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"I am a voice."—John the Baptist

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## Personal Witnessing

The greatest need of Christians today is that every child of God shall become a personal witness to the power of Jesus to save. We give this witness by both life and lip. It is a tragedy to attempt one without the other.

That is a powerless testimony of lip that is not backed up by a consistent life. The world is justly saying to such a one: "Why do you not take your own medicine before you try to give it to me?" The witness that counts for Christ is that of a Christ-mastered life. When people can see in our lives what we speak to them, they will be convinced.

That is a crippled testimony of life that is not backed up by lip testimony. Poor blinded sinners need telling the source of our peace amidst difficulties, the fountain of our joy amidst sorrows and the power house of our victory over temptations. They will not see the light of the world unless we point them to Him. They will not see the need of the Physician of souls unless we tell of how He healed us.

It is selfish to enjoy the sweets of salvation in Christ and fellowship with Christ and never tell others of Him. How can the drowning man fail to tell of the one who rescued him? It is a message too good to keep. It has such power to save my fellowman. David said he had not hidden God's righteousness in his heart. Brother, have you been keeping His righteousness tucked away in your own soul for your own personal benefit? The soul-winning spirit longs to share the riches of Christ with poor, helpless men.

The happiest saved man is the one who is ever telling others of Jesus. The soul-winner's joy cannot be known except by experience. By failure to testify we rob priceless souls of salvation, God of deserving glory for saving sinners, and ourselves of deep joy here and future reward there. The peace of conscience in knowing that we have tried to please our Lord and help sinful souls, repays infinitely the efforts we put into personal testimony.

The preacher who finds it hard to

preach on personal work has been neglecting this much needed practice. The preacher who practices personal work is going to be telling his congregation of his joy in the work and encouraging them to try it. The ministry that lives the soul-winning spirit will draw others into the blessed work.

That day whose close can recall no effort in prayer or testimony to the power of Jesus to save lost men is a failure. If we could only see now what our souls feel after some soul has slipped away into endless darkness, we would redouble our efforts. We learn either personally or vicariously. Better not wait to know by experience the sadness of having God's righteousness until some soul is out beyond your reach.

By looking back over the year, can we thank God that we have not hid his righteousness in our hearts? Let us resolve that next year, if God graciously spares us, will see more personal soul-winning. Recall that joy you had when a lost sinner said you had some part in his salvation. Then look around you and ahead to the greatest year of heart-to-heart talks with others about the most important of personal matters: "Where will you spend eternity?" "What will you do with Jesus Who is called Christ?"

### COME, STUDY WITH US

We return to class work December 31 from a week off at Christmas time. There are many who ought to plan now to be with us when we start that day. The night classes meet your need if you work during the day. This half of the year has been gratifying and we thank our heavenly Father.

"Surely no civilized community in our day can resist the conclusion that the killing of man by man, as a means of settling international disputes; is the foulest blot upon human society, the greatest curse of humanity," Andrew Carnegie, whose centenary was November 24. Is Italy a civilized community?

A good theme is not indubitable proof of good words spoken therein.

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## H. B. TAYLOR MONUMENT

Had we realized that it is nearing four years since Brother Taylor left us? Efforts to raise funds to erect a suitable yet modest monument at his unmarked grave have not brought in sufficient funds. We are making this last announcement so that his friends may do their part.

We plan to erect the monument by May, 1936; which will be four years from his death. We must have all funds in hand not later than May 15. At that time we shall buy and have placed whatever price monument the funds allow.

This issue of The Voice, the only successor to News and Truths; will be mailed to a portion of the former subscribers to News and Truths. Later issues will cover the entire list. It is to inform you of this monument if you wish to give to it. We do not promise to mail to you again before erection May, 1936; unless you send your subscription.

When you receive this paper, it is an invitation to subscribe to the W. K. B. S. Voice now at the reduced rate of thirty-five cents a year. We plan enlargement soon. It is the only paper that informs you concerning the Bible School and the Amazon Valley Mission. We appeal to the friends of Brother Taylor to respond. Four years we have under God carried on the Bible School. Friends have been loyal, but others should help. Subscribe now.

## OUR QUERY BOX

(We invite any sincere queries as to the meaning of Scripture passages. If you have a passage that is worrying you, we will do our best to help you with it.)

