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Editorial

Three Rs

READ, REASON and RESOLVE. Read this article and the articles on page 4. Reason within your heart and mind on the subject under consideration. Resolve to get your church, if located in Tennessee, to act upon the petition. Sign it as indicated on the petition which is page 3 of this issue. If you and other individuals in your community wish to mark out the words relative to a church and sign as individuals, just put the date at the top of the petition, sign your names at the bottom and mail to:

Eld. F. L. Ray
510 Alta Loma Road
Goodlettsville, Tenn. 37072

Please mail before February 15, 1967.

Others on a committee with Bro. Ray are Eld. W. T. Russell, Chairman and the editor.

A number of the regular articles and announcements will not appear in the BANNER this month due to the space allotted to this subject. We realize that we have many subscribers in several other states other than Tennessee, but any time we can use our voice and influence to assist in a worthy cause in your state we would be happy to do so.

Another meeting of ministers and all interested people, are to meet at the courthouse in Gallatin, Tennessee on Sunday afternoon, February 19, at 2:30. YOU ARE INVITED.

Fellowship Meeting

The next Fellowship Meeting is to be at Parkwood Baptist Church, 244 Ewing Lane, Nashville, on Friday night, February 24, at 7:00 P. M. The sermon is to be preached by Eld. C. B. Huddleston, Bethpage, Tenn. Everyone is invited.

The last meeting was held with Fairview Baptist Church, Woodburn, Ky., on January 13. Bro. Horace Head preached a good sermon and a wonderful fellowship was enjoyed by all.

He, Too --- Stood Tall



Monument of
J. M. Pendleton, D. D.

Pictured above is the monument of the well-known and great beloved, James Madison Pendleton, 1811-1891. As a man, minister and leader of the Baptist rank—he stood tall among his brethren.

He is author of the widely-used Baptist manual that has been used one hundred years, 1867-1967. He wrote other books and pastored churches in Tennessee, Kentucky, Ohio and Pennsylvania.

His body rests in Fairview Cemetery, Bowling Green, Kentucky, to await the coming of the Lord.

Bible School

Elder W. T. Russell, Bowling Green, Ky., is to begin a Bible School at Salem Baptist Church, Gallatin, Tenn., on Monday night, February 20. Classes will be conducted each Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday nights of each week until the entire book of Revelation is covered. Services begin at 7:00 o'clock each night. Come and bring your study material—Bibles, pencils and notebooks.



Watch For Expiration Date

Each subscriber to the BANNER is asked to watch for the date at the end of your name and address on the paper. This is the month that your subscription expires. Please renew as soon as possible, for this saves time and work on the editor and the printer.

Ordination

There is to be an ordination service at El Bethel Baptist Church, Franklin, Ky., on Sunday, February 12. Services are to begin at 2:30 P. M. Brethren Bobby Hicks and Robert Johnson are to be ordained to the deaconship. Eld. Gordon Elrod is the pastor. Churches of like faith and order are invited to assist.

From The Mission Field of Japan

6770 Kongozan
Tokuyama-shi
Yamaguchi-Ken, Japan

Dear Brother Vanderpool and Friends:

The year 1966 has come and gone, and what has been done can't be undone; some things have happened that are good and pleasant to think on, but many unpleasant, deplorable, and even tragic occurrences. Some things that have come into our lives over which we can rejoice, but some things we would do well just to erase from our memory; and I believe it would be according to God's will for us to do that very thing; because the great apostle Paul once said, "Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended; but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before; I press toward the mark for the prize of

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From Mission Field

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the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." Philippians 3:13, 14.

What the year 1967 will bring we do not profess to know, but one thing we can be assured of, and that is that the Lord knows the future, for He holds the future in His hand, and He in all of His great wisdom and power will work all things for the good of them who love the Lord, and to those who are the called according to His purpose, Romans 8:28. With reference to our personal experiences, we have more to thank the Lord for than we can make mention of here. He provides for all our needs through His people and His churches. He supplies grace to meet all of the trials which we must encounter in a mission field like Japan. So, our hearts want to burst forth in praise and glory to Him who doeth all things well, and with David we want to say, "Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless His holy name." Psalms 103:1.

We received several gift boxes from friends and relatives back home for Christmas, which we appreciate very much. We also received a goodly number of Christmas cards which we enjoyed and for which we thank everyone. It makes the day a little brighter when we get some message from friends and loved ones in our homeland. May the Lord in His wonderful love and grace bless you, one and all, for remembering us in this far away land.

We thank everyone for your support with your prayers and offerings during the past year. The Lord has given us so many friends since we came to this mis-

sion field a little over sixteen years ago. I am sure that He will reward you richly for remembering His servants and His Word which goes forth by the mouth of His messengers, to a people steeped in idolatry.

