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## EDITORIALS

### PENTECOST SUNDAY

May 20th. is Pentecost Sunday, the anniversary of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. As we remember the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ by the observance of Good Friday and Easter Sunday, so we recall the historic coming of the Holy Ghost on Pentecost Sunday.

There is no greater need in the church, ours included, than a renewing of the purity, passion, and power of Pentecost. Christians of today need a fresh baptism of love that will clear out of their hearts all that is unclean, unbecoming, unChristlike. We need a great inflow of compassion toward the lost, such as will move us to tears, to prayer, to sacrificial service. Confronted with an increase of evil and an appalling trend in the direction of worldliness and ungodliness, we need power from on high to meet the challenge of today's need.

May Pentecost Sunday be more than the celebration of an historic event which occurred ten days after the ascension of the Lord. Such a celebration is in order with reference to the event and sermons bearing on its significance. But may some new history be written, may we, as the one hundred twenty of long ago, hear from heaven on Pentecost Sunday. May the mighty Holy Ghost, who fell upon the disciples who were gathered together in the upper room, fall upon us as we are assembled in our churches. God grant that May 20, 1956, be a Pentecost Sunday indeed!

### A PROMISE FOR TODAY

There is widespread belief among God's people that we are in the last days. The social degeneracy, political upheaval, and religious apostasy of the times, signs which were to appear just previous to our Lord's return, prophesy that the King is near, even at the door.

The Word of God indicates that at the time of the second advent of Christ, a state of moral and spiritual decline will prevail. "Evil men and seducers will wax worse and worse," "because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold," "that day shall not come except there first come a falling away," are scripture statements describing the spiritual

state of the world and the church in the times just preceding our Lord's appearing.

But for the pastor, evangelist, and church with spiritual vision and zeal for God's glory a brighter prospect is given. "And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, that I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; and on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy; and I will show wonders in the heavens above, and signs in the earth beneath . . . before that great and notable day of the Lord come; and it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

We readily admit that this promise is primarily dispensational. The phrase, "in the last days," as used here is one that refers to the closing era of divine revelation and the fullness of the promise of the outpoured Spirit was to occur at the beginning of the last great dispensational division of human history. And so it has come to pass. The dispensation of the Father was completed some nineteen hundred years ago when the birth of Jesus ushered in the dispensation of the Son. This brief but momentous period was followed by the dispensation of the Spirit, the last great division of Divine revelation, which began with the day of Pentecost. On that memorable day the Holy Ghost was outpoured and the promise of the prophet Joel was fulfilled.

But the spiritual benefits and potentialities of the inspired promise were offered as a perennial challenge to the Church of Christ. In his post Pentecostal sermon Peter declared: "For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call." And so the echo reverberates through the centuries and its sound has inspired faith in the hearts of the believing of many generations. The claiming of this promise has been the beginning of great spiritual awakenings at various times and in various places since the Spirit was first outpoured upon the men and women who tarried in the upper room. And the challenge of that promise is as real for today as for any period of the past.

The skies are full of Pentecost. God waits to pour out His Spirit upon all flesh. Signs and wonders may yet be witnessed by those who will believe. If we claim the promise as ours, and realize its fulfillment, we may yet wrest victory from the enemy's hand and turn the tide of victory toward Zion.

Why should we watch the spiritual resources of the church waste away when God will open the windows of heaven and pour us out blessings that we cannot contain? Why should we be embarrassed with sparsely attended church services and barren altars when the Lord desires and designs that we should see the waste places inhabited and the barren made fruitful? Why should we be shut up to insignificant and impotent efforts to evangelize when the World has promised that we shall break forth on the right hand and on the left?

"The promise is to you. . . Will you claim it?"

"Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?"

## OUR EASTER OFFERING

Reports on the Easter offerings have been coming in slowly. We had hoped to have a report of the total giving sooner. Churches making special effort for this important offering have done well, some of them remarkably well. Marysville \$1560.00 and Seal Cove's \$1207.86 were wonderful offerings indeed, new records far beyond any achievement of any of our churches in the past. The pastors of these churches, Revs. G. R. Symonds and A. D. Cann, and their missionary-minded people, deserve highest commendation. We hope that their attainments will "provoke others to love and goods works". Other churches also contributed generously, though their numbers and giving ability were much below the churches named. Our new church at Grand Harbour with \$297.43, the Primitive Baptist churches pastored by Rev. D. E. Pike with \$126.31, our Bethany Bible College church with \$221.00 and Westchester, N. S. church, with a very small group, giving \$58.00 beyond their budget, these and others merit special mention. The total giving for the day is well beyond any amount raised previous to this year. So our pastors and people respond to the challenge of an enlarging missionary programme!

