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"Come Over into Macedonia and Help Us."—(Acts 16:9.)

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BULLETIN ONE—The Fight Is On

Look at the picture long and carefully. Funny looking thing, isn't it? Looks like a scribbling of a six-year-old child. And yet it represents the most momentous event in the history of man—the temptation and fall. Notice that the man and woman are reaching after the fruit on this tree, and that a serpent rears itself behind the woman. This picture is taken from an early Babylonian seal and is in the British Museum. Scholars tell us it can refer to nothing else than the story which we find in the first chapters of Genesis: Nearly all the traditions concerning man's troubles which have come down to us from the earliest nations tell that it was the eating of something which brought death and suffering into the world. Thus we have two witnesses to the truthfulness of these despised stories in Genesis—the Bible and the outside traditions of the ancient nations.

Lenormant, the great French archaeologist, said: "The idea of the Edenic happiness of the first human beings constitutes one of the UNIVERSAL traditions. Among the Egyptians, the terrestrial reign of the god Ra, who inaugurated the existence of the world and of human life, was a golden age to which they continually looked back with regret and envy; to assert the superiority of anything above all that imagination could set forth, it was sufficient to affirm that 'it's like had never been seen since the days of the god Ra.' This belief in an age of happiness and innocence in the infancy of mankind may likewise be found among all peoples of the Aryan and Japhetic races. It was among the beliefs held by them ANTERIOR to [before] their dispersion." Thus we have strong evidence for believing that the account we have in the Bible of the beginning of Sin on this earth and God's War on it is the true account, and the one we should rely upon in our combat against all evil.

And so the fight is on. So far as this old earth is concerned it began back there in the Garden of Eden which

the picture tries feebly to portray. It was necessary for God to make man subject to sin that he might be a free moral agent. "Not free, what proof could he have given sincere of true allegiance, constant faith, or love, where only what he needs must do appeared, not what he would? What praise could he receive?" The battle has reached to every continent of the world, to every nation of people, to every city on the earth, to every family under the sun, and to every individual who has come to the years of understanding. No one can escape, no neutrality can be proclaimed, no one can say that it is none of his business. The Captain of our salvation says, "He that is not with me is against me." We must fight evil in ourselves, we must fight evil in others.

Satan seems at times to have well nigh conquered the world. He is the instigator of the war in Europe. He is the father of corruption in our politics. He gets into the capitalist and the worker and sets them at strife between themselves. He stirs husband against wife, and wife against husband, and parents against children and children against parents. He has broken down moral restraint in untold millions so that the earth is filled with corruption and violence. Most church members (note that I do not say "Christians") have given way to him. Elders are often in his power. Preachers are frequently filled with his ambition and self-esteem. Churches are rent asunder by the influence of Satan, and denominationalism is established by following his pride. Christ prayed that we might be one, but Sin has stirred weak men to divide into hundreds of human sects. "God made man upright but he has sought out many inventions."

The fight is on. Our unbridled pride in trying to make ourselves equal with God, our unrestricted vision of that which is evil, our ungoverned desire for sensual enjoyment—these lack of virtues have brought death into the world and all our woe. It is the same temptation which came to Adam and Eve in the picture—"the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life." Someone was simply giving a history of man and sin, when he said that "the way of least resistance makes crooked rivers and crooked men." Too often we have followed that stream of least resistance.

Millions of people are asking, "What's the matter, what's the matter with the world?" The frail student of morals has not been able to tell us, but the Christian with the Bible in his hands knows exactly what's the matter with the world. Man has left his God. He has followed the ways of his own heart. "My people have committed

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two evils, they have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and have hewn them out cisterns, broken cisterns, which can hold no water." (Jeremiah.) The fight is on. God calls for volunteers to help put down Satan and Sin.

BULLETIN TWO—Have You Enlisted Yet?

The Lord needs soldiers very urgently now to fight, that Satan may not gain an advantage. But still he wishes only volunteers. He will not have conscript soldiers in His army. It is too bad that many over-zealous recruiters have not learned this regulation of God's Army. They have taken babies and sprinkled water on them, and entirely without their consent taken them into the Army, and as they have grown up have made them believe they are in the Army though there is no evidence that the Captain recognizes such unlawful attempts at enlistment. Others have, in their recruiting meetings, gone into the audiences and begged and coaxed and pulled till many have gone forward and professed to become soldiers. If there is anything more than another which has helped bring God's Army into demoralization it is such practices of coercion. It must be entirely discarded. "Whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely." Those who enlist for Christ according to His Word must be old enough and in sufficiently favorable mind to WILL to come and enter the army.

