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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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WHOLE NO. 66

"Why We Are Baptist' By Pollard Pastor

Peter tells us to be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh us a reason for the hope that is in us with meekness and fear. Every Baptist ought to be able to tell why he is a Baptist, and to be able at any time that he is called upon to give his reasons for being a Baptist. Those who are not Baptists ought to have good reasons for not being a Baptist. We believe with all of our heart that the Church Jesus built was a Baptist Church. There is much talk about the uniting of all churches (so-called). We do not know of anything that would be more dishonoring and more disgraceful or more distasteful to our Lord than for Baptist to unite with other so-called churches. We do not even unionize with them in their union services. To do so is to put Baptists on the same level with them and to dishonor Christ, and to give encouragement to those who are teaching heresy. To unionize with others reflects upon the church Jesus built, which is the pillar and ground of the truth. A union that is not based upon unity bears a falsehood upon its (Continued on Page Four)

Ordained To Ministry

On Sunday afternoon, March 12, a council composed of representatives from various churches met with the First Baptist Church at Russell, Ky., to consider the propriety of ordaining Bro. Homer Grooms to the gospel ministry.

After hearing him relate his Christian experience and his call to the ministry he was catechized and questioned at length by Bro. W. C. Pierce of Catlettsburg Ky., who lead in asking the questions.

After a thorough examination of his doctrinal beliefs the council agreed unaniamously to recommend to the church the ordination of Bro. Grooms.

Bro. Ralph Webb, a fellow school mate of Bro. Grooms, when both Baptist Bible School, delivered the charge. This was a season of rich fellowship which proved to not only be a charge to the newly ordained minister, but to the speaker and all ministers present.

After this with Bro. W. T. Pel-(Continued on Page Seven)

WINDBLOWN

"Windblown, against the hills, I saw them stand; Gaunt trees, bereft along the windward side, Yet full and rounded on the other hand, Stretching abundant branches far and wide, The very force that swept the one side clean Of leaf and bough upon some gusty day, Had only caused the wise old trees to lean And grow more lonely in another way.

And though the winds of human circumstance Should strip this life of every earthly whim, Whatever be the roll of time or chance The heart that has been given unto Him Leans to His heart, and finds this sweet reward-A growth into the fullness of the Lord."

-Helen Frazee-Bower

BIBLE QUESTIONS

- 1. What armorbearer refused to live after his leader was slain? 2. Against whom did the stars fight?
- What hero single-handed slew eight hundred men?
- 4. What special day of the month is celebrated in the early history of the world for two great occurrences?
- What king's head was hung up in an idol's temple?
- 6. When and to whom did God announce that all beasts and birds were delivered to man for his use as food?
- 7. What three great hunters became the founders of cities and the
- 8. Who was the most successful fox-hunter mentioned in the Bible?
- 9. What great leaders died on mountain-tops?
- 10. What king celebrated his coronation by winning a battle and burn-
- Who heard the warning, "Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed"?
- 12. When did four lepers bring glad tiding? (See Answers on Page Eight)

The First Baptist Pulpit

The Death Of The Pope

I am preaching tonight, beloved, on the subject. "The Death of the Pope and the Election of his Successor". I would like to preface my remarks by saying that there isn't an individual Catholic in all the world but what I am personally interested in and concerned about, and would do anything within my power to bring that one to a knowledge of Jesus Christ as Savior. What I have to say tonight will not be said in a spirit of antagonism and in a spirit of making enemies, but rather what I have to say tonight is said in a spirit of love, both for the individual Catholic and for the Truth of God's Word.

It is a common instinct of decent men to lift their hats and to pause in silence when a hearse passes by bearing or carrying the body of someone who has departed, regardless of whom that person may be, and irrespective of what that one's moral or spiritual standards of life may have been. And this I am willing to do so far as the pope or anyone else in all the world is concerned. I am personally willing to stand still when the hearse passes by; I am willing even, and I think it is more than courteous on the part of any dece hat when a hearse passes by; but, beloved, I am not willing to go any further than that with the one who has departed within the last two | Son, and of the Holy Spirit: Teach weeks time.

To me, the notices which the Associated Press and the United Press and all other newspaper agencies of the country have carried in the last few days,-to me, these notices, beloved, are interesting. This is true since they touch upon the question which involves the phery, of Ashland, Ky., leading the spiritual destiny of so many thousands and millions of earth's human-

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C. W. Dickerson To Go To Brazil As Missionary

C. W. Dickerson and family, members of the First Baptist Church of Russell Kentucky, will go as Missionaries to the Amazon Valley to work with Brother Will Jones in that field of destitution just as soon as all arrangements for their going can be made.

This is an anouncement which brings a tremendous satisfaction to the editor of this paper. We are sure that it will thrill the heart of Brother Jones in Brazil when he hears it. We are equally positive that it brings an unlimited joy to the readers of this paper.

A new Missionary to Brazil! How we thank God particularly for the man who is going. Sound, orthodox, fundamental, Calvinistic, anti-unionistic, anti-feministic, sweetspirited, lovable, a true Baptistthese are words which characterize our brother.