## KEEP THE FIRE

By C. H. Spurgeon

"The fire shall ever be burning upon the altar; it shall never go out." (Lev. 6:13)

Keep the altar of private prayer burning. This is the very life of all piety. The sanctuary and family altars borrow their fires here, therefore let this burn well. Secret devotion is the very essence, evidence, and barometer of vital and experimental religion.

Burn here the fat of your sacrifices. Let your closet seasons be, if possible, regular, frequent, and undisturbed. Effectual prayer availeth much. Have you nothing to pray for? Let us suggest the Church, the ministry, your own soul, your children, your relations, your neighbors, your country, and the cause of God and truth throughout the world.

Let us examine ourselves on this important matter. Do we engage with lukewarmness in private devotion? Is the fire of devotion burning dimly in our hearts? Do the chariot wheels drag heavily? If so, let us be alarmed at this sign of decay. Let us go with weeping, and ask for the Spirit of grace and of supplication.

### Seasons of Extraordinary Prayer

Let us set apart special seasons for extraordinary prayer. For if this fire should be smothered beneath the ashes of a worldly conformity, it will dim the fire on the family altar, and lessen our influence both in the Church and in the world.

The text will also apply to the altar of the heart. This is a golden altar indeed. God loves to see the hearts of His people glowing towards Himself. Let us give to God our hearts, all blazing with love, and seek His grace, that the fire may never be quenched; for it will not burn if the Lord does not keep it burning.

Many foes will attempt to extinguish it; but if the unseen Hand behind the wall pour thereon the sacred oil, it will blaze higher and higher. Let us use texts of Scripture as fuel for our heart's fire—they are live coals; and, above all, let us be much alone with Jesus.

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## ROMAN CATHOLICS BAN LOW-NECKED DRESSES, TIGHT BATHING SUITS

QUEBEC (CP) — Low-necked women's dresses and tight-fitting men's swim briefs are among clothes termed "immodest" in a Roman Catholic church campaign aimed at ridding Quebec province of "seductive nudism."

A directive prepared by the province's episcopal assembly seeks to have morality leagues formed in Quebec to enforce a ban on immodesty in dress.

A statement issued by the episcopal assembly, under the name of Msgr. Charles Omer Garant, auxiliary bishop of Quebec, describes dress immodesty as "one of the most provocative means by which vice is propagated."

Unclothed female arms and legs, as well as bare masculine torsos, are denounced in the statement. It also hits out at magazine, cinema and television publicity.

A similar purity crusade took place 10 years ago. Although the efforts made a decade ago produced good results in more than one sphere, the Episcopal Council states it is again alarmed at the "invasions of vice" and the havoc it spreads, as well as by the tolerance vice often receives.

The statement quotes at length from pronouncements by the Pope on the subject of immodesty in dress.

It then adds: "No-one dares claim that indecent dresses and shorts, low necklines, and completely bare arms and legs . . . safeguard Christian dignity and modesty . . ."

"Who will still justify the practice, which tends to increase in popularity among young men and youths, of going about in public bare-chested and wearing a swim suit that is too short and tight-fitting? It is a breach of modesty which may go as far as being scandalous."

The council calls for the co-operation of every individual as well as religious and civil organizations, to bring about a return to modesty in dress.

## TEN GOOD RULES OF CHURCH ETIQUETTE

1. Come early.
2. Never pass up the aisle during the reading of the Scripture lesson. You distract others and destroy the effect of the Word.
3. If the sermon has begun take a seat near the door even if you are a prominent member.
4. Be devout in every attitude—the church is not a theater. You come to worship God not to whisper, lounge or sleep.
5. Be thoughtful of the comfort of others. Never make a haystack of yourself at the end of a pew and expect others to crawl over you to reach a seat.
6. Help strangers to find and follow the service in the Hymnal. If they have no books, share your own with them.
7. Always remember that strangers are the guests of the church members. Treat them with the same courtesy as you would if they should visit you in your own home.
8. Never put on your wraps during the last hymn—they will still be there after the benediction.
9. Never rush for the door after the benediction as though the church were on fire.
10. Remember at all times that you are in the House of the Lord.—Northwestern Lutheran.

