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A WARNING TO THE CHURCH.

BY REV. JOHN S. MERCERY.

ARTICLE 4.

"Quench not the Spirit."

(1 Thess 5: 19) The Spirit is here considered as a flame which may be extinguished. The descent of the Spirit at Pentecost was in the form of cloven tongues like as of fire (Acts 2: 3) We often put out the fire of God with shovels of rubbish.

There are some fires that cold water will not put out, only ashes or dust will avail. How utterly do many thus destroy all holy influence and all the promises of God! They have heard these revelations, looked out on these blessed promises and invitations, and then they turn away, saying, "Well, you know, I am not like other people. I am very peculiar; I do not understand, or I do not feel." And they pile up the list of their complaints and failings, and they put the fire out. Our weakness, our folly, our peculiarities, are no hindrances to him, and the greater the hindrances are to us, the more reason there is that we should come to God for help. If we will give ourselves up to Him, he can do as much for us as he ever did for any. It is an insult, indeed, a sin and a shame, when the Holy Spirit of God comes to lead us on to these higher things, that we should limit his grace and power by our failings and weaknesses. He is come to help such foolish ones as ourselves. No wonder the Holy Spirit is grieved, insulted, quenched.

And not content with this, such offenders generally get more peculiar. For others it is easy, of course; but for any one who is tempted and tried as they are! And they sigh in despair. Then they carefully collect all their worries and difficulties and keep piling them up until the fire is utterly put out.

Are you where God would have you to be? If not, come out, and right away at once, for you certainly ought not to be there. If you are, then be afraid to complain of circumstances which God has ordained on purpose to work out in you the very image and likeness of his Son.

There is no resting place between these two—the great purpose of God fulfilled; the Holy Ghost received by us, and we made witnesses unto Christ, or the Holy Spirit quenched. The words come to us from God; let them arouse and alarm and urge us to the full surrender of ourselves to him, that we may be used to save others from a devil's hell. "Quench not the Spirit."

My Jesus, as thou wilt! O may thy will be mine! Into thy hand of love I would my all resign. Through sorrow, or through joy, Conduct me as thine own, And help me still to say, My Lord, thy will be done!

There is no need of weariness of soul even though there may be weariness of the body.

OHIO F. W. B. STATE CONVENTION.

The Ohio Free Will Baptist State Convention, met with First Kyger Church Aug. 9, at 7:30 p. m. In the absence of Eld. S. H. Norman, the Convention Sermon was preached by Thomas E. Peden, D. D. Adjourned until tomorrow 10 a. m.

AUG 10, 1911.

Chose Eld. W. L. Hooper moderator and Eld. Stephen Fisher trustee for five years. The payments on the Weston Church reported paid up to date. Church has grown from nine to fifty-two, and has a good Sabbath School. The last session of Jackson Q. M. was held with it. A very precious communion and washing of the saints' feet was enjoyed. One who gave very bright evidence of conversion was baptized. Eld. Henry Howe of Jackson, is pastor. The church in Grafton, W. Va. is repairing its meeting house. Other missionary work was done, but no definite report was made.

MINISTERS' AND LAYMEN'S CONFERENCE.

AUG. 10, 1911, at 2 p. m.

Ministers' and Laymen's Conference, met at 2 p. m. with fourteen members present. Chose the officers of the State Convention. Eld. W. L. Hooper read an essay on the Influence of an Evil example. Thomas E. Peden read an essay, giving ten reasons for the Continuation of the Free Will Baptist Denomination. Eld. S. H. Norman gave a lecture on the Work of a National Evangelist. Nearly all gave a talk on What more can we do for the Denomination than we are doing.

OHIO RIVER YEARLY MEETING.

The Ohio River Yearly Meeting met with First Kyger Church, Aug. 11th, at 2 p. m. Chose Eld. W. L. Hooper of Zaleski Ohio, Moderator and Eld. S. H. Norman, of Clarksburg, W. Va., assistant. Letters read from Gallia, Jackson, Meigs and West Virginia Quarterly Meetings. Verbal reports from Athens and Vinton Quarterly Meetings. No report from Shiloh. One new church, the New Floodwood, had been received within the year. Sister Mary Thompson, a minister of Christian Connection and Sister Certie E. Ward of the Holiness Church, were received as Corresponding Messengers. Eld. Roy Ray and wife who are candidates for missionaries to Africa and attending School on the Mount of Blessings, near Cincinnati, preparation to their work, came after the business meeting adjourned, and took an active part in the services. Appointed Bros. Wm. H. Jacobs, H. D. Lambert and Perry Younger, Committee on Supply of Pulpit. Adjourned until tomorrow morning 9 o'clock. Per appointment of Committee: Sister Mary Thompson preached at 7:30 p. m.