If a man jumps up and says that he is in the army of the United States, does that mere assertion make him a soldier according to the U. S. regulations? No. If a man or woman arises and says he is a child of God, a soldier of Christ, and on the way to heaven, does that put him into the Divine Family, into the Divine Army? No. There are certain rules one must conform to before he is regarded as a soldier in the U. S. Army, and before he can receive any of its benefits; and there are certain commands one must obey before he becomes a soldier of the Cross. The applicant for the U. S. Army must be examined and swear loyalty to the Constitution of the United States; and the one who wishes to fight for Christ must believe in Him as the Son of God, and must "repent and be baptized for the remission of sins" (Acts 2:38). "As many of you have been baptized INTO Christ have put on Christ" (Gal. 3:27). And the baptism which Captain Jesus commands requires "much water" (John 3:23); going "down into the water" (Acts 8:38); burial (Rom. 6:4, Col. 2:12); coming "up out of the water" (Acts 8:30). Not until we have done these things can we scripturally

say that we have come INTO the Army of the Lord. Not until we have done these things can we truthfully say that we are entitled to the Christian Soldiers' Home in Glory.

The fight is on. The bombs of sin are bursting all around and millions are being blown into eternity unprepared to meet their God. The submarines of movies are torpedoing ship loads of children whose parents would like them to be safe for time and eternity. The "mosquito boats" of revelry are gliding here and there and sinking hosts into the sea of despair. The smoke screen of corrupt movie programs is obscuring the vision of eighty-three million Americans each week. The shrapnel of gold and glory is bringing down those pilots (preachers) who are supposed to be showing us the way to heaven. The fifth columnists of sectarianism, innovationism, open doorism are eating at the heart of the Army of God. The "Big Berthas" of indifferentism are blasting at the foundations of the Church of God. **And YOU sit there with your eyes closed and say that you cannot see that the world is going to ruin.**

Remember, man, that you cannot always coast down hill on your sled of luxury and ease. You will soon reach the bottom where there is an unfrozen lake of despair. France coasted, and that liberty-loving nation is now under the heel of the dictator. England coasted, and she is now making the greatest fight she has made in a thousand years. America coasted, and IS STILL coasting largely, and she will meet with similar disaster. The Church has coasted, and she is about at the bottom of the hill. It is now time to pull your sled up hill. The world needs real men now. The Church needs men of faith. Are you a coward or is it only indifferentism? The call has gone forth by our Captain for soldiers for his army. Will you heed his call? Some day you may be anxious to enlist for Christ but it will be too late. If you are not for Him you are against him. Sing softly to yourself that old song you learned in the house of God or at your mother's knee.

Am I a soldier of the Cross,
A follower of the Lamb,
And shall I fear to own his Cause,
Or blush to speak his name?

BULLETIN THREE—Propagating Propaganda

Warnings should be issued that certain subversive elements are busily engaged in attempting to discourage all from enlisting in the Army of the King of Kings. Circulation of propaganda by whispering campaigns and more direct methods tend to divert the minds of the unwary, and make them easy victims of the "fifth columns" working for the forces of sin under direction of the Prince of the Power of the Air, Satan.

One of the most common stories being told is that there are a number of hypocrites on the roster of those who have enlisted for Christ, and thus His battalions are made up of those who have ulterior motives in mind, and who will desert at the first opportunity. A careful survey proves that in every army a certain percentage of traitors have crept in unawares and by misrepresentation, but this in no sense affects the principles we are fighting for. It should only cause all to redouble their efforts to work loyally for the Captain of Our Salvation. Never have the embattled forces of wrong needed the help of courageous men and women more than right now. Not only is the

future of our world at stake, but the souls of those whom we love may be drowned in perdition unless we awaken to the enormity of the task facing every one of us. It is being urged that all clear-thinking individuals realize that in due time all of those who are acting hypocritical will be properly handled, but right now faithful disciples must work harder than ever to conquer for right.

Originating in the nether regions also, another falsehood has been given quite free circulation to the detriment of the Army of the Lord. Those who have taken the time to study the matter realize that only volunteers are acceptable in the ranks, and no draft or conscription has been, or will be, placed in effect. Yet it has been said that those who desire to "fight the good fight of faith" must wait and pray until God calls them in some mystifying, mysterious, inexplicable and unexplainable way. Every jot and tittle of such a false theory is denied by the Christian's guide book, the Bible. Instead it should be known that the call for soldiers has been issued for nineteen centuries by the Captain himself. He said "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden." He has never forced or compelled anyone to serve him, nor will he do so. Our reason for enlistment must be our love for Him. "We love him because he first loved us."

