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'Stand fast in the faith; quit you like men, be strong.'

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“How Long...America?”

Reverend Herman H. Cook

“O Lord revive Thy work in the midst of the years; in the midst of the years made known; in wrath remember mercy.” Hab. 3:2

The whole world is living in a state of crisis. The American people are living in momentous times. Never has there been such opportunities for what ever may be your desire and yet never has there been such neglect and rejection of that which is real and right.

America is staggering and reeling as she stumbles down the road of time. She has become intoxicated with a drink she brewed right at home. The fumes of her pleasure loving, low morals, high crime, broad sex indulgence, and spiritual indifference have her tottering on the brink of a precipice. Unless someone comes along and takes hold and steadies her, she may plunge headlong into destruction.

Yes, America, America, God shed His grace on Thee, and made thee a land of freedom; yet she is not free today but in bondage to herself and the “Prince of this world.” (John 14:30). Let me remind you in the words of the Psalmist (Psalm 9:17-: “The wicked shall be turned into Hell, and all the nations that **forget God.**” Have we forgotten God? Is it mere neglect on the part of our people? Remember, the Psalmist says that God not only deals with the individual who is wicked—but He deals with nations as nations.

Is the problem of America’s rampant spree of sin just because we’ve forgotten God? No, I think the matter goes much deeper than that. There seems to be a definite plan of Satan, the great strate-

gist, to substitute man in place of God. Man has become deified, and God has been humanized. Man has become exalted and God has been brought low. We like to refer to the paganism of Africa or some primitive country, with its many gods, but beloved, America is a land of many gods.

There are certain philosophies and teachings abroad in our land today that are deceiving people and leading them into spiritual suicide. Our national leaders are continually saying, ‘peace, peace,’ “when there is no peace.” Jeremiah 6:14. We have been encouraged to look to the United Nations and other such organizations as the instruments that will bring national peace, if it ever comes. Isaiah tells us, “the ambassadors of peace shall weep bitterly,” —Isaiah 33:7. They shall fail because the “Prince of Peace” has been excluded from their plans, from the United Nations, and such organizations. They are not depending upon Christ to bring peace, without whom there is no peace, in the heart of man or the nation, Isaiah 45:5-7; John 14:27.

There is another teaching that is destroying America. This teaching is more diabolical because it comes from and through many of the nationally known clergymen and groups; that is the teaching of “the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man.”

Last year the writer was invited, along with all local Ministers, Rabbis and Priests, to be guests of the Lions club during “Brotherhood Week.” We were each given three minutes to speak on ‘brotherhood.’ I tried to give a brief

scriptural position of our spiritual relationship to one another and to God. I pointed out that the Bible does not teach the popular "Brotherhood of Man and Fatherhood of God" philosophy. Needless to say, I wasn't popular. Very few of the other speakers or listeners agreed with what I said or the Scripture used. They were not interested in "Thus saith the Lord." Many of them and the people of America are guilty of the same sin as of Israel during the time of the "Judges" which is expressed several times in the book in these words, "every man did that which was right in his own eyes." (Judges 17:6; 21:25). Time after time God had to bring them low because of their rejection of His Word. How long will America go on rejecting the Word of God and the Holy Spirit that reveals His truth? John 16:13. The axe is laid at the foot of the tree. It could be hewn down.

The problem in America is a spiritual one. We need to, and we must pray for a spiritual awakening in our land. God will not wink at sin. He will not overlook the willful neglect and rejection of His Word. I believe there are two reasons why God has not brought America low already. One, we are still reaping the blessing of our forefathers' obedience. This coasting on previous blessings has about run out. Secondly, and I think this is most important, America is still sending out the greater part of the missionaries into the regions beyond. This however, is done by a very minority group. In Luke 18:8 Jesus asks this question: "When the Son of man cometh, shall He find faith on the earth?" Will He find Faith in America?

There is a great movement today of "Go to church" and we all should go to church. However, it doesn't take a careful observer to soon see, that, on the whole, this is NOT a movement back to the Bible, or the God of the Bible. The great increase in membership that the church councils boast of today has not had any effect on the spiritual or moral life of our nation. Beloved, too much of our great church membership is based

on an 'easy religion.' Many churches have become places where the member comes for 'religious psychiatry.' They get their problems analyzed and explained away. Sin is not sin anymore but maladjustment to one's surroundings, etc. The need has never been greater for a revival of New Testament Christianity—the kind that changes lives, and churches, and nations. America, "Thus saith the Lord of hosts; consider your ways." Haggai 1:7.