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## An Appeal

Dear Highway Readers:—

I ask you to help me in a great battle. Divorce is one of the world's greatest evils. In the United States about one marriage in six is broken by divorce. In the moving picture colony of Hollywood, California, scarcely any marriage vows are kept. Husbands and wives are passed freely from one to another. One popular actress had three children with a different father for each, all according to law.

In Reno, Nevada, applicants form a long line in the courtroom in the morning and a divorce is turned out every three minutes of the day. Almost everywhere the law of God has been replaced by the laws of man and people think that it is all right to divorce and marry someone else whenever they like. This condition is due in no small part to the indifference of ministers who not only fail to denounce this evil but encourage it by remarrying divorced people. Many holiness ministers preach that there is a scriptural cause for divorce and remarriage and I know of deplorable deeds of this sort by holiness preachers. I have been fighting divorce for half a century. At the Alliance in 1910 I wrote a resolution signed by Rev. W. B. Wiggins, B.A. and George McCutcheon and adopted by the Alliance instructing ministers not to remarry divorced persons and not to receive into church membership any person so remarried. During the last few years I have been preparing for a most vigorous fight against divorce in which I ask all who will to help. This must include all Christians.

The first and most essential thing is to replace false doctrine with scriptural truth. There are few ministers or others who fully understand the teaching of the Bible on divorce. This is due partly to the fact that very few have a knowledge of Greek which is necessary to understand this subject. I have studied Greek for over fifty years. I have read all the Greek New Testament. I can repeat the first seven chapters of Matthew in Greek and many other passages besides so that I have a fluent knowledge of New Testament Greek. Having this knowledge I have made a thorough study of the teaching of Jesus on divorce and understand it perfectly. I have written a booklet entitled, "The Scriptural Cause Fallacy", which fully and correctly explains the subject. It proves that all divorce is sin, that there is no scriptural cause for divorce and remarriage and that it is adultery in every case. I shall do my best to circulate this booklet everywhere. I cannot do this alone. I need and ask for your help. At Beulah last summer I delivered one hundred hastily prepared copies. We have now prepared a new and better edition and can furnish them in any desired number. They will be sent to any address postpaid for 15 cents a copy. 2 copies for 25 cents or 10 copies for \$1.00. I urge all readers to procure and read this booklet and recommend or give it to others. Just send me the money and your address and you will receive the booklet at once. Send to Rev. Minot S. Blaisdell, Hubbardston, Mass.

The Bible is a well of living water. You will need to draw daily out of his well of salvation; you can never drink it dry. The Bible is your chart and compass, and you will have occasion to examine it daily.—J. A. Wood.



## URGENT

In the April 30th issue of the Highway we made an appeal to our people for financial assistance for Bethany Bible College. At that time we stated that we were unable to pay our faculty and staff their salary which was due April 15th. April 30th found us in a more embarrassing position with only about 25% of the money needed to pay our faculty and staff, to say nothing of our creditors who have been quite patient with us.

At the present time, we need approximately \$3000.00 to bring our present financial obligations up to date. Are we able to depend upon our churches to help us in our crisis NOW?

Our people cannot afford to have their servants at Bethany seek other employment in order to save personal embarrassment as well as embarrassment of the school. We know God has promised to do great things for us; but He works through His people.

With only a few more days left in the church year, a special effort is needed to enable Bethany to meet her obligations. Let us first pray about Bethany and her need. Let us give as God directs us in our praying.

BETHANY BIBLE COLLEGE

## COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

JUNE 9-11, 1956

### BANQUET:

Saturday, June 9, 6:30 p.m.

### BACCALAUREATE:

Sunday, June 10, 3:00 p.m.

### GRADUATION:

Monday, June 11, 7:30 p.m.

### SPEAKER

Rev. W. H. Mullen, Ph.D.

Wollaston, Mass.

### BEYOND

I love this world, yet I shall love to go  
And meet the friends who wait for me, I know;  
I never stand above the bier and see  
The seal of death set on some well-beloved face  
But what I think—oh more will welcome me  
When I shall cross the intervening space.  
—Ella Wheeler Wilcox