Consistency demands that we here note another communique from Satan's headquarters to the effect that the terms of enlistment have been changed. It is admitted by all that originally all those who came had to believe, repent and be baptized upon a confession of their faith in the Christ, but it is now advocated that this is no longer necessary. To all who are in doubt upon this question, it needs but to be pointed out that upon the day of Pentecost, when the ranks were thrown open, the terms were thus proclaimed, "Repent and be baptized EVERYONE OF YOU in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins" (Acts 2:38). The Master has never altered his plan, and every person who desires to serve with him must be admitted upon those grounds.

There is a place in that Army for you! The honorable discharge at the hand of death will provide you an opportunity of sharing in the pension of eternal life. Go at once to the nearest congregation of the Church of Christ, and there at the Lord's recruiting station make your confession, and be immersed to walk in newness of life. Remember that "whosoever will may come."—W. Carl Ketcherside.

BULLETIN FOUR—The Lord's Training Camp

The greatest curse in the Christian world is "the kingdom of the clergy." There is no distinction between clergy and laity in the New Testament. The Schaff-Herzog Encyclopedia, a great authority in the religious world, says, under the word "Clergy": "There is no order of clergy in the modern sense of the term, in the New Testament, i. e., there is no class of men mentioned to whom spiritual functions exclusively belonged. Every believer is a priest unto God. Every believer has as much right as anybody else to pray, to preach, to baptize, to administer communion, etc." Catholics developed this kingdom of the clergy with its bishops, archbishops, cardinals, and popes; and Protestants have followed that example in a modified degree. Under the "priest" and "the pastor" of a congregation, where these leaders are everything, spirituality is drying up. It is not God's plan, but far from it.

God knew the weakness of man and so gave him as little authority as possible. Outside of the inspired men,

the highest position one could occupy in the Church of Christ of the New Testament is that of one of two or more elders, called also bishops, in a local congregation. Each congregation was complete in itself under King Jesus to do all he wishes it to do.

The Apostolic Church had evangelists going here and there preaching and teaching, but they had no authority over organized churches. Paul, the pre-eminent evangelist, told young Evangelist Timothy how the life-giving Word of God was to be carried down through the ages, and soldiers were to be trained. "The things which thou hast heard of me, among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men who shall be able to teach others also" (II Tim. 2:2). EVERY preacher of the gospel is to be a developer of talent in the church as well as a preacher to non-members. From those developed, qualified men were to be appointed as elders, called bishops (see I. Tim. 3; Titus 1; Acts 20), who were henceforth to feed and oversee the flock of God.

This Word would thus reach out to fathers and mothers, and they would teach and train their children to become soldiers for Christ. It would reach to EVERY Christian, and like the early disciples they would "go everywhere preaching the Word" (Acts 8:4). Not until we make EVERY Christian a Soldier of the Cross, fighting under King Jesus, will the Army of the Lord make progress like it did in the days of the apostles.

BULLETIN FIVE—What Should You Fight For?

The men at Lexington, Concord, Valley Forge fought for Liberty—and Liberty is that for which the Christian Soldier fights. We not free? No, we are not free, but are slaves of our own passions and lusts. Possibly every man who drinks liquor has tried to quit, but could not. Why? Because he is a slave. Perhaps every man who uses tobacco has tried to quit and most have failed. Why? Because they are slaves. So with many of our appetites. Christ came to bring us out of this bondage into the glorious liberty in Christ where we say a certain act is wrong and we will NOT do it, and that a certain course of life is right and we WILL do it. None of us has reached that state completely, yet we struggle to attain it.

What are you fighting for? Not the religion of your father or mother specially. Not the religion of this great man or that good woman. Commander Jude says: "Contend earnestly for THE faith which was ONCE FOR ALL delivered unto the saints." (Jude 3, Revised Version.)

What are you to fight for? Commander Paul says: "I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through His subtilty [craftiness] so your minds should be corrupted from THE SIMPLICITY THAT IS IN CHRIST." (2 Cor. 11:3.) "Simplicity in Christ"—Should Be Our Banner.

The Christian Soldier's Guide Book does not say: Blessed are those who follow their own opinions, do what they merely think is right, accept the religion of their fathers and mothers, or follow certain learned "divines"; but it does say: "Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city." (Rev. 22:14.)

What are we fighting for? Commander Jeremiah in the long ago said: "Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls." (Jer. 6:16.)

The Christian Army has been thrown into confusion because we have departed from those "old paths."

