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No Crimes Without Victims

Is there really such a thing as a victimless crime? Is it true that the violation of the laws of morality will do no significant harm to society? Is man an island who sins by himself? Never forget that the person who engages in an illegal and immoral act is a victim. He is the primary victim but not the only one. Every transgression is like a pebble cast into the placid waters of a lake whose ripples go on and on and on.

—Samuel A. Jeanes
(See p. 7)

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SOUND AND FURY

I have been receiving the *Journal* for almost four years and I have always attempted to see the arm of Christ in your work. This task has become increasingly difficult through the years and has now become almost impossible. The most difficult thing for me to accept about your writings is that in your anger, bitter-

ness and defensiveness, you have now begun to ignore the Scriptures just so that you can be "right." In other words, your need to be right has overcome your need to hear what the Bible has to say to Christians today. The painful thing about this development is that there are a number of gullible and naive Christians today who still listen to your false

teachings.

Your Bible must be as small as your world with a number of books obviously missing, such as John, Romans, I Corinthians and Ephesians, just to name a few. If you have the same Bible that I do, then your minds are not closed, they are nailed shut.

For example, several articles in recent publications of the *Journal* are opposed to the concept that the Church has a physical as well as spiritual mission in the world ("Five Days in Montreat," Sept. 1, "Nothing Else Matters," Sept. 1 and "When Theology is Corrupted," Feb. 9.) When your editor states that the concept of pleasing God and receiving a blessing by loving one's neighbor is false, I wonder if he (the editor) has ever read the 15th chapter of Deuteronomy? When the editor says that it is false that "I can love my neighbor because Jesus perfectly loved men while He was here," I wonder how he can hide from John 15:12? You say that to give priority to the responsibility of man to his fellow man is "damnable false." I assume that Amos 5:21-24 does not apply to you, and I would like to hear your attempt to explain Matthew 25:31-46 as it applies to your position.

Thank you for giving me examples of modern day false prophets and Pharisees.

—(Rev.) H. P. Hosey
Choudrant, La.

TIP OF THE HAT

Concerning your editorial quotation at length of Mr. Taft of the *Miami Herald*, let me say that a good number of thoughtful evangelicals also oppose the so-called "Prayer Amendment" for sound reasons. We are never going to return to the "good old days" of the courtesy tip of the hat to the Bible and prayer . . . and perhaps we should not want to, either.

—(Rev.) Louis Powell Long
Ellwood City, Pa.

PRAY FOR REVIVAL

"The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad" (Psalm 126:3).

Many in the Southern Presbyterian Church are praying for a revival in our midst, and the Lord has given some of the members of the Woodland Heights Presbyterian Church

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JESUS SAID,

"I am the Way,
the Truth,
and the
Life."

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COMMENTARY ON THE GOSPEL OF JOHN, by Leon Morris. Wm. B. Eerdmans Publ. Co., Grand Rapids, Mich. 936 pp. \$12.50. Reviewed by the Rev. William C. Robinson, Decatur, Ga.

It is a delight to commend this scholarly work by the principal of Ridley College, Melbourne, Australia. The number of citations from English, German and French scholars makes this volume ideal for a course in the Gospel of John. Morris is careful not to overtake his own positions, and to recognize the double meaning in many of John's references. He presents a case for the beloved disciple, John, as the author, and the date shortly before 70 A.D. He leans to Ephesus as the place of its writing.

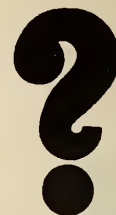
In this Gospel, Jesus is designated as God three times. As the Lamb of God, Jesus bears the consequence of human sin that its guilt may be removed. The wrath of God stands for the settled and active opposition of God's holy nature to everything that is evil. "Unless we are saved from real peril there is no meaning in salvation." *Verily*, is a translation of the Hebrew word *amen*, meaning to confirm, to give one's assent. It was often used by Jesus to mark the words as uttered before God, who is thus invited to bring them to pass.

Pastor, add this book to your library! Professor, use this book for a course on the fourth Gospel! And God will bless the Gospel of John to you and your people. ☐

INTERLUDES IN A WOMAN'S DAY, by Winola W. Wirt. Moody Press, Chicago, Ill. Paper, 160 pp. \$75. Reviewed by Mrs. C. W. McNutt, Roanoke, Va.

Some Christians have a gift for seeing a spiritual lesson in every little happening of life. Winola Wirt, wife of the editor of *Decision* magazine, is such a person. She shares with the reader her thoughts, feelings, and experiences as she looks for opportunities to witness. At the clinic, supermarket, bus or stamp store she finds inspiration for a better Christian life. She even becomes inspired through a "wrong number" intrusion and ends by making a study on the "wrong number" situations in the Bible. Fancy that! ☐

God never blesses a Church that willingly tolerates unbelief.—UNKNOWN.



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