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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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Genuine Revival With A Great Virginia Church

The editor has just returned from a great meeting with Pastor L. E. Holzbach and the Mill Swamp Baptist Church of Ivor, Virginia. Ivor is located southeast of Richmond, and is about mid-way between Richmond and Newport News. Mill Swamp Baptist Church is the oldest Baptist Church in the state of Virginia, having been established in 1714.

I have never been more royally treated nor more elegantly entertained in my life. The people of the church just know how to make a preacher comfortable and happy. At night I stayed in the home of Pastor Holzbach, and was entertained in various homes for the meals of the day. In all my life, I have never seen the like as to delicious hams from peanut fattened hogs.

Brother Holzbach has a delightful family, including his wife, a daughter, Francis (19 year of age), and a son, Edmond (10 years of age). It was a benediction to be in their home for the week.

Brother Holzbach is a remarkable preacher. He is not only consecrated and loves the Lord, but he is evangelistic to the core, and best of all, he believes the Bible just as it is written. He is not a member of any lodge, and he has no time for social clubs. In that respect, he is exactly like the editor—he is just a member (Continued on Page Four)

New Baptist Church

A new Baptist Church has been organized at Danleyton on East Fork (Greenup County), with nine charter members, and with indications that others will soon become affiliated with this organization.

The First Baptist Church of Russell, Kentucky contributes four of these members; Pollard Baptist Church of Ashland, three members; and the Unity Baptist Church of Ashland, two members. The names of these charter members are as follows:

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hensley
Mrs. Everett Hensley
Mrs. Robert Hensley
Mr. and Mrs. Will Martin
Mr. and Mrs. Roosevelt Pennington
Beatrice Pennington
This new organization has al-
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FACE TO FACE

"I had walked life's way with an easy tread,
Had followed where comfort and pleasure led,
Until one day in a quiet place,
I met the Master face to face.

With station and rank and wealth for my goal,
Much thought for my body but not for my soul,
I had entered to win in life's great race,
When I met My Master face to face.

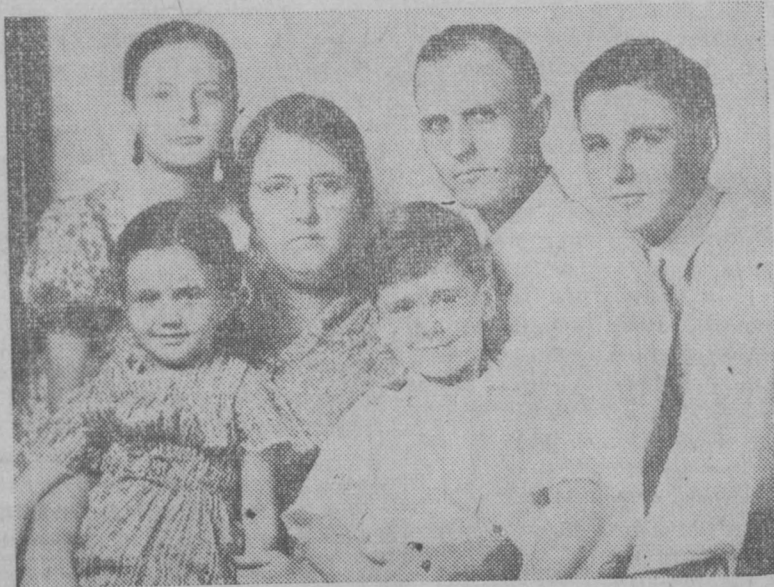
I had built my castles reared them high,
With their towers I had pierced the blue of the sky,
I had sworn to rule with an iron mace,
When I met my Master face to face.

I met him and knew and blushed to see.
That His eyes full of sorrow were fixed on me,
I faltered and fell at his feet that day,
While my castles melted and vanished away,
Melted and vanished and in their place,
Naught else did I see but The Masters Face.

And I cried aloud 'Oh make me meet
To follow the steps of Thy wounded feet,'
My thought is now for the souls of men,
I have lost my life to find it again,
Err since one day in a quiet place
I met my Master face to face.