AUG 12, 1911, 9 A. M. Minutes read and approved. Appointed the following committees:

Education—M. V. Coughenour, S. H. Jacobs and John Swisher.

Temperance—Sisters Stella Jacobs, Ellen Scott and Bro. Samuel Darst.

On Nelsonville Church—W. L. Hooper, E. V. Scott and J. B. Swisher.

Publications—Silas Moore, Wm. H. Jacobs and M. V. Coughenour. Elected Thomas E. Peden Trustee for five years.

Elds. W. L. Hooper and T. E. Peden reported that they attended the General Conference in Florence Alabama, chose two loyal brethren to complete our number of four delegates, that it was well attended and very interesting, everything was done in harmony. Seven new Yearly meetings were received. It continued ten days, next session in Midway Georgia Association. W. L. Hooper's expenses were \$30.00 and T. E. Peden's \$35.00. Requested each church to raise a sum aggregating ten cents per resident member to pay this expense, appoint a special Trens, to collect as soon as possible, as the delegates greatly need it, and send it to Bro. T. I. Holmes Yearly Meeting Treas., Bidwell, Ohio, to be divided pro rata between the two delegates in the absence of Bro. Peden chose Bro. W. H. Jacobs, Treas. pro tem. Thomas E. Peden reported that he attended the North Carolina Union Conference, was well received, appointed as return messenger and a very fraternal spirit is manifested. Appointed him to it and to as many Southern bodies as he can reach, as Corresponding Messenger.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At the request of West Virginia Quarterly Meeting, appointed Eld. Silas Moore, W. L. Hooper and S. H. Norman, a council to examine Sister M. J. Norman and if in their judgment, she is called and qualified, ordain her to the full work of the ministry. Voted to hold next session with the Third Alexander Church. Left the Nelsonville interest in the hands of the committee which is continued until next Yearly Meeting. Passed the following resolutions on missions. We urge our Sabbath Schools to comply with the request of our General Conference and give a collection for missions the first Sunday of each month and send it promptly to the National Treasurer, at Ayden, N. C. In the symposium it was suggested that each preacher make a special effort to organize a new Free Will Baptist Church in some, now destitute locality, within the coming year. Passed the following on Temperance. We regard it as the imperative duty of every Christian to do all he can to have a prohibition clause in the new Constitution of Ohio. While we seek legal protection from the tyranny and corruption of the rum power, we should not forget to use moral suasion to reform the drunkard and prevent the young from forming the habit of tipping

which is the foundation of this great sin.

Sister Bertie E. Ward preached at 2:30 p. m. and Silas Moore, at 7:30. A good Sunday Sabbath was conducted.

Sabbath morning by Dea. E. V. Scott, a veteran in the cause. Preaching at 10:30 by Thomas E. Peden, D. D.

Devotional praise, prayer and testimony service was held at 2:30 and preaching at 7:30 by Eld. W. L. Hooper.

The meetings were all helpful and hope inspiring from the beginning. All Quarterly Meetings but Shiloh were represented. Nearly all the churches have pastor. A number of ministers and delegates in the mining sections were kept away by lack of means to pay their way on the railroads, the mines having been "shut down," for some months, but work is again commencing and the first payday will lift the financial veil that has enveloped these Christian workmen. Eld. G. W. Moore Missionary to the State of Washington, failed to report. This was greatly regretted as all are anxious and praying for the success of the mission. First Kyger is claimed by such honorable men as David Coughenour, deceased, to have been organized by Eld. Eli Steadman, in the house of Paul Darst, in 1805 and hence the oldest Free Will Baptist Church, in Ohio.

W. L. HOOPER, Mod. S. H. NORMAN, Asst. THOMAS E. PEDEN, Clerk.

HOW TO BECOME A CHRISTIAN.

The first step is to give up sin, and trust Christ to save you from it. Then begin the Christian life in a humble and trusting way, as the child begins the alphabet at school. Don't look for raptures, but ask expectantly for power to live in a way to please God. Believe that the Spirit of Christ will come into your heart, and cause you to love God and delight in His will; not because you feel happy, but because you are definitely trusting Him to do what He has said He will do. He says that if you will forsake your sins, He will blot them out, and give you His Holy Spirit. Believe it, and accept salvation as His free gift. He says He will enable you to live as a child of God should. Believe Him and undertake it. He says He will help you to bear your troubles. Trust Him and try Him. He says He will give you strength for labor; courage for conflict; power to resist temptation, and grace sufficient for your every-day need. Take Him at His word, and you will soon know for yourself how blessed it is to trust and obey. Commit yourself to the new life you have undertaken to live, by uniting with the church of your choice, and then take your duties as they come, and perform them in a way you believe will please God. Read your Bible daily, and bring your life into line with what it teaches, and your doubts will soon be gone.—Ex.