Hasten, soldiers, hasten! The enemy is trying to cross the channel and rout us out of our island home—the church (called out, separated). Satan is trying to "pulverize" the churches of Christ throughout the world. He does not like the Right, the Good, the True, the Beautiful, the Gospel of Christ which is the power of God unto salvation for which we are contending. Christ expects every man to do his duty.

BULLETIN SIX—The Wiles of the Devil

Paul says to put on the whole armour of God that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil (Eph. 6:11). I am sure that there are but few who doubt the existence of Satan. He actually exists and would like to send your soul and mine to eternal destruction. Satan is shrewd. His work is more artful than that of Hitler or any other would-be world conqueror. He works in his cunning way and his purpose is being accomplished every day. As we look at conditions surrounding us we can see the millions that have fallen victim to him. So we are forced to the conclusion that millions now living are already dead.

Paul informs us of a method whereby we might withstand this oncoming slaughter. Put on the whole armour of God. Webster says the meaning of the word "wile" is, "a trick or stratagem practiced for ensnaring or deception." By his "wiles" the "will" of Satan is accomplished. We must stand against the "will" of the devil. Satan has always used this method of fighting against the souls of man. It has ever been his purpose to ensnare or deceive his victims by his tricks. By his "wile" his "will" was accomplished in the Garden of Eden. His maneuvers today are of the same kind.

We are told to be alert. There is a means provided that we might successfully quench those fiery darts that are hurled at us. There is likewise a weapon to use against his deceptive ways. By the use of the Sword of the Spirit we may protect ourselves and at the same time do some offensive fighting.

Christ is today sending out a plea for volunteers to fight against this public enemy No. 1. He won't draft you because he wants the love of His cause to be the promoter of your enlistment. Only those who hate sin will endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. Christ has no room for "softies." He wants not merely a man, but a MAN!

Won't you then, dear ensnared, deceived, entangled angel of Satan, become familiar with the tricks by which you are bound, and turn traitor to such an unworthy calling? Satan has you within his ranks because he outsmarted you once. He has made you a believer in his creed, "it won't hurt anything," until you think nothing is wrong. You are deceived by his deceptive thinking, "I've lots of time yet." The time to quench those fiery darts is now by yourself "turning the tricks," in becoming acquainted with the will of God and enlisting in the fight against sin at once. Show the devil that you are smarter than he is.—Harold Shasteen.

BULLETIN SEVEN—Do You Want Freedom?

Man was in a state of bondage and slavery under Satan, not literally, but in bondage in sin. Christ came to free

us from that state. Now you would be willing to enlist in the U. S. army and sacrifice every thing you have and fight to protect our freedom, and to save our country from being taken over by "Hitler"! We love freedom. You would make that sacrifice to protect the physical life, but have you ever thought of enlisting in the Lord's army and making a sacrifice in his service to retain the freedom Christ brought to the human family?

Do you realize Satan is gaining territory faster than Hitler, and that he is even capturing some of the Lord's soldiers and taking them back into his service? You are not doing anything about it. The Lord doesn't draft soldiers into his army, but calls for volunteers (Matt. 11:28). He made a great sacrifice to redeem us from sin and rescue us from Satan's forces. As long as you are in the world, you are fighting against the one who died for you, though you may not realize it. You are standing with the "spiritual Hitler" Satan, the enemy of your soul, and fighting against the one who brought liberty (spiritually) to the world. You wouldn't think of joining Hitler's forces and fighting against Freedom of the Nations, yet you unconsciously are doing that very thing, spiritually! Now why can't you make up your mind to offer your service whole heartedly to the Lord and help us fight the enemy of our spiritual freedom?

If you should enlist in the U. S. army, you would have to leave your home, your loved ones, and all that is near and dear to you and go to war. You would do that willingly to save our nation. Why not be willing to make a sacrifice to serve God in order to help save the world from eternal destruction?

Do you realize that your indifference and neglect of duty to God may not only condemn you, but you may be the cause of many others losing their soul? Your life is an influence either for good or evil. If you are not a Christian it is for evil. We can't influence others to serve God if we are not willing to serve Him. Remember Christ made a great sacrifice to give us freedom and liberty, but it is on conditions that we willingly enlist into His service and then fight (1 Tim. 6:12; Eph. 6:10-18; 2 Tim. 2:3).