1. What is meant by the "snuffdishes" and "snuffers" in Exodus 25:38 and I Kings 7:50?

The lamps used in the temple resembled the old time oil lamp of our parents. The cloth wick needed cleaning when it

became charred on the lighting end. The snuffers were a kind of forceps or tongs with which to remove the charred part of the wick, and the snuffdishes were for the purpose of catching the snuff lest it fall on the floor. It teaches us that the house of God should be kept clean and tidy. Your sister is hard run to use these passages to justify the use of snuff, a filthy habit.

2. There is only one church, one Lord, one faith, one baptism. Why then do we find the word church in the plural?

Jesus has only one church body in kind. That is, He does not have a universal visible; a universal invisible; and a local church—three different kinds. If there is a universal church, either visible or invisible; there can be no local church. If there is a local church, there cannot possibly be any other kind. He has only one kind of church. It is a local body of baptized believers, united on what the New Testament teaches and striving to carry out its every command. He has, therefore; one church, body in kind but many in number. Just as there is only one kind of baptism, but there may be many in number.

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## SERMON OUTLINES

We have some calls for printing short sermon outlines. Send us a short but pointed one. It must be your own, not copied verbatim. From what you send we shall select each month what we regard as the best. We will give one dollar to the one whose outline we publish. You must be a subscriber to this paper to be eligible for the dollar. Send your outlines now, but leave your name off the sheet so the judges will not know whose outline they are judging. Your name will be published along with the outline. Laymen; women and children may send in a sermon they would like to hear preached.

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## DODD AND KAGAWA

Mr. Kawaga, a prominent Japanese preacher and author; is scheduled to speak to various Baptists bodies in the coming months, including Atlanta Baptists; Baptists Students at Birmingham; the Louisville Seminary and the joint session of the Southern and Northern Baptist Conventions.

Brother M. E. Dodd approves this and sent out a disparaging word against anyone who calls attention to his heresies, calling it theological hair splitting

Now you may judge what these Bap-

tists are approving, we quote from the "Sunday School Times" which quotes from Kagawa's books.

"Buddhist, Mohammedans; Christians—these are not Love's divisions." That means that we are wrong in classing Christians as saved and possessing the truth and Buddhist as lost and wrong.

"The belief that there is a direct line of evolution from amoeba to man is a more daring and romantic faith than the belief in the myth of a Creator making something out of nothing." The shame of it is that Brother Dodd, and Brother Louie D. Newton, and others would approve such looseness.

"Jesus experienced God as the For-giver of sins." That means Jesus was a sinner, which strikes a deadly blow at the Deity and Atonement of Jesus Christ, my Lord. We protest against Brother Dodd's calling opposition to such heresies theological hair splitting.

#### AMAZON VALLEY MISSION

The Amazon Valley Mission met with the Arlington Baptist Church, Arlington, November 19-20. The spirit and the messages of the meeting were great. The church and pastor, Brother H. R. Burkhardt: did a royal job of entertaining the meeting. Many felt free to ask questions as to the work. Some were surprised to learn this work is not antagonistic but supplementary to the work of Southern Baptists. The Mission will meet next year with South Fork Baptist Church, Owen County, Owenton, Kentucky, with Pastor Kemper.

Latest news from Brother Hallum at Iquitos, Peru; is encouraging.

#### AN ALARMING OPINION

Here is an interesting excerpt from a letter from a prominent official among Southern Baptists. He says, "I am just wondering how long we will be able to continue before some of the heresies now being propagated are exposed. I also wonder if the last of the fearless editors have passed from the tripod. Open communion and alien immersion, I understand are openly being taught in the Seminary at Louisville and other subversive teaching turns up now and then from unexpected sources. I sometimes fear Christianity in America will go the way it has gone in other countries. We become so interested in saving the heathen of foreign lands that we allow the foundations at home to rot out from under us. Maybe a revival will break forth and save us."

#### UNPRAISED BENEFACTORS

Behind each leader great and wise,  
Some stand and counsel, though un-  
seen;

Who knows if it were otherwise  
But that great men would ne'er be  
seen?

The parents toil with tender care  
To see their children forge ahead;  
Oh! what avails their ev'ry prayer  
Though not a word of them is said?

There is the wife who toils and prays;  
Her all she freely dedicates  
To crown her husband's head with praise,  
To aid, whatever be the fates.

