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THE SIN WE EXCUSE

There are little foxes which creep silently into the Lord's vineyard and do untold harm to the tender vines. Because they are small and move quietly, we think them quite harmless, when in truth they may do more damage than the roaring lion.

Such is the sin of evil speaking. While the preacher arranges the heavy artillery for "big game," and the people keep a watchful eye for stalking beasts of prey, a subtle enemy glides into the church unnoticed and begins to work with deadly skill. The armed guard has failed to recognize the true character and destructive power of this little intruder, and permits him to pass into the vineyard and set about his spoiling work.

Into this category falls the sin of evil speaking. No sin is more prevalent in the church, none excused so often, and yet few are more damaging to the work of God.

"They say," says one. "I hear," says another. "I'm afraid," yet another, and into circulation goes a story or a suggestion that gains momentum at amazing speed, and accumulates power to destroy beyond the imagination of the one whom the devil used as the chief character in his evil plot. The Holy Spirit is grieved, the bond of fellowship is strained or broken, and satan's "divide and conquer" plan is set in motion when Christians begin to speak evil one of another. The blessing of God has been lost, the influence of ministers has been ruined, and the usefulness of churches sadly impaired through the deadly practice of evil speaking.

"Speak not evil one of another, brethren."
"Speak evil of no man, but be gentle, shewing all meekness unto all men." "If ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another."

We need to be cruelly honest with ourselves in this matter. Evil speaking is EVIL speaking. It is a subtle yet grievous sin. As long as we excuse it or wink at it it will continue to be an unlovely part of our living and will go on spreading its divisive infection. Perhaps all of us could stand a heart-searching here. "Let the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer!"

EDITORIAL GLEANINGS

THE QUEST FOR PEACE

While diplomats are trying to frame terms of settlement, for peace between the nations, these same nations are engaged in training youth for war. In our own nation the President has asked Congress to pass legislation making military service compulsory for every young man upon his reaching the age of eighteen years. Generals of the Army have suggested that the United States should have an army of 4,000,000 men, to insure peace and national protection. Even an army of that size will not insure peace. It might tend to restrain some of the instincts of war in some nations for a time; but until Jesus comes to reign and rule with a rod of iron, there will be selfish men with ambition to rule the world. Even at this time, there is strife for leadership in China and other parts of the Near East. Men who are not subject to God will not be subject to each other for any great length of time.—Editor, Holiness Banner.

TO THE LAW AND TESTIMONY

The Bible with its prophecies for the future is our sure Guide. And any impressions, however sincerely sought and accepted, that are contrary to its teachings, should be rejected as from a questionable source that would lead us to destruction. God does impress individuals and groups, in answer to prayer, with solutions of their problems, but never contrary to Scripture. Let the Bible first be searched diligently for parallels and principles covering the matter in hand; and in most cases one need not wait for further impressions. The answer is there. But when more light is needed, if it is from God it will never shine across the light from God's Word, but will shine with it. We cannot go wrong when we square everything with the whole teaching of the Word.—Editor, Signs of the Times.

THE DANGER OF STRONG POINTS

Permit us to advise you of one thing: Take care of your strong points. They are the danger points. It is quite common and familiar to say that a chain is only as strong as its weakest link. It is quite proper to direct our attention along that line of reasoning. But there is another line that is just as vital. Distrust yourself where you think you are the strongest. Do not spend time on enlarging on your strong side. Be very careful concerning those "specialties". Be doubtful of your pet graces. They may become the danger points in your life. They may even be the ruin of you, unless you guard them very jealously. You would not be the first one to be thus ruined. There was a reason for the Apostle Paul saying, "When I am weak then am I strong". To the Corinthians he also has written: "Let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall". Paul spoke of an enabling Christ. "I can do all things through Christ, which strengtheneth me". Yes, let Him be the One to enable you. Let Him be the One to give you the strength that you will need, not only once a day, or for one day but daily, momentarily, always and all of the time.—Editor, Gospel Herald.

WHAT ABOUT YOUR RENEWAL?

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OBITUARY

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord."

Mrs. Eliza A. Kearney, widow of the late Judson Kearney, died at her home in Waterville on Thursday, Dec. 27th, after an illness of over a year. Mrs. Kearney was a fine Christian character and was a member of the Reformed Baptist Church. She was born at Lower Hainesville, York Co., 74 years ago.

Surviving are two sons: Charles E. Kearney and Arthur G. Kearney, both of Waterville; a brother, Henry W. Elliott, Victoria; a sister, Mrs. George Bird, of Millarville, Alberta, and a number of nephews and nieces. The funeral was conducted by her pastor, A. D. Cann.

To the sorrowing ones we extend our sympathy.

Byron Watts Brown passed away at his home on Friday, Dec. 28th, at 85 years of age. Brother Brown was a charter member and deacon of the Reformed Baptist Church, which position he filled well till death. He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. A. E. Barnard, of London, England, and four sons, Russel, Arnold and Murray, at home, and Kenneth, of Fredericton. The funeral was conducted by his pastor, A. D. Cann.

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HIS NAME SHALL BE CALLED WONDERFUL

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day. Men have always tried to make Jesus after some humanly devised pattern rather than let him make them after his spiritually creative purposes. Jesus is the perfect ethical example but he is First the Divine Son of God and the Saviour of men from their sins.

Artists of various nationalities make Christ like their respective peoples in color, facial features and human form. Many modern minds try to make him in nature and spirit like certain ideals that may be humanly conceived. Man-made gods can never save mankind. Men need Someone greater than themselves to lift them out of their low estate. This Someone is pre-eminently provided in the Lord Jesus. He is not the man-made god, he is the Saviour from Heaven, the man-remaking God and the very Lord of life.

The Jesus of History was very man; he was all the fine human things that men have said about him, and more, but that side of his nature is not what men need most. Men and women of our day need the Christ of redemption, the Christ of pierced hands, and efficacious blood, the Christ of superhuman power and transforming grace, the Christ of wonder-working mercy and divine compassion; they need these more than they need the sense of his human example, great teachings and comradeship. All men need the divine Saviour to save them from their sins, to create a new and finer nature within them, to baptize with the Holy Ghost and the sense of divine life. And he is just the Christ who is with us today. The critics and unbelievers have not driven him away. If men will repent of their sins, their pride, greed, complacency and unbelief and turn to the divine Son of God a new tide of spiritual life will rise over our world, and a new realization of ethical idealism will appear before all mankind. The wonderful Lord of life will work his wonders of beauty and truth in the lives of men.—Selected.

The cross entwined with flow'rs. —Selected.