Denominational Line-up of Congress

Members of the 85th Congress reported the following denominational allegiances or lack of them:

	Senate	House
Methodist	18	84
Roman Catholic	11	75
Baptist	14	55
Presbyterian	13	52
Episcopal	12	45
Congregationalist	8	19
Lutheran	4	15
Disciples of Christ	2	14
Jewish	2	8
Mormon	3	4
Evangelical and Reformed	2	4
Unitarian	2	3
Quaker	2	2
Church of Christ		4
Universalist		2
Christian Scientist		2
Apostolic Christian		1
Evangelical Free Church		1
Hindu		1

Beginnings

"A young man in Chicago once mentioned that he had lost every cent he owned during the depression, and now had less than nothing. A friend was about to offer his sympathies but the young man promptly said: "No, I don't need your sympathy. It was glorious, the most glorious deliverance of my whole life. It drove me to God and to real happiness. Life has been simply glorious ever since." —Selected

Pittsburgh Church Building Sold

After almost a year of negotiations, the building of the First Reformed Presbyterian Church of Pittsburgh has been sold. Settlement was made on March 4, 1957. The church was represented in the negotiations by Attorney Arthur G. Stein, a member of the Board of Trustees.

It has been evident to the members of the congregation for several years that the only solution to the decreasing membership was the relocation of the church, which has been situated in the Homewood section of Pittsburgh for the past 32 years. The problem was created by a mass relocation of the population of that section of Pittsburgh to the suburban areas.

Occupancy of the present building will continue until April 10, 1957. The last worship service in the present building will be a Communion Service, Sabbath morning, April 7, at eleven o'clock. Beginning with the second Sabbath of April (April 14th), services will be held in the Penn Township Municipal Building located at 12245 Frankstown Road.

A new site, consisting of between three and four acres, has already been purchased for the new church. It is located near the heart of Penn Township. At the present time plans are under way for the new building; however, no date for the beginning of construction has been set. The building committee includes: Mr. H. M. Arthur, Mr. William Gregg, Mr. Delbert Horton, Mr. Neal McAleese and Mr. Albert McMahan.

The Pittsburgh Regional Planning Association has just completed an extensive three and a half year study of Penn Township, which is already the third largest municipality in Allegheny Coun-

ty. Their report is most encouraging as to the prospects of our church in that community. The township covers an area of 19 square miles. The population increased 60 per cent from 1940 to 1950 and another 50 per cent from 1950 to 1955, to over 37,000 persons. It is estimated that it will increase another 32,000 within the next 20 years to become the largest suburban population center in Allegheny County by 1975. The report indicated that about 1300 acres are still suitable for residential construction. Under proposed zoning requirements, another seven thousand new dwellings could be built. With the new system of roads and highways recommended and planned by the Regional Planning Association, the church site will be readily accessible for the entire township and adjoining areas.

In many ways it will be hard to give up the present building because of so many past associations and memories connected with it. It has been a good building and very adequate for our church needs over the years. A Farewell-Homecoming has been planned for all of the present and former members of the church. Over the years former members of First Church have scattered far and wide. We would like to extend a cordial invitation for all to return for the Farewell-Homecoming on Sabbath evening, March 24, 1957, at seven-thirty o'clock. Invitations are being mailed but it will be impossible to locate each one. Your cooperation in spreading the word will be appreciated. Also, we would appreciate your prayers as the plans for the new church progress that wisdom may be granted and that the Lord may guide in each step of the planning and actual building.

For the interim period the church study and office will be located at 141 Crescent Hills Road, Pittsburgh 35, Pa.

HOUSTON MISSION

By Miss Elva M. Foster

For forty-nine years the Houston Mission School has been a Christian training ground for children in the elementary grades. A band of earnest Christian men in the Associate Presbyterian Church learned of the great need in the Southern Appalachian Highlands and decided under God's leading to establish a Mission in our area. Miss Susan Cunningham and myself were asked to undertake the work.

We both felt that God definitely led us to this isolated field on Upper Turkey Creek. We walked most of the fourteen or fifteen miles from the little railway station at Elkatawa, fording the Middle Fork River barefoot, and about four miles of Turkey Creek the long way. At almost every turn in the creek we found a little cabin nestled against the hillside. As we passed the homes we had a good view of the many "olive plants" that graced their tables, (Psalm 128:3). Strangers were a curiosity, women especially so.