There stands behind ev'ry great move,  
Political or religious,  
A host of souls; 'tis these who prove  
The merits that are glorious.

No meed of praise these souls receive  
Like him or her who stands in front,  
But easily can we perceive  
That they must often bear the brunt.

From leaders great I'd not detract  
One solemn word of fitting praise,  
But I would on a central tract  
To these monument now raise.

Methinks one scene of heaven's day  
Will be to crown these hidden souls  
That they may wear up there always  
A crown that e'er with brightness  
glows.

Our Foreign Mission Board has 389 missionaries. The debt has been reduced to \$496,500. Two new missionaries were appointed in November.

Alabama Drys won over the Wets in the recent election there.

#### CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

Xmas presents that bring comfort and,  
cheer,  
That drive away doubt and remove all  
fear;  
To those who can see and to those who  
can hear,

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"Kept by the power of God" is inscribed upon the life record of every sinner who believes in the Lord Jesus Christ for life and salvation.

To count on God is to dismiss all care. Reckoning upon God is simply counting God faithful to do what He promised. To take God at His word and count every promise as true, resting upon it as if it were already fulfilled is the very essence of faith.

God has an eternal controversy with sin. This controversy with sin must strike somewhere. It began to strike Jesus in Gethsemane when He sweat drops of blood. The cup from which He prayed to be delivered was the cup of divine wrath. The final stroke was when the "Lord laid on Him the iniquity of us all" and "made His soul an offering for sin" (Isa. 53); when on Calvary "He was made sin for us" (II Cor. 5:21) and God treating Him as the sinner's Substitute, forsook Him and He cried "My God! My God! why has thou forsaken me?" There and then His heart broke as "He became a curse for us" (Gal. 3:13) and satisfied God's broken law by paying the penalty of our sins. "Jesus paid it all." Thus and only thus was God the Righteous Judge; reconciled to man; the depraved and wicked criminal.

The man, who denies the vicarious nature of the satisfaction rendered by Jesus Christ to God as the sinner's Substitute, is an infidel; even if he does wear the garb and mask of a preacher. Such a man need not say God called him to preach. Everybody knows it. The sinner who rejects Jesus Christ is "treasuring up for himself wrath in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God" (Rom. 2:5); and will some day call "on the rocks and mountains to fall on him and hide him from the wrath of the Lamb" (Rev. 6:16); and "will drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is prepared unmixed in the cup of His anger" ( Rev. 14:10).

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Disregarding the laws of both God and man, Mormon polygamy continues its defiance. Recent trials in Arizona reveal quite a few with from two to five wives. Mormonism, like Catholicism will not go down. If it cannot work in the open, it will work under cover.

"I heard a preacher say not long since anent our prohibition effort that he was afraid we were "undergrinding the ship," as the mariners did when they had Paul as a prisoner taking him to Rome, despite the fact that he had told them that the ship would be lost. In the light of prophecy, we don't expect the world to become a better place in which to live. On the contrary, we know that it will become increasingly otherwise, but that doesn't excuse the Christian people from making an effort to clean things up. "When the vilest are exalted the wicked thrive on every hand." We have unscrupulous men in high places and they have gathered unto themselves a bunch of wolves who are making the most of their opportunities, and the end is not yet."—A prominent Northern Layman.

**NOVEMBER FINANCES**

**Receipts**

Balance .....	\$ .27
E. R. P.; New Kensington, Pa....	85.00
W. H. M.; Big Clifty, Ky.....	10.00
Memorial church .....	9.58
West End Church .....	17.77
Scott's Grove Church .....	10.00
Mrs. E. H. P., Chicago .....	5.00
Southside Church (E. B. N.)	
for H. K. Langston.....	10.00
Total received .....	\$147.74

**Paid Out**

W. W. Dickerson, for teaching	\$ 10.00
Mrs. H. B. Taylor for teaching....	25.00
R. O. B. ....	50.00
Janitors. R. H. Hampson and	
J. H. Neal .....	15.00
Expenses on "The Voices" .....	7.50
Bath Supplies .....	.35
Student help, Britton on board....	10.00
Langston; as designated .....	10.00
Clark, student help on rent .....	5.18
Crosby; help on board .....	10.00
Total expended .....	\$143.03
Balance on hand, November 30 ..	\$ 4.71

About a third of the expenses for December can be met with what is now on hand at the day of printing.