Brother Dickerson has blessed with a wonderful helpmate. The words which characterize our brother, likewise characterize his wife. And what a wonderful family they have-five fine children! Possibly the two older boys will not accompany their

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Infant Baptism

Butte, Mont. (UP)-"Frederic Preston Young, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred P. Young, was baptized here with water taken from the river Jordan in Palestine. The water was brought back in a bottle three years ago by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bishop, the baby's godparents, after a tour of the Holy Land."

If this were not tragically pathetic, it would be unusually amusing. In view of the multiplied thousands and millions who consider this as valid baptism, it is pathetic.

There isn't a Scripture in all the Bible to justify the baptism of an unconscious infant. When Jesus gave His commission, He said "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the ing them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." (Matt. 28:19, 20). The expression "teach all nations," means "to

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Holding The Rope

In the March 4th. issue of this paper we said, "If God shall lead someone to Brazil, we will personally attempt to raise funds for pass age and salary." Now that God has definitely called our Bro. C. W. Dickerson to this work, we write this editorial by way of our first appeal.

To use an oft used figure of speech, it is our business to hold the rope while Bro. Dickerson goes down into the well.

And what a well he's going into! It is a region of malarial swamps. Morality and spirituality generally speaking are unknown. Catholicism, ignorance, superstition and immorality are always synonyms of the Amazon Valley.

All this is bad enough, but to leave behind the two older boys. This isn't even easy to write about, much less think about, or do. Yet our God never asks anything un-

We do not know how much will be needed for passage as yet-possibly \$500.00 though. The question arises, "Where will we get it?"

"As for me, I will call upon God." Ps. 55:16.

"No good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly." Ps. 84:11.

"If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will and it shall be done unto you." John 15:7.

Faith and prayer is our capital stock. We ask you to join us in prayer that God will provide the necessary funds.

But be carful when you pray, God may want you to have a part in sending him.

God may move on the heart of some one person to give the entire amount, or He may lead many to have a part in this offering. Any gift, large or small, will be appreciated. Beginning next week ve will print in this paper a list showing every gift given and the donor (if you don't want your name published we will list your gift anonymously).

John R. Gilpin, Russell, Kentucky, ages, from Intermediates to snowy and state that it's for our mission fund for C. W. Dickerson. to the point. After reading it, one

New York's Riverside Church

Recently a friend handed me a copy of "The Sunday Mirror," dated February 26. The entire front page was a natural color photograph of a beautiful young woman in action in the bowling alley of Riverside Church (?). The reporter who had written the article which accompanied the picture, admitted that it didn't "look very ecclesiastical." Farther on in the paper, he gave other pictures of the activities of Riverside Church, Pictured in colors was a week-day nursery school, a ping-pong game, a class in fencing, and a group of amateur musicians learning to play symphonic music. Also shown, but not in colors, were pictures of folk learning to weave, games of basketball, hand ball, volley ball, badminton, and tennis. Classes in photography, and instruction in metal work, jewelry designs, sculpture, book binding, life drawing, and water coloring, are also conducted. One of the pictures shows a banquet in full progress; while another presents bare-legged, barefooted, and bare-armed girls taking dancing lessons. It is said that there are twenty-two floors of class rooms, auditorium, and club rooms, which operate on an annual budget of \$260,000, and that approximately 10,000 people a week pass in and out of this so-called church.

And all this in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ! We would like to ask for a passage of Scripture which justifies the existence of such a church. We would like to ask especially for a passage which would justify the use of a building-supposedly God's house-as a social, recreational center.

As for the banquets, we would like to quote a Scripture, not for the benefit of the Riverside Church, for they will probably never see this, but for the benefit of other churches nearer to us who shall know of this article. "What? have ye not houses to eat and to drink in? or despise ye the church of God, and shame them that have not? What shall I say to you? shall I praise you in this? I praise you not." (I Cor.11:22).

Not one word is said about this church preaching the Gospel, but we will be safe in believing that such a church will preach a mighty small amount of the Gospel both at home and abroad.

What a contrast between the church at Jerusalem and Riverside Church in New York City. Our closing comment is: "From the beginning it was not so." (Mt.

Book Review

WINDBLOWN is a book comprising 187 pages, and is the ninth novel by Paul Hutchens. It presents definite evidence that the author himself is a man of deep spiritual experience. Unlike most Chris-Send your offering today to tian fiction, it is adaptable to all -every word spoken is very much

is prefoundly convinced of its valuable temperance teachings. And best of all the gospel of salvation through Christ is clearly presented. The poem entitled "Windblown" found in the frontis page is worth the entire cost of the book. Windblown is published by William B. Erdman's Publishing Company, Grand Rapids, Michigan. It sells for the amazingly low price of \$1.00. ORDER YOUR COPY FROM THE BAPTIST EXAMINER.

The Power Of Christian Fiction



PAUL HUTCH-ENS, the evangelist turned storyteller through the intervention God's hand, now is working on his tenth novel, to be published later this year. His ninth, WIND-BLOWN, just an-

nounced, follows a string of eight unbroken successes, the popularity of which has brought the number of Hutchens' books in circulation to 100,000 copies. Now he is known as the peer of American Christian fiction writers.

