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EDITORIAL

HAVE FAITH IN GOD

(Continued)

In a recent editorial under the above caption, we stated that the most outstanding and serious thing about our present generation is the apparent loss of faith in God. We also said when men lose faith in God they also lose their respect for the best and most sacred thing of life. The depraved sinful nature that man inherited through the fall, begins to show its power in his life and actions, when faith in God is gone. Just in the measure that he gives way to his sinful nature, it will change him into a self-centred, covetous, godless beast: The change may be gradual because of the direct or indirect influence of the gospel that he has been under in the past; but the trend of the depraved heart is downward and hellward, and that is where every soul will finally land, who does not get deliverance from that evil spirit, through faith in the Atonement of our Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus suffered without the gate that He might sanctify the people with His own Blood. Heb. 13-12.

If we had eyes to behold spiritual things, we might see that the great underlying cause of this terrible war is loss of faith in God and His word. For its beginning we might go back perhaps 150 years when destructive Biblical criticism began in the theological halls in Germany. When they began to question the inspiration of the Bible, and to substitute their own poor human reasonings, and thus developed what is called German rationalism which had for its object the personification of force, that is brute force, which also became the object of worship in those who lost faith in God, and were teaching the new philosophy, viz.: Might is right. This philosophy is exactly opposite to the teachings of Jesus: for he taught that Right is might: Righteousness is the greatest force that has ever held sway in this world; and although there are times when "right seems to be on the scaffold, and wrong on the throne," as it is now in the case of the liquor traffic, the time is sure to come when right will triumph: because it is of God. This pagan philosophy taught by Haver, Nietzsche, Wellhausen and others, is that spirit and teaching which the Bible calls antichrist, which the apostle John said was already in the world. It teaches religion without Christ. And not only that, but its object is to dethrone Christ, and that is the object of Hitlerism in this present war. If he and his associate forces should win, it would be the end of Christian civilization and the law of the jungle would soon be in operation. We

don't believe that the Almighty will allow that to come: And yet, we don't know how long God will permit this awful struggle to continue. Or how much the people of the so-called Christian nations, or the democracies will have to be chastened, and suffer, before they see their need of God, and humble themselves and put away sin. Hitler may be the scourge that God is using to bring us to our knees. The wicked shall be turned into hell with all the nations that forget God. Psa. 9-17. Surely war is hell.

"Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish," saith the Lord.

Someone may ask: Where shall our repentance begin? We would say, let it begin where we as a nation or people began to backslide; where Germany began to backslide, viz., in their religious life. Their religious leaders failed in their God appointed task, namely, in preaching the Word. God has said, "My word shall not return unto me void; it shall accomplish that which I please and prosper in the thing whereto I send it."

Where the word of God is faithfully preached with the Holy Ghost sent down from Heaven in the pulpits of our land, it will have a mighty influence for good on the people. Paul said, so we preached and so ye believed. Peter said the time is come when Judgment must begin at the house of God. Let all the preachers in all the churches begin to preach on such subjects as sin, the devil, hell, repentance, restitution, forsaking evil, faith in God, Christ the only Saviour, the Holy Spirit, consecration, heart cleansing, sanctification, holiness, perfect love, etc., etc., subjects vital to the salvation of souls, instead of a lot of so-called preaching such as people hear today which at its best only entertains or instructs the minds of the hearer, but does not reach their soul need.

All this preaching that ignores the vicarious atonement of Christ as the only basis of man's salvation is antichrist, and is having the same effect on the people who hear it as German pagan philosophy, viz., undermining their faith in the Bible, it leaves the impression on people that they can be saved by virtue of their good works, morality, respectability or social service, without being born again through faith in Christ. What one generation fails to preach, the next will not believe, or practice: So preachers who are neglecting to preach the whole truth are helping to spread Hitlerism in our own country, and to destroy the people's faith in God and His word. The inspired word has some very severe things to say about false prophets. It says they shall be cast into the lake that burneth with fire and brimstone.

Let us pray.

