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PREACH A SERMON, PREACHER

Preach a sermon, preacher, but don't preach very long;

Just tell the story of Christ's love, but don't condemn the wrong.

Say not a thing of doctrines false, lest others be offended,

Then turn away from us today, and call us narrow-minded.

Preach a sermon, preacher, but don't preach very plain,

Let others guess at what is meant; don't ever call a name;

We'll sing your praises loud and long, we'll keep you many a day,

But make it clear, and you will hear, "Brother, be on your way,"

Preach a sermon, preacher, but say nothing of our sins;

Let us keep on like we had none, perhaps we'll make amends;

Please let us dance, and gamble too, and go to every show,

Make us secure and very pure; we're humans, don't you know.

Preach a sermon, preacher, but say nothing of our duty,

Tell us all about God's grace, and picture heaven's beauty.

Leave out the things that we must do, we're busy making money;

We haven't time, can't spare a dime, won't even be there Sunday.

Preach a sermon, preacher, when I have to die,

Tell all my folks about my home beyond the starry sky.

Preach the sermon, make it strong, preach me straight to heaven;

That's my only way to get to stay where Christ's reward is given!

—From The Reminder— Submitted by C. H. Cavin, Sturkie

WHAT DOES A PREACHER DO WITH ALL HIS TIME?

Yes, his time is his own (?), which means that like a doctor, he is on call all the time. You see, the man who is cursed with having to punch the time clock in the morning is also blessed with the privilege of punching one out in the evening.

The preacher teaches, although he must solicit his own classes. He heals — although without pills or knife. He is sometimes a lawyer, often a social worker, at times he is an editor, often he is a shock-absorber, a promoter, a good-will ambassador and a pretty good janitor. He is supposed to be a scholar and a speaker. People come to see him and he goes to see people continually. He visits the sick, marries the young, and buries the dead. He delivers speeches to all kinds of organizations. He has to remain sweet when reprimanded for not visiting people he never knew were sick. He spends long hours with a telephone receiver to his ear, listening to the troubles

of others. Quite often when he should be sleeping, he lies awake and wonders about certain "sheep" who stray and have poor appetites. He must care for people who don't care for themselves. Many times he is in prayer for those who went to sleep without saying their prayers. In between times, he prepares and delivers several sermons and teaches classes.

One of his fellow ministers put it like this: "Have you ever tried preaching over a hundred different sermons to the same audience each year? Have you ever tried leading a prayer meeting service, week after week, when more than one half of the congregation was absent? Have you ever spent hours on hours preparing a sermon and exhausted all the energy in your body delivering it and then felt as if few appreciated it and fewer profited by it? Have you ever tried to love when others hate—or praise when others condemn? Have you ever tried to bind up broken hearts when yours was

broken, too? Have you ever tried to smile when you wanted to cry? Have you ever tried to pour out your very soul to get men to give themselves to Christ and have no response? If not, then you cannot know what it means to be a preacher."

We wouldn't trade jobs with anyone but don't blame us if we don't smile when you say: "What a job!! Two hours of work a week!! You lucky guy!!" —Selected and adapted

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WELCOME HILL NEWS

We are very happy to welcome the Brickell family into our community. We appreciate their placing their membership with us and hope they will be happy here.

We are all enjoying our fellowship meetings in our homes, as we are getting to know one another better. We have met in the homes of Mrs. Edith Smith, the Tom Arys, Otto Dowdy's, C. D. Johnson's, Harry Berrys and the next one is to be in the home of Mrs. Leonard Woods. We meet on the first and third Friday nights of each month.

God promises a safe landing, but not a calm passage.

Hell is sin with the pleasure drained and the dregs of remorse left.

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EDITORIAL

This January 1956 issue marks the first issue of the fourth year for Fulton County Gospel News. We sincerely believe every effort put forth in its behalf has been amply rewarded. At the beginning of 1955 we were mailing 1150 copies monthly and sending out two bundles of 25 each. At the close of the year we were mailing 1330 copies together with bundles when we had any extra. We are thankful that this work is so graciously received by the brethren.