The educational need was great, but the lack of Christian training was appalling. A Sunday School was started immediately, and in a few weeks, a day school. The children were eager for an education and we soon enrolled one hundred children in school. It was a one roomed building, no desks, only benches, eight feet of blackboard, almost no paper or pencils, a few slates, and not half enough books. But the Lord was with us. A better building became a necessity, then a boarding home, then a larger staff.

We now have in addition to the dormitory and school building a church and a manse, and two hundred acres of land with some barns and some stock that the dormitory children help to take care of when they are here. The present staff consists of two teachers, a cook, a matron and myself.

After about fifteen years the Mission was turned over to the Reformed Presbyterian Church, which has supported it

since. Soon after the Reformed Presbyterian Church became the directors of the Mission a congregation was organized with twenty charter members. Through the years the congregation grew, drawing from the community, the children in the Home, and from other counties, even other states. In recent years migration to the city has almost wiped out our congregation, leaving only a handful of faithful ones to carry on the work in this part of God's vineyard. But even though they leave us, we frequently have the joy of commending a former member to the Christian fellowship of some city church. We often hear that these become Sunday School teachers or officers in the church of their choice.

Other changes have come through the years. We now have a graveled road to our school, and the convenience of electricity. But the need for Christian training does not change. Bible Study has always been a part of the daily curriculum in our school, and about fifty boys and girls hear the Word taught every day.

About thirty children from the community are in our school and 17 are at this time in the dormitory. Some of our dormitory children have come because schools were so poor in their home district, and a good many come to us because of broken homes. These little ones are often upset physically, mentally, and socially. Some are problem children and have had no spiritual knowledge to sustain them.

Ed was a little boy without his father in the home, and a busy and indulgent mother permitted him to run wild. He was caught with some other boys in petty thievery. When he came to us it was not easy for a little boy who had gone to school only when he chose and had had his own way in his home. Ed made a profession of accepting the Lord as his Saviour. Then after a year with us

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FROM INDIA...

Children's Home
Bhogpur, Dehra Dun District
U. P., India
January 14, 1957

Dear Friends:

Thank you all for your kind thoughts during these days. You have sent greetings and gifts which help us in far away India to feel just a bit closer to you at this season of the year. Your gifts were such a help in bringing happiness to our Christians who appreciate very much your kindness to them.

Again this year we went to Roorkee for the holidays. John's family came from Landour at the closing of Woodstock School, the beginning of December. They spent ten days with us in Bhogpur. Then John's family and we went to Roorkee (where Gordon is now living) for the holidays, to spend Christmas as a family in the old bungalow where our children spent their childhood days. Last year Carl's family were also with us for one day; but this year they were in their new home in Boston. Every little corner in the old bungalow was occupied with guests. Besides our immediate family, we entertained Miss Dupre, an old friend who is the bookkeeper for a Methodist school in Cawnpore. A nurse and a school teacher from Woodstock School came for a few days. (During the past months they had knitted beautiful sweaters and caps for all of the Baby Fold.) An Indian medical student from the Christian Medical College, Ludhiana, and a new missionary of the United Presbyterian Mission of Pakistan came to be with us for a few days. Paul, Ursula, Violet and Piyari were brought to Roorkee by the medical student. Paul was in the bungalow with us and the three girls joined our 12 who had come from Bijnor in a large tent we had put up on the compound. Our boys remained in Bhogpur for their Christmas. On the evening of

the 24th, we had our Christmas treat in our drawingroom for all the Christian families and the children home from Boarding schools. One of our Bijnor girls, in the seventh grade, wrote a Christmas drama herself and took the leading part in it. It was very good. The Ludhiana children sang some lovely songs.

We had a Communion Service in the Roorkee Church on December 30th.

Our Home boys and the Baby Fold children were brought over to Roorkee for the New Year celebrations and to meet their parents for a visit of a few hours on New Year's Day. This is the only contact they have with their parents during the entire year. Professor Heath, an American professor at the University of Roorkee for two years, helped Dr. Taylor bring the children from Roorkee. He is from the University of Oregon and has a fine Christian family; they are very much interested in mission work.

The evening of the 31st we invited all of our Christian families and the children of the Home and Baby Fold to a "Palau" dinner on our veranda where we fed 180 people. At 11:30 we gathered in the church for a prayer service, entering into the New Year.

