

THE DEVIL IS MAD.

I was mad as a "settin' hen for I was told that I lied when I said that the church members, the majority of them, did not love their Savior, that they were ashamed of Him, and that they belonged to me, the devil.

But I am in better spirits now. I went around and listened to most of these non-praying church members as they read my soliloquy.

I was pleased at what they said:— That the devil could say what he pleased, that the preacher could urge, and praying members could plead, but they would not pray in public, nor speak for Jesus in meeting.

I was quite certain that I told the truth. I took the rounds on prayer meeting night to see what the preacher wished would be granted. Not one of the non-praying members prayed or spoke in meeting. Not one of the new converts took part in open service.

Please, Mr. Churchmember, do not again accuse the devil of lying.

I thought I would go around and see how the different preachers viewed my soliloquy. As I entered their studies, and leaned over their shoulders as they read, I heard each preacher say: The devil hits hard but he is telling the truth.

Each preacher declared that he didn't dare to tell his people this for his bread and butter, his salary, depended upon keeping his mouth closed.

I do not mean that these preachers are preaching just for their salaries, but they know that they cannot get these non-praying members to pray, so what is the use of their stirring up the opposition of these members?

I rejoice in this state of religious affairs for it makes good the fact that such members are my subjects.

Once I trembled when I was in one preacher's study. I saw him on his knees and heard him pray: "Lord, may the devil prove to be a liar. May these non-praying, these silent disciples, pray and speak in meeting."

If this preacher's prayer should be answered, and all church members should openly pray and speak that all hell would tremble, my power would be gone, that I would be bound by a chain, and I be cast into the bottomless pit.

I tremble to think of having my power shorn from me.

Why, the world would soon be converted to Christ. But these church members do not propose to pass out from under my rule just to please the preacher or Christ.

I still say that I have more influence over church members than Christ has. I still say that they will not pray in public. I still say that they are not dead in love with Christ. I still say that they are more afraid of man than they are of the displeasure of Christ.

I can prove that by their own scriptures. I once quoted scripture to Christ when I tried to tempt him in the wilderness, and I got the worst of it. I quoted it wrong, so I did not try again. But now I'm going to try again; this time I will quote Christ's own words, and quote it correctly, too: "By their fruits ye shall know them." There, that is correct, and that is proof that these church members are my servants.

But some one will say: "Mr. Devil, aren't you afraid to speak the truth on this subject for fear of losing some of your faithful followers?"

Oh, no! The more I prod them with facts, the more determined they are to be my servants. The old adage is true: "The more you whip a dog, the better he likes you and follows you."

To prove to you that church members serve me better than they serve Christ, listen to every evangelist who attempts to conduct a revival. More than half of the sermons and exhortations are directed at these church members, to get them warmed over again with a religious fervor and zeal.

Here is where the evangelists make their serious mistake. They should try to convert sinners to Christ, but convert them to be playing Christians and let these old dry bones rest in the Valley of Ease in Zion.

When preachers and evangelists try to get men and women to give

their hearts, their lives, their money, their lips, their tongues, their time their service to Jesus rather than to get them to join their church as nominal members then I, the devil, will be out of a job, and then I will try to get sinners from being converted.

But just so long as they merely join the church, (even if sinners then) and never to publicly pray to or speak for their Savior, which attitude in the church is what tells to the world and to their own growth in grace, I have no fears. They are mine, my followers, my subjects, my servants, my disciples, and the preacher knows it, so does Christ.

No wonder that Jesus said: "Nevertheless when the Son of Man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?"—Ekeaser in Bonham News.

Notice.

In accordance with a resolution duly made by the Evening Star Lodge No. 1934, Good Samaritans the undersigned trustees will offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash on the premises the site where their lodge formerly stood, also several lots of timber.

Time of sale, Monday May 31 about noon; place of sale at intersection of River road with Main Street.

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Commissioners Sale of Land

By virtue of an order of re-sale, made by the Superior Court of Franklin county, at the April term, 1909, in that action entitled R. R. Woodlief vs D. H. Gill et al, the undersigned commissioner will sell, on Monday the 7th day of June, 1909, at about the hour of noon, it being the first Monday in said month at the court house door, in Louisburg, N. C., to the highest bidder at public auction, that part of the old Henry Merritt tract which was allotted to D. H. Gill, R. R. Woodlief and G. L. Woodlief in the partition of the said lands made under judgment in said action to them jointly, and more particularly defined as follows: Beginning at a stake in a stump hole with two large Dogwood pointers, R. R. Woodlief's corner; thence S. 1-40 E. 6 poles to a rock with Maple and Pine pointers, corner of No. 1; thence along the line of No. 1. S. 87 3-4 degrees E. 63 poles to a line, corner of No. 1 on Tar River; thence up said Tar River as it meanders to an Oak stump with Maple and Hickory pointers, R. R. Woodlief's corner on the River; thence along R. R. Woodlief's line S. 2 1-2 degrees W. 80 poles to a Rock; thence S. 86 1-4 degrees E. 25 poles 9 links to a Rock; thence N. 28 3-4 degrees E. 9 poles 24 links to a Rock; thence S. 87 3-4 degrees E. 20 poles 20 links to the beginning, containing 39 1-2 acres, more or less.

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