiction to other statements contained. \* \* \*

**The Report was Bloodless; But Red!**

Its bloodlessness we have already shown. Its scarlet color we now bring to exhibition.

It voices an unpatriotic pacifism. It encourages our youth to refuse service to its country in case of war. It condemns our Supreme Court for not giving citizenship to Douglas McIntosh, an alien whose preferred place in a great American university was not sufficient, but whose path to that station should have been (in the judgment of this committee) cleared by kicking the Constitution of the United States into the Atlantic Ocean. \* \* \*

As if it were not enough to so condemn the Constitution and degrade

the flag, members of this committee seek to corral Christ as a confederate, and quote from His lips, "Put up again thy sword into his place: for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword" (Matt. 26:52), strangely ignoring the essential fact that Peter had on a previous occasion, tried to keep Christ from the Cross, and been denounced as SATAN for so doing; and now, this mild rebuke for a second endeavor was never dreamed of as a pacifist doctrine, until Christ's speech was so strained and contorted.

The same advocates of pacifism forget the word of the Lord Jesus, "When a strong man, armed, keepeth his palace, his goods are in peace" (Luke 11:21).

They strangely forget the word to His disciples on their second mission tour:

"He that hath no sword, let him sell his garment, and buy one" (Luke 22:36).

They strangely forget His declaration, "Think not that I am come to send peace on earth. I came not to send peace, but a sword." \* \* \*

Finally, this document stands for Communist sedition.

Here I speak advisedly according to the book. I will give you the page and the language. You will find it on page five in the committee's report, and it reads:

"We further recommend the denomination actively champion 'the civil liberties' of all groups and individuals." Note the suggestion of fellowship with "the Civil Liberties" Union, one of the most dangerous and godless of all organizations known to our land, but surreptitiously suggested by the very language employed. \* \* \*

For my beloved denomination to even permit such recommendations without an exclamation of righteous indignation and with so few voices of resentment, is the amazement of all amazements! A few more such sops to the anarchistic crowd and Christianity in America, like Christianity in Russia, if it live at all, will be found only in the dark cellars where two or three dare to assemble for prayer. \* \* \*

When first I read this document I said, "If three sections could be stricken out of it, it might pass."

When next I read it, I said, "If

twenty-one paragraphs could be taken out it might not work evil."

But when I read it a third time, I said, "It is not the content of these 15,000 words that should excite the wrath and indignation of every Christian on earth, it is, rather, its color!"

It is RED, but the red in this committee's report is the crimson of Communism, without one touch of the blood of Christ \* \* \*

The preaching of the blood atonement has not only characterized the Baptist denomination from its beginning, but has accounted for its existence. When it suffers that doctrine to be denied the denomination is doomed!

The world, without that doctrine, is helpless and hopeless!

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Read the following—all of it—and see for yourself the facts. We venture to say, this is but the beginning. The issues are sharper than ever. Every Bible-believing Baptist needs "THE WHOLE ARMOUR OF GOD" these days.

We felt led to send our personal check for a small amount to Brother Rust to help the cause along. We know of no better one. If you feel led to do the same after reading the facts, do it! Don't hesitate. God will bless you for it!

### Divided on Convention Issues

The First Baptist Church of Corwith was organized about 40 years ago. We understand that the Convention is only about 28 years old. Through Gift Loan Mortgages approximately 40 and 30 years old, received by assignment and, by getting title for one dollar consideration at a time when the church was weak the Iowa State Convention is in possession of the church building. Within the last few years the church through its trustees has offered to buy the building for cash at whatever it may be worth. To such offers the church has received the following reply, "before we would make any such move we would want certain conditions written in the Deed of Conveyance that the church support the Convention. (Get that! Ed.) This reply proved that the church could not buy

the property, without as required, legally and permanently binding itself. This, the trustees concluded we could not do, and adopted the policy of waiting, hoping for some peaceful solution of the matter.