How our children look forward to New Year's Day when the parents travel from all parts of India to see their children for a little visit. The children talk about this event for months. And the parents set aside a penny now and then from their meagre savings, received mostly through begging, in order to buy some little piece of cloth, coat or shirt as a gift to their little ones. It is always a pitiful sight to see these family groups all over the compound visiting their children and yet not able to pick them up and embrace them, because of the

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Church News

Clay Center

No excuse for non-church attendance can be attributed to weather conditions this winter, but we lack the much needed moisture.

Scott Michael Neilan made his first appearance at church here Jan. 13 with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Henry, with whom he is staying as his parents are preparing to move to Lexington, Nebraska, where his father has received employment.

We were pleased to have with us over the week end of January 20, Miss Dorcas Taylor who is attending Sterling College. She spoke from the pulpit Sabbath evening to a very interested audience telling of her life and future work for the Master among her own people in India. We enjoyed having her in our homes.

Robert Chestnut left Monday, Jan. 21, for Greenville, South Carolina, where he will enter for the second semester at Bob Jones University. We will miss him as we need our young folks here.

J. Arthur Henry has been absent from services for several weeks entertaining both flu and chicken pox. We thought chicken pox was a child's disease.

A number from our church joined the other churches in carrying petitions for placing on the ballot in the city election, the question of voting out the liquor stores from the city.

Our missionary Society met at the church, February 7. We dispensed with much of the business as we turned the time over to two visiting guests from the Bible Presbyterians, Tom Cross of St. Louis and Hayes Henry of Westville, Oklahoma. Mr. Cross told us of the beliefs, work, and establishment of churches by the Bible Presbyterians, and Mr. Henry told of his work with the Cherokee Indians. Slides were shown and much appreciated by the group.

Pittsburgh

A luncheon for the ladies of the Women's Christian Service Society was held at the home of Mrs. Anna McFetridge on Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 6. There were 14 of the ladies able to attend, and everyone had a fine time of Christian Fellowship. After a delicious lunch, a short meeting of the Society was held. A free will offering was taken and \$51.00 was received. It was voted to give \$15.00 to the Board of Church Extension, and \$40.00 to the Trustees for the general fund.

At the meeting of the Women's Christian Service Society the date of March 15, 1957 was set for the annual Irish Tea. This will be the last Irish Tea in this building.

Miss Evelyn Osborne, one of our most faithful members, has just been transferred to the Philadelphia office of the Bell Telephone Co. She and her mother, Mrs. Samuel Osborne, expect to move sometime in the early Spring.

Mr. Lightner has returned home from the hospital and is doing well. He would like to thank all who remembered him with prayers and cards.

Mrs. Esta Leppard was a patient in the Columbia Hospital.

Mrs. David Holmes is allowed up and about now after a very long illness. She is feeling well, and greatly appreciates all the remembrances she has received.

A farewell-homecoming is being planned for March 24 to bid goodbye to our present building and to look forward to our new.

Jeffrey Mark Barbour, son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Barbour, was baptized on Sunday, Feb. 17, 1957.

Fairview

The Winter Communion was held January 27. The newly elected Elders and Trustees were ordained and installed at the morning service. In the evening a colored film, "The Missing Christians," was shown. I'm sure that it was a revelation to the many folk that saw it.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Edward F. Rowe, Jr., on the arrival of Randy Franklin on January 31. The young man weighed in at 5 pounds and 15 ounces. He is the second son of the Rowes. Mrs. Rowe is the former Kathleen Laughlin. Randy made a nice present for Grandpa Laughlin's birthday which is also January 31.

February 7 the regular Ladies Missionary meeting was held in the home of Mrs. Joyce Nida who was also the devotional leader.

February 8 the Mystery Pals met in the home of Mrs. Joseph George. It was a revelation party. Each woman brought a valentine revealing her name as the Mystery Pal for the past year. New ones were selected. In the business meeting that followed new officers were elected. President, Mrs. Verne Watson; Vice President, Mrs. David Laughlin; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. Earl Campbell; Chairman of the Flower Committee, Mrs. Gladys Benson. Mrs. George had the devotions and games were conducted by Miss Lois Dawson and Mrs. Harry Johnston.

The Boys' Club of the Church accompanied by Edward Rowe journeyed to New Brighton Friday evening, February 8 for a roller skating party.

