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"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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"Baptists Churches Had Their Origin In The Days Of Christ," Says M. P. Hunt

BAPTISTS believe, hold and teach that the churches of the New Testament were in organization, doctrine and polity the same as what are now known as Baptist churches. It is our contention that the orthodox Baptist church fits the pattern of the church of the New Testament as does no other in the world. Dr. R. J. W. Buckland, when pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, New York City, in a lecture on Baptist Church history, said,

"The first formative period of church history is that of the Apostolic church. In this Christ is the central figure, its head, and life and light. In His Advent, the fullness of time was come and the kingdom of heaven set up. By Him the nucleus of the church was gathered and fed and taught. Its laws and ordinances were given it by Him. By His atoning blood, He cemented its structure and fixed its foundations deep on the everlasting love and purpose of God. The spiritual power which should be its means of growth was imparted by Him; and all its order and symmetry were unfolded by inspired apostles, guided by the Holy Spirit, so that when the labors of the apostles were ended, Christ's church was complete in every essential requirement for all time."

Following this deliverance he asks, "Was the Apostolic Church Baptist?" Answering his own interrogation he said that,

"As regards modern names, sects, and divisions, there were none. Christ's seamless mantle had not been rent in twain. But the reality of a perfect church was there; and ever since have our churches made it their pattern and their

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Believing God

"I believe God, that it shall be even as it was told me." (Acts 27:25)

I went to America some years ago with the captain of a steamer, who was a very devoted Christian. When off the coast of Newfoundland he said to me, "The last time I crossed here, five weeks ago, something happened which revolutionized the whole of my Christian life. We had George Mueller of Bristol on board. I had been on the bridge twenty-four hours and never left it. George Mueller came to me and said, "Captain, I have come to tell you that I must be in Quebec Saturday afternoon." "It is impossible," I said. "Very well, if

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Over \$300 Contributed Sunday By Russell Baptists As Passage For Dickersons To Brazil

A missionary offering amounting to \$305.82, was contributed on Sunday, July 16, by members and classes of the First Baptist Church of Russell, Kentucky. In addition, we received \$47.22 from friends in Kentucky, West Virginia, Texas and Ohio, which makes a total of \$353.04 which we have received for the Dickersons' passage fund since our report of last week.

Today we bow our head to thank God for this offering, since He is the giver of every good and perfect gift. Like Paul of old, we "Thank God and take courage." (Acts 28:15)

In view of the fact that we reported last week, \$438.32, this means that we now have for Brother Dickerson's passage, a total of \$791.36.

This means that the money for his passage is now fully provided. He and his family (shown to the left), will sail from New York City about August 10 or 12. How we rejoice that we shall soon have a missionary in Brazil representing the First Baptist Church of Russell, Kentucky, The Baptist Examiner, and our friends who have made possible his going.

About \$200 is needed now in order for Brother Dickerson to get established in Brazil. It is our expectancy to send him at least \$100 each month that he is there to keep the work going. Many of our friends have written us that they expected to make a contribution to this work soon. May I urge you to try to do so between now and the first of August so that all money may be in hand, and that this

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Sufferings And Glory

"For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us." (Rom. 8:18)

I kept for nearly a year the flask-shaped cocoon of an emperor moth. It is very peculiar in its construction. A narrow opening is left in the neck of the flask, through which the perfect insect forces its way, so that a forsaken cocoon is as entire as one still tentanted, no rupture of the interlacing fibers having taken place. The great disproportion between the means of egress and the size of the imprisoned insect makes one wonder how the exit is ever accom-

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THE DICKERSON FAMILY



Seated are Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Dickerson, Sarah (age 4) is standing beside her father. Paul Boyce (age 7) is seated just in front of his parents. Standing from left to right are Charles Jr. (age 17), Ruth (age 11), and Wayne (age 15). They will sail for Brazil about August 10-12.

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"When The Lights Go Out On The Road To Hell"

"And the Philistines gathered themselves together, and came and pitched in Shunem: and Saul gathered all Israel together, and they pitched in Gilboa. And when Saul saw the host of

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