—Author Unknown

Editor's Note: We have seen this poem on numerous occasions, but did not have a complete copy of it. We are indebted to Mrs. Wm. Holley, Rush, Ky., who recently sent it to us. May you meditate upon it!



This is the Dickerson family, whom we support in Brazil. Read their first letters as printed in column to the right.

The First Baptist Pulpit

"Snatched From The Fire"

"And he shewed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the Lord, and Satan standing at his right hand to resist him. And the Lord said unto Satan, The Lord rebuke thee, O Satan; even the Lord that hath chosen Jerusalem rebuke thee: is not this a brand plucked out of the fire? Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, and stood before the angel. And he answered and spake unto those that stood before him, saying, Take away the filthy garments from

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First Letters Received From Dickersons

These following letters are the first received from our new missionaries in Brazil. The first was written by Bro. Dickerson to the editor and the second was written by Mrs. Dickerson to Mrs. Gilpin. We are glad to share them with all of our readers.

Belem, Para.
Sept. 12th., 1939.

Dear Bro. Gilpin and all;

At last we are in Belem! Arrived yesterday. Had a nice trip. Only Ruth became nauseous enough to vomit. Wayne and I spent one day abed. The Lord was very gracious. I have held the conviction all my life that a sea voyage would nearly kill me. It is yet possible for me to be mistaken.

All of us enjoyed our trip to New York thru the mountains. Yet it was tiresome. I liked New York — Easy to drive in it — Much more so than in Cincinnati. However I was only in Manhattan.

While there we attended the services of the Calvary Baptist Church, 123 W. 57th., St. Dr. Ayer pastor. He did some fine preaching. I had a fine time in personal work among the heathen in New York. Among others I found a Jewish girl, 21 years of age who had never heard the gospel, never read a word of Scripture. Think of that! She is a High School graduate, daughter of a prosperous business man.
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A Unusual Character

One of the most interesting personages whom I met while in Virginia, was Dr. Eddie Ramsey, who has been deaf for a period of ten years' time, without being able to hear anything whatsoever. In spite of this physical affliction, he attended practically all of the services, both afternoon and evening. I understand through his pastor, that it is his habit to accompany his wife to God's house whenever there are services there though he never hears a word that is said. He says that he can tell by the preacher's actions and the expression of his face whether a man is a good preacher, even though he doesn't hear a word of the sermon.

I came home after having met Dr. Ramsey, with a great deal more feeling of church loyalty and
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HOME AGAIN

It is a joy to be back home again. The editor has been away so much of recent date that he rejoices to be home this week with his family, church, and friends. Although I have numerous invitations for revival meetings (the last one having been received just a few minutes ago), I do not expect to be out of town again on Sunday until after the first of January. (DV) I regret to have to refuse the invitations that come, but we have a great work here at home which cannot be neglected. Two broadcasts on Sunday, the editing of this paper, and the pastoring of a church, is a tremendous task for any one. With these three, I must spend my time for the next few months.

I appreciate especially the help of those who have assisted me in my absence. We do deeply appreciate having had Elders T. P. Simmons, Forest Sparks, and Roy A. Hamilton to preach on the three Sundays of our absence, and we also deeply appreciate the work of Brother Eli Williams on one of the Wednesday evenings.

The editor also is blessed with a very capable and efficient secretary: this paper in my absence. It is she who has gotten have not known what it would look like nor what would be in it until I saw it. I appreciate particularly her efforts in our behalf.

Furthermore, I want to express my appreciation for the cooperation which we have in our church. It means a great deal to this editor to have the cooperation of a church which is willing to do without its pastor that he might go elsewhere and preach the gospel in the "regions beyond."

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During the editors recent absence, these three supplied the pulpit of the First Baptist Church, Russell, Ky., to the delight and edification of the congregation.