Friday evening, February 15, the Young Peoples group went bowling at Rochester, Pa. They were accompanied by Rev. Cook.

Saturday afternoon the Junior Missionary group met for their monthly business and social meeting in the church. Devotions were led by Mrs. Earl Campbell. In the business meeting conducted by President Elaine George, the group

voted to send \$10 directly to Miss Foster at the Kentucky Mission to be used as was needed for the children at the mission. Games were played under the direction of Mrs. Laughlin.

On Saturday evening, Feb. 16, the newly organized Men's Club met in the basement of the Church. The officers of this group are: President, Fred Sams; Vice President, Earl Campbell; Sec. and Treas., Kenneth Campbell; Chairman of the Social Committee, Frank Rowley; Entertainment Committee, George Schondelmyer and David Laughlin. The devotions were led by Rev. Cook. Two films were shown. The aim of the club is to bring the men folk together for an evening of Christian fellowship and a good time. Come on men, let's beat the ladies.

The attendance at Sabbath School has been down the past few weeks due to much illness of the children. The Men's Class won the attendance banner on Sunday, Feb. 17. Which one will be next?

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Darlington

The Young Adult Class met on Friday evening, Feb. 15, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Sherman. A valentine box social was the feature event. Devotions were led by Raymond Smith. Appropriate Scripture verses were read by all those present. A discussion concerning the Nursery project was held. The next regular meeting will be held at the church on March 29.

This class is about two years old. Until recently they met in the kitchen of the church on Sabbath mornings. We are glad to tell you that now they have more members than the kitchen can accommodate, so they have moved their class to the balcony of the church which they plan to remodel. Their teacher is Rev. Carl Stewart.

Mrs. Carl Stewart entertained the Missionary Society for the February meeting. Mrs. Isabel Rohrmann presented the program on the subject, "The Best Things in Life." Mrs. Iva Graham presided during the business meeting. Eight members

and a visitor were present. The offering was \$15.

Arthur Young passed away, after a short illness, on January 28. He was 62 years of age. He leaves his widow, Louise; six children, Richard, Eugene, Ralph, Martha, Mary Louise, and Gerald; and a sister, Miss Mary Young. Rev. Carl Stewart conducted the funeral services Jan. 30th in the Lutton Funeral Home. Burial was in the Sylvania Hills Memorial Park.

Seven members in the Sabbath School had perfect attendance during 1956. Those receiving awards were Guy and Jerry McCown; Jean, Allan, Keith, and Rodney Eichhorn (Rodney is 4 years old); and Lois Duncan.

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Duanesburg

At the regular meeting of the Mothers' Club on February 12 the members surprised Mrs. Harry Meiners with a Stork Shower. Many lovely gifts were presented, a beautiful bouquet graced the table, and delicious refreshments were served. Mrs. Donald Holmes led the devotional discussion with comments from the book, **Do You Annoy Your Child?**

Elder Waldo E. Chesnut has resigned as Clerk of the Session and has been succeeded by Mr. Norman S. Collins, R. D. 2, Delanson, New York. Mr. Chesnut departed on February 18 for Cambodia, in southeast Asia. He will be employed there for eighteen months as an operator of heavy road building equipment being constructed in that newly-formed democracy. Members of the church presented Mr. Chesnut with a slide viewer and several rolls of 35mm. Kodachrome film prior to his departure. His address is Mr. Waldo E. Chesnut, Sr., P. O. Box 433, Phnom Penh, Cambodia. He will be delighted to receive letters from friends.

At the Family Night in early February, color slides of Formosa were shown by Lt. Col. and Mrs. Marsh, who lived there three years. Mrs. Marsh also showed several Formosan items of artwork and household items and gave a demonstra-

tion of eating with chopsticks.

The congregation is encouraged by a recent increase in attendance, beginning with the first Sabbath in January. Several new families have moved into the community and we are happy to serve their spiritual needs.

Each Monday evening the Pastor leads a discussion group of persons interested in uniting with the church and members who desire a refresher course in church doctrine and government.

In January two young children were baptized, Jack Tatro and Joan Tatro, welfare children who are being cared for by Mr. and Mrs. Waldo E. Chesnut, Jr. Mr. and Mrs. Chesnut sponsored the children and took the baptismal vows.

Additional construction work has been begun in the church, which will be completed as funds permit. Outside trim is now being completed, window hardware will soon be installed, and work has begun on installing an acoustical ceiling in the basement.