The fact that a thing is free does not mean it is without cost. Salvation is free but cost very much. A meeting was held Monday night, January 2 at Welcome Hill church to assure the continuation of this paper on a free basis. Our aim was to arrange for matters of finance so it could be continued and to make provisions for a better paper and one of more service to the brotherhood. We are thankful to note that individual contributions are getting larger and more frequent than in the beginning. This paper is for no monetary profit to any, but for spiritual profit to all. All contributions are used for the paper. It is hoped that some church in the county will see

fit to make a regular contribution monthly to this work. If a substantial contribution could not be made, or several churches could send two or three dollars per month, we would be able to issue a minimum paper of six pages. The cost would mean only about \$12.50 more for six pages than for four pages. We could print more articles and more news.

Beginning with the February issue we will feature an article about some local church in the vicinity and continue each month until we have written about each local church and its work. This article will be prepared by Bro. Floyd Lunn of the Moten congregation. You are requested to write Bro. Lunn and tell him about the church where you meet. Give the number of members; who preaches and when; how many classes! who teaches and specify whether adult or children's class; Elders and deacons if organized; regular singings; who will hold the 1956 meeting or meetings and when; contributions to foreign or home missions and orphan homes; and any work engaged in or planned. Also tell about any problems and plans to overcome them. Where available or provided, pictures will be printed. This will help us all get better acquainted with our work and problems. It is certain to be a good addition to the paper. Write Bro. Lunn, R.F.D. No. 3, Mammoth Spring, Ark.

As we begin the year 1956, it is with the realization that we have a very critical preacher shortage in this vicinity. Since Bro. Joe H. Blue has passed away, Bro. Bobby Hilburn has moved from Salem (Bobby is now preaching for the brethren at Fordyce. His address is 410 Broadway, Fordyce, Ark.) and Bro. Joe Pruett has moved from Thayer (Joe is attending David Lipscomb College, Nashville, Tenn.) the problem has been severe. While Salem and Thayer have been able to supplement their loss by having various preachers 'drive over' to preach, the value of having a man on the ground is an irreparable loss. The loss of our beloved Bro. Joe Blue is keenly felt and we know none can replace him.

In addition to these mentioned losses, the more recent loss of Bro. Ira Woodward adds to our problem. Bro. Woodward was transferred to Caruthersville, Mo. He reports that the church there had lost its preacher and he is now preaching for them until they can hire a man to locate with them. It is but little consolation to us, however, that others experience our problems, too. The loss to us of Bro. Woodward's services is more and more realized. Let us resolve to encourage all our present preachers and miss no opportunity to settle any worthy man in our midst that it is possible to get. He will render valuable service to the church where he locates and to the churches roundabout.

We are very happy to see that the brethren at Ash Flat and Hardy have helped their problem and eased the general problem by locating preachers. We welcome them. Bro. Don Flanagan, the minister at Hardy, has an article elsewhere in this paper. It is our understanding that the preacher at Ash Flat is Bro. Wayne Dinkins and we hope to hear from him.
—Boyd E. Morgan

SHORTS

Misfortune can take away nothing except what good fortune gave you.

If you want to kill the power of the preacher, leave the front seats empty; that is the most painless way we know.

Music made on a tuning fork is instrumental music—but who can do it?

Take care of your life; the Lord will take care of your death.

—George Whitfield

Eat less, chew more; ride less, walk more; worry less, work more.

—Selected

What do you think is your duty toward your children (and toward self- in the matter of keeping them or allowing them to stay from Sunday morning classes? Do you feel that you and your children know all that you or they need to know about God's word? Better think!

—West Plains Gospel Courier

WHAT LIES BEYOND THE GRAVE?

Orble Robbins — Elizabeth, Ark.

We should think often about the future. This life is short, Jas. 4:14. Eternity is coming to both Saint and Sinner. Mt. 25:46. Thinking about that which lies beyond the grave may cause us to be more concerned about our soul's salvation.

Let us consider some things that will come to pass after death and beyond the grave: The body will return to dust and the spirit unto God. Ecc. 12:7. This scripture reveals that there are two parts to man, the physical and the spiritual. Mt. 10:28 and Mt. 16:26 tells us the soul is far more important. For this reason we should do the things required by the Lord that the soul may be saved. All will be resurrected (John 5:28-29) and the life we have lived on earth will determine where we shall spend eternity. Judgment is appointed for all men. "Inasmuch as it is appointed unto men once to die; but after this the judgment." Heb. 9:27. We will be judged according to our works. Rom. 14:10-12; Gal. 6:7-8; II Cor. 5:10. This includes also the fact that we will be judged according to Christ's word. John 12:48. His judgment will be rendered in righteousness. Acts 17:31; II Tim. 4:7-8.