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RADIO FUND

Our radio fund reminds us of a thirsty child badly in need of water. It costs us approximately \$100 per month for our broadcasts. At present, we have \$29.93 on hand. May we ask that you remember us when you pray and when you pay.

TRACT FUND

We are happy that we are able to add \$2.50 to our tract fund this past week. Within a few weeks we expect to have quite a number of tracts printed to send out in the Master's service. Every penny which we receive for this fund means a great deal. Of the contributions of this week, 50c is anonymous, while \$2.00 is contributed by Mrs. Clara Connelly of Everman, Ky.

AN ANSWERED PRAYER

I was night clerk in one of the best drug stores in the town of N—, says a writer in the Christian Observer. One evening at eleven o'clock I began to make preparations to retire to my cot behind the rear partition of the store. I locked the front door and lowered the light. I was just falling in a pleasant sleep when the

night bell rang. I arose, waited on the customer, rebolted the door, put out the light and returned to my room.

Before half an hour had passed, the bell rang again. I answered it, waited on the messenger, and again lay down.

Perhaps it was an hour later, when, once more, I was aroused by the bell. I was enjoying sound sleep, and, by no means in a good humor, admitted the boy, who thrust a prescription at me, saying, "Mother is very sick please put this medicine up quick."

With sleepy eyes and ill humor I prepared the medicine, dismissed the boy, locked the door, — was about to lower the gas light, when I picked up the prescription to file it, and to my horror, discovered that I had made a serious mistake. A deadly poison was in that medicine.

What should I do? Overcome with shame and self-accusation, I paced the floor. Had I known the boy, or where the family lived, I should have followed to prevent the use of the medicine; but I knew not whence he came. I threw

myself on my knees; with tears I confessed my sin of petulance, ill-humor, and neglect of watching or praying, pleaded with the Saviour not only to forgive my sin, but, somehow, to overrule my mistake. I knew not how this could possibly be, but continued on my knees, scarcely knowing what I said; my prayer was more groaning in the Spirit than anything else.

My prayer was interrupted by the violent ringing of the bell. I opened the door and there was the boy. "Oh," he said, I fell and broke the bottle; please put up the medicine again."

I almost fainted for joy. Before I put up the medicine again, I slipped into my little chamber, threw myself on my knees, and just simply said, With tears of gratitude streaming down my face, "Lord Jesus, I thank Thee." My prayer was heard and granted.

—Selected.

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him. And unto him he said, Behold, I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee, and I will clothe thee with change of raiment. And I said, Let them set a fair mitre upon his head. So they set a fair mitre upon his head, and clothed him with garments. And the angel of the Lord stood by. And the angel of the Lord protested unto Joshuah, saying, Thus said the Lord of hosts; If thou wilt walk in my ways, and if thou wilt keep my charge, then thou shalt also judge my house, and shalt also keep my courts, and I will give thee places to walk among these that stand by" (Zech. 3:1-7).

Zechariah was one of God's prophets after the Jewish exile in Babylon. His work was during the time of the rebuilding of the Jewish Temple of Jerusalem.

In this symbolic vision, Zechariah, the prophet, saw three figures—Joshua, Satan, and Jehova. Joshua stands at the judgment bar of God with Satan as his accuser. We do not hear the pleading on either side. However the sentence is solemnly recorded; the accusations are dismissed; Satan is rebuked, and Joshua is given full festal attire instead of the filthy garments which he wore. The vision in its immediate application has to do with the Jews. We are not studying it though as a Jewish prophecy but we are using it as a type of salvation by grace.

Joshua clothed with filthy garments is a picture of every unsaved person outside of Jesus Christ. When Adam and Eve sinned, they made for themselves garments of fig leaves. God was as sorely displeased with their attempt to cover their nakedness in this manner as he was in their falling in sin. In his displeasure of Man's attempt to clothe himself, God destroyed these fig leaf garments of Adam and Eve. God made them garments from the skin of an animal, which was secured by the death thereof.

