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CONSTRUCTIVE WORK OF REGULAR BAPTISTS

Modesty might forbid the blowing of our horn, but since we are reminded to "throw away our hammer and get a horn" we are happy to say that as part of our equipment we keep both a hammer and a horn. Because we believe that a hammer is a very necessary part of the equipment of every true child of God, since our glorious Lord commands us to "cry out against the sins of the people and hold not your peace" therefore we use the hammer at His command and will now proceed to use the horn.

But who are these people called Regular Baptists, where did they come from, and what do they intend to do? Again modesty might suggest caution, since there are a lot of Irregulars who think that they are Regular Baptists.

Regular Baptists of America boast a noble ancestry dating back to the days of Roger Williams and the First Baptist Church of Providence. We regard as did our Fathers the Holy Scriptures of both the Old and the New Testament as authoritative in all matters of faith and practice and have set forth to all the world in concise form confessions of our faith to which we boldly adhere unto this day, these Confessions of Faith are known as "The Philadelphia Confession of Faith" adopted by the Baptist Association of Philadelphia September 25th, 1742. And "The New Hampshire Confession of Faith" adopted by the New Hampshire Convention June 24, 1830. Or any other such confession of Baptist faith which enunciates the same truth though in other words.

Now it is to be greatly regretted that during the last quarter of a century great numbers of Regular Baptists have become Irregular through the adoption by their Associations of what they call "The Inclusive Policy." This policy admits to fellowship people who are not only anti-Baptist but also infidels and agnostics who deny and utterly disregard every foundational truth of historic Baptist policy, and who deny every cardinal truth of Divine Revelation held dear by Regular Baptists, declaring that God's Holy Word "Is a natural and not a Supernatural book." Of the atonement of our blessed Savior the Northern Baptist Convention irregulars emphatically declare "That in an age which has abandoned the idea of a bloody sacrifice, an atonement by blood is both foolish and futile." We might go on with a list of their denials of truth, but we are bold to say that there is not one cardinal doctrine of the word of the living God but what these apostates of the North-

ern Baptist Convention have openly assailed, in fact one of their officials has assured us that "he is happy to be associated with men in Baptist fellowship who are opposed to everything that we hold dear," and after preaching in most of the States of the North, in Canada and on two visits to Europe we lay ourselves open to accusation, if ever we have been found short of loyalty to the truths held dear by Bible believing Baptists. So the conflict rages between God and Satan, over truth and error.

Loyal Baptists

For the glory of our Great God and the welfare of His blood bought church will you please see that it is made possible for your pastor to be present at the May Meetings at Gary, Indiana.

Every Baptist Church desiring to be true to God in these apostate days should send a couple of Messengers.

THIS IS A CRUCIAL HOUR

Some of our acquaintances in the apostate Northern Baptist Convention resent our classification of them with modernists. The fact is we do not classify them, they classify themselves when they co-operate, affiliate and associate, with an organization which resents the truth of God. But say some, we do not hold with these liberals, we are merely a part of the organization, but do not believe. Surely they must know from Scripture and experience that identification and co-operation bring all the members of the party under similar condemnation. I cite for you the Word of God, II John v. 10-11, "If there come any unto you and bring not this doctrine receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed. For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds." We further illustrate—the case of the State of Indiana in the robbery of the State Bank of Culver, Ind., when two Culver citizens were shot and killed and several thousand dollars were taken from the bank. We sat in on the court trial and listened with glee to the arguments presented by our old friend Lee Stuckey for conviction of the prisoners at penal servitude for life with hard labor, the

lawyer for the defense was Clarence Darrow, the only time in his life he was defeated in a criminal court trial in the State of Indiana. The case was appealed by Darrow if our memory serves us right on the ground that the driver of the millionaire bandit car was innocent of the motive of his companions but the Supreme Court of Indiana sustained the ruling in sending the criminals with the driver to the penitentiary for life at hard labor. The Supreme Court expressed the regret that the County Court did not demand that each of the prisoners be horsewhipped. Surely those who call themselves true and loyal Baptists but who find themselves in affiliation and co-operation with the apostate Northern Baptist Convention when God Almighty says, "Come out from among them and be ye separate," will in like manner some day listen to their condemnation.