Annie Laura and I went down to Ube City to visit Brother Bacon and family on Sunday, New Year's Day, and we were in the service with them in the morning. Brother Bacon asked me to preach for them, and I tried to speak on the subject of the new birth. I have learned that when speaking on this subject, we must do quite a bit of explaining, because in Japanese religions they use the same word when referring to the spirits of the dead returning to the world in some other living form; but this is what we would call reincarnation. So we must do some explaining and tell them that we don't mean that when people die that they return to the world in some other form, but that the new birth in a Bible sense means, the spirit of man is cleansed and made new in Christ Jesus, and given eternal life. I enjoyed preaching in the service that morning, and we had a good time of fellowship with Brother Bacon and his people.

Our next door neighbor, Mr. Yoshida, came over to visit us the other night and we had quite a conversation with him on various subjects. He let us know that he couldn't believe in Jesus Christ. He said that he didn't believe that Jesus performed miracles, and of course, this is the common excuse. Mr. Yoshida said that with his knowledge of science, he just couldn't believe in the miracles of Jesus, for he said, "That is not compatible with science." We witnessed to him anyway, and we hope and pray that we can show him and his family the Spirit and love of the Lord in our lives, so that they will be convinced that there is a reality in the redemptive work of our Saviour.

We continue to covet your prayers for the work here in Japan. Pray for Mr. Kane, Mr. Kaneko, his wife, and two daughters. Those people attend almost every service at our mission here in Tokuyama, and they seem to be very interested in their soul's salvation. Pray for us as we enter into another year, our sixteenth year as missionaries to Japan. May the Lord bless all who have had a part in our work in this far off land.

Henry and Annie Laura Smith

There is not a promise in the divine Word which does not command or presuppose the confession and forgiveness of sins.

Open Letter

To Whom It May Concern:

A number of ministers and other interested persons have been discussing the possibility and feasibility of setting up a Library in some central location. The purpose of such project would be to furnish books and other pertinent information to ministers, deacons, Sunday School teachers and others interested in access to same.

We feel there is a possibility of obtaining the books of the late Eld. Calvin Gregory and others, should a library be set up under proper conditions.

We feel our people, ministers in particular, need to have a better knowledge of the Bible, history, our heritage and other related subjects.

Any minister, deacon, church, layman or any interested person may write and express your interest in the work. You may address your letters to Baptist Banner, 2303 Grandview Dr., Bowling Green, Kentucky 42101.

Religious Discussion

There is to be a religious debate at Longview Missionary Baptist Church, corner of Eleta and Spence Ave., Gallatin, Tenn., on February 13, 14 and 16, 17, between Eld. F. L. Ray, a Baptist, and Thomas G. O'Neal, Church of Christ minister. Services each night at 7:30 o'clock.

The proposition the first two nights is: The Scriptures teach that faith in Christ is the last condition of remission of past sins.

Affirm—F. L. Ray

Deny—Thomas G. O'Neal

The proposition for the last two nights is:

The Scriptures teach that water baptism of a penitent believer is the last condition for (in order to) remission of past alien sins.

Affirm—Thomas G. O'Neal

Deny—F. L. Ray

The public is invited.

In the event snow has the roads hazardous at the above date, we will announce this debate for a later time.

The church is a work-shop for wide-awake Christians; not a dormitory for sleeping ones.

The world is not so much advanced by the gigantic pushes of its mighty heroes as by the little pushes of the multitude of lesser folk.
—Greene.

**To the General Assembly of the Tennessee State Legislature, in the
year of our Lord A. D. 1967.**

Gentlemen:

We, _____ Church, lo-
cated in _____ County, Tennessee, with a member-
ship of _____, being greatly concerned relative to the impending
legislation of a law permitting the sale of liquor by the drink, do hereby
enter our protest in objection to the passage of such a law.

We desire to go on record as not endorsing the sale and use of intox-
icating beverages in any form. It is regarded by us as an evil from every
viewpoint, but we especially oppose the liberty given by the passage of
a law placing before the general public open saloons for open and pub-
lic consumption.

This church will appreciate your earnest consideration of this appeal
by a people who are certainly interested in the moral well being of our
great state.

Done by order of the church in conference _____ 1967.

Moderator

Clerk

Liquor's

"Man of Distinction"

By John Q. Schisler

Who is this man of distinction?

He is the drunken driver who ran down a thirteen-year-old girl in Raleigh, N. C. and left her lying dead.

He is the undertaker in Nashville, Tenn., who, after his arrest for fraud, said, "I have ruined myself and disgraced my family. I have been drinking for ten years. That is the only thing I can figure made me do it."

He is the father of five children who perished in a fire in Boston, Mass., while he and the children's mother were at a tavern.