Of course we can't just enter his service our own way, he has given instructions and we must comply with HIS instructions. If you were to decide to volunteer to the service of the United States Army, you would have to comply with certain regulations even though you offer your services willingly. It is the same when you offer the Lord your service; just because you are willing to serve in His Army, or Church, is no reason why you can have your way about it. You must comply with the instructions given in His word, which we find as follows:

You must have faith. (Heb. 11:6.) You wouldn't be of much force if you didn't believe in the thing you were starting to do. You will have to completely surrender to Christ and give up all that is near and dear unto you in the world (all sin). You must repent (Lk. 13:1-5). You must confess before man your faith in your captain (Acts 8:37). You must be free from all your past life and enter a new life, altogether sever your relation from your former captain (Satan) and become one of Christ's own. That is done in the act of Baptism (Rom. 6:3-5; Gal. 3:27; 1 Cor. 12:13; Col. 2:12). Having complied with the Lord's instructions you are now ready to fight the good fight of faith (1 Tim. 6:12).

In order to win the battle and conquer in the end, you must put on the whole armour (Eph. 6:10-17), and don't forget the 18th verse is a part of the armour. Now if you obey the commands of the inspired apostle Peter

(1 Pet. 2:2), you will become stronger as you train and develop and Satan will have no power over you and you will be able to do all things through Christ who strengthen us (Phil. 4:13). And at the end of the battle (death) you will be prepared to enjoy that eternal rest where there will be no conflicts, because the spiritual Hitler will be where he can't oppose us longer (Rev. 20:10.)—C. R. Turner.

BULLETIN EIGHT—The Army and Its Captain

It is called The Army of Christ, or "Church of Christ" because Jesus said, "Upon this rock I will build my church." (Matt. 16:18; see also Rom. 16:16.)

Each congregation was ruled by the inspired apostles' teaching as applied by its elders, called also bishops or overseers. It had also deacons as servants of the church. (1 Tim. 3; Titus 1; Acts 20:17-35.)

"The disciples were called **Christians** first at Antioch." (Acts 11:26; see also 1 Peter 4:16.)

Those who entered Christ in New Testament times were baptized into Him: at least this was the last step which brought them into Him. (Gal. 3:27; Acts 2:38; 22:16.)

The apostolic church had no societies attached to it, but did its **aid-work** as individuals (Acts 9:36-42; Gal. 6:10); and as congregations (Acts 11:27-30). The early Christians had no missionary societies, but did that kind of work through the Church. (Phil. 4:15, 16.) They had no societies of any kind sapping the life out of Christ's body, the Church, for they knew that "**by the church the manifold wisdom of God**" should be made known. (Eph. 3:10.)

The **worship** of Christ's Church was simple. The early disciples "came together to break bread" "upon the first day of the week." (Acts 20:7.) They "continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine, and fellowship, and in breaking of bread and in prayers." (Acts 2:42.) They had no musical instruments in their worship, but taught and admonished "one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in their hearts to the Lord." (Col. 3:16.)

Dear reader, we are all eternity-bound, and I beg you in Jesus' name, if you love your soul's eternal welfare, **Look up all these references in God's word** by which you will be judged in the last day, and be certain that you are on God's side—be sure that you belong to **Christ's Army**, whose doctrines are unmixed with the teachings of men, and uncorrupted by the "progress of the times."

BULLETIN NINE—Punishment of Stubborn Enemies

When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory; and before him shall be gathered all nations; and **he shall separate them one from another**, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats. . . . And these shall go away into **everlasting punishment**; but the righteous into life eternal. (Matt. 25:31-46.)

Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these: Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, [which includes the dance], and **such life**: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things **shall not inherit the kingdom of God**. (Gal. 5:19-21.)

And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. . . . And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into **the lake of fire**. (Rev. 20:12-15.)

We know him that hath said, Vengeance belongeth unto me, I will recompense, saith the Lord. And again, the Lord shall judge his people. It is a **fearful thing** to fall into the hands of the living God. (Heb. 10:28-31.)

Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. (Matt. 25:34.)

Then shall he also say unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into **everlasting fire**, prepared for the devil and his angels. (Matt. 25:41.)

Note.—If we don't believe the Bible on the judgment and hell, let us throw the whole thing aside, and join Bob Ingersoll and Tom Paine, and be done with it, for that is where we shall land.

BULLETIN TEN—Stirring the War Spirit

The reason the Christian Army has almost collapsed in our generation is because there is so little war spirit among the soldiers. Nobody wants to fight, nobody wants to sacrifice anything for the Cause of Christ.

Norway had not had a war for a century, and there was no war spirit among her people, and she became an easy prey to a nation which had such a spirit. France, after the World War, had said to herself: Take thine ease, eat, drink and be merry; and her armies crumbled like a house of cards.