Now the question is, What are these Regular Baptists doing? Are they accomplishing a constructive work? Well, if preaching the truth as revealed in the Word of God and refusing to fellowship modernists is destructive we confess we are guilty. Of course it would be impossible for us to enumerate all that they are doing, beside acting as pastors in several hundred Baptist churches from Maine to California, there is an extensive missionary program carried on by two Hebrew Christian Centers at Buffalo and Chicago, and by three Missionary Societies, the Mid-Baptist Mission with offices at Mishawaka, Indiana, a brief report of the societies' activity will be found in another place in these columns. The Sweet Baptist Mission of China, Mrs. W. S. Sweet, General Director, has some fourteen missionaries affiliated with this organization. Its four mission stations are as follows—the Central Church—the Residence and Girls School—the Evangelistic Center and Orphanage—the Doctor's Residence and Medical Center, together with four rural stations. For further information a post card addressed to this office will bring an eight page pamphlet written by Mrs. W. S. Sweet, descriptive of this work. The third missionary organization is known as "The Association of Baptists for Evangelism in the Orient" and began when Dr. Thomas and his associates withdrew from the apostate Northern Baptist Convention and founded this independent Baptist work. For further information concerning this association communicate with Miss Bessie Traber, Schaff Bldg., Philadelphia, Penn.

Regular Baptists have a small but growing General Association. Many of the states have perfected local associations, but not all Regular Baptist churches have become identified with the local association and that on account of the very painful experience of deception and intrigue with the old Convention. The annual meeting of the General Association of Regular Baptists will be held with The Central Church of Gary, Indiana, Dr. R. T. Ketcham, pastor. The date set is May 15-17. Messengers from the churches from California to Maine will be present D. V.

They publish a paper known as The Baptist Bulletin which is distributed free of charge to almost 2,000 people each month. The paper began and continues in a very modest way as an expression of the Association to maintain a testimony to the supernaturalism of Christianity as opposed to the anti-supernaturalism of modernism. We are happy to say that since its first issue free will offerings ranging from one dollar to one hundred dollars have been received by the treasurer to make publication possible.

The office maintains a "Service Bureau" to assist churches in securing suitable pastors as well as to offer recommendations for evangelists and Bible teachers.

Our great need at the present hour is a college and theological seminary centrally located for the purpose of training the youth of our churches in higher education and in the historic principles of Baptists. As the years roll by we are anticipating that Baptist churches desirous of being true to God and His Book will forsake the old Convention and its God dishonoring heresy, and desire fellowship in a Baptist association which is an honor to God and an inspiration to the churches, for as Dr. Leander Keyser says—"Fundamentalists and Modernists cannot dwell together long in the same camp for if they do their convictions are not as earnest and intense as they should be."

We cordially invite true Baptist churches to fellowship with us and promote Baptist missionary interests not affiliated with the apostate Convention. Possibly the reader is in a small town where there is only one Baptist church which is affiliated with the apostasy but you would like to have your missionary money go where you know it is not being used to propagate error. We advise that you send it to either of these missionary offices; if to Mrs. Sweet, forward direct to her by bank draft or post office money order, Hangehow, Chekiang, China. And please do not forget that we need your help in the publication of The Baptist Bulletin—and above all else we solicit your earnest prayers that by the grace of God we will be enabled to be a beacon light for Him in the midst of the present storm.

"ON DEFEATING HERESY"

Someone is quoted as saying, "My principal method of defeating heresy is by establishing truth." That strikes us as a very good idea providing that the one who would establish the truth is not found compromising with the enemy in the promotion of an inclusive policy.

THIRD ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF REG- ULAR BAPTISTS IN THE U. S. A.

Central Baptist Church
Gary, Indiana

May 15-17, 1934

TUESDAY EVENING

- Rev. Howard A. Keithley, Buffalo, N. Y., presiding.
- 7:30 Service of Song, by Associational Song Leader, Mr. Ray Nelson, Chicago. Mrs. Nelson at the piano.
- 8:00 Dr. C. McKay Smock, Charleston, W. Va.
- 8:25 Music and Announcements.
- 8:35 Rev. Clyde Wood, Grand Rapids, Mich.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

- 9:30 Prayer Session.
- 10:00 Service of Song. Mr. Ray Nelson.
- 10:15 Rev. H. C. Fulton, D. D., Chicago, Ill.
- 11:00 Business. Appointment of Committees. Report Sec'y Treas. Rev. John Muntz, Forestville, N. Y.
- 11:20 Rev. H. O. Van Gilder, Portsmouth, O.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

Missionary Conference

- 2:00 Service of Song. Mr. Ray Nelson.
- 2:15 Cooperative Baptist Missions. Rev. M. E. Hawkins, Mishawaka, Ind.
- 2:50 Association of Baptists for Evangelism in the Orient. Mrs. Henry W. Peabody, Boston, Mass.
- 3:30 Jewish Baptist Missions. Rev. A. B. Machlin, Chicago, Ill.
- 4:00 Lithuanian Baptist Missions. Rev. A. J. Giles, Chicago, Ill.
- 4:30 Discussion and question period. "What Shall We Do About Missions." Discussion led by Dr. R. T. Ketcham, Gary, Indiana.