It is an amazing accomplishment that all these books have been written in the space of five years, but more wonderful still is the fact that most of them were written while Hutchens was on his sickbed, suffering from that dread malady, tuberculosis.

Now, all wrapped up in writing his tenth novel, he is enjoying his work more than ever beforebecause he is at heart, first last and all the time, the evangelist. Says he, "I feel encouraged to know that I can still preach the Gospel and that souls are saved through the stories the Lord allows me to write." Yes, Paul Hutchens can even say, "I'm glad I had tuberculosis," for through it God led him to discover his talent, that he might use it for God's glory.

Hutchens' impressive string of novels now includes: Windblow Mastering Marcus, Yesterday Rain, This Is Life, The Voice, Song Forever, The Last First, Thi Way Out and Romance of Fire his first, which is now in its twell th edition. All are published b the William B. Erdmans Publishin Co., of Grand Rapids Mich., an available at \$1.00 each postpaid SEND YOUR ORDER TO THI BAPTIST EXAMINER.

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THE DEATH OF THE POPE

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ity. I picked up a paper that I received from Toronto, Canada on the 11th of February, and I read that the president of the Ontario-Quebec Baptist Convention, Rev, (?) Dr. (?) H. H. Bingham said that the pope's death would be sadly mourned by people the world over who looked on him as a friend of peace and a leader of broad pastoral sympathies.

Now mind you, this is what the president of the Ontario-Quebec Baptist Convention said,—and he is a Baptist preacher. To quote him: "Ir his passing, the Roman Catholic Church has lost a dominant figure. The world and Christianity have lost a man of great principles and integrity." I read it a second time to see if I had read correctly. Could it be that a Baptist preacher that had even looked inside the pages of God's Word, could make a statement like that? Is it possible that a saved man, whether he be a preacher or not, could, or would be quoted by a daily newspaper as making an utterance such as this? I read it again: "The world and Christianity have lost a man of great principles and integrity."

Has Christianity lost anything by the death of the pope? Personally, beloved, I take my stand in the beginning of this service tonight to say it with all the kindness and yet with all the positiveness of my soul, that Chrisianity has lost nothing but the head of the greatest organized enemy which Christianity has had through the past years. Tell me tonight, beloved, that Christianity has lost anything? Instead, beloved, all that has been lost is the mere head of the greatest force that was ever organized against the cause of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Now for a little proof of this. In the first place, it was Catholicism which forbade the reading of the Word of God. In the year 1229, Roman Catholicism said, "The Bible is no longer to be read by the laiety. It is no longer to be taught any more than absolutely necessary unto the people." Yet, beloved, the Word of God itself teaches us contrariwise, for Jesus said, "Seach the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me." (Jn.5:39) He did not say, "Forbid it to the people", but He said, "Search the Scriptures." The Apostle Peter when he wrote the first letter which bears his name, said, "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever." (1 Pet.1:23)

And, beloved, though the Bible itself declares that the seed whereby we are born again is the Scriptures themselves, in spite of that fact, in 1229 the Bible was forbidden. Listen to what Paul has to say: "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." (2 Tim.2:15) And though Paul spoke thus, in 1229 the pope said, "No longer is the Bible to be given to the laiety." Listen to the Apostle Paul again: "And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus." (2 Tim.3.15) Yet, in spite of these Scriptures, in the year 1229, the Word of God was forbidden unto the laiety.

Tell me, beloved, that the pope is a man of great p integrity, and that Christianity has lost anything? May I ad you a simple statement. Some several years ago, three Roman shops were called upon by the pope, who at that time was Julius III, for information as to how they might best strengthen the church; and after giving various ways whereby it might be strengthened, the following advice was given: "Lastly, of all the advice we can give to your Beatitude, we have reserved to the the end the most important, viz., that as little as possible of the gospel (especially in the mother tongue) be read in all the countries subject to your jurisdiction. That little which is usually read at Mass is sufficient, and beyond that no one whatever must be permitted to read. While men were contented with that little, your interests prospered; but when more was read, they began to decay. To sum up all, that book (the Bible) is the one, more than any other, that has raised against us these whirlwinds and tempests whereby we were almost swept away; and in fact if anyone examines It diligently, and then contrasts therewith the practice of our church, he will perceive the great discordance, and that our doctrine is utterly different from, and often even contrary to it; which if the people understand, they will not cease their clamor against us till all be divulged, and then we shall become an object of universal scorn and hatred. Wherefore even these few pages must be put away, but with

principles and integrity? I would remind you again, beloved, that it is Rome as the head of Catholicism.

II

But in examining this statement made by this preacher over in Quebec, I remind you also that it is Catholicism which instituted the worship of the virgin Mary. In 600 it is said, "Mary is to be worshipped on a par with the Lord Jesus Christ." I charge those of you who are listening to this message tonight to find one passage in the Bible which would justify this. I challenge the entire Catholic world for one Scripture that says the virgin Mary is to be worshipped. Listen to this Scripture: "And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou art highly favored, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women." (Lu.1:28) He did not say "Blessed are you above women," but "Blessed art thou among women."