QUARTERLY MEETING OF DIST. NO. 2

The quarterly meeting of District No. 2 convened with the church at Saint John, March 5th to 8th inclusive. Rev. B. C. Cochrane led the opening service Thursday night and preached from Matt. 17:21, "This kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting."

Friday at 2:30 p.m., Rev. B. C. Cochrane gave a Bible reading on fasting and prayer. Friday evening the Sunday School convention was held.

Saturday morning at 10.30 o'clock a devotional service was led by Rev. A. D. Cann. Brother Cann spoke on Psalm 23.

The business session was held on Saturday at 2.30 p.m. with Rev. B. C. Cochrane in the chair. The following ministers were present: Revs. J. A. Owens, B. C. Cochrane, A. D. Cann, Lic. Helen Sterritt, Lic. Alice Sterritt. Delegates present

from Moncton, Mrs. Lister; Grey's Mills, Bro. S. H. Bradley, Sister Alice Sterritt; Westchester, Mrs. Rushton; Saint John, Bro. and Sister Otty Keith. Minutes of the last quarterly were read and approved. Letter reports were read from the churches. Moved and seconded that all present have the privilege of the service.

The officers elected were as follows: President, Rev. J. A. Owens; Vice-President, Rev. B. C. Cochrane; Secretary, Mrs. Otty Keith; Treasurer, Miss Ella McCarthy; Highway Agent, Rev. B. C. Cochrane.

A standing vote of appreciation was extended to Lics. Helen and Alice Sterritt in commemorating the anniversary of their sailing as missionaries to South Africa on March 5th, 1921.

A vote of thanks was extended to the Saint John Church for entertaining the quarterly meeting. Moved and seconded that the invitation for the next quarterly be accepted to be held at Salem May 21st over 24th. Also motion made and seconded that Brother DeVerne Mullen be appointed to be responsible for the planning of a Young People's Rally to be held on Monday, May 25th, after this quarterly meeting at Salem. It was suggested that a plan to stimulate interest in Sunday school work be adopted. Rev. J. A. Owens was delegated to purchase the prize award as an incentive to increase attendance.

Moved and seconded that Sunday Schools be requested to renew the regular \$1.00 per quarter for contribution to extension fund.

Moved and seconded that Bros. Owens and Cochrane be a committee to draw up a schedule of services for the week preceding Easter.

Moved and seconded that the secretary write letters to the Lieutenant-Governors of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick commending them on their stand regarding liquor traffic in their respective provincial governments.

Saturday evening the service opened with singing and testimonies. Rev. A. D. Cann preached from John 7, 37-39 using as his subject, "The Gift of the Holy Ghost to Believers."

Sunday morning the Love Feast began at 9.30, led by Sister Helen Sterritt. At the 11 o'clock service Rev. B. C. Cochrane preached a splendid sermon from 1 Chron. 4-10. During this service Bro. DeVerne Mullen brought a wonderful message in song. At 2.30 p.m., Rev. A. D. Cann brought a searching message from Matt. 25, taking as his subject, "Being Prepared For Our Lord's Return." Rev. B. C. Cochrane brought the closing service Sunday night. His text was from Acts 26-28. This was a stirring message. Two little sisters were at the altar and claimed Jesus as their Saviour. This service closed with testimonies and all forming a circle and joining hands and singing "Blest Be The Tie That Binds" and "God Save The King."

God blessed in all the services of the quarterly and we feel like travelling on and holding high His blood stained banner. Praise His Name!

MRS. OTTY KEITH, Secretary.

SAYS LIQUOR IS TRIMMING THE ALLIES

London, Feb. 25—Rev. Duncan McTavish, secretary of the London Temperance Federation, told a meeting of London General Ministerial Association yesterday that at Hong Kong there were 600,000 bottles of whiskey but only 223 machine guns.

"Liquor is trimming us," he said, urging ministers to give whole-hearted support to a new campaign against increased use of intoxicants in wartime.

"For an all-out war effort there must be a reduction in the sale of wine and beer," Mr. McTavish declared.—Sel.