WEDNESDAY EVENING

- Rev. Ralph Stoll, Sandusky, Ohio, presiding.
- 7:30 Service of Song. Mr. Ray Nelson.
- 8:00 Rev. B. Antrobus, Crawfordsville, Ind.
- 8:40 Music and Announcements.
- 8:50 Rev. H. E. Ketcham, Boonville, Ind.

THURSDAY MORNING

- Dr. H. C. Fulton, Chicago, presiding.
- 9:30 Prayer Session.
- 10:00 Service of Song.
- 10:15 Rev. H. G. Hamilton, Buffalo, N. Y. "The Baptist Bulletin."
- 10:45 Business. Report of Committees.
- 11:45 Dr. G. Rector Dye, San Diego, Calif.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

- Rev. A. G. Annette, Grundy Center, Iowa, presiding.
- 2:00 Service of Song. Mr. Ray Nelson.

2:15 Rev. O. W. Van Osdel, D. D., L.L. D., Grand Rapids, Mich. Subject, Voices Proclaiming the Message of God to Men of Today.

- 3:00 Business. Discussion of Constitution. Election of Officers.
- 3:30 Rev. Clarence Keen, Williamsville, N. Y.

THURSDAY EVENING

- New President Presiding.
- 7:30 Service of Song. Mr. and Mrs. Ray Nelson.
- 8:00 Announcements.
- 8:15 Closing Address. Rev. James McGinlay, London, Ontario.

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?

A certain lady who drives the family car is blessed with unwavering self-confidence so long as nothing goes wrong. She is irritated by her man's suggestions when she has difficulty in starting the car on a cold morning or backing into a narrow parking space. But when the car balks many miles from anywhere or lands in a ditch or goes lame in one foot, she turns on him, sitting patiently at her side, and inquires resentfully, "Well, why don't you do something?"

Her behavior is not an unusual example, but is typical of this people and this era.

People of the "best families" demand their own way in the matter of liquor control. Nobody could tell them what to drink. They were free citizens and they would demonstrate their freedom by encouraging others to break the law.

But when their patronage had made criminals rich and fearless, so the honest men lived in dread of kidnapers and extortioners, they turned to the government and cried reproachfully: "Why don't you do something?"

People also demanded freedom for the movies and for magazines. Let the government keep its hands off. All censorship is dangerous. But when the land had gone mad frightened parents cried again: "Why doesn't somebody do something to save our children?"

Now it is a matter of production. We produce anything we choose, and as much as we choose, without any impudent government meddling. And when we have made a mess of things, we turn to the government and say: "Why don't you do something to make us all prosperous?"

Alas! It can't be done. We can have complete liberty and pay for our mistakes, as of old, or we can have a "managed" country and avoid wasted effort. But we can't have both.—R. McQuillan.

TID-BITS

A brother says that we need more stable thinking in our Bible study. If he means horse sense, we agree.

Many a modernist thinks he has an open mind when it's merely vacant.

The United States manufactured a hundred billion cigarettes last year, most of

which were smoked by young men who say they never had a chance to save any money.

The irate father slammed the door as he left the home for the day's business, the exasperated three year old looking up to mother said, "Ma, we made a big mistake when we married dad."

"Toleration" is the hue and cry of carnal Christians, unscrupulous politicians, bootleggers and gamblers, but God says, "Cry out against the sins of the people and hold not your peace."

REPORT OF MID BAPTIST MISSIONS

Rev. M. E. Hawkins, D. D., Director

"The regular biannual council meeting of the General Council of Co-operative Baptist Missions of North America, Inc., was held at Mishawaka, Indiana, February 16th, 17th, and 18th. Many delegates were present. Fifteen souls were saved, 50 dedicated their lives to the Lord and 14 were baptized.

"Four missionaries were sent to the field during January and February. Four more expect to sail April 10th. Seven candidates were accepted for service in the foreign fields.

"Wonderful reports were received from the different fields. In Mid-Africa, two new stations are being opened. One station will be operated by only a native worker until more workers can come to the field. A new church is being built at Fort Archambault that will hold 1,000, the old church having been outgrown long ago.

