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EDITORIAL

HERE JUDGMENT BEGINS

Dr. Harry Jessop, the outstanding Bible teacher and president of Chicago Evangelistic Institute, lays the following charge against this generation: "The world is rejecting Jesus Christ, while the Church is rejecting the Holy Ghost."

With the first clause of this accusation, a host of the spiritually enlightened will readily agree. Selfishness, greed, warfare and crime, sin's unlovely offspring are working havoc in our God-created universe, and their presence and all but unrestrained activity testify of the guilt of the race in refusing to accept and obey the only One who is able to rid society of these evil forces.

But what of the charge laid against the Church? Is she guilty of the sin of which the established church of New Testament times was? Against the religionists of that day Stephen laid this charge: "Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost. As your fathers did, so do ye."

Very little is heard of the Holy Spirit in twentieth century preaching. When the creed is recited or the benediction pronounced, the third Person of the Trinity is referred to, but as far as being presented as the Gift of the Father, the needed Companion of the Christian, the Purifier of the carnal and defiled. He is practically unheard of.

Many who bear the name of Christian, and give evidence of having received a measure of the grace of God, have never sought or obtained the Gift of the Holy Spirit, are not able to testify of His personal, cleansing, abiding presence, and have never come into the fulness of grace referred to by the Apostle Paul when he exhorted the Ephesian believers to "be filled with the Spirit." A large group of the evangelical church of today will support and welcome a message which emphasizes the necessity of repentance and faith toward God as essential to salvation, who will not react favourably toward a presentation of the Holy Spirit's sanctifying ministry as the needed blessing of the believer's life.

As the world must suffer the consequences

of her rejection of Christ, so the Church will suffer as a result of her rejection of the Holy Spirit. As the prevalence of sin in the world testifies of the inevitable judgment of a people who will not submit to the authority of the Saviour, so the prevalence of self-manifestations in the Church are indicative of the consequence of refusing to yield to the purging ministry of Him sent to baptize with fire. Spiritual shallowness, carnal manifestations, and worldliness are rife among people who, once exultant in the first love of salvation, have become victims of unbelief in respect to the proposed ministry of the Spirit.

He that hath an ear to hear, let him hear.

MORE ABOUT JUDE'S LETTER

By the Associate Editor

"For certain men crept in unawares." Jude 4. These certain men are the ones responsible for the trouble in religious circles, and made it necessary for Jude to write to the beloved in Christ Jesus, sanctified by God the Father, and exhort them to contend earnestly for the faith. Note, these certain men were outstanding men, not the weak-minded, queer-talking, odd-acting folks that sometimes come into our services and claim to belong to us. No! these are not the sort of people that hurt the holiness cause. It is rather those "Certain Men," "Big Shots," men of influence and perhaps some money, that we naturally like to catch, and sometimes patronize. We often find them holding office in our churches; perhaps they have been appointed deacons, or treasurer, or are on the official board, because they have business ability, and like to take an important part in the business affairs of the church. It is true they seldom get to a prayer meeting, because of course, they being business men are very busy and often very tired (?) so they must be excused. If these "Certain Men" did happen to be in a service where a testimony meeting was going on, you would not be likely to hear a testimony from them, especially if the truth of second-blessing holiness was being emphasized by the preacher and worshippers. No, they would be uneasy and displeased because the people prayed so long, and talked so much, and thus kept the meeting so late. Of course these same church members could spend one, two, or three hours at a social function, where they would talk freely, gossip about their neighbors, tell jokes, etc., and never seem to get weary; but they cannot seem to enjoy a good lively religious service where people are praising God for full salvation.

To satisfy you that these "Certain Men" are religious people, I would call your attention to the characters that Jude compares them, with Old Testament characters, who were all religious; see verse 11, where you find their names: Cain, Balaam and Core. Cain is the first worshipper we read of in the word of God. He brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the Lord. Gen. 4:3. Balaam also was a big, popular prophet of his time whom Balac sent for to come and curse Israel. Balac said: "Whom Balaam blesses is blest, and whom he curses is cursed." Also Core was one of the big men of Moses' time who aspired to be a religious leader and would not submit to Moses, whom God had called, and appointed to that position.

Hence, we see that men may have a form of religion, and take an interest in some

phases of church work, and yet be out of harmony with God, and a hindrance to the promotion of the gospel of full-salvation; chiefly because they never were scripturally converted or sanctified wholly. It is sure to be a hindrance to our work to appoint to the gospel ministry or to offices in our churches, men who have not been clearly sanctified, and cannot give joyful testimony to that fact. And furthermore, brethren, whereas we believe that God has raised up the various holiness peoples to promote the truth of full salvation, when we engage evangelists to assist us in our churches, we think we should use men who are true to the Wesleyan interpretation of scriptural holiness, if we are to fulfil our mission of building up a strong holiness work. For "God hath called us unto holiness," and we must still contend earnestly for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.

H. S. DOW

TEMPERED TRUTHS

Rev. F. A. Dunlop

"When they shall say, peace and safety—then."

All honor to those brave hearts who meet in Council Chambers to formulate Peace Pacts. To say that no good can come from such efforts is to take a too pessimistic view. But to hope for anything like a Utopia arising out of these efforts is a vain hope.

The Scriptures promise no settled peace among nations during this church age. The very opposite is plainly taught. Christ, referring to the closing days of this Age, said, "There shall be wars and rumors of wars." "Nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom." "And there shall be signs in the sun and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken." These, with many other scriptures, pertaining to the last days, give no promise of any settled peace brought about by man's best effort.

The reason for this failure is not difficult to find. Man — unregenerated man — is the answer. Lawlessness, treachery and deceit, are attributes of fallen man. Peace, based on fair dealing, is as contradictory to depraved human nature as is holiness, or any other attribute of God. In order to establish peace we must necessarily begin at THE man, and this beginning has not been allowed for in all or any of our modern Peace Parleys. There isn't a nation in existence, great or small, that can be trusted. Six weeks ago, judging from paper talk, one could easily believe that San Francisco would be the birth-place of World Peace. Today, we are not quite so sure. The Big Stick is still thought to be the best weapon, and big sticks are for bad boys. And the difficulty with bad boys is, they grow up. This makes them hard to manage.

We are inclined to think that only Germans and Japs are unmanageable and devilish, but the recent outbreak in Halifax, and elsewhere throughout Nova Scotia, proves the contrary. Men, women and children alike threw restraint to the winds, and gave way to an impulse as hateful and dishonourable as might be expected among pagans. Might still is