Our Pastor urges all readers of this news item, who are 40 years of age or younger, to obtain Salk anti-polio vaccine inoculations. See your family physician or inquire of local health authorities.

James Steinman has returned from the Navy and is again active in the church. He and William Barnes are ushering in the morning service this month.

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Coulterville

The Junior Boys Sabbath School Class recently held a party in the church basement. Officers were elected; games and refreshments were enjoyed by the group. Mrs. Douglas Gallagher is the teacher of this class.

The Women's Missionary Society recently sent two boxes of articles to the Kentucky Mission and made a gift of \$5 to Miss Foster, \$5 to Miss Ramsey and \$5 to Foreign Missions.

The Junior Young People's group held a party on February 12 in the church basement. Games were played and lunch consisting of sandwiches, cocoa, ice

cream and cup cakes were served to about 18 children. Mrs. Lawrence Darrough is the leader of this group and she was assisted by Mrs. Robert Birchler and Mrs. James Robb.

The Young Married Couples Class had its meeting recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Vuichard. After the business meeting, games were played and delicious refreshments were served to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cleland of Percy, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Dickey of Pinckneyville, Mr. and Mrs. John Luthy of Sparta, Mr. and Mrs. John Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Birchler and the teacher, Rev. Samuel Ward. In March, they meet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cleland.

The "College Group" class enjoyed a party recently with Miss Patsy Robb at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Robb. Guests were Pauline Howie, Roger Hamilton and Paul Trefitz of Sparta, Marilyn and Sandra Darrough, Ann Boyd, Gene Fullerton and Jimmie Powers. Patsy, who is a student nurse at Barnes Hospital in St. Louis, is home on vacation.

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Mayfield Heights

The Women's Missionary Society met on Feb. 12 at the home of Mrs. Edna James with 13 members present. It was voted upon to send \$50 to the Houston Mission. Election of officers took place with the following receiving office: President, Mrs. Dorothy McCaughtry; Vice-President, Mrs. Helen Gumbert; and Secretary, Mrs. Mildred Cavric. The regular Bible Study followed the business session.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Hunt were called home to Hopewell, Va. in late January by the passing away of Mrs. Hunt's uncle. During their absence the Sunday service was conducted by Mr. Ray Smith of the Darlington congregation.

A covered dish dinner was held on Friday, Feb. 15, to climax the attendance contest. Mrs. Helen Gumbert, captain of the losing team was in charge of the affair. There was lots of good food,

and a good time was had by the fifty who attended. Following dinner the group gathered around the piano for a song fest.

FROM INDIA . . .

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leprosy of the parents. It is also a satisfying experience to us to realize that by the Grace of God we have been permitted to bring up the children in a way that the parents never could do. We took in five new children into the Baby Fold. This is always difficult for some cry for days for their parents, especially the ones who haven't been weaned. For health reasons it is always best to take children away from their parents at a very early age. Another reason is to save them from the life their parents are living. First there is the habit of begging which is the normal life of their parents. As the children go about in the bazaars with their parents it leads to the habit of picking up things. We constantly have to lecture on the habit of stealing.

We rejoice that we are co-workers with Him and we feel assured that in the Hands of the Potter much of this seemingly unfit clay can be transformed into beautiful, Christian men and women in years to come and vessels fit for His use. Please, pray for us that we may be given strength to carry on this work in His Blessed Name.

Yours in the Master's service,
Elizabeth S. Taylor

"Worldly pleasures trouble us in seeking them; do not satisfy us when possessing them; and make us despair in losing them." —Brooks

"Live the life if you are going to talk the talk."

"It is a great thing to do a little thing well."

"Humility is a strange thing. The moment you think you have it, you've lost it."

WISDOM FROM A WATERMELON

William Jennings Bryan

I was passing through Columbus, Ohio, some years ago, and stopped to eat at the restaurant in the depot. My attention was called to a slice of watermelon, so I ordered it and ate it. I was so pleased with the melon that I asked the waiter to dry some of the seeds that I might take them home and plant them in my garden. That night a thought came into my mind—I would use that melon as an illustration. So the next morning when I reached Chicago, I had enough seeds weighed to find out that it would take about five thousand watermelon seeds to weigh a pound, and I estimated that the watermelon weighed about forty pounds. Then I applied mathematics to the watermelon.

