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A CLARION CALL

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With this issue of THE CLARION a new periodical enters the field of religious publications. That field may seem overcrowded already but THE CLARION does not intend to be just another publication. It is being published to meet a need not being met by any other publication.

The name has not been chosen carelessly nor without due consideration. A clarion according to the dictionary is an instrument which gives a clear, shrill sound. The verse which is found at the bottom of this editorial page is meant to add emphasis to the name.

The world is filled with many voices and uncertain sounds which heard together bring confusion. The world is in the throes of mortal combat on every side and in every phase of life. Those who can speak with certainty, those who can give a clarion call must give it now or perish in the chaos which threatens to engulf us.

We are determined to make our position as clear as we possibly can so that men will know where to find us and, we trust, stand with us following the path we tread with understanding and assurance. Our clarity and certainty may cause us to be unacceptable to some but we desire to line up with the Word of God and test our doctrine and life by its teaching.

The fact that a clarion call is shrill may repel some gentle souls who know little or nothing of the conflict which characterizes a scriptural stand for the Lord Jesus Christ and the Truth of God. Such folks as these forget that with the inward peace, the gracious fruit of the Spirit, the sweetness and light which are accompaniments of true Bible salvation, there is in the Scripture a continual reiteration of the fact that those who are saved shall experience persecution, be hated of the world and the forces of Satan, be called to endure hardship as good soldiers of Jesus

Christ, and join battle in the conflict of the ages so that when we stand in the presence of our Savior we may say that we have fought a good fight and that we have kept the faith.

THE CLARION is "a monthly devoted to the interests of the Bible Presbyterian testimony". We believe that its pages will appeal to others not particularly interested in the Bible Presbyterian Church but our purpose is to minister to those who are deeply concerned about the witness and future of that Church. THE CLARION is not an official organ, it is published independently by a group of ministers and laymen in whose heart the Bible Presbyterian Church and its witness has a large place.

The pages of THE CLARION will be devoted to a practical presentation of the problems which face the Bible Presbyterian Church. We are pledged to provide information and inspiration whereby we may give to a befuddled and blinded world the truths of the Word of God with clarity, conviction and compassion.

Many periodicals fail to register with the common man because the style of writing is too technical and wearisome. THE CLARION purposes to bring articles characterized by simplicity, clarity and directness. Where technical terms are used, explanations will accompany them. The theoretical and the ideal may be presented, but not without emphasis on the practical. We have no desire to impress our readers with our learning, but we want them to be able to say that we are loyal to the Word of God.

We ask your prayers, your active support in publicizing this publication to those who ought to receive it, and your own contribution to fill these pages with pertinent material to the end that all of us may be blessed and edified.

The Beacon and The Clarion

For the sake of all who may ask the question and of whom the question may be asked: we state unequivocally that we are not a competitive organ to THE CHRISTIAN BEACON in the Bible Presbyterian Church. We recommend THE BEACON to every reader of these pages. We thank God for the faithful ministry of THE BEACON.

The ministries of these two periodicals are totally different. THE CLARION seeks to meet a need which THE BEACON has not had time or space to meet. The appeal of THE BEACON is beyond the mere confines of the Bible Presbyterian Church although graciously the pages of the paper have been open to all items of interest to that church. THE CHRISTIAN BEACON has proved itself a very effective spearhead for the total Twentieth Century Reformation movement. But we are facing problems as a church family and to their solution THE CLARION is devoting its ministry solely.

Only the other day a friend told me that THE CHRISTIAN BEACON had proved one of the greatest factors in his spiritual life and growth because through it he had to come to see so clearly the great issue facing the Christian Church and every one who names the Name of Christ. It made me happy to think that I had introduced him to THE BEACON.

The men and women of America and the world ought to be

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"FOR IF THE TRUMPET GIVE AN UNCERTAIN SOUND, WHO SHALL PREPARE HIMSELF TO THE BATTLE."—I Corinthians 14:8.