### The Facts as They Now Obtain

About the first of June, 1935 several of the church met with State Convention officials and decided that since the church had not been and was not sending money through Convention channels but to Independent Baptist Missions that something must be done. Fearing the consequences we besought these men of the church to go slow, wait and pray. Our counsel went unheeded and the State Secretary of the Convention was asked to meet with the church July 2nd. This meeting resulted in what we feared, a widening of the breach in the church on the Convention question. On July 2nd, the church at a called business meeting voted on the question, when 51 voted not to support the Convention, and 30 voted to support it. Those who were against the Convention had been and were plainly told that they must support or vacate the property. There was nothing else left for them to do but vacate. This they did claiming right to name and rights of First Baptist Church by virtue of majority rule.

### "Ye Shall be Brought Before Magistrates . . ."

This right was immediately challenged. Their right to the equipment was challenged. Their right to the parsonage, the title of which is in the name of First Baptist Church, is challenged. On the 9th day of August, officers consisting of a board of five men elected by the minority group since the separation, as a body served written notice on the pastor to vacate the parsonage in five days. During these five days, they, through their attorney, prepared notice of trial in District Court, 23rd of September, which was presented to the pastor by the sheriff the same day we were to vacate the parsonage. Now we are brought before magistrates and in courts concerning our Baptist rights, liberties and government that should not even be questioned. (and Brother Rust there are "1000" who haven't "bowed the knee" that are solidly behind you. Ed.)

### Acted as a True Christian

This is our seventh year as pastor

here. The work had come to be known as a strong and spiritual work in this section of the state. In the words of one of the deacons, "we have gotten along remarkably well, free from trouble until this issue was forced on us." As pastor, we have not taken the aggressive in this matter. We have never spoken of it from the pulpit, and very seldom to individuals. We proposed that the church be sold to the people and then let every individual give when, where, and how they pleased to missions, thus not coercing anybody's money or convictions. This proposition, the only one on which the whole group could have continued together, was rejected. Personally, we dread any church difficulty and contention. We are not given to fighting and have done all we could to have a fair and peaceful understanding in this matter. However, we cannot support the Convention system and must at all costs stand for Bible and Baptist principles, liberty and convictions.

We are guilty of only one thing. We have not sent money through Convention channels. **THE PRINCIPLES INVOLVED IN THIS TRIAL ARE PLAINLY THEN WHETHER BAPTISTS HAVE THE RIGHT OF SELF-GOVERNMENT BY MAJORITY VOTE, AND WHETHER WE CAN BE BAPTISTS WITHOUT SUPPORTING THE CONVENTION.** These matters should be of interest and deep concern to every true Baptist. We are now told that we are not Baptists. We would appeal to every true Fundamental Baptist. This group of praying believers have chosen to stand, some at great cost. Now they are being persecuted and brought into courts because of their stand and conviction. May true Baptists be aroused everywhere. May we rise up and stand to regain and preserve our historical and Bible privileges. We need your prayers and help.

### God Bless You—And He Will!

The majority group have secured an abandoned furniture store downtown. Regular services are kept up. Attendance has been far beyond all expectations, exceeding that of many large churches in large centers. The spirit has been wonderful. Sunday evening services have been as well if not better attended than when with the Convention group, and prayer meetings have been better and larger.

Attendance at Sunday School and morning services have averaged only about twenty less than before. Practically the majority of all church officers, teachers, young people, boys and girls and families not members of the church are with us. Pray for us.

(Signed) ALBERT RUST,  
Iowa Pastor.

## THE HOLY SPIRIT IN US UN-GRIEVED

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roar against Bride-seekers? Is not the lion of religious machinations on our path? Is not the lion of senseless fads on our path? Is not the roaring lion of rationalism on our path? "Who is sufficient for these things?" He upon whom the Spirit rests "mightily."

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"And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power."  
1 Cor. 2:4

We want to be the last to belittle secondary agencies. God may use many avenues of approach to stubborn hearts. In the end the contract is closed by a Gospel pronouncement flowing from a Spirit-christened heart and Spirit graced lips. The most carefully taught men were warned to make no move toward world evangelization until they were "endued with power from on high."

"It is not a grand church organ,  
It is not a new church bell,  
It is not a seat of cushions  
or a marble font will tell.  
It is none of these, my Brother,  
That we are in need of most,  
But the old saint Paul religion  
And the power of the Holy Ghost."

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"But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are CHANGED INTO THE SAME IMAGE from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord."  
2 Cor. 3:18.

God's goal for His family is all His children looking like His first begotten Son "Conformed to His image."

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