Man today tries to clothe himself with his own morality, human merit, and works of righteousness. However God declares through Isaiah, "And all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags" (Is. 64:6). Surely if our righteousnesses remind God of filthy rags, then what must our unrighteous acts, and our sins look like in God's sight!

Several years ago the Prince of Wales in visiting various portions of his father's empire, journeyed to South Africa where he was received by a tribe of semi-savages. They had been told that when one received his king he should wear a silk hat. Can you imagine these savages with rings in their ears and nose, scantily dressed, with war paint on their bodies and silk hats on their heads meeting their monarch? Though they come to meet their king thinking themselves richly dressed, yet actually how ridiculous and ludicrous was their attire. Still the man who clothes himself in his own righteousness is as poorly dressed as were these savages to meet their king. In fact these savages were better dressed than the moral man is to approach the King of kings.

The Scriptures emphatically declare over and over again that it is not by human effort and merit on our part that we are able to stand in God's presence. "But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness" (Rom. 4:5). "Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law" (Rom. 3:28). "Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved. For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge. For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God. For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone that believeth" (Rom. 10:1-4). "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast" (Eph. 2:8-9).

II.

In Zechariah's vision standing before the Lord to resist Joshua, is Satan. This has been his work and effort through the ages. The Devil has always opposed sinners who would come to God. In the room with you, beside your radio is Satan resisting you and declaring that my message is false. Oh, the tragedy and the spiritual suicide a soul goes through because of the Devil's resistance.

If a sinner begins to believe that he is lost, the Devil will lie to him by saying, "You don't need to be saved. You are a great deal better than a great many church members now". When you dare, quote to him, "Though hand join in hand, he shall not be unpunished" (Prov. 16:5), Satan will immediately say, "That's right you need to be saved; but you can save yourself". If you would press the matter with him to give him God's statement that Salvation is "not of works, lest any man should boast" (Eph. 2:

8,9). He immediately changes his argument admitting that a man cannot save himself and even declaring that none but Jesus can save. As a last resort, he will resist the sinner by declaring that the latter has plenty of time and does not need to be in a hurry relative to Salvation. Possibly in my invisible audience there may be someone who has attended Church services already someplace this evening, and have left the church house feeling that he should have professed his faith in the Lord Jesus Christ but he failed to do so because Satan resisted him and said, "Some other time". Truly many a soul is paving the road to Hell with good intentions through Satan's resistance of the sinner.

In the ninth chapter of the gospel according to Luke we read of a father who brought his son to Jesus that the Master might cast out the demon wherewith he was possessed. Luke says, "And as he was yet coming, the Devil threw him down and tare him" (Luke 9:42). Isn't that exactly the way the Devil treats sinners today who would come to Jesus. If one becomes interested in his soul's salvation, the Devil will tare him, if in no other way, by perverting the truth. What a glorious doctrine in the Doctrine of Election, yet does not the Devil suggest to the unsaved, "Perhaps you are not one of the elect". It is thus with the Doctrine of Depravity for he says to many, "You are too bad—too depraved, too sinful, to be saved". Or with the glorious Doctrine of Redemption. How often he suggests that God's redemption is not for you but perhaps for others. In the Bible, we read how that God calls each sinner to repentance. Whenever a sinner would receive that call, Satan stands ready to tear him by resisting and suggesting

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Evil dressed in a beautiful garb is still evil and extremely dangerous since we must look carefully before we can see its real ugliness.

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of a Baptist Church and nothing more. This was my second time to assist him in a series of meetings, having been with him in Richmond some eighteen months before.

Brother Holzbach has had big problems with this church of which he has been pastor for the last seventeen months. The members themselves told me that when Brother Holzbach became their pastor the church was cold and indifferent, and that they had never been taught the Bible. Of this I am certain, for I could perceive myself in my short visit of one week with them how much even now they need to be taught relative to God's Word. Even this past week, one of the members said to Brother Holzbach, "We have never had a preacher preach like you and that fellow Gilpin."

In the seventeen months of his pastorate, by the help of God, Brother Holzbach has really accomplished a great deal for our Lord.