Some time ago, I was in a certain city, and having a little spare time between trains, I went to an art museum-which is my favorite past-time while waiting between trains. In that museum I paused to note the various pictures that were painted, and one of them was the picture of a sinner who was crouching down because of his weight of sin; and the Lord Jesus was pictured according to the artist, with an angry scowl upon His face, ready to hurl this sinner into the very depths of Hell itself. But according to the artist's conception, this picture further showed Mary as standing there interceding to Jesus to avert His hate on the part of the sinner. When I looked at it, I said, "This is the vilest blasphemy." Listen to what Paul says: "For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus." (1 Tim.2:5) Not Mary, not angels, not the pope, not a preacher, not a rabbi; but the Lord Jesus Christ Himself,-the only mediator to come between God and man.

I tell you tonight, beloved, it is Catholicism that has forced upon the people the thought of the worship of the virgin Mary. Can you say then that Catholicism is a friend or an enemy of Christianity?

But I go further and tell you that it is Catholicism which instituted preaching in an unknown tongue. About the year 600 A.D. there was begun in the Catholic church the idea of preaching in Latin. Long before that time, the Apostle Paul had had several things to say about men speaking in an unknown tongue. Listen: "Yet in the church I had rather speak five words with my understanding that by my voice I might teach others also, than ten thousand words in an unknown tongue." (1 Cor.14:19) Will you stand here tonight, beloved, and tell me that in the passing of the pope as the head of Catholicism, that Christianity has lost a man of outstanding principles and integrity? I tell you nay, for the very fact of preaching in an unknown tongue is indication enough that Catholicism is an enemy of the cause of the Lord Jesus Christ.

IV

But I remind you again that it was Catholicism which changed the mode of baptism. Listen to the story of the baptism of the Lord Jesus Christ: "Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him. But John forbad him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me? And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness. Then he suffered him. And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him." (Matt.3:13-16) Listen again: "Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life." (Rom.6:4) When the Lord Jesus Christ was baptized we read how that "He went up straightway out of the water." The Apostle Paul says, "We are buried with Christ in baptism."

Long years ago old Abraham went to a man and said, "Sell me a field that I may bury my dead out of sight." When you bury a man, you put him out of sight. Who was it that changed the mode of baptism laid down in the Word of God? Who was it that said we can use some other mode of baptism; we can substitute something for immersion; we can pour water upon the head or sprinkle it upon the brow? Who said this? It was Catholicism that changed the mode of baptism. I say to you tonight, in view of that fact, Catholicism is an enemy of Christianity and to the cause of the Lord Jesus Christ.

I go further, and say to you tonight that it was Catholicism which considerable caution lest so doing should raise up greater uproars and instituted purgatory. Where did it come from? It came from Rome in the year 1438. But what does the Word of God say? "And it is ap-Then will you say tonight that when a man, the head of such an pointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment." (Heb.9:27) institution dies, will you say that Christianity has lost a man of great No purgatory, no limbo, no second chance, no purging away of sin in the fires of eternity; but, rather, "after death, the judgment." Listen Catholicism who forbade the reading of the Word of God, and who, if again: "If the tree fall toward the south, or toward the north, in the they had the power to do so, would blot out every Bible there is in place where the tree falleth, there it shall be." (Eccl.11:3) It doesn't existence and refuse the Scriptures to all men. In view of that fact, make any difference which way a man dies, he is going to remain the greatest organized enemy that Christianity has, is the pope of in that same condition after death. If a man dies saved, all the Devils (Continued on Page Four)

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"WHY WE ARE BAPTIST" BY POLLARD PASTOR

(Continued from Page One) face. In fact, union without unity is a flat contradiction. So if Baptists do not intend to line up in this great union movement, then they ought to give a reason for their existence as a separate people. If heretics are not to be received into our house, neither to be bidden God speed, there should be a reason for not partaking of their evil deeds. Therefore we are giving you our reasons as to why we are a separate people, as Baptists in the true sense of the word cannot be anything but a separate people.

I. We are a Baptist because Jesus, the head and founder of the Church, was a Baptist.

Jesus said in Matt. 18:16, "On this rock I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Peter says this rock was Christ. Paul says, "Other foundations can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ." If you will read Mark 1:9-11; Matt. 3:13-17; Luke 3:21-22. you will note how this head and founder, who is Jesus, became a Baptist. He came to John the Baptist and was baptized of him in Jordan. The Baptist name is of divine origin. It came from heaven God gave it to John. It was given him because of the work God gave him to do. He was sent from God, (Jno. 1:6) and God called him the Baptist before he started preaching. Matt. 3:1, "In those days came John the Baptist preaching in the wilderness of Judea." He is not called a Baptist because he was a baptizer. He was called the Baptist before he came to Jordan baptizing. God named him and commissioned him. The divine record shows that Jesus was baptized by this first Baptist preacher. This made Him a Baptist. And when John had baptized Jesus a voice from heaven said: "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased." If God was well pleased with Jesus being a Baptist, surely He is well pleased with all the followers of Christ being

II. The material out of which Jesus built His church was Baptist material.

John the Baptist prepared the material for the organization of the church Jesus built. True to God-given commission and name, he was very careful about (Continued on Page Five)

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of Hell can't unsave him; and if he dies unsaved, all the saints of God in Heaven or on earth can't save him.

