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Union Committees

Growing out of the general interest in church union among holiness denominations, and more specifically because of recent action by the General Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church and the Alliance of the Reformed Baptist Church to pursue investigations relative to the subject, a joint meeting of our Committees on Church Union was held in Watervliet, N. Y. on January 16 and 17.

Matters of mutual interest and concern as related to our common task of promoting scriptural holiness were discussed. It was discovered that we have much in common and there appeared to be no major problems to hinder a possible merger of the two groups.

The sessions were marked by a genuine sense of the Spirit's presence. The sincere desire of the communicating committees is that God will direct our continuing negotiations. Our prayer is that God will lead us in His will and that the outcome of these negotiations will be such that the present age will be served with increased effectiveness to the glory of God.

B. H. Phaup

H. R. Ingersoll

Co-Chairmen, Joint Committee
on Church Union

ADVICE TO MINISTERS

Pray every night, and pray and shave every morning.

Keep your conscience clean, also your linen.

Let your light shine and shine your shoes.

Press your advantages, your opportunities, and your trousers.

Brush the cobwebs from your brain, and the dandruff from your collar.

You cannot put fire into your sermons unless there is fire in your heart.

It is better to lose a good fight than to win a bad one.

Call in the homes of men if you would have them call in the house of God.

Never allow temporal trivialities to displace eternal verities.

The approval of God is more to be desired than the patronage of a rich, unscrupulous pen-holder.

Always to content with what you have, but never with what you are.

—Free Methodist Advance

H. J. Phillips Says

The Bible, it seems to me, needs less changing than anything on the earth. It's the readers who need alteration. People need revising. They are harder to understand than the Good Book ever was. If somebody can revise the American living-room so it will hold the family Bible in the former place of prominence, and "revise" the furniture so a man will feel as comfortable reading it in a group as he does watching TV, the U.N. may be able to pack up and quit. Here's hoping.—Congregational Methodist
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IRREVOCABLE

by Dr. George E. Failing

SOME THINGS can never be called back.

Stealing property is a simple sin compared with some others. If a loaf of bread is stolen, it can be returned or payment made. If the theft involves a car or a large amount of cash, there is often the possibility of full reparation.

But suppose I rob a man of his good name. Suppose I cast out his name as evil. He and his family suffer, of course. So do his friends. His usefulness also is greatly restricted. Opportunities fade away. Without the confidence of his fellows he can accomplish very little. What can I do to restore the damage done? Very little indeed.

Adam's sin of disobedience in taking of the forbidden fruit could never be recalled. An experience of disobedience can never be eradicated, even though it may be forgiven. For this reason it is better never to taste the tempting morsels of sin. No man ever forms a habit who never begins a practice.

There's a much brighter side to this picture. Some good things are also irrevocable. Paul asserted that the gifts and calling of God are without repentance, that is, they can never be called back. The Jews of Paul's day had shamefully rejected God's Messiah. While the judgment of God fell upon them in a judicial hardness of heart, yet God's good will is still extended to Israel. If they abide not still in unbelief. (they) shall be grafted in, for God is able to graft them in again. God's purpose to "have mercy upon all" remains unchanged, even though His judgment must fall upon those steadfastly defiant to His will.

We often refer to the Garden of Eden to view the beginnings of the avalanche of evil that engulfed the human race. We ought to be reminded that some glorious good things remained. Though a sinner, man remained redeemable after his sin. Angels who sinned were offered no way of recovering their first estate. Man retained a conscience. Out of the Garden Adam took a definite promise that the seed of the woman should bruise the serpent's head. Genesis 3:15 is quite as important as John 3:16.

God has never taken back that promise made to Adam. And He never will. The Calvary gift of His Son was both an unspeakable and an irrevocable gift.

BEULAH CAMP

July 3 - 12

EVANGELIST: Dr. R. S. Nicholson

MUSICIANS: The Singing Sheppards

PLAN TO BE THERE