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## DOCTRINAL DEVIATIONS

Surveying the whole world of the people called Baptist.

1. Differ so in dress

- (1) Some so strict. Long hair - no make up, powder, lipstick...
- (2) Ministers in clerical robes, stoles  
Occasionally, dress of a man, gold chains and crosses

2. Differ so in doctrine

- (1) Some anti-organization. N.S.S., P.H., W.M.U. missionary of  
of. May bank. Party has members, people - little program, work of  
service for the day. First time ever done. Precipitated a doctrinal fight  
(since it included a memorial for the school)

- (2) Some doctrinal of fellowship. Three addresses? Dr. Thompson, G. S.  
of Green River Bapt. Assn. "Pastor where departed from the faith - no membership board? Long,  
important discussion... Two addresses."

(3) Some no doctrinal conviction at all

- (4) Harvey Treeman, "my religion is golden rule. all others."
- (5) Irregular member justifying his absence to the pastor. "you  
know what of religion is? stop a golden rule, that's all. as  
long as all we need to know about religion." Pastor responds:  
"you know what of religion is? It's Tenets, Tenets, let's  
talk with. as for, all we need to know about religion!"

The phenomenon of the Oregon-Baptist Convention into Canada.  
A factual report, looking at, looking to, our partners there.

same matter  
- change  
- study

I. They are surrounded by a sea of liberalism

(a) Gary Davis: "We ministers in the city are so few (in  
Kamloops) but it takes my soul apart to attend the  
ministerial meetings. Do nothing but depend on Bible and Christ."

- (b) Billy Heath .. " .. ."
- (c) Calgary man no name .. " .. ."

II. They are almost alone in their warplike emphasis

(a) Kamloops pastor not yet arrived. Dr. Osborne, M.O.,  
presided over the service. To him: "The churches of Canada  
build houses of worship, open a door, if people come, fine;  
if not, why to them. The idea of going out to tell others of Jesus  
is utterly foreign to them."

yet they are really at all if it is not evangelistic.  
of Jesus: Lk. 14: 21-23 .. streets and lanes of the city .. left way  
and right .."

of. Fit church. Acts 8: 4 "they did not venture abroad with  
evangelism for the word."

of. Paul Acts 20: 31, 20, 21 "remember, by the space of three years  
I ceased not to warn everyone night and day with tears  
.. publicly in the house of Aeneas, testifying -"

- III. They face situations with no other way than  
 "It is a great problem to us."  
 "The background of the people, Canada is without strength"
- IV. The more specific: the. I was taught to pray, Kaulage, also  
 no strength until this. The pastor not say this to the people say this.  
 Blessing the people and the church. So Kaulage.

#### IV. They agonize before doctrinal deviations

1. Their attempt to build Baptist churches as we know them  
 (a) Billy Heath, Williams Lake. about 1/3 his little church and 2/3  
~~the church~~ made up of another communion. Refused to baptize  
 they left, a hall to meet in 7<sup>th</sup> row. Courage of soul.

2. They are torn by our lack of unanimity of opinion,  
 conformity of practice.

(a) Discussing the article on alien immigration in Arizona  
 Baptist Board. Averaged published this.

But my greater engagement upon return: "... form to me."

(b) Bro Wright, Cochrane Creek. Refusal of membership. The  
 refused was wrote to Dr. Entol. Prof. S W B S -- said, "We  
 right to refuse you." Carried the letter irregular - trouble

#### 3. my attempt to help

(a) Pentecost. New Zealand people, accepted by Baptist  
 and then as this report specially. my address at 8:26.3

## The Editorial Page



### Baptists and Baptism

With a note of nostalgia Baptist preachers point many times to the "days when the people were interested in doctrinal preaching."

We believe multitudes of Baptists retain that interest yet. At least, many are interested in doctrine.

A point of reference for our contention is the response of our readers to the recent discussions of alien immersion. (Response from **Beacon** readers has been gratifying, too, if for no other reason than the reassurance that they read their convention's publication).