I usually read the papers rather closely. It is my business to do so. I never could find it in my heart to agree with Will Rogers when he said that the reason of his ignorance was because all he knew was what he read in the papers. I never could find it in my heart to bring that accusation against the press. I read them because I want to learn something, and I usually learn something every time I pick up a paper. But, somehow, during our revival meeting, (January 1939) a most important statement that was published in an Ironton paper, escaped my attention; but several of the folk called it to my attention. About that time one of the priests in Ironton died, and another priest said concerning the one that had died, "If ever he needed the prayers of the people he needs them now." I thought, "I would not have expected anything else from him." But this past week I was flabbergasted; and I was made speechless when our governor set aside a day for silent prayer of five minutes in order that we might pray that the remains of the pope "might rest in peace". Beloved, I am saying to you tonight, all the prayers that might ever be said concerning the pope or the priest that died in Ironton recently, or any that have ever died, or shall ever die-all the prayers of the world can never change the destiny of a soul. When a man comes to the end of his way, he is either going to Heaven or Hell. There isn't any intermediate place; there isn't any purgatory. The Word of God says, "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment." (Heb.9:27) But, beloved. Catholicism has said there is a purgatory, and when you haven't been good and if you haven't been regenerated,-if you have been immoral and unspiritual, when you die then you go into purgatory, and then later on, you will be lighted across the way through the efforts of the church. This makes purgatory a great and successful reform school for the incorrigibles of earth who would not repent in time nor be corrected for their sins. But I am not looking for the church to light me to any place when I die I am depending on my Saviour, and the only hope that I have tonight is the Lord Jesus Christ, the God of Glory. If you are depending on any second chance or if you think that when you die you are going to have a second opportunity to get right with God, you might just as well make up your mind you are going to spend eternity in Hell. Tell me that Catholicism is a friend of Christianity? I tell you nay.

But I go further, and remind you also that it was Catholicism which instituted the heresy of baptismal regeneration. By baptismal regeneration, I mean the idea that a man may be baptized and have his sins washed away; that baptism cleanses us from sin; that a man is regenerated in water. But listen to what the Bible says, "The blood of Christ cleanses us from all sin." "Why," you say, "I believe that a man is saved by baptism." Then, beloved, you are just that much Catholic,-I don't care what church you belong to tonight. Oh, how many folk there are within this world tonight who if they would tell the truth would sing,

> "There is a fountain filled with water Drawn from the city's main; And sinners plunged within that flood, Lose all their guilty stains."

But that isn't what we preach, and that isn't what the Word of God teaches:

> "There is a fountain filled with blood Drawn from Immanuel's veins; And sinners, plunged beneath that flood, Lose all their guilty stains."

But, beloved, Catholicism says and teaches water salvation and baptismal regeneration. I tell you beloved in view of that fact, Catholicism (Continued on Page Five)



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is not the friend of Christianity, but the enemy—the greatest organized enemy that Christianity has ever known.

VII

I say to you in like measure, beloved, that Catholicism is not the friend of Christianity in that it was Catholicism which first perverted the truth concerning the duration of justification. Now, to put this in simple language: I believe and the Bible teaches, that when God justifies a man, he is justified from sins that he may commit clear out into eternity. But, beloved, Catholicism teaches otherwise; for they say that the duration of justification might be terminated. I read again from a Catholic tract: On page 17 of a tract on "What the Catholic Church is and What She Teaches", written by E. R. Hull and published by the International Catholic Truth Society, we read: "The state of justification may be forfeited at any time by the commission of a grave sin." And again on the same page: "The final destiny of each man is directly determined by the good or evil state in which he gies."

Oh! You believe this, do you? You think you can fall from grace and be eternally lost after you have been eternally saved? If you believe that a man can be saved today and lost tomorrow, then go on and join the Catholic Church. That's where you should be for they are the ones that started this doctrine. I would certainly be honest to my convictions. But what saith the Scriptures? "For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance." (Rom.11:29) God never is sorry He saves one. He never changes His mind about one's conversion. He saves us for time and eternity. Listen again: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life." (Jn.5:24) "And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them to me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand." (Jn.-16:28,29) There are not enough Devils in all Hell to take one out of God's hand after he is saved. "For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Rom.8:38,39)

You are either a child of God or you are not a child of God. There is no half-way measure with the Lord, and the one that saves you is going to keep you saved. But Catholicism says otherwise. Tell me then that Catholicism is the friend of Christianity. As an organization, it is the greatest enemy that the cause of Jesus Christ ever had.