"Similar encouraging reports were heard from the station in Venezuela. Mrs. S. Hausser is returning home for furlough. Mr. Hausser is not returning with his wife because of a law prohibiting men missionaries from entering Venezuela. Pray for them. We truly praise the Lord for the wonderful way He is blessing His work in these foreign lands.

The Sweet Baptist Mission

New Year, 1934, has been a blessed and happy day for the missionary family, workers, and friends of the Sweet Baptist Mission. It was the occasion of the celebration of Mrs. Sweet's seventieth birthday and fortieth anniversary of missionary service in China, and was a day of great rejoicing and praise to God.

The Chinese brethren took complete charge of affairs under the able leadership of Dr. Pao. Beautiful invitations were sent forth calling friends to attend a great meeting held at our Central Church on New Year's afternoon. Old friends and new, people from far and near, including members of the Hangehow missionary community, all gathered in the beautifully decorated church at Tai Bing Fang. A splendid program had been arranged including music by the church choir and orchestra and speeches of congratulation and thanksgiving. Cables from Miss Margaret Fitzgerald on furlough in America and letters from distant friends were announced. To all of which Mrs. Sweet graciously responded, not as one who is laying down a life's work with thoughts of rest and reward, but as one with large vision before her of present responsibilities and future victories.

NEWS ITEMS

Pastor J. J. Van Gorder, First Church, Butler, Pa., has had a busy month. In a three weeks' Evangelistic campaign under the leadership of Evangelist Burriss, "No excitement or death bed appeals were made yet from all over the congregation people came forward to confess Christ," is the news reported in the Church Messenger. During the campaign the pastor slipped away to address Bible Conferences at Richmond, Va., Washington, D. C., Cherrydale, and Tyrone, Pa. On March 4, 19 persons were baptized into the fellowship of the church.

The Baptist Bible Seminary, Johnson City, N. Y. The March Bulletin of this school of the Prophets comes to hand. The school was founded by the late Dr. R. J. Murphy in 1932 and opened its doors in September of that year with an enrollment of 40 students in the day classes and 23 students in the evening classes. A faculty of 10 members provide instruction in adequate seminary work. Pastor Harold T. Commons, formerly of the First Baptist Church of Atlantic City, N. J., succeeded Dr. Murphy as pastor of the First Church in which the seminary is housed. Dr. A. A. Wright is the acting president of the seminary. Mr. Harry N. Livingston is chairman of the Board of Directors; Dr. E. H. Bancroft, dean of the faculty. Baptist Young People will do well to consider this school for their Bible training.

Pastor David E. Gillespie has accepted the pastorate of The Church of The Open Door of Western Springs, Ill. Brother Gillespie announces that this is "A Regular Baptist Church" and he expects to be with us at the Gary Meetings in May.

Pastor Ralph H. Stoll, Sandusky, Ohio, announces that they have moved into their new building and their Bible School averages 202. All services of the church are well attended. He is planning for an evangelistic meeting soon.

Pastor A. G. Annette of Grundy Center, Iowa, writes to say that they have a growing interest in the State of Iowa in the General Association of Regular Baptists. Rev. Carl Sentman has been secured to conduct evangelistic meetings in the Baptist churches free from the apostacy. We not only want to contend for the faith but we desire to carry this Gospel of good news to the last man in the State of Iowa. Planning to be present at Gary with a large delegation.

Regional Bible Conference Association of Minnesota. Held their spring meeting with the First Church of Austin, Minnesota, Rev. Leo Sandgren, pastor. Twenty pastors from the Baptist Churches of Minnesota were present, each pastor bringing members of their churches along. Modernism will not get a strangle hold on the churches where this band of Calebs operate. The theme of the Conference was based on the book of Hebrews. Two missionary speakers were present in the persons of Rev. B. Davidson of Ceylon, India, and Rev. J. L. Hunter, superintendent of the Canadian Sunday School

Union. Rev. A. E. Bergland and Rev. Robert Record will conduct a two weeks' meeting following the conference.

Dr. H. C. Fulton, Belden Ave. Church, Chicago, has just closed a helpful Bible Conference under the leadership of his old friend, Dr. Leon W. Tucker. 19 people were received into the fellowship of the church last Lord's day. A clipping from the Chicago Tribune reports Dr. Fulton in a head-on collision with the modernists preachers of his city and according to this lengthy article the Belden Avenue pastor is well equipped to take on either the light or heavy weights from the Christ rejecting school of infidels. "Ministers paid to preach the Gospel," said Dr. Fulton, "who beat around the bush advancing their theories instead of God's Word are guilty of receiving money under false pretenses. Fundamentalists are grateful to the press for their foresight in differentiating between fundamentalists and modernists, and the fundamentalists are thankful," said the pastor, "for this present controversy because it is causing more people to read their Bible and is showing the public who is preaching the Gospel."

