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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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## The Tragedy Of A Lost Soul

Various and heart-rending and tragic are the losses which men sustain; losses that in some cases can never be replaced, losses of fortune that plunge men into poverty, losses of position and power that cause men to chafe in their solitude and inactivity, losses of health that leave men incapacitated, losses of friends and loved ones that leave one suddenly and unbelievably lonesome.

These losses cut deep and the smart of the wound continues long. Such tragedies make jovial men solemn and bring hours and days that know no laughter. When such tragedies come it takes heroic souls, clinging to the promises of Almighty God, to rise above them and to march on confidently.

### None Worse

But far worse than these tragedies is the tragedy of a lost soul. There is no worse tragedy.

When the losses referred to are sustained, God's Word and Christ's promises console and strengthen. Time also helps to heal. Then there are other things to look forward to: new starts can be made; other interests and friendships cultivated; God to go to and heaven to look forward to. But when the soul is lost there is absolutely nothing — nothing but darkness — absolute, horrifying, eternal. There is only regret, remorse and agony.

### Eternally Lost

Eternal regret, abiding remorse, endless agony—without one ray of light, without one speck of hope! Regret, remorse and agony—not for

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## A Farewell Message By C. W. Dickerson

Last Sunday night (August 20), Elder C. W. Dickerson delivered his last message in the United States to an over-flowing crowd in the last night of our tent revival meeting. He used as his text, "I flee unto thee." (Psa. 143:9) During the course of his message, he urged those lost ones present to heed his parting message unto them, and to flee unto God while they had an opportunity, for tomorrow might be too late.

At the close of this most impressive sermon, the editor publicly presented Brother Dickerson with two checks to finish paying for

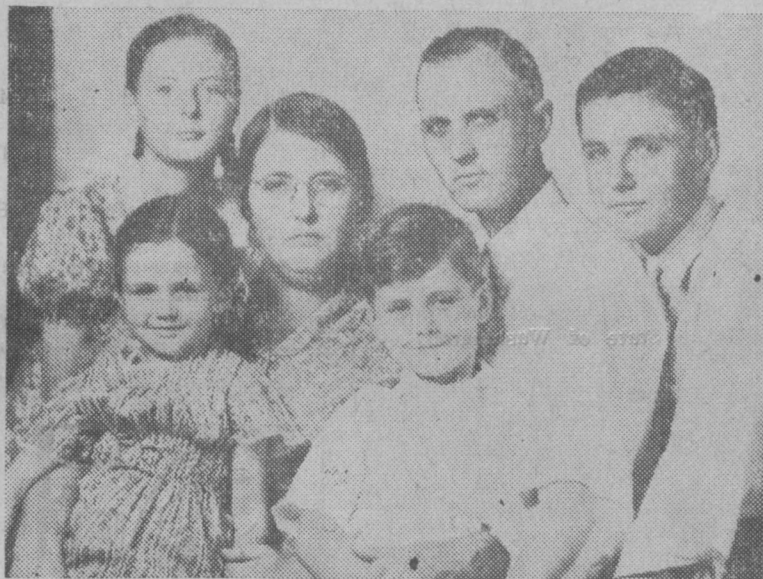
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### WILLING TO LEAVE IT

Willing to leave it  
Willing to go,  
As he would have it  
Weal, perhaps woe;  
Willing to do it  
Whatever He ask,  
Willing to sing it  
Through every task.

This is the secret  
This is the way,  
Darkness of midnight  
Goldens of day;  
This is the meaning  
Life always had,  
Willing to serve Him  
And serving be glad.

### Dickerson Family



The above picture is that of Elder & Mrs. C. W. Dickerson and family, who have given up friends and all that is near and dear to them here to go to the Amazon Valley to preach the glorious gospel of Christ to those destitute people. The underlying cause of their going is their undying love for the One who loved them, and you, and the people the world over, so much as to come to this sinful world and die that all who believe in His name might have eternal life. If God should call you to some definite task, would you, like they, be willing to surrender your life completely to Him?

## The First Baptist Pulpit

### God's Gracious Patience With With Back Sliders

"But go your way, tell his disciples and Peter that he goeth before you into Galilee: there shall ye see him, as he said unto you." Mark 16:7

A Great Picture....One of Ruben's masterpieces was found in an old picture shop in London amid a lot of rubbish. An expert found it covered with soot, dust and grime. It was purchased for 35 shillings — approximately \$8.50 in our money. When it was cleaned and its true value was determined, the purchaser realized that he had bought a picture worth at least ten thousand dollars

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## God's Needs And His Promise

One day long ago as Jesus walked by the sea of Galilee He saw some men busy with their nets, for they were fishermen. Jesus needed these men to help Him, so He said unto them, "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men." Matt. 4:19—and they immediately left their nets and followed Jesus. Another day Jesus was walking along and saw a man sitting at his place of business. Jesus needed him also and he, like the fishermen, left all and followed Jesus. A few years later a prominent young Pharisee was on his way to Damascus to persecute the followers of the risen Christ. God needed this young man as a missionary. Thus challenging him to leave his persecutions and go to work for Him Saul of Tarsus accepted the challenge and taking Jesus as Saviour surrendered his life to service. Through the years God has needed men and women to help Him in His great work. Day by day in joy and sorrow He knocks at the door of our hearts. Many are the young men and women who have heard the voice of Jesus and answered His call. Some have gone to the foreign fields to labor there and tell the story of Jesus, while others work here in the homeland.

When Jesus called the fishermen they were busy at what seemed an important task. Suppose instead of answering His call they had said, "We don't have time." Today we would not have known the story of Peter, Andrew, James and John or of

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## God's Sky Over Us Despite Difficulties

He was a very little fellow, but he wanted to say something comforting as his childish eyes turned occasional wondering glances toward the troubled face beside him. The mother's heart was sad at leaving the dear old home and its scenes, the hills, the river, the woods; she should miss them all. Suddenly the little face pressed against the car window brightened with a joyous discovery.

"Why, Mother" he cried, eagerly, "God's sky is over us yet, it's going right along with us!" The mother smiled.

"Sure enough, dear. "God's sky (Continued on Page Eight)