A few weeks before, someone, I know not who, had planted a little seed in the ground. Under the influence of sunshine and shower that little seed had taken off its coat and gone to work; it had gathered from somewhere two hundred thousand times its own mass and forced that enormous weight through a tiny stem, and built a watermelon. On the outside it had put a covering of green, within that a rind of white, and within that a core of red; then it had scattered through the red, little seeds, each one capable of doing the same work all over again.

What architect drew the plan? Where did that little watermelon seed get its tremendous strength? Where did it find its flavouring extract and its colouring matter? How did it build a watermelon? Until you can explain a watermelon, do not be too sure that you can set limits to the power of the Almighty, or tell just what He will do, or how He will do it. The most learned man in the world cannot explain a watermelon, but the most ignorant man can eat a watermelon and enjoy it. God has given us the knowledge necessary to use those things, and the truth that He has revealed to us is infinitely more important for our welfare than it would be to understand the mysteries that He has seen fit to conceal from us.

So with Christianity; if you ask me whether I can understand everything in the Bible, I answer, No! I understand some things today that I did not understand ten years ago, and if I live ten years longer, I hope some things will be clear that now are obscure. But there is something more important than understanding everything in the Bible. It is this: If we will try only to live up to the things we DO understand we will not have time to worry about the things we DO NOT understand.

Our Bank Account

In the little town of Barwick, Georgia, a manly boy appeared one day at the teller's window of the local bank. The lad said, "I want to put some money in your bank."

The banker had noticed the boy as a faithful member in the Methodist Sunday School. "All right, John; how much do you want to put in?"

"Four dollars," the boy replied.

"Do you want to deposit the money in your name?" asked the banker.

"No, sir. I want to deposit it for John Yates and Company."

The banker looked at the lad. "You are John Yates. Who is the Company?"

Quietly, the lad replied, "God!" Then he continued. "I got my first month's pay this morning and this is my tithe money. It really belongs to the Lord. I am just handling it for Him. So this money must be placed in an account for John W. Yates and Company!"

—The Gospel Herald

ARE MISSIONARIES UNBALANCED?

Dr. T. Norton Sterrett, D.D., Missionary to India

Are missionaries unbalanced? Of course they are! I'm one of them. I ought to know.

A missionary probably began as an ordinary person. He dressed like other people, and liked to play tennis and listen to good music.

But even before leaving for the field he became "different." Admired by some and pitied by others, he was known as one who was leaving parents, prospects, and home for—a vision. Well, at least, that sounded visionary.

Now that he's come home again he's ever more different. To him some things—seemingly big things—just don't seem important. Even the World Series or the Davis Cup matches don't stir him much. Apparently he doesn't see things as do other people. The chance of a lifetime—to meet Toscanini personally—seems to leave him cold. It makes you want to ask where he has been.

Well, where has he been? Where the conflict with evil is open and intense. Where there is a fight, not a fashion. Where clothes don't matter, for there's little time to see them. Where people are dying for help he might give, most of them not even knowing he has the help. Where the sun means 120 in the shade, and he can't spend his time in the shade.

Not only space but time too seems to have passed him by. When you talk about jive he looks puzzled. When you mention Duke Ellington he asks who he is. You wonder how long he's been away.

All right, how long has he been away? Long enough for thirty million people to go into eternity without Christ, with no chance to hear the Gospel. Some of them went right before his eyes—when that flimsy river boat turned over—when that epidemic of cholera struck—when that Hindu-Moslem riot broke out.

How long has he been gone? Long enough to have two sieges of amoebic dysentery; to nurse his wife through repeated attacks of malaria; to get the news of his mother's death before he knew that she was sick.

How long? Long enough to see a few outcast men and women turn to Christ. To see them drink in the Bible teaching he gave them. Long enough to struggle and suffer with them through the persecution that developed from non-Christian relatives. To see them grow into a stable band of believers, conducting their own worship, and develop into an indigenous church that is telling on the community.

Yes, he's been away a long time.

So, he's different; but unnecessarily so it seems. At least, since he's in this country now, he could pay more attention to his clothes and to what is going on around the country. He could have more time for recreation and social life.

Of course, he could.

But he can't forget—at least most of the time—that the price of a new suit would buy 3200 Gospels; that while an American spends one day in business, 5,000 Indians, Chinese, or Africans go into eternity without Christ.

So, when a missionary comes to your church or your chapter, remember that he is likely to be different. If he stumbles for a word now and then, he may have been speaking in a foreign tongue almost exclusively for seven years and is possibly very fluent in it. If he isn't the orator you want, he may not have had a chance to speak English from a pulpit for a while. He may be eloquent on the street of an Indian bazaar or an African market.

