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EDITORIAL

We are sending out our Camp Meeting edition and we trust that it may be a blessing to all our readers. The articles written by the different brethren, one of whom does not belong to our particular body, but to the great holiness movement, to whom we are doubly grateful, we trust will be read with deep interest. They set forth views from both the ministerial and layman's standpoint. May the spirit use these articles to stir us up and encourage us to make this the best camp meeting held in years.

CALL TO PRAYER

We have issued a call to prayer. We have set apart a day for "Fasting and Prayer" and we trust that June 3rd, 1926, will be a memorable day among us. Let our people and the readers of these lines, whoever they may be, humble themselves before God, wait upon him in secret or if public meetings are held, make them seasons of prayer, not social chat. Let us forget about our plans for pleasure trips to the cities, parks, brooks and lakes, and betake ourselves to wait upon God. It is alarming how few people know anything about the ministry of intercession. Most folk pray so little that they seem altogether out of place in a real prayer service. It seems to grate on their nerves. We are serious, brethren and sisters, this condition must be remedied. Nothing else can take the place of prayer, real humble prayer. Hear what God says in his word, read Joel, 2nd chapter, verses 12 to 17. Matt. 6:5-6. Let us heed this counsel, the responsibility is upon us, yet us measure up to it and put God to the test. We are concerned and we hope our people will not pass this over lightly. The spirit of sport and pleasure is getting most people these days, surely these are the last days. Awake, awake! Put on thy strength, O Church of God. The night is far spent, the day of Judgment is at hand; if we are found unprofitable servants, sad will be our fate.

AGED MINISTERS' FUND.

There has only been \$10.00 paid in this year toward this Fund, and over one hundred dollars has been paid out. We trust that the churches will remember to take an offering and send it by your delegates to Alliance.

H. C. ARCHER,
Treasurer of Fund.

ETERNAL PUNISHMENT.

By Rev. C. V. Fairbairn

There is in the spiritual realm as in the state a written and an unwritten law. Law written consists of those recorded statements which we regard as inspired of God and which are equally applicable as general principles, to every age and every individual. Law unwritten consists of such applications of the individual cases as the conscience of the individual deems to be founded on general principles and reason, and to which he gives consent, though there is not, of necessity, any moral obligation upon any other individual.

To enjoy and preserve freedom from condemnation the individual must not allow any breach of that which he recognizes or to which he gives consent as law, whether written or unwritten.

It is the breach or disregard of law which God calls sin. In I. John 3:4, we read, "For sin is the transgression of the law," or lawlessness. All that is right or in harmony with law is good. If aught is contrary to the law of God, or not right, of such we read, "All unrighteousness is sin" (I. John 5:17).

Christian Science (?) says, "Man is incapable of sin." Mormonism says, "It was necessary for Adam to sin." Spiritualism says, "Man never had a fall." Modern Theology says, "If man ever had a fall it was a fall upward rather than downward."

Yet here is something very strange, if all this be true. Let the beast of the field or forest follow the bent of its own nature and it finally reaches the point of its highest possible development. Let man, he whom God made the crown of creation, he whom evolution calls the highest form yet developed, let him follow the bent of his own inward nature and whether you place him at the north pole or equator, in desert, jungle or city his course is downward down to demoralization degradation and loss. There is only one thing that will satisfactorily explain this awful propensity to evil being in the heart of him who was created higher than all and that is the story of the fall of man from pristine innocence and holiness as related in Genesis.

Let others say what they may and theorize as they will, God Himself says, "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God," and again in the Scriptures, "If we say ye have not sinned we make Him a liar and His word is not in us" (I. John 1:10).

God has something to say about this sin business. He says, "The soul that sinneth it shall die" (Ezek. 18:4). Soul means the individual, whosoever, whether the outrageous sinner, or the person who once saved, backs up from light and by commission or omission wilfully disre-

gards law. (Ezek. 18:20-32 and 2 Pet. 2:20-22).

A soul's past may have been full of lawlessness or disregard of law. God rebukes the sin or lawlessness. If that individual heeds the rebuke, confesses and forsakes his sins God says "He will abundantly pardon" (Isa. 55:7) But, on the other hand, let the rebuke go unheeded and God plainly declares, "The soul that sinneth [goes on consciously, continuously, wilfully disregarding the law and rebuke of God] it shall die."

"Shall die." What does the Almighty mean? The dissolution of body? The few handfuls of dust scattered among a few bones between two rows of silver handles? It can not be dissolution, for good and evil, righteous and unrighteous, just and unjust lie down in the grave together. It must mean something else beyond "ashes to ashes." What can it be?

Ask the wise men of earth, with all their knowledge what lies beyond this which we call death. Historian, philosopher, professor of language, astronomer, physician, chemist, mineralogist, scientist. You who have delved in thoughts and doings of musty ages; you who understand rocks and elements, forces and laws, tell us, please, what awaits us across the line of worlds?

"With knitted brows and wistful eye they peer across the grave and as they watch the flight of souls cry, "Whither away? O where?" And the mocking echo answers, "Where?"

God says, "It is appointed unto man once to die, but after this the judgment" (Heb. 9:27.)

Christian Science (?) says, "No final judgment awaits mortals. It is the sense of sin that will be lost and not the sinful soul. Hell fire and judgment are the ravings and imaginations of mortal error." Spiritualism says, "No resurrection, no judgment. Hell does not exist and never will." Mormonism says, "All will be damned who are not Latter Day Saints." Modern theology says, "There is no far off judgment day and no judge external to ourselves. God is too loving and merciful to send any of His own creatures to eternal punishment."

But there is another who speaks, not as these scribes, but "as one having authority." Who is He? His Father replies from beyond the clouds, "This is my beloved Son: hear Him" (Luke 9:35). The unclean spirit cried out, "I know Thee who Thou art: the Holy One of God" (Luke 4:33). Nicodemus says, "We know that Thou art a teacher come from God" (John 3:2). Judas, the traitor, says, "I have betrayed the innocent." Pilate, "I have found no fault in this man." The centurian in charge of the crucifixion watched the accompanying events and declared, "Truly this was the Son of God" (Matt. 27:54). When Jesus asked His disciples saying, "Whom say ye that I the Son of Man am?" Simon Peter answered and said, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus answered and said unto him, "Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven" (Matt. 16:13-17). Even the higher critics declare, "Christ was a master product of evolution; the world's