One of the members, Mrs. Guy Betts, has written the following tribute as to Brother Holzbach's ministry:

"In the autumn of the year 1937, the people of the Mill Swamp Baptist Church, in Isle of Wright County, Virginia, were without a pastor, a flock without a shepherd. By a series of coincidences, in which the hand of God was manifestly leading, there came to us that man of God, L. E. Holzbach, then pastor of Boulevard Baptist Church in the city of Richmond, Va. There is no doubt that he came not as an hireling, but divinely led, for he was leaving a people loath to let him go, and the sacrifices in material things made by both him and his family were many. God called, and he answered, 'Here am I. Send me.'

"Since Brother Holzbach's coming to this field, it is felt that our church has made much spiritual progress. Lessons have been taught and truths unfolded of which we never knew before. Our feeling of responsibility to God is greater than ever before, as in our understanding of His plan for us, for our pastor is a teacher as well as a preacher. Two things have marked Bro. Holzbach's ministry among us. (Continued on Page Five)

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III

that perhaps his call is not genuine or effectual; that he may be only mistaken and that God is not calling him at all. Yes, as Satan resisted Joshua so Satan resists sinners today.

After that Satan resisted Joshua and his accusations were dismissed, Joshua is given clean garments instead of the filthy ones wherewith he has been attired. This is what God does to the sinner when he saves him for God takes away the sinners sins and unrighteousness and gives him in exchange the righteousness of the Lord Jesus Christ. "For he hath made him, who knew no sin; to be sin for us that we might be made the righteousness of God in him" (II Cor. 5:21). This means that God treated Jesus just like the sinner ought to have been treated and because of this he now treats the sinner just like Jesus should have been treated. In other words, Jesus bore my sins and I bear His righteousness. My sins are imputed to Jesus and His righteousness is imputed to me.

Sometime ago I used a simple illustration in preaching. I imagined that two persons were standing before me; one, a tramp with dirty face, disheveled hair, and filthy garments upon his still more filthy body. The other, a prince dressed in the grandest of garments and carrying himself in the manner that would be expected of one of his rank. I imagined these two exchanging places, the prince wearing the tramp's clothes while the tramp wore the prince's clothes. I said by way of application that a greater miracle was affected when a soul is saved for in the salvation of a sinner, Christ wears our garments of filth while we wear His robe of righteousness. "When I had finished this message, an unsaved man approached me and said, 'I don't want to go to Heaven in another man's coat'. May I say to you as I said to him, 'That is exactly what you will have to do, if ever you get there, for the only way that one can be saved is through the death of Jesus Christ whereby the robe of our unrighteousness is taken away and we are clothed in the robe of Christ's righteousness. Is not that the meaning of these Scriptures? 'For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins' (I Cor. 15:34). 'For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God' (I Pet. 3:18). 'Who his own self bore our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed' (I Pet. 2:24).

IV

The statement relative to Joshua's changed condition is remarkable. "Is not this a brand plucked out of the fire". This was what God said about Joshua. "A brand plucked out of the fire". And what is the fire to which God refers? It is the fire of sin. In the ages gone by, that fire blazed in the heart of an angel and he became a Devil. The sparks from the fire of sin fell into the hearts of Adam and Eve. He and she became sinners, paradise was burned up and the world became a wilderness. Though the sinner may enjoy sin and may dance in the light of the fire of sin for a moment, eventually he will have to lie down in it forever.

God speaks of Joshua as a brand—"A brand plucked out of the fire". He does not call him a brand full of sap, but a brand-dry, sere, timber, ready to be burned. As a fire brand fits the fire, so the sinner fits in with sin.

But do you notice in this exclamation that it is said that Joshua is plucked out of the fire. Sometimes a brand or an ember may fall from the bed of coals and in that case it might be said that the brand had fallen out of the fire. But not so with the sinner. There never was an instance known of a man himself dropping out of the fire of sin, apart from the power of God. We love sin too well. We have to be plucked out by the Lord. Men talk about turning to God in their own power. If God had not plucked me and those who are saved out of the fire, each one of us would be in the fire of sin yet.