If he doesn't seem to warm up as quickly as you want, or if he seems less approachable than the youth evangelist or the college professor you heard last week, remember he's been under a radically different social system since before you started at high school, college or business. Maybe he just forgot to brush up on Emily Post.

Yes, the missionary is unbalanced!

But by whose scales? Yours or God's? (This article copyrighted in 1948 by Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship, and appeared in HIS magazine, 1519 North Astor, Chicago, Ill.)

Your Habits

Are You Bound or Free?

A preacher one day spoke to a large gathering of boys and girls. He warned them against bad habits, and told them the time to get rid of bad habits is before they have taken a firm hold.

"Here," he said, "is a thin thread. See how weak it is. With just one little jerk I can break it."

Then, calling a big boy to the platform, he showed him the thread and asked him to break it. The boy laughed, and without any effort broke the thread.

Turning to the children he said, "you have seen how easy it is to break the thread, and yet I assure you that I can wind it around this big husky boy so that he will be powerless."

"I'd like to see you do it," the boy said. "I'll show you I can break that thread, no matter how often you wind it around me. Go ahead."

While the children were watching attentively, the preacher went ahead. He wound it around the boy once, and then again. He kept winding it around the boy until he had wound it fifty times. Then he asked, "Do you think you can get free?"

"Sure," said the boy, "that's easy." But it wasn't so easy. He tried his very best. He jerked and moved in all possible directions, but, do what he would, he did not succeed. He couldn't move his arms or hands. The only result of his attempts was that the thread went deeper into his flesh and began to hurt him.

The children were surprised. They had never thought that a thread could be wound around a person so many times that it would be impossible for him to get free without help.

The preacher first freed the boy, and then said, "Children, I have tried to teach you a lesson. The thread I have used represents bad habits. You do a certain thing once, and you know it is wrong. Be sure and never do it again. Do not think you can do it again without harming yourself. Maybe you are tempt-

ed to do it just once more. If you yield to that temptation, you will find it a little harder the third time to resist it. Your sin is like the thread I used. The oftener you do it, the harder it will be to break with it. After a while the sin will have taken such a hold on you that it will be impossible for you to resist the temptation. Remember what happened to the strong boy when the thread was wound around his body many times. Remember that he was unable to help himself any more.

"Sinners are in that condition; they cannot help themselves. God is willing to hear the prayers of those who will earnestly ask Him. He will free them from their sin, and will give them strength to resist the devil." —Selected.

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his mother decided he was such a good boy that she would take him home. We do not know how he is getting along. We can only commit such to our tender Lord who knows the weakness of His little ones.

We are sure that the Lord still has work here for us to do for such as Ed and for those who do not have good Christian schools to attend.

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"The clearer sight we have of the sovereignty and power of heaven, the less we shall fear the calamities of this earth." —Matthew Henry

"What a solemn thought it is—that every child born into this world is a spiritual being who will go on living forever either in heaven or in hell!" —Dr. Loraine Boettner

"Give not from the top of your purse, but from the bottom of your heart."

No Time For My Lord

"He that misseth me wrongeth his own soul" (Proverbs 8:36, R. V. margin)

There's time for the mending and making;
There's time for the cooking and baking;
 For the letter I write,
 Or the words I indite,
But what time do I give to my Lord?

There's time for trimming a hat;
There is time for a neighbourly chat;
 There's time for some pleasure,
 But scarce any leisure
To give to my Master and Lord.

There's time for the book so compelling;
There's time for the buying and selling;
 For the office or mart,
 For music or art,
But where is the time for my Lord?

There's time for the digging and hoeing;
There's time for the raking and mowing;
 For a sowing of seeds,
 And removing of weeds,
But what time do I give to my Lord?

There's time for the news on the air,
To which I must listen with care;
 For the claims of my health,
 Or the spending of wealth,
But what time do I give to my Lord?

Lord, Thou gavest Thy time here below,
Salvation and grace to bestow;
 Dost Thou wait for my voice?
 Can I make Thee rejoice,
As I give of my time to Thee, Lord?

O Master, forgive me, I pray;
I'm sorry, repentant, today.
 From this hour make me wise,
 And teach me to prize
The time that I spend with my Lord.

—Beth Coombe Harris
in "Sunday School Times"

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