DIBBLE OKLA.

DEAR BAPTIST:—After so long a time, will come again. I have just finished my years work, as assoational evangelist. During the year, God blessed my labors wonderfully. I have been very busy all the year. I have had the pleasure of witnessing 119 conversions, and about 30 restorations. I have baptized 46, and received 76 into the church. Organized one church, with 30 members. I have preached 122 sermons. Our association has grown since its organization. We are struggling on and we are getting on solid footing now. The preachers are making up and beginning to do more than they ever have. Bro. D. B. Daniphen is now in the field with the tent. I pray to the Lord that he may do much good. I have 4 churches, and will put in this coming year in pastoral work. We need more preachers that make good pastors. The work here is practically new, and of course the support is not what we could wish. But our people are improving along these lines. We love to read the Baptist, and wish more of our people would take it. So asking the prayers of the brotherhood in general. I am yours in Christ. W. A. HEARRON.

The Prepared Teacher.

The Sunday-school teacher's preparation for his work should, as regards the teacher himself, be first spiritual and then intellectual; and as regards the text book be both specific and general.

The heart must be thoroughly receptive of the divine lesson; then perfectly attuned to its sentiments, then filled with burning desire to proclaim them to others. The intellect should be diligently exercised in the acquisition of the truth to be taught, furnished in bountiful measure with its facts and teachings, and receive training in the gift of impartation.

Specifically, each lesson should be prepared with the utmost possible thoroughness and with particular reference to the class individually and as a whole. The study of the Bible with a view to teaching requires therefore a constant and sympathetic study of human nature.

In general, the teacher should post himself as far as possible on the entire Bible that he may stimulate his pupils to its reading and systematic study. He should also inform himself about the history, doctrines, and benevolent work of his denomination.

As a result, the teacher will know himself that he may grow in the teaching art; his text book that he may interpret it faithfully; his pupils that he may implant in them the most truth possible; and above all, the Master for whom he seeks to be an effective witness.—Biblical Recorder.

QUARTERLY MEETING.

The Friendship Q. M., of the F. W. B., met with Friendship Church, in its 13th session.

Was called to order by clerk Willis Comer, by reading 23 chapter Rev., prayer by Bro. Thomas.

Bro. J. H. Thomas was elected Mod., minutes of last meeting read and accepted. Call for reports from churches. Nine churches reported to Q. M., most all reported favorably.

We had some very good preaching Bro. Thomas preached the introductory sermon, Friday night Willis Comer followed.

Saturday morning Bro. Mullin preached, Saturday evening Bro. Stephenson preached, Bro. Bailey closed Saturday night.

Bro. Ryan preached, Bro. Pauley closed Sunday morning. Prayer meeting conducted by the writer.

We had very good meeting, and the outlook is good in the bounds of this Q. M.

We need more laborers in the vineyard. We have some good faithful workers, who are doing all they can for the cause of Christ.

Will close by asking the prayers of all God's people. JEFFERSON THOMAS, Mod. WILLIS COMER, Clerk.

Some one said to me: "Would you shut us young folks out from all fun?" Oh, no, I like fun. I believe in fun. I have had lots of it in my time. But I have not had to go into paths of sin to find it. No credit to me, but because of an extraordinary parental example and influence, I was kept from outward transgressions, though my heart was bad enough and desperately wicked. I have had fun inimitable, though I never swore an oath, and never gambled for so much as the value of a pin, and never saw the inside of a haunt of sin save, as when ten years ago, with commissioner of police and a detective and two elders of my church, I explored these cities by midnight, not out of curiosity, but that I might, in public discourse, set before the people the poverty and the horrors of underground city life. Yet I have had so much fun that I do not believe there is a man on the planet in the present time who has had more fun, and on the side of right. Sin may seem attractive but it is deathful and like the manchineel, a tree whose dew is poisonous. The only genuine happiness is in an honest Christian life. There is no fun in shipwrecking your character; no fun in disgracing your father's name. There is no fun in breaking your mother's heart. There is no fun in a profligate's death bed. There is no fun in an undue eternity. Paracelsus, out of the ashes of a burnt rose, said he could recreate the rose, but he failed in the alchemic undertaking, and roseate life once burned down in sin can never again be made to blossom.—Talmage.