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A PAPER WITH A NATIONAL CIRCULATION

"To the law and to the testimony; if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them" (Isa.8:20).

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The Dispute About The Book Of Jonah

During all centuries of the past the Book of Jonah has been scoffed, mocked, and ridiculed more than any book of the Bible. Modest and skeptics have declared boldly that it was a complete impossibility. Many nominal Christians have thought of it as a "fish story."

A Salvation Army lassie entered a street car and sat down beside a skeptic. The latter, thinking that he would provoke mirth at the expense of the former said, "How do you know that the book of Jonah is true?" The girl replied "I don't know, but when I get to Heaven, I expect to ask Jonah, and then I'll know." "But," rejoined the skeptic, "suppose Jonah isn't in Heaven, what then?" "Well then, you may ask him," the girl replied.

Despite all jokes, this book is historically, scientifically, and religiously true.

The skeptic first denies the personality of Jonah. This is comparatively "an easy thing to do—provided it can be proved. We believe that George Washington and Abraham Lincoln lived because they are historical characters. And in the historical characters. And in the historical characters. And in the historical characters.

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To Pray For Pope

FRANKFORT, Feb. 14 (AP)—Kentuckians have been asked by Gov. A. B. Chandler to join him in five minutes of silent prayer beginning at 12:35 p. m. (EST) Wednesday for Pope Pius XI that "his soul may rest in peace."

Well, what do you think of that! Our Catholic friends refer to him as "Our Lord God the Pope." To us, this is sheer blasphemy, but to those who thus accept him, we ask "Why should it be necessary to pray for 'Our Lord God the Pope'?" If he be the "Lord God," then why petition any other God that he might "rest in peace"?

There are countless multitudes who believe that one has a second chance after he lives in this world. Regardless of how immoral and ungodly he has lived, they believe that he will have another opportunity whereby he might be made right with God. This would make that intermediate state, a great and successful reform school here the incorrigibles of earth

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GOD MOVES IN A MYSTERIOUS WAY

"God moves in a mysterious way
His wonders to perform;
He plants His footsteps in the sea,
And rides upon the storm.

Deep in unfathomable mines
Of neverfailing skill,
He treasures up His bright designs,
And works His sov'reign will.

Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take;
The clouds ye so much dread
Are big with mercy, and shall break
In blessings on your head.

Judge not the Lord by feeble sense,
But trust Him for His grace;
Behind a frowning providence
He hides a smiling face.

His purposes will ripen fast,
Unfolding every hour;
The bud may have a bitter taste,
But sweet will be the flow'r.

Blind unbelief is sure to err,
And scan His works in vain;
God is His own interpreter,
And He will make it plain."

BIBLE QUESTIONS

1. What broken oath was punished by three years of famine and caused the death of the descendants of him who broke it?
2. Who lent her child to the Lord for life, and what interest did she receive on the loan?
3. What was the curse of Cain?
4. What is the first blessing mentioned in the Bible?
5. What shall never cease while the earth remaineth?
6. What six hundred men took refuge on a rock?
7. What hero married his half sister?
8. In what marriage did an old shoe play an important part?
9. What two pillars had human names?
10. What two kings sent an expedition after gold, how much did they get, and where was the mine?
11. Which of the tribes of Israel sprang from an Egyptian mother?
12. How many times did Noah send out the dove from the ark?

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The First Baptist Pulpit

Why Baptism Is Not Essential To Salvation

"Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation" — 11 Pet.1:20.

I thank the Lord for this text. It tells us how to understand and explain the Scriptures. It tells us that scripture must be interpreted in the light of Scripture. No text can be taken out of its setting and away from its context. No text is to be interpreted by itself but in the light of all the rest of the Bible. That is how every Doctrine is to be dealt with.

Particularly is that true with the doctrine of Baptism. There are those who believe that Baptism is essential to Salvation. A preacher thus believing said to me sometime ago, "Why, brother, if our

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A Report Of The Work of Will Jones

Realizing that many of the readers of this paper have through the years been interested in the missionary work of Elder Will Jones, who labors in the Amazon Valley of Brazil, we take great pleasure in sharing the following letter with our readers.

Ere quoting it, we offer this explanation: We desired information relative to Brother Jones' work to publish for the benefit of our readers, and since his work for the Master keeps him exceedingly busy Mrs. Gilpin wrote Mrs. Jones at Murray, Kentucky for the information. Mrs. Jones' ill health prevents her from being now in Brazil. Her son, G. B. Jones, a fine young soldier of the Cross responded as follows:

February 7, 1939

Dear Mrs. Gilpin:

My father went to Brazil in 1923. He felt called to the Amazon Valley after hearing an appeal made in the First Baptist Church here by Brother E A Nelson, who for forty years was a missionary in that country. He went to Brazil after appeals by the late H. B. Taylor led to the organization of the Amazon Valley Faith Mission.

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God Wants You

A sixteen year old girl was a chronic invalid, but her mother was a pleasure loving woman who could not endure the idea of being much with her shut-in daughter. While the mother was traveling abroad in Italy, she remembered the coming birthday of her daughter, and sent her a rare and wonderful Italian vase. The trained nurse brought it to the girl saying that her mother had sent it so carefully that it came right on her birthday. After looking at its beauty for a moment, the girl turned to the nurse and said: "Take it away, take it away. O mother, mother, do not send me anything more; no books, no flowers, no vases, no pictures. Send me no more. I want you, only!" Don't give Christ things—only things. /HE WANTS YOU. "Son, daughter give me thy heart." That daughter wanted her mother. She wanted her presence, her companionship, her love. Christ want follow; He wants you first of all. Teach dis-

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