He is the man in Cincinnati, Ohio, who sold whiskey to minors, resulting in the death of a teenage girl.

He is the cab driver in Indianapolis, Ind., who, while drinking, shot his estranged wife.

He is the "prominent" business man, who, while drunk, drove his car at a high speed onto a safety zone in Hot Springs, Ark., killing one woman instantly and so severely crippling the former office secretary of our church leaders that she had to stay in the hospital many weeks.

He is the man in Coral Gables, Fla., who, while attending a drinking party, was missed by his wife and was found out in the yard sleeping under a bush.

He is the husband of a woman in Portland, Ore., who, after quarreling with her, went to a drinking party and was later found beaten to death.

He is the man in Bailey's Creek, near Louisville, Ky., who was arrested for murder after arguing with his neighbor over whiskey.

He is the husband of the woman in Los Angeles, who drank six to eight Manhattans at dinner, smashed dishes, and pilfered from night clubs.

All these and thousands of others like them in the United States of America are "men of distinction."

Alcohol Advertising

"I Say What I Am Paid To Say"

- In the theatre,
- On the radio and television,
- On the signboard,
- In the papers and magazines,
- In legislative halls.

"But, I Tell the Truth"

- In the wrecked automobile,
- In the laboratory,
- In prison,

Inspiration

Perry Hayden, of Michigan, said he was inspired by the Lord's statement in John 12:24, and planted a cubic inch of wheat in 1940, and kept planting the wheat harvested until 1946.

The harvest amounted to 75,000 bushels of wheat, valued at \$150,000. The acreage by years, was as follows:

- 1st year—4 ft. by 8 ft.
- 2nd. year—24 ft. by 60 ft.
- 3rd. year—1 acre.
- 4th. year—14 acres.
- 5th. year—230 acres.
- 6th. year—2,666 acres.

Had this project continued, the estimated acreage for future years would have reached the following figures:

- 9th year—acreage equal to West Virginia.
- 10th. year—acreage equal to the United States.
- 11th. year—acreage equal to the globe.

Wise Men

"Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise." Pro. 20:1.

LISTEN TO THESE MEN

"Whiskey! I never use it; I am more afraid of it than Yankee bullets."

—Stonewall Jackson

"From the point of view of health, there has never been any question but that abstinence from alcoholic liquor proves extremely beneficial."

—William J. Mayo

"When the liquor men are allowed to do as they wish, they are sure to debauch, not only the body social, but the body politic also."

—Theodore Roosevelt

"I have better use for my brain than to poison it with alcohol. To put alcohol in the human brain is like pouring sand into the bearings of an engine."

—Thomas A. Edison

"Drivers are safer when the roads are dry; the roads are safer when the driver is dry."

—National Safety Council

"Whereas, the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage is productive of pauperism, degeneration, and crime, and believing that it is our duty to discourage that which produces more evil than good, we therefore pledge ourselves to abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage."—A pledge written and signed by Abraham Lincoln

- In the veins of the drunk,
- In wrecked homes and lives.

My Vote

Men will have strong drink, and men will sell liquor, but

NOT BY MY VOTE

Saloons may go on like a brook, forever, and men may die by the thousands in them, but,

NOT BY MY VOTE

Truth may be wrecked and character dismantled; homes may be destroyed and women and children beggared, but

NOT BY MY VOTE

Children may be caught in the saloon snare, the victims of alcohol may fill our jails, almshouses and insane asylums, but

NOT BY MY VOTE

The saloon may impoverish and degrade the people; producing idleness, disease and pauperism. It may breed anarchy and crime, but

NOT BY MY VOTE

The government may license the drink traffic and for a consideration take "a reward against the innocent" and bargain away the public health and the public morals, but

NOT BY MY VOTE

The liquor traffic may corrupt the social and political life of the nation; it may worm its way into all business and even into the sacred precincts of the home and the church, but

NOT BY MY VOTE

The bells may toll the death knell of a human being slain by alcohol every five minutes of the day, but

NOT BY MY VOTE

AND ALL THESE THINGS MAY COME TO PASS, BUT

NOT BY MY VOTE

—Contributed

Logic

Those who favor liquor and laws to make its sale legal argue that it brings in lots of revenue. Statistics show that for each \$1.00 collected from the liquor revenue, it costs \$5.00 to deal with those whom it effects. Is this logical?

These same people say that people are going to drink anyway, so let the liquor flow. Well, people are going to drive fast and break speed laws too. Would you want to remove all speed limits, even in the cities and let people drive anywhere, anytime, as fast as they care to? Is this logical? The people who are in favor of alcoholic drinks and laws to give them more access to it may think they can get by with it, but remember, YOU WON'T GET BY GOD AND THE JUDGMENT!