The Minutes of the Grand Rapids, Michigan, Association of Regular Baptists received. There are 33 churches in this association all separate from the apostacy of the old Convention. The meeting was held with the Wealthy St. Church of Grand Rapids, Dr. Van Osdel, pastor. The officers are Pastor C. E. Wood of Grand Rapids; Clerk, Mr. R. Q. Harrison, 60 Monroe Ave., Grand Rapids, Mich. The Moderator's address recalled some reasons for the existence of the Regular Baptist Association: 1. The Association stands as a protest against the heresy of the day in modern religious liberalism. 2. A medium for united fellowship and service. There were 310 registered delegates present. Rev. E. G. Griffith of the General Association of Regular Baptists was present and addressed the Association on the aim and work of the General Association. 343 additions are reported by the churches. A total of \$13,000 was raised and dispersed for Foreign Missions.

Berean Church, Grand Rapids, Mich. Clyde E. Wood, pastor. In the midst of a gracious revival meeting with Evangelist Oscar Lowery. 18 people came forward at the invitation last Lord's Day evening. 200 people have volunteered to tithe. 622 in the Bible School. The average attendance for 1933 was 500 each Sunday. Average attendance at the three groups of Young People's Society each Sunday has been 200. March 4th began the fourth year of the present pastorate.

We congratulate Rev. O. W. Van Osdel, D. D., L.L. D., and the Wealthy St. church of Grand Rapids, Michigan, on the 25th anniversary of the present pastorate which occurred Feb. 19th. On that date sixty years of pastoral service has been reached having served churches in Galesburg, Ill., Ottawa, Kansas, Spokane, Washington, and Grand Rapids, Mich. Nothing but the old fashioned Gospel has been preached and it has always proved adequate to save the lost, feed the

living, provide comfort for the dying, and the hope that it is never fading but eternal.

Eighteen members of the Wealthy St. Church are now engaged in all time missionary service, most of them across the sea. During the present pastorate nearly one hundred people have engaged as pastors or missionaries or Christian workers in response to the call of God in His great field. God bless Dr. Van Osdel and the Wealthy Street Baptist Church.

THE MOTIVE OF THE METHOD

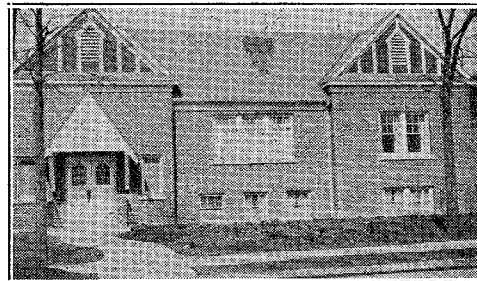
(Please refrain from thinking as you read this.)

Several of the pastors of the Northern Baptist Convention have informed us of their appreciation of our effort through the columns of The Baptist Bulletin to turn the light on the apostasy of the Convention, but they are almost unanimous in stating that they like the motive but not the method we use. We have frequently said, and say again, we are not sticklers for method. Any method that will work in driving modern religious liberalism from the Northern Baptist Convention will suit us. But we are fully persuaded that after many years of loyal co-operation with the Convention in boosting its missionary program, and pushing its publications, and attending its annual gatherings in all parts of the country east and west and listening to much and prolonged discussion as to what to do, while year after year nothing is done, save the appointing of a committee now and again to investigate this and that and as a result we are treated to a report such as the following. "The board graciously conceded to the committee an immediate hearing, and the report was received with the deepest sympathy and gratitude on the part of the members of the board. . . . A warm fellowship exists between the committee and the members of the board." Surely the committee has spoken feebly when the occasion demanded a thunder tone, and while modernism stalks high handed through every unit of the Convention and the literature of the Publication Society has become so blasphemous that it makes The American Association for the Advancement of Atheism laugh with glee, in reading such a report we are led to say in the language of the Episcopal litany, "Good Lord Deliver Us."

But after all, brethren, what better method is to be found for dealing with modernism than that spoken of by our Lord through His holy apostle, "Have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness but rather prove them," and the motive of this method is, "A people separate unto the Lord."