England was so intense on her derbies that she would not see the threatening war clouds rising in the east, and she is now in a life and death struggle. And President Roosevelt said recently that "America is soft." Our cars, our radios, our electric stoves and refrigerators and washers and ironers, our movies, etc., etc., have rendered us physically and morally weak, and we don't propose to exert ourselves any more than we have to. Is it not strange that the thing we long for and work and sacrifice for—to get on Easy Street—is the worst thing that can come to us. Yes, Americans are "soft"; that is, we wish to float down stream rather than row up stream.

Christian men and women are commanded to "endure hardness as good soldiers of Jesus Christ." They are enjoined to "fight the good fight of faith." And if they are indifferent to this they are warned: "Because thou art lukewarm and neither cold nor hot, I will spew thee out of my mouth." It is the business of preachers to try to stir the true war spirit against Sin of all shades and grades. It is the business of elders and deacons and all others to do the same. Bible classes ought to be formed to try to stir up such a needed spirit. (Elsewhere in this paper we suggest Bible classes to study the Life of the Greatest Soldier that ever lived—the Apostle Paul—as found in Acts of Apostles and 1 and 2 Timothy.)

But the best place of all to arouse the Christian war spirit is in the Home. Commander Paul says: "And ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath, but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." (Eph. 6:4.) Notice that he does not say "mothers" here. If fathers will not do it, the mothers should do all they can, just as Eunice and Lois the mother and grandmother

of Timothy did. But the Captain of our salvation through Commander Paul says "FATHERS." Wake up, fathers, and if you are going to be the head of the family, be it, and take the lead in the family devotion and in the training of the children in the way they should go. God through Moses commanded that the people should talk of the word of God when they arose in the morning, when they were sitting in their homes, when they were walking by the way, and when they lay down at night. A Jew in St. Louis recently said that the reason Israel had continued down through thousands of years was because they taught their religion to their children. And vice versa, we may say that the chief reason that there are so few true soldiers of the Cross today is because parents have not stirred the war spirit in their offspring. Will your Captain hold you guiltless in this essential matter for the success of the war?

We should tell our children of the purity of the life of Joseph and how it reacted to his glory. We should tell of Noah and his faith with all the world against him, and how he was finally saved. Moses chose rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season, and he became the greatest political leader of the world. The three Hebrew children stood face to face with death in the fiery furnace, but in the end they came off triumphant. Daniel knew the lions were awaiting him, but he prayed to his God regardless, and God saved him from their jaws. God does not say he will save us in a miraculous way today, but he does say that "none of these things can separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

The great purpose of the Macedonian Call is to help arouse this war spirit so that we can send new companies "over into Macedonia" to help defeat the enemy there. The purpose of EVERY Christian should be the same. "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," comes thundering through the ages from the Captain of our salvation.

BULLETIN ELEVEN—Fraternizing With the Enemy

The Lord's Army and Satan's Army are as different as the east is from the west, and much of the trouble of this generation is because Soldiers of the Cross have mixed with those of Satan. The very word "church" means "called out." Christians are called out of the devil's territory and are supposed to live differently from those there. Says Captain John: "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him." (1 John 2:15.) And Captain James says: "The friendship of the world is enmity with God. Whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God." (James 4:4.)

Someone said that dancing is "second-hand adultery." To say the least of it, it is revelry, and Captain Paul says that revelry is a work of the flesh and that they who do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. Did you ever hear of any one being made better by the dance? Christian soldiers are shaking hands with Satan when they engage in such.

The corrupt picture show is doing as much as anything we know of to lead our soldiers into the camp of the enemy. Maybe something good is put up with the evil in order to entice you. That is the "wiles of the devil" we are to fortify ourselves against.

Satan was once an angel of God but was cast out of heaven because of his ambition and pride. (See 2 Peter 2:4; Jude 6; 1 Timothy 3:6.) Men and women today are walking in his steps when they are lifted with pride because of wealth, beauty, strength, education. "God resisteth the proud." If we follow Satan we must go to him forever. Come out of the enemy's camp.

Captain Jesus says through Paul to his women soldiers: "Women adorn themselves in MODEST apparel." (1 Timothy 2:9.) But many of them have rebelled against King Jesus, and are following the instructions of Satan on that. This helps demoralize the Lord's Army. It is "fifth column" practice.

King Jesus tells how His Army is to be ruled, and the chief reason that the world has not been taken for Christ is that so many of his soldiers do not obey Him. Many try to follow him according to the ways of men, but He says: "In vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men." (Mark 7:7.) The groups of soldiers (denominations) are divided among themselves, not because of what the Lord has said but because of what man has said. We are not divided over what is in the Bible, but over what is not there.