There will be punishment for the wicked. The wicked shall be turned into hell, with all nations that forget God. Psalm 9:17. Those who have served the devil will be separated from God. "The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Rom. 6:23 "Whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire." Rev. 20:15. The Lord will say, depart from me ye cursed into everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels. Mt. 25:41. All are warned that this punishment is for the wicked and is everlasting.

There will be blessedness for the righteous. A home in heaven is promised those who do his commandments. Rev. 22:14. A crown of life for the faithful. Rev. 2:10. Rest for

those who die in the Lord. Rev. 14:13. With these blessings of heaven promised the righteous we should earnestly strive to obtain them. Heaven is a prepared place for a prepared people. John 14:1-3.

Eternity lies beyond the grave and eternity cannot be measured in terms of years. It will never cease. For us it will begin when the angel pictured in Revelation shall place one foot upon the earth and the other upon the sea and shall declare that time shall be no more. Eternity includes two places, Heaven, the home of the faithful, and Hell, the state of the doomed and damned. Mt. 25:46.

Where will you spend eternity? It depends on you and the decision which you make during this life. We are servants to whom we obey whether this be of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness. Rom. 6:16.

Obedience to Christ will prepare us for eternity in heaven. Heb. 5:9. Obedience to the devil will prepare us for eternity in hell. Mt. 25:41.

SATISFIED?

Marion Farley — Dallas, Texas
I wonder just how many of us, with reference to our efforts for good, are entirely satisfied with the way our record will read for the year 1955?

Can we say we have made good use of the opportunities that were ours, or must we look back on many wasted ones, with a sense of regret?

A careful examination of a few, may encourage us to resolve not to make like mistakes in '56.

But first, let us consider man's nature for a moment.

By our own observation, we know that one is seldom satisfied with earthly attainments. If one is an athlete, he wants to excel in his field. If his ambition is to make money, he will still be looking forward to more after reaching his first million, or if a landowner, and by much hard work and saving, he is fortunate enough to acquire 100 acres

of land, he wants another, and on and on.

And I am not even intimating that all this is wrong. For I read in Romans 12:11 where Paul exhorted the brethren there to not to, "slothful in business," but I do want to show how little service rendered to God it takes to make us completely contented.

First, there are a great many satisfied to attend services only once a week, or even won't average once a week for the year, and a large percent get there for the eleven o'clock portion only. If you happen to be one of them, do you actually believe the Lord will give you a crown of life for faithful service; knowing full well you haven't been faithful?

Secondly, have you been liberal in your contributing to the Lord? Being conscious of the fact the things you possess don't even belong to you. This is made clear in (Ps. 24:1) "The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof."

Have you willingly helped those less fortunate than yourself? If our religion is to be "pure and undefiled before God", this is a duty we cannot omit, or even neglect.

The scripture plainly teaches that we do not have to have a great deal of this world's goods before this principle will apply either.

In the first 15 verses of 2 Cor. 8, Paul beautifully portrays to the Corinthian brethren the liberality of the churches of Macedonia, he stated they were poor, but gave 'beyond their power,' or more than they were able, and in v 12 shows their willingness. This must always characterize our giving if it is to please the Lord.

Have you gone out of your way to get, and bring others to the services? If so, has it been willingly, too? It should be.

Have you done personal work throughout the year? Remember Jesus said, "Go, teach", and that teaching MUST precede belief, and only those who "believe and are baptized", will be saved. (Mk. 16:16.)

Timothy was told, "Godliness with contentment is great gain" (I Tim. 6:6), we conclude then that it is a fine thing to be satisfied, or content, but without GODLINESS, it is only a false feeling of security.

These are only a few points we should give earnest consideration to, and do our very best to improve on any, and all that we have been unfaithful in in the past. We read in (Rev. 2:10), "Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life."