We recently heard a story of a mother elephant and her three baby elephants, which we think has an application. They were roaming the forests in search of food. They came across a bird's nest and in it were five tiny birds with open mouths, begging for food. On the ground near by lay the mother bird cold in death. The elephant called her baby elephants around and engaged in prolonged discussion as to what should be done. They finally agreed that it was customary for the mother bird to sit on the nest, therefore the mother elephant should sit on the nest. She did. Now it

is agreed that the elephants was right but the method was all wrong. Dear reader, do you say such a story is ridiculous? We agree. But in the light of God's Holy Word it is not any more ridiculous than that of Northern Baptist fundamentalists who substitute human reason for divine Revelation when they attempt to arbitrate differences with men who are enemies of the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. Oh, to learn the lesson from Nehemiah when Sanballet and Tobiah the modernists of their day came around. Read the book of Nehemiah once again and "remember the Lord which is great and terrible."



FAINTING NOT AND REAPING

Calvary Church, Buffalo, N. Y.
Howard A. Keithley, Pastor.

Ten years ago this coming June God called me to Buffalo to become pastor of the Delavan Avenue Baptist Church. The prospects were exceedingly promising and indeed much blessing attended the early days of our ministry. Many were being saved, saints were growing in grace and young folks were thinking and planning for Christian service. The Delavan Church was a convention church, the Buffalo Baptist Union holding the large mortgage on the property. Because of our program of Bible teaching, emphasis on holy living for the saints and non-cooperation with modernism in any form or in any place there began, after about 18 months of blessing, rumblings of discontent from some of the "church leaders." The rumblings grew into volcanic eruptions of the most interesting sort. It is great sport to watch "the heathen rage." These leaders raged and the Baptist Union joined with them, not with the pastor. For you see, the charge against him by this time was,—he was not Baptist. Of course he preached the Book but that really wasn't essential to good standing in the old convention. He refused to co-operate with a modernistic Northern Baptist Convention and its subsidiaries. For that offence to our great denomination it was the fiery furnace. But since the time of the three Hebrew children the furnace has become a place of honor.

So because of the staggering debt put on the church by the Baptist Union and the preceding pastor, because the Union held the mortgage and thereby reserved the right to control the policies of the church and because of the insufficient number who would have been left to carry the debt of \$50,000, we resigned in November of 1926 and with our going there went out about 50 others. With this number, the latter part of the following January, we went into a new and growing section of our city where the Bap-

tist Union had previously sought to buy land for a future Baptist work. We rented a hall for Sundays and Wednesdays and began gospel meetings. For seven years we thus worshipped. In the same rooms where lodges and other organizations held dances, card parties, smokers, etc. For the last three of the seven years the Christian Scientists met above us in the lodge hall.

We preached and prayed and waited and saved.

The depression has not been without some good for land we desired was later bought for nearly one-third of its prosperity price and our building has been erected for one-half of what it would have earlier cost us. Our investment is valued now at \$20,000 and our mortgage is \$7,000. Not one penny, from our very beginning to this day, has been given by the old Convention. Six of our members are on the foreign fields and one is awaiting sufficient funds to go forth. Our present membership is approximately 200.

We are reaping now because we did not faint when the going was hardest. What measure of success we have had has been only by God's grace. Ground was broken last October and the dedication services were held the first week in February and the two months we have been in the new building have been the happiest and brightest in our seven years.

Pray for us.

TOO HIGH AN ASSESSMENT

A man once said to Sam Jones: "The church is getting my assessment too high." Jones asked: "How much did you pay?" "Five dollars a year," was the reply. "Well," said Jones, "how long have you been converted?"

"About four years," was the answer. "Well, what did you do before you were converted?" "I was a drunkard." "How much did you spend for drink?" "About \$250 a year." "How much were you worth?" "I rented land and plowed a steer." "What have you got now?" "I have a good plantation and a pair of horses."

"Well," said Sam Jones, "you paid the devil \$250 a year for the privilege of plowing a steer on rented land, and now you don't want to give the Lord, who saved you, \$5.00 a year for the privilege of plowing horses on your plantation! You are a rascal from the crown of your head to the soles of your feet!"—Ex.

ALL DOORS OPEN—

- To the man who can prove himself useful.
- To the man who can smile at his defeats.
- To the one who refuses to allow criticism to divert him from his best.
- To the one who can endure the terrors of standing alone with truth.
- To those who depend upon smiles rather than threats.
- To those who esteem God a better ally than cleverness.
- To any one who works faithfully, serves unselfishly, lives hopefully, and walks uprightly.—Selected.