We have no right to add humanisms of any kind to his teachings. "If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book." (Rev. 22:18.) "If there come any unto you and bring not this doctrine, receive him not." (2 John 10, 11.) Fraternizing with the enemy in moral and doctrinal matters has turned the Army of the Lord into a worldly, warring mass. Christ calls for a separation for his people. "Love not the world." "Come out from among them."

BULLETIN TWELVE—The Lord's "Brenner Pass"

This Pass is a gap in the mountains between Germany and Italy. Recently Hitler and Mussolini met there and discussed plans for their conquest of the world. Recently, too, members of the true Church of Christ met in Nevada, Mo., to discuss plans for enlisting more soldiers, training them in the Lord's Army, and for conquering the world for Christ. It was a most enjoyable meeting. Between 250 and 300 soldiers, both men and women, came from a distance, most of them staying throughout. The soldiers at Nevada are to be commended for the sacrifice and efficiency of their work. W. Carl Ketcherside, 8229 Page, St. Louis, Mo., oversaw the whole, and is preparing a full account of the meeting to be published in four large, newspaper-size pages. Send ten cents for each copy to him at above address. It will have outlines of each speech as well as much other interesting matter connected with the meeting.

This October issue of the Macedonian Call is prepared specially to help, too, in the conquest of the world for Christ. These papers are FREE to circulate among boys at the camp or among young people, or to distribute in mission places elsewhere. To churches and brethren who are able, they are free, too, yet we ask you to send a cent a copy to pay for postage and mailing. Any readers who may wish to donate to the distribution of free literature, are welcome to help. "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to EVERY creature."

BULLETIN THIRTEEN—Don't Be a Baby Soldier

Life is a battle from the cradle to the grave. It is a fight for life, to keep the wolf from the door, for an education, for a good government, for the Right. There is

not a good thing we have that there has not been a fight for. The devil gets in us and we must fight to get him out. He gets in the Church, and instead of sneaking off and hiding our cowardice under the plea of "I-don't-believe-in-fussing," buckle on your armor and get on the firing line and put the devil out of the Church. Captain Paul knew more about this war than any of us and he said: "There must be heresies among you, that they which are approved may be manifest among you." (1 Cor. 11:19.) Read his communiques to the companies (churches) mentioned in the New Testament, and you will see that he had much trouble with those who were fraternizing with the enemy. Foes without and fears within—kept him on the alert at all times. "All that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution." (2 Tim. 3:12.) Don't be a coward.

If ever you think you have any strong battles and persecutions, recite those of Paul to yourself: "Of the Jews five times received I forty stripes save one. Thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and a day I have been in the deep. In journeyings often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils by my own countrymen, in perils by the heathen, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren. In weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness. Besides those things that are without, that which cometh upon me daily, the care of all the churches. Who is weak, and I am not weak? who is offended and I burn not?" (2 Cor. 11:24-33.)

Be a soldier like Paul.

BULLETIN FOURTEEN—Capt. Paul to the Ephesian Elders

"And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus, and called the elders of the church. And when they were come to him, he said unto them, Ye know, from the first day that I came into Asia, after what manner I have been with you at all seasons. Serving the Lord with all humility of mind, and with many tears, and temptations, which befell me by the lying in wait of the Jews: And how I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have shewed you, and have taught you publicly, and from house to house. Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ. And now, behold, I go bound in the spirit unto Jerusalem, not knowing the things that shall befall me there: Save that the Holy Ghost witnesseth in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions abide me. But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God. And now, behold, I know that ye all, among whom I have gone preaching the kingdom of God, shall see my face no more. Wherefore I take you to record this day, that I am pure from the blood of all men. For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God. Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood. For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them. Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn

every one night and day with tears. And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified. I have coveted no man's silver, or gold, or apparel. Yea, ye yourselves know, that these hands have ministered unto my necessities, and to them that were with me. I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive." (Acts 20:17-35.)

BULLETIN FIFTEEN—Paul's Charge To Timothy

"I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead, at his appearing and his kingdom, preach the word. Be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears. And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry. For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith; henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day; and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing." (2 Tim. 4:1-8.)

BULLETIN SIXTEEN—Stand Up For Jesus

Stand up, stand up, for Jesus
 Ye soldiers of the Cross,
 Lift high his royal banner,
 It must not suffer loss.
 From vic'try unto vic'try
 His Army shall He lead,
 Till ev'ry foe is vanquished,
 And Christ is Lord indeed.