Discussion of the Baptist view of baptism began with the article by H. Rhea Gray titled "Shall We Return to the Baptist Position." He argued for a return to the doctrinal position of "that which constituted valid baptism in a Baptist church prior to the intrusion of Landmarkism."

Gray held that before Landmarkism the historic Baptist concept of baptism was "believers' baptism by immersion." The Landmark theory added to that concept, he believed, by insisting upon "believers' baptism by immersion at the hands of a Baptist minister." Thus, Gray contends, to the two historic aspects of valid baptism — that is (1) **A proper meaning** (as a picture or symbol of the spiritual death, burial and resurrection of the believer after conversion and not for the purpose of conversion) and (2) **A proper mode** (immersion)—the Landmarkists added a third requirement; **a proper administrator.**

Surprisingly, reader's responses have run four to one in favor of Rhea Gray's view.

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consider baptism as an act of individual obedience rather than a function of the church. Thus some Baptist churches accept the ordinance as valid even if performed by a minister of some other denomination,

- ① a proper candidate
- ② - - - - - mode
- ③ - - - - - administrator



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 THE GOLDEN WEST

## Thoughts On Aging

By

**David  
 Lander  
 M.D.**

If Browning's dictum of "Come grow old with me, the best is yet to be," is to become a reality, the community and government will have to become interested in the emotional and social welfare of the aged.

We have made enormous strides in science and medicine. We can fly around our small world in 109 minutes or we can kill thousands of people thousands of miles away simply by pressing a button. With the conquest of germs, new medical techniques and better standards of living, we have learned how to prolong life. The life expectancy, which, in 1900, was about 50 years, has been extended to about 70 years in 1965. To add years to life without adding life to years is an empty gesture.

boredom of retirement may be prevented by planning and developing certain securities which will help the oldster to meet and face the stresses of retirement and aging.

Financial security in later years provides a feeling of accomplishment and independence. Gold in one's pocket when there is silver in the hair helps to enhance one's self-respect.

Spiritual security and faith in a religion provides further emotional support. Religion gives comfort to many and, for some, provides the last rock on which to stand. Religion is good if one believes in a merciful God but belief in a revengeful God will make even the moderately innocent cringe in fear of the Day of Judgment. People, ~~however~~, must have a mature concept of religion.

The Mennonite Committee - 700, 11th St. N. W. Wash. D.C.  
The First Baptist Church of S.W. Wash., nearby to Catholic Center, next to  
action to come in.

DOCTRINE

BAPTISM

February 19, 1963

Dear Friends,

A Sunday School was started this week by the Mennonites and some interdenominational people who have been worshipping with us. Some of them have been attending our services since we first started the mission. The plan is to bring in a Mennonite-Brethren minister as soon as possible. We lost 24 off our Sunday School roll. This leaves us with 61 enrolled. Some of them have seriously studied our doctrines but we could not encourage them to join with us unless they were so led by the Holy Spirit. This was a friendly separation and our prayers go with them. We ask that you also remember us in your prayers. These people were of help to the mission especially in the music ministry of the church. They have contributed about \$50.00 a month to the financial support.

Bill Heath, Pastor

1st Boy's Church  
with a 22

Baptists are so few in Canada its frequent...

In December 1 our Building Fund had DOCTRINE \$187.68 in it.

BAPTISM

The long standing Southern Baptist practice of rebaptising Christians from other denominations is such a safe guard to our mission churches. Many here have studied our doctrines but will not consent to rebaptism. Until person surrenders and is led by the Holy Spirit into coming into our churches they would only weaken us. Other Conventions of Canadian Baptists are dying because they have let down the safeguards on baptism and the Lord's Supper.

any denominations started worshipping with us when the mission here first started. We had hoped that many of them would be led by the Holy Spirit to join with us. Perhaps some of them would have but as time went on we Christians from other fellowships moved in and this seemed to encourage them not to join. Some have thought we are very narrow not to let everyone take of the Lord's Supper and to restrict teaching in the Sunday School to their own members. Recently some of these regular visitors have organized their own Bible Study night and they are having the Lord's Supper once a month.

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William Lake

Sincerely,

Bill Heath and family

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