NEWS

Two debates are scheduled for this section of the country. It is good to see a willingness on the part of men of diverse religious views to discuss their convictions in an honorable manner. Such willingness is not often seen in our generation. Never is it good to hear people say, "I don't believe in debates." The Bible tells us that our Saviour and His apostles engaged in controversy and we rejoice to find men who will 'try the spirits.' This affords us an opportunity to see and hear them tried. Bro. Lavern Stewart, the minister at West Plains church will present and defend the truth as we sincerely believe it. Those who believe we are in error can see what we teach tried.

The first debate will be in the Howell County courthouse at West Plains, Mo. Bro. Stewart will meet Elder M. M. Henson of the East Side Baptist church, West Plains, for four nights, beginning January 30. The first two nights Mr. Henson will affirm that one is justified at the point of faith, without water baptism. The last two nights Bro. Stewart will affirm that a child of God can so sin as to be finally lost. Bro. Stewart is heard daily at 12:30 over KWPM and Elder Henson is heard Thursdays at 6:45 over the same station.

The second debate is scheduled for four nights at the church building in Viola. Bro. Stewart will meet A. D. Bennett (Baptist). The first two nights Mr. Bennett takes the position

that baptism is not for the remission of sins (once was, but now is not) while Bro. Stewart will affirm that it is (now) for the remission of sins. The last two on the question of apostasy. This debate begins February 13. Well, we'll see you there.

Tuesday night a meeting was held at the home of Bro. Boyd Morgan to determine the possibility of conducting a teachers training class in this vicinity and also to spend some time in studying sermon preparation and delivery. It was decided to conduct the class at Mammoth Spring. The first class was conducted Thursday night, Jan. 5 and the time was spent in studying how to evaluate classes and teachers. The class is open to all and it is hoped and solicited that men and women from all the churches round about attend. The first meeting had eight from Mammoth Spring, three from Alton, one from Welcome Hill, and one from Moten present. It was planned that Bro. Marvin Ed Berry give a demonstration of the use of Flannel graph boards in teaching pre-school children at the next meeting, Jan. 12. The class will meet at 7:15 p. m. each Thursday night.

Our sympathy is extended to Bro. John Smith and family at the death of his dear wife and life's companion and their beloved mother. Funeral services were conducted at the Mammoth Spring church Sunday, January 8.

We would like to remind everyone of the singing at Viola each first Sunday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock.

Bro. Albert Rushing and family of Alton have moved to Plainview, Tex. to make their home there. We sincerely regret the necessity of their moving, but wish them every success and happiness.

Bro. Bernice Price and family visited with the Moten congregation recently. They worship at Pacific, Mo., where a congregation was establish-

ed during the past year.

Attention: All who have relatives in the area around Moline and Rock Island, Illinois and Davenport, Iowa. The churches in these towns are attempting to contact all people who are members of the church or those who might be interested. If anyone has friends or relatives in or near these places please notify them (that they may find people worshipping after the New Testament pattern) at the following addresses: 2213 44 St. Moline, Ill.; 801 12 St., Rock Island, Ill.; and 3432 Brady St., Davenport, Iowa.

Bro. V. E. Forrest, P. O. Box 4482, Station A, Dallas, Texas is editing a new monthly gospel paper, "The Way of Truth." It is free to all disabled preachers and shut-ins. Open for subscription during January for \$1 per year. Otherwise \$1.50; all preachers, \$1.

A man who trims himself to suit everybody will soon whittle himself away.

That man may last, but never lives who much receives, but nothing gives.

So you're just as good as half the folks in the church? Well, which half?

When you lie dying, you will find little comfort in counting the hypocrites in the church then.

Many "big bugs" are simply "bed bugs" on Sunday morning.

Instrumental music is perfectly in order in the home and perfectly out of order in the church.

The man who does not support the church practically casts a vote for its abolition.

The church is not to furnish hammocks for the lazy; it is rather to offer well-fitted yokes for drawing life's load

THE PLATFORM

I suppose all associations, institutions, and organizations have platforms upon which the superstructure of their parties rest. The Republican and Democratic parties have platforms. Even Communism has a platform. But just because institutions and parties have platforms, it does not necessarily follow that their system is sound. Particularly is this true with Communism. Nevertheless, it is necessary to have a platform.