VIII

But ere I be tedious to you, I go further and I remind you that it was Catholicism who killed multiplied thousands of Christians by way of persecution during the days gone by. Does that sound like a friend of Christianity? Does it sound like a friend to take men who love the Lord Jesus Christ and put them to death? John foresaw it and wrote to us: "And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus." (Rev.17:6) Oh, the countless thousands that have died at the hands of Rome. If you had the patience and I had the time, I could talk to you all night and tell you of Christians who were killed in the Dark Ages at the hands of Rome because they accepted the teachings of the Word of God.

I think of that day long ago when Baptists were beheaded by the thousands for their faith in Christ. On one highway in Europe for thirty miles, at the express command of the pope, Baptist heads were severed from Baptist men and women and were placed on stakes; and for thirty miles along that highway every ten feet on either side of the road you would see a head of a Baptist martyr who died rather than have his baby baptized. Tell me Catholicism is the friend of

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(Continued from Page Four) this material. He demanded that this material should bring forth fruit worthy of repentance. But some one will say, "Did John baptize the material that went into the church that Jesus built?" Certainly. The prophet said that he would prepare it and in the fulfillment of this prophecy, he did prepare it. The next day after John had baptized Jesus, two of His disciples heard John's testimony concerning Christ. And one of these who heard the testimony was Andrew. And he found Peter. These, together with the other apostles, were baptized by John. And when one was to take the place of Judas who by trangression had fallen from his bishopric he must have been one who had been baptized by John the Baptist. Acts 1:22. These apostles whom John had baptized were the first set in the church. I Cor. 12:28, "God set some in the church, first apostles." When were they set in the church? Turning to Luke, chapter 6, verses 12 to 16, we see Jesus going into a mountain to pray. And He continued al! night in prayer to God. When it was day He called unto Him His disciples. Out of them He chose twelve, whom He also named apostles. These apostles according to divine record were baptized by John the Baptist. And being the first set in the church, they became the first charter members of the first Baptist Church in all the world. For if the foundation, head and founder of the church be a Baptist, and the material that went into it was Baptist material, what else could it be but a Baptist Church? This took place in the days of the personal ministry of Jesus Christ here on earth. That leads to our third proposition.

III. We are a Baptist because the church which Jesus built, being a Baptist Church, was set up by the Lord Jesus in the days of His personal ministry. It had everything in it described in the Bible that goes to make up a church. Eleven reasons for so believing:

1. The apostles were in it. We have just shown from 1 Cor. 12:28 and Luke 6:12, 16 that Christ set some in the Church, first apostles after an all night of prayer to God, having called them out from among His disciples. The word "church—eclesia" means "called out."

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THE DEATH OF THE POPE

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Christianity? "Oh," you say, "I believe in baby baptism." Well, beloved, if you do, go on to the Catholic Church, for that's where you belong. "Oh," but you say, "It is such a sweet symbol." Will you stand up and give me one Scripture that will justify it? A friend of mine said concerning infant baptism, "There are three classes of Scripture which justify infant baptism. One mentions baptism but doesn't mention babies; another mentions babies but doesn't mention baptism; and the third mentions neither babies nor baptism." Because a Baptist preacher said, "We will not have our babies baptized", for thirty miles you might have driven along that highway and seen the head glaring at you upon sharp sticks. Could you say then that this is the act of a friend? I prefer to choose different friends.

Even secular history tells of women having their breasts cut from their bodies with sharp scissors, because they refused to give up Christ. They had hot molten lead poured in their ears. They had hot ase poured in their boots. They had their tongues pulled out with hot pincers. Pregnant women had their bodies ripped open and their off-spring fed to hogs in the presence of the husband who was helpless to offer defense. The "iron maid" was one of their favorite methods of torture. It was an iron box, just large enough for one to stand inside it. The front was a hinged door. When it was slammed shut, a hundred sharp spears pierced the victim through and through.

Don't tell me we have lost anything. We have lost the head of the greatest organized enemy that Christianity ever had, that's all. Go back in history to St. Bartholomew's day, August 24, 1572, in the country of France, A Catholic queen of France and the pope of Rome made a plot whereby they expected to annihilate Christians in that day. Under a guise of friendship, 70,000 Hugenots came into the city of Paris, and in the night's time they were slaughtered. When the pope heard of it, he ordered "Praise God" sung in all the Catholic churches of Rome. Oh, you say that was back there, and we are living in the twentieth century. Do you not know that any good Catholic will say, "ROME NEVER CHANGES". Let's see. Out in St. Louis, the greatest Catholic paper is known by the name of the St. Louis Western Watchman. Its editor is a man by the name of D. S. Phelan. Listen to this copied a few days ago: "We would like to rack and quarter Protestantism; we would like to impale it and hang it up for crows to build nests of; we would like to tear it with pincers and pierce it with redhot irons; we would like to fill it with molten lead, and plunge it into hell fire a hundred fathoms deep." Does that sound like the words of a friend?

