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IS THERE NO BALM IN GILEAD?

It is a bad sign when churches, or their pastors, try to get rid of "cheap john" shows by encouraging a little better class of shows or entertainments to visit their communities. It looks like they had no faith in the power of the Gospel. A little encouragement from a pastor to his people in this direction will be taken advantage of, and his flock will go further away than he intended, and if they have any spiritual life when they begin attending worldly entertainments they will soon lose it, the natural result of employing worldly methods. The Lord gave us a lesson on this line when the Scribes and Pharisees accused Him of casting out devils by the chief of devils. You can't cast out the World with the World. Some will say hard things about this, but all you need do is to wait and you will see.

"He That Departeth From Evil is Accounted Mad."

This is the marginal rendering of Isaiah 59—15. The word used much in connection with religion in these days is the word "sane," and it is quite the fact, if one manifests any special fervor in his Christian life, preaching or testimony, he is not considered "sane" on the subject; in other words to, at least a degree "he is accounted mad." This is no new thing, as it was said of our Lord, "He is beside himself." Festus thought Paul was beside himself; he said "Much learning hath made thee mad." Paul must have met the same sayings, for he says in 2 Cor. 5—13, "For

whether we be beside ourselves, it is of God; or whether we be sober, it is for your cause." The man or the church that has a vivid sense of the terrors of the Lord, as Paul did when he said, "Knowing the terrors of the Lord, we persuade men," and feels as Paul felt when he said, "For the love of Christ constraineth us," that man and that church will work for man's salvation with a zeal which will surely be called madness by the cold, frozen professors who think that all such is far from "sane." "He that departeth from evil maketh himself a prey. The Lord saw it, and it displeased him that there was no judgment."

PERILS OF THE LAST DAYS.

For many years certain professed Christians have been preaching and writing about the signs of the approach of the end of the world. In the 3rd chapter of the Second Epistle of Paul to Timothy, he says: "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come." But we find there is a difference of opinion as to what period of time was meant by "the last days."

A careful study of the subject will reveal to us that the time is not the important feature. It will also show that the peril is not to physical life, nor does it intimate a change in the material world, but it does reveal that there will be a perilous time to vital Christianity.

It would be no surprise to us if Paul was giving a picture of the condition of men in the world, but when we come to realize that he is giving a picture of the state of the professed church of Christ, it comes with a shock, for he says: "They have a form of godliness, but deny the power thereof." It is a picture of a unregenerated or a degenerated church, when the vital spiritual life has gone out and only a form of worship is left, a lifeless bodily exercise, a body of unregenerated people going through a religious exercise while their lives are a flat contradiction to the word of God.

"A Rogues' Gallery."

The pictures presented by Paul when applied to the church are a veritable "rogues' gallery." He says: "Men shall be lovers of their own selves." The love of Christ is directly to the opposite. Covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, truce-breakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God; having a form of godliness, but denying the power. Of this sort are they who creep into men's houses and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts, ever learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. Now as James and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these men resist the truth."

There Are Honest Pastors,

who face people in their congregations every Sunday, members and adherents, that are counted in their fold. If asked, Do you believe, after careful observation, that you preach to people among your congregation whose lives correspond to Paul's picture as above? He would reply at least there is a strong resemblance. There are men in the pulpits to-day who are up against this tremendous problem of utter spiritual destitution in their churches, and not only spiritual dearth, but actually find a determined resistance of the truth. The passages quoted prove this condition to refer to

the church. First, they have a form of godliness. Second, they are ever learning, they attend the services. Third, they are close enough to resist the truth. The Protestants have applied this to the Catholics, and the Catholics to the Protestants, and some may apply it to the Lodges; but it is better for all to look over the photographs and see if their picture is among them.

The Great Danger.

The great danger to the church to-day is indicated in the passages quoted. "Denying the power," by which men are transformed, converted and sanctified wholly. Unconverted men in the church have the same nature and are in the same state as those outside of the church. When men drop the supernatural works of grace out of their churches, the fatal step is taken. No spiritual life, no spiritual progress, no conversions, no people sanctified. The attendance may be good, the people may be loyal, they may support the pastor and keep up the enterprises of the church, they may secure additions by purely human methods; but no changed hearts, no changed lives, no family altars erected, no shouts of joy, no songs of praise from full hearts, no soul labor for the unsaved.

A SPECIAL OFFER.

We will send the Highway to new subscribers who send in their subscriptions between now and Christmas, from the date of their subscriptions to July, 1913, for 50 cents. We will make a special list ending at that date.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES.

Brother B. N. Goodspeed suggested to us to ask the Sunday School classes in all of our Sunday schools, to contribute to the Beulah Fund. We think it is an excellent suggestion. When we get the boys and girls interested, they go to work with a will. What Sunday school shall we credit with the largest gift for this branch of our denominational work? The credit will be given by classes in each school in the Highway.

WALKING WITH GOD.

When believers leave themselves free to be controlled by the Holy Ghost, there comes about such a divine economy in life that in going about our daily work we meet just those people and speak those words, and do those works which God has before prepared that we should walk in them. And for the most part all this will happen without any strange revelations of being "led" here or there, but in the simplicity of our obedience like that of Abraham, who went out "not knowing whither he went," yet going right on with God.—A. T. Pierson.

PERSONAL TESTIMONIES.

We are trying to obtain the personal testimonies and experiences and cuts of some of our charter members, who have helped carry the responsibilities of the organization and work of the holiness cause during the past twenty-five years, for the Highway. We hope these brethren and sisters who have so bravely stood the tests that have come to them, will be willing to testify to the thousands who read the Highway, also to let the people look into their faces.