The church of the Lord Jesus Christ has a platform. That platform is the one in which all men ought to be interested above all others. The platform of the church is not her creed. The word "creed" simply means "I believe". Christ is the creed of the New Testament church. This being true, what then is the platform of the church? In general the New Testament as a whole is it's platform. But let us be more specific. Let us read—

Eph. 4:1-6

I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called with all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all."

This portion of scripture is commonly called "Paul's seven bonds of Christian unity." David said unity was the prerequisite of "life for evermore." (Psa. 133). Jesus prayer for unity of his followers. (Jno. 17:20-21)

It is sinful for men to practice division. (I Cor. 1:10). We are not helping fulfill the prayer of our Lord when we engage in such.

Let us observe individually each plank in the platform.

ONE BODY

One may ask "what is the one body?" The answer, obviously, is that the "one body" is the church. (See Eph. 1:22-23; Col. 1:18). In these passages we see that the expressions "body" and "church" are used interchangeably. Thus, when Paul declar-

ed that there was one body, he simply said that there was ONE CHURCH. Where, then, do the others come from? There are over 500 religious bodies in the U. S. A. All but one are necessarily wrong.

That settles that issue. The "one body" is the church. One may not agree with this, but he can not help but believe it.

Having briefly considered the first plank, let us look to the next.

ONE SPIRIT

Again some one may inquire, "What is the one Spirit?" "Is it the Word?" No, friends, the Spirit is not the word. The word is the product of the Spirit. (Jno. 16:13). Just as this article is the product of me, so the word is the product of the Spirit. We are able to see the difference between a person and a letter written by that person. The Bible is the letter written by this divine Person, the Holy Spirit. (Jno. 16:13-15; 14:16). If this fact is denied I shall be happy to furnish more evidence.

ONE HOPE

The third plank of our platform is the "one hope". Most all have hope in something, but what is the hope about which Paul is here speaking? Let me say that it is the hope of eternal life. We live by hope, and it is said that we are saved by hope. (Rom. 8:24). Hope is composed of two elements, desire and expectation. One must have a desire as well as expectation before it can be said that he has hope. We stand in hope of eternal life. We do not actually possess eternal life, but we will at the end of our faith, our life. (Tit. 1:2). Eternal life is a promise. (I Jno. 2:25), thus we hope to receive it. Much more could be said concerning our hope, but space forbids.

ONE LORD

We may not all agree that there is just one body (church), but surely we can agree that there is one Lord. But who is the "one Lord?" Answer: "Therefore, let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God has said that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ." (Acts 2:36). From this declaration it is clearly seen that Christ is the one

Lord, for God made him thus. The word "lord" means ruler. Over what, then does Christ rule? Why, his kingdom, of course. (Col. 1:12). His kingdom is the church.

ONE FAITH

Likewise, we may not all agree that there is only "one faith" in the Christian's platform, yet the Bible teaches this in no uncertain terms. It is not an uncommon thing to hear a man ask, "Of what faith are you?" When friends, there is just one faith. And if you are not of that faith you might just as well be of none. When Paul said there is one faith, he meant there is one gospel, or one system of faith. Paul preached "the faith" that he once destroyed. (Gal. 1:23). But the record further declares that he preached the gospel. (Gal. 1:11). Hence, the "one faith" is the gospel.

ONE BAPTISM

We have thus far seen somewhat of the essentiality of the bonds of unity in the Christian platform. We are now ready to consider baptism as one of the planks in our platform. Baptism is one of the most hated commands of our Lord. This "one baptism" is not Holy Spirit baptism, but rather, the baptism of the Great Commission. It is the baptism that is to be administered "in the name of Jesus Christ", (By his authority) Acts 2:38) "into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." (Matt. 28:19, R. V.) Thus, we see there is no such thing as one being baptized "in the name of Jesus only." This baptism is "for the remission of sins." (Acts 2:38). It saves now. (I Pet. 3:21). Our sins are washed away by the blood of Christ (Heb. 9:14) in baptism. (Acts 22:16).

ONE GOD

The last and final plank in our platform is the "one God". He is the Eternal One. (Psa. 90:1-2). In him we live and move and have our being. (Acts 17:28). It is a wonderful thought to know that it is in God that we have our very existence and spiritual being. With out him we are nothing. Let us thank God that he has given us a platform upon which we can stand in unity.

Don Flanagan, Hardy, Ark.