Beloved, the worst enemy I have in this world, I wouln't want to go to Hell. I want him to go to Heaven when he dies. But, you say, that doesn't characterize the pope that has just died, for he was a man of peace. Who said so? Why, the newspapers! Perhaps so, but do you alize that the press of the U.S. is 85% Catholic. But, let's see how he promoted peace. During his "reign", peace was effected by a tacit recognition of the pope's temporal power, by the recognition of the Vatican as a State. That is the peace he succeeded in securing for his own interests, but how about the interests of others? Even Pope Pius XI gave his blessing to the murderous campaign of General Franco in Spain,—the campaign that has thus far been prosecuted so successfully only because it was helped by Germany and Italy. When Mussolini ran rough-shod over the Ethiopians, the pope gave his sanction of approval and paternal blessing to his ill-deeds of cruelty and barbarity.

Let me say to you in closing, the only one that should come between the soul of man and God is the Lord Jesus Christ. "For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus." (1 Tim.2:5) He is the only one to come between the soul of man and God the Father. A friend of mine attended a Catholic service sometime ago, when the priest had announced that he was going to speak all his message in English that day. He described sin as a heinous thinga thing to shudder at. He pictured it as a dread disease—a malignant deadly disease to spirituality and morality. He said, "Is there no remedy?" Answering his own question, he said, "Yes, there is a remedy." After a moment's hesitancy, he said, "It is penance."

Poor misguided fellow! There is a remedy and only one. God has provided a remedy—the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. The only hope we have is the blood. "And without shedding of blood is no remission." (Heb.9:22) "And the blood of Jesus Christ his Son Cleanseth us from all sin." (1 Jn.1:7) Thank God for the precious blood of Jesus. I am net going to Heaven because I am a Baptist Preacher, nor because I am a church member, nor because I have been baptized, nor have baptized others; I am going to Heaven because of the blood of Jesus Christ, I say to you tonight, beloved, regardless of church membership or baptism, if you are trusting the blood of Jesus you are going to Heaven when you die because the blood of Jesus cleanses us from all sin. How I thank God for the blood of Jesus. Do you know the meaning of it? Do you know what it means to trust Him as a Saviour? If not, why not tonight trust Him as your own personal Saviour? DO IT

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2. Prophets and teachers were in this church during His personal ministry. For in 1 Cor. 12:28, "God set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healing, helps governments, diversities of tongues."

3. This church had an ordained ministry set up by the Lord Jesus during His personal ministry. It is stated in Mark 3:14, that He ordained twelve that they should be with Him and that He might send them forth to preach. Three things said in this Scripture:

- (1) Ordained twelve.
- (2) That they might be with Him. Mind you, with Him!
- (3) That He might send them forth to preach. All agree that a church should have some kind of ordination for their preachers. Here is Jesus ordaining a ministry

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Realizing that his personal testreaders, I have asked Brother Dickerson to put in his own words his call to the Amazon Valley.

"The West Kentucky Bible School was organized at Murray, Kentucky around 1920. Its first president was H. Boyce Taylor. Having made a trip up the Amazon River once, and seeing conditions there, he became interested in the great need of this people, for the gospel.

"Therefore, it was a natural thing for him to have much to say about these things in the Bible School. In our hour of prayer each day, there was one thing that was rarely omitted-a request for workers in the Amazon Valley.

"I spent four years in the W.K. B.S. and it was then that my heart first became burdened for these lost people. One morning in chapel, as I led the prayer for the thrusting out of more workers into that field, my yearning for them was such I could not forbear weeping.

"At that time I felt I would love to go there and preach the unsearchable riches of Christ Jesus, but I didn't think of it as a definite call from God.

In 1929 I met W. H. Jones who had for years been laboring in this above mentioned field: I was impressed with his honesty and whole hearted surrender to the Lord's will. He went back to Brazil, and I became pastor of the Baptist Church at Willisburg, Kentucky.

"A few years ago while Brother Jones was here again on a furlough, I had him come to us and spend a week telling the church of his work in Brazil. One day during that week in private conversation, Brother Jones asked me bluntly, 'Did God ever call you to the Amazon Valley?' I answered, 'No,' but I have never gotten away from that question. I gave it little thought, however, being busy with full time work, and often preaching four times on Sunday.

"Last Monday evening, while reading in "The Baptist Examiner", G. B. Jones' letter to Mrs. Gilpin in which he told of his father's work in Brazil and of his constant prayer for someone from this country to work with him, I was definitely impressed that I was to be that helper. I said no word to anyone, though in our family worship I could scarcely control my voice. The next morning in secret prayer, I surrendered to the Lord Jesus to go to the Amazon Valley. But yet, I asked the Lord, (like Gideon), to make it plainer by something beside my own feelings.

"Once while in Murray, I was so concerned about the situation in Brazil that I asked my wife would she be willing to go with me if God called me there. the Lord wants you to go, I am willing to go with you.' Therefore, last Wednesday, while wife and I were alone, I thought I would determine as to her attitude now. thought of her saying anything future.

but 'No.' So convinced was I that imony would be of interest to our the answer to my query, 'I believe God wants us to go to Brazil; what do you think about it?' would be in the negative, that I was determined not to be swayed by it. She at first said, 'I do not' want to say. I do not want to influence you either way.' I pressed her for an answer, and finally she said that she thought it was God's will. I was astounded. She said she had been convinced of that ever since we were at Murray. (1928-1932). Moreover, she said she knew by the way I prayed the night after I had read Brother Jones' letter, that we were going. She went on to say that she had wondered through the years why I couldn't see that we were wanted in Brazil. Though I wouldn't have considered a negative answer, I did know by the above that God was certainly speaking to us. So we in prayer and in tears surrendered then and there to the Lord's will.

