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EDITORIAL

"AND WHY CALL YE ME, LORD . . .?"

Dr. Paul S. Rees tells of a young man in England, who said: "I did serve Christ. He was my King, but I fear He was a constitutional Sovereign, and I was Prime Minister. But now He is my absolute Lord."

That was the young man's way of confessing, that although he did know Christ as his Saviour, and did render Him service, and did address Him as Lord, still he had not really enthroned Him in his heart, or yielded to Him the full control of his life. He evidently had made his own plans, managed his own affairs, held the reins of his life in his own hands probably taking for granted the Lord's approval and blessing. But his confession also told of a change in his attitude. It told of a complete yielding to Christ, and of an enthroning of Him in his heart and life, making it possible for him to say, "But now He is my absolute Lord."

Dr. F. B. Meyer, well known on both sides of the Atlantic, told of a like crisis experience. It came at a time when he saw others better blessed in Christian experience, and more effective in Christian service. With the door of his room closed and locked, his quest for help led him to consider anew his relationship to Christ, and his surrender to Him. Describing what took place he said that a bunch of keys he carried when at home seemed to represent the keys of his heart and life, and in facing Christ's demand for the control of his life he yielded all the keys but one. That one small key with-held represented a reservation in his surrender to the Lord. It stood for the key to something in his heart and life that ought not to be there. Finally it was yielded; the wrong was removed and the consecration was made complete. Dr. Meyer wrote: "Then I yielded myself absolutely to Christ, and said: 'From this night I want Thee to do as Thou wilt with my life.'"

This matter of the Lordship of Christ is an important one, and needs to be faced by us all. Christ demands the right to be our Master and Lord. He claims the right to the throne of our hearts and the full control of our lives. It is not enough to address Him as Lord. That may be little more than a formality. Jesus Himself asks the question, "Why call ye me, Lord . . .?" In fact, His complete question is, "Why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?" which does suggest the possibility of calling Him Lord, while

there is a with-held throne, or a with-held key, or a known disobedience to His will.

It is true that there are those who would substitute consecration for sanctification. But it is just as true that that are all too many who talk and profess sanctification who seem to know little of the real meaning of consecration. If we profess the first we ought to practice to second. Certainly if Christ is truly our Sanctifier, He is also our Lord and Master. He has the throne of the heart and the control of the life.

Perhaps a fitting prayer with which to conclude this short meditation is:

"Spirit of God, O take full control:

Thy presence, now, enthrone in my soul!

Fullness of love to me now impart;

Reign Thou supreme, O Lord, in my heart."

E.W.T.

NOTICE

The hymnal, "Praise and Worship," which has been designated as the hymnal of our denomination, is finding a good reception among our people. As they can only be ordered in lots of one thousands or more, we must have a demand for that number before we can procure a new printing from the Nazarene Publishing House.

Churches desiring these new hymnals should send their order to me as soon as possible. The cost is \$1.35 a copy delivered.

Norman E. Trafton

RECOMMENDATION

Lic. Samuel Guptill, of our Grand Harbour Church in Grand Manan, is a zealous exponent of the Word, in harmony with our doctrines and practices, and is available for meetings during the winter months. He has had experience in revival meetings and would render effective and valuable service in that connection. Pastors needing an evangelist should take advantage of this opportunity and contact Brother Guptill immediately.

Norman E. Trafton

THE CATECHISM IS READY!

The Reformed Baptist Church Catechism is off the press and immediately available. These booklets, which contain a comprehensive statement of faith prepared for systematic study, should prove a great asset to our denominational work. They are available at a cost of 15c per copy. Please order through Lic. Ruth Harding, Bridgewater, Maine, the denominational supervisor of children's work.

BE BIG ENOUGH

Be big enough to live the life God gave you,
Untouched by petty selfishness and greed;
Stand free from foolish habits which enslave you;
Be big enough to trust God in your need.

Be big enough to speak the truth—and live it!
Hold fast your ideals though the heavens fall;
Expect no quarter, yet be quick to give it;
Be big enough to heed the humblest call.

Be big enough to smile when all about you
Your very world lies crumbled in the dust;
Have courage to fight on, though friends may
doubt you,
Be big enough to keep your faith and trust.

Be big enough that changing years may find you
Regretting not the years you've left behind;
Be quick to throw off prejudice which binds you;
Be big enough to keep an open mind.

Be big enough to say "I was mistaken."
Be slow to take offense, quick to forgive.
Let pity, justice, love, in your heart waken;
Be big enough, and kind enough, to live!

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tasy.

Men are so strong and so increased in goods, so complacent and self-satisfied, they have little vision about the needs of the world and of poor lost souls. How many church people are a self-deceived multitude with no burden or travail for souls? They are pictured in the Third of Revelation in the letter to the Laodicean church. It reads: "Thou sayest I am rich and increased with goods, and have need of nothing, and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind and naked."

We are in the midst of such a situation. To get into such a church and try to have a revival it becomes necessary to draw out your own soul for them until the burden becomes almost more than can be borne. It is because this old rugged preaching has been so generally discarded that our people have become satisfied with them selves and their condition. You may take the best church we have, in any of the denominations, and you will find there the need to get back to the realization of the damnable element of sin. Oh, that the Lord would visit the people of our churches with a mighty conviction for sin, not that I want them to suffer, but because I know when they get there they are started on a good road.

"Blessed are the poor in spirit." Jesus had in mind a condition of spirit just opposite to the Laodiceans of today. Those who recognize their own poverty of spirit and dependence upon God are indeed blessed.—Heart and Life

The late Lord Tweedsmuir, who was a great reader of the Bible and read it every day, said: "The essential things of religion can never change; there is still for every man the choice of two paths, and 'conversion,' in its plain evangelistic sense, is still the greatest fact in any life."

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