IF I AM LOST WHO WILL BE RESPONSIBLE?

Marvin Ed Berry — Welcome Hill
Many will be lost the day of judgment.

Who can I blame if I myself am lost?

Let us make a study and see who will be responsible.

IF I AM LOST WILL GOD BE RESPONSIBLE?

God loved the world.

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life."

God warns all to repent.

Acts 17:30 "And the time of this ignorance God winketh at; but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent."

God would have all to be saved.

2 Peter 3:9 "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is long suffering to usward, not willing that any should perish but all should come to repentance."

God will not be responsible.

IF I AM LOST WILL CHRIST BE RESPONSIBLE?

Christ died for the sinner.

Rom. 5:8 "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us."

Christ came to save.

Lk. 19:10 "For the Son of man is come to save that which was lost."

Christ said come.

Matt. 11:28 "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

IF I AM LOST WILL THE HOLY SPIRIT BE RESPONSIBLE?

The Holy Spirit came to guide the Apostles. John 16:1-16.

The Spirit and the Bride say come. Rev. 22:17.

The Spirit will not be responsible.

IF I AM LOST WILL THE ANGELS BE RESPONSIBLE?

They rejoice over one sinner that repents. Lk. 15:7.

Read Lk. 2:9-15.

The angels will not be responsible.

Will the one's in hell be responsible? We read in Lk. 16:19-31 where one is in hell and he did not want his brothers to come there, but wanted to warn them. He was told it was

too late for him to warn them.

We must give account of ourselves. Rom. 14:12.

We must appear before God. II Cor. 5:10.

So if an individual is lost he must blame himself.

LIVE RIGHT AND DIE RIGHT

YOUTH AND CHRISTIANITY

By Clovis Ragsdale

In I Kings, chapter 20, an event is described which was to show Ahab, King of Israel, that he had failed God. A servant went out in the midst of a battle and was charged with the care of a prisoner. But as the servant was busy here and there his prisoner was gone. The penalty for his failure was to be utter destruction. Perhaps in no other period of civilization has time been of more importance than now. We have so many good things of life to have and enjoy that we hardly have time for everything. We choose what we enjoy most and give those things the most of our time. All too often Christianity is crowded out of our lives. We have become too busy here and there, just like the servant mentioned above. He was charged with the responsibility of looking after a man. We are to look after our soul. Perhaps the servant fully intended to guard the man, but when we become too busy we often fail to do that which we know to do.

Young people continually seek after "good times." This is natural and so long as we do not engage in sinful practices such as drinking, dancing, etc. it is not to be discouraged; provided we do not become too busy enjoying them and fail to give God a part of our time. Someone may ask the question, what does it mean to give my time to God? There are many ways in which we give God of our time. "Take time to be holy" is a very thought provoking slogan. We can do this when we go to church regularly. When we pray daily. By studying often the Bible. By thinking seriously about spiritual matters, and by deeds of kindness and love to others.

Knowing how to use time is very important. It is one of the keys to success in the business world. We should learn early in life to make

good use of every day. And in that day let us take time to be "holy" and stubbornly refuse to surrender this time to the cares of this world. Our reward will be a feeling of security for our soul, a clearer conscience, and a stronger hope that we will be prepared to live with God in eternity.

PHYSICAL TRAINING

Train your mouth to smile when the day is dark.

Train your tongue to speak for the advancement of humanity.

Train your nose not to sniff at those beneath you.

Train your ears to hear nothing but good of others.

Train your eyes to see the needs of your fellow men.

Train your hands to supply those needs.

Train your feet to walk always on the upward grade.

The man who is true blue is never yellow.

How's your fishing—for men?

The man may last, but never lives who much receives, but nothing gives.

Egotism is the glue with which you get stuck on yourself.

We are not to tell men to dodge difficulties, but to furnish strength and courage to meet them.

We suggest churches who do not have Bible study and churches, some of whose members do not attend Bible study, prepare and give certificates to all non-attenders. The certificate could read, "This is to certify that

has attained full spiritual maturity; is a perfect workman for God; knows all about the Bible, mission work, and other activities of the Lord's church. The above named person needs no further study to show himself approved unto God and would just be wasting time to attend Bible study." Of course, the one who received should find someone to sign it.