"Now again: Early in my ministry, two passages of Scripture held my interest. One, the words, Yea and a sword shall pierce thine own heart also.' The other, 'I will shew him how great things he must suffer for My Name's sake.' It seemed from these that God was telling me of a hard time -a great sacrifice was ahead of me somewhere.

"And now God's time for me to go to Brazil has arrived, and regardless of the cost to me or my family, even it I am to leave all of them here and go on alone, I am going to Belem, Brazil. And, I have found peace, deep and abiding, at last. At last I am' to be privileged to do something of moment for Him who died for me even Jesus my Savior and my Lord! Thank God!"

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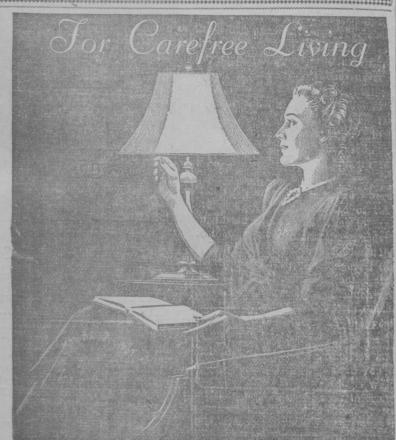
(Continued from Page One) ordination prayer the fourteen

ministers present participated in the laying on of hands thus setting apart Bro. Grooms to the work of the gospel ministry. Of course we had to have a hand shaking and some more rich fellowship and tears to finish off the afternoon.

The editor has witnessed many ordinations and participated in the setting apart of many young men to the ministry. It has been his rare privilege to assist in the ordination of many who are now most successful young preachers in this section. It is always an experience which brings rejoicing yet, somehow, we enjoyed this past Sunday afternoon's ordination more than any we can remember. Bro. Grooms showed by his statements that he was ready "To give an answer to every man a reason of the hope that lies in him." (I Peter 3:15). We have known him for a number of years and our appreciation of him has increased. There She are not many men like Homer. We immediately answered, 'Anywhere trust that he will go far in the ministry. We feel sure that he will always be true to God's Book. We predict for him and the Cherryville Baptist Church (near Louisa). which has called him for his first As she isn't so well, I never once pastorate, a bright and properous



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- 4. The seventeenth day of the month. On that day the flood began and on that day the ark came to rest on Mt. Ararat. (Gen. 7:11; 8:4)
- 5. The head of Saul was hung up in the temple of Dagon. (I Chron. 10:10).
- 6. Noah and his sons, just after the flood. (Gen. 9:2,3).
- 7. Nimrod, Ishmael, and Esau. (Gen. 10:9, 10; 16:12; 17:20; 21:20; 25:27; 36:9)
- 8. Samson. (Judges 15:4,5).
- 9. Aaron died en Mt. Hor. (Num. 20:28) Moses died on Mt. Nebo. Deut. 34:1-5).
- 10. David. (I Chron. 14:12).
- 11. Noah and his sons. (Gen 9:1-6).
- 12. The four lepers who found the deserted camp of the Syrians at the seige of Samaria. (II Kings 7:3-10).

INFANT BAPTISM

(Continued from Page One) make disciples." Only those who have been discipled are to be

In the days of His flesh, our Lord gave us His own personal example relative to baptism. In John 4:2 you will notice that it says, "Jesus made and baptized more disciples." The making of disciples and the baptizing of disciples are entirely different. No one is to be baptized until he has become a disciple.

The early churches interpreted Jesus' command in this manner, by baptizing only mature believers. "And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God." (Acts 8:37). "Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Spirit as well as we?" (Acts 10:47). "And Crispus, the chief ruler of the synagogue, believed on the Lord with all his house; and many of the Corinthians hearing believed, and were baptized.' (Acts 18:8).

An idiot can not believe, therefore he is not a fit subject for baptism. Neither can an infant believe, and for the same reason he must be rejected. The editor would rather baptize a six month's old poodle dog than to baptize a

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When the time came for this part of the service, Mr. Jeter saw to it that he got on the end of the line where the preacher would have to start with his baby first. When this Presbyterian preacher dipped his hand into the water, Mr. Jeter said, "Now brother, before you sprinkle this baby, I want to ask you a question. My wife has been a member of your church for years; I have never tried to proselyte her to my religion, and she has never tried to proselyte me to hers. We Baptists believe in giving a 'thus saith the Lord' for what we do. Before you sprinkle this baby read from the Bible a Scripture which would justify you in your actions now." That schol-



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An Omission

Last week by error, question number one was omitted from the list of Bible questions, usually found on page one. The question omitted was, "What twelve oxen carried a sea on their backs?" The answer is found in I Kings

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