Stand up, stand up, for Jesus,
 Stand in His strength alone;
 The arm of flesh will fail you,
 Ye dare not trust your own.
 Put on the Gospel Armor,
 And watching unto prayer,
 Where duty calls, or danger,
 Be never wanting there.

Stand up, stand up, for Jesus,
 The strife will not be long;
 This day the noise of battle,
 The next the victor's song.
 To him that overcometh,
 A crown of life shall be;
 He with the King of Glory
 Shall reign eternally.

To All Young Men of Draft Age

With Their Sweethearts and Sisters and Mothers and Fathers

THE second World War spreads. You may soon be called to intensive training in camp by our President. You will be cut loose from your home and the Church, and thrown entirely on your own moral resources. What will you do? Will you join those in the camp who gamble and drink and whore? God forbid. You say, "No one can live a Christian there." I answer, "A diamond shines better in the mud than in a tray in a jewelry shop." Says Captain Paul: "Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong." (1 Cor. 16:13.) Find others of like precious faith, if possible; at least, find those who wish to do right—they are there.

Sweetheart or sister or father or mother or other member of the Church will see that you have a nice, well-printed, durable testament. Don't be ashamed to read it. "Ashamed of Jesus, can it be, a mortal man ashamed of Thee?" Mark striking passages in it. Study the life of Paul as of the Greatest Soldier that Ever Lived. He enlisted in Acts 9th chapter, and began his Military Campaigns (Missionary Journeys) in Acts 13th chapter. (Memory Help—Paul was the 13th apostle and his campaigns began in the 13th chapter of Acts.) Study the Christian soldier's armor which Paul mentions in Ephesians 6:10-20. Study Captain Paul's military instructions to young soldier, Timothy (1st and 2d Timothy), and mark all the military terms in the latter book such as, "power," "ashamed," "prisoner," "afflictions," "hold fast," "strong," "hardness as good soldier," "flee," "captive," etc. If you had a map of these Campaigns, it would be helpful. Memorize Captain Paul's instructions to Commanders (elders) of the Ephesian company (church) found in Acts 20:17-38.) Memorize also Paul's hardships and persecutions as he records them in 2 Cor. 11:23-33. Study Paul's life till you are as familiar with it as you are your own, **then tell it, or teach it, to others.** At least, talk about it to others. Don't argue with people, but reason with them. Be "wise as serpents and harmless as doves." You are no "sissie" when you are interested in the Greatest of all Wars—the one against sin. You are a hero in the sight of all God's people and all right thinking men. Smile at those who may cast a jibe at you. Memorize this little prayer: "Grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word." (Acts 4:29.)

To the sweethearts and sisters I would say: Encourage the boys in the better life. I will send you FREE as many copies of this paper as you will hand or send to these boys. Possibly many of the sweethearts and sisters themselves need to be interested in the Lord's Army—send or hand to them, too. Parents and all Christians should do this. Christian—why not see that a copy of this paper goes into every home in your church; it may do good. Young people—all of us—may be touched on religion now as never before. Who knows what the outcome of this second World War may be. Japan has just aligned herself militarily with Rome and Berlin. Preparedness religiously is of far more consequence than preparedness militarily.

YOU WHO HAVE NOT ENLISTED YET—can you not see the danger in delay? England, France, the United States were not prepared—unfortified morally you invite the forces of sin. You need Christ, Christ needs you. You need the Church, the Church needs you. The world needs young men and women who have faith, who will stand up and say NO to all that is evil and YES to all that is good. Can you do it? WILL you do it? Don't wait till your body is worn out in the service of sin before you enlist for Christ. Don't rely on death-bed repentance. "Not every one that saith, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven, but he that doeth the will of my Father who is in heaven." (Matt. 7:21.) "Rejoice, O young man in thy youth; and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth, and walk in the ways of thine heart, and in the sight of thine eyes—but know thou, that for all these things God will bring thee into judgment." (Eccl. 11:9.) "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments; for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil." (Eccl. 12:13, 14.) There is great danger in refusing to listen to God, for "he that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer shall be abomination." (Prov. 28:9.)

You can not lose in God's Army. You may fight till death for England, America, and may yet be overcome, but in the Lord's Army, "he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved." (Mark 13:13.) All earthly governments will pass away, but the time will come when "the kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever." (Rev. 11:15.) And there will be a grand review of the soldiers.

When that illustrious day shall come
And all Thine armies shine;
In robes of victory through the skies,
The glory shall be Thine.