This exclamation presents something for us to wonder at and marvel about. Considering the salvation of those who are extremely aged after they have lived considerable years in this world with-

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out God, then in their later years are saved after having hardened their impenitent hearts for years. Is not this a case wherein we may marvel? There are those who have been hearing the gospel without it having any effect upon them. In the mill or boiler shop, the miller or the boiler maker may go to sleep with the noise all about him. How true of many a sinner who has heard the gospel over and over again and has gotten hardened to it. Is not the conversion of one who is gospel-hardened a case wherein we can marvel? Take the case of the gross sinners, the drunkard as an example. He is actually worse than the Devil for the Devil never drinks. Look at the Blasphemer, the adulterer or the adulteress. Truly if a gross sinner is saved, we are made to pause with wonder and amazement. If this be true of these whom I have described, how much more is it true when a self-righteous man is saved. There are those who are doubly distilled with refinement and religion. What a wonder when one of these is redeemed by grace!

V

In reality this statement is more than an exclamation of wonder and amazement. It is really God's defiance of Satan in this statement, "Is not this a brand plucked out of the burning?" God is actually defying the Devil. The Scriptures are really saying, "If God has plucked the sinner out of the fire then Satan you are challenged to put him back into the fire". How we do rejoice that what God has plucked out, the Devil can never put back. "He that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that a wicked one toucheth him not" (1 Jn. 5:18). This verse declares that the Devil cannot put so much as his little finger on the new nature of a believer. He may attempt and even destroy the flesh of the believer but that new nature—the part that has been saved—the Devil can not so much as touch.

Not only is it true that the Devil cannot put back into the fire that which God has plucked out but it is also true that the sinner that has been plucked out can never go back. "And I will make an everlasting covenant with them, that I will not turn away from them, to do them good; but I will put my fear in their hearts, that they shall not depart from me" (Jer. 32:42). It is true that with my flesh I may sin but the new nature which I have received from God can never sin.

Sometime ago I was asked, "Can't a believer crawl off the rock of ages". Well personally I never saw a believer who wanted to, but if he did after he was genuinely saved, he could not destroy his soul in Hell.

But more glorious than this is the truth that God having once plucked the sinner out of the fire, will never put him back in the fire of sin again. "For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people: and they shall not teach every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest. For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more" (Heb. 8:10-12). "And I will give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand" (Jn. 10:28,29). "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). In view of these Scriptures, may we write in letters of gold across the Heavens that all may read, "ETERNAL SALVATION".

In closing may I ask you, "Are you a brand plucked from the burning". If so, how you ought to glorify God by your life! Not a day should pass but what its service should be rendered to God. Not an hour should go by but what God should be glorified in your life. If you have never been plucked from the burning then my prayer in your behalf is that while our choir shall sing, that God may pluck you from the fire of sin and then hold you up before Satan to say, "Is not this a brand plucked out of the fire?"

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He has not ceased to give to us the plain word of God, without fear or trembling; and in no measure has this been resented by his people. There may be those among the flock who have not accepted his teachings in every instance, but his messages are always founded on 'thus saith the Lord' and there has been no spirit of resentment among his people. "This, the oldest Baptist Church in our Mother State, Virginia, has probably never been lead to a greater spiritual height in the history of the church, which history runs back to the year 1714. We thank God, we are truly grateful,

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RECEIVED FROM
DICKERSON'S

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ness man. I gave her a New Testament and started her reading at John 3. She seemed delighted to hear of a Saviour. Pray for her and the Roman Catholics etc., to whom I preached.

As soon as war was declared we had to be careful about lights at night. The Captain was told by the British Consul at N. Y. that there were two German submarines near the equator. That made them all uneasy. We weren't in the least, knowing God wanted us in Brazil. The Captain trusted in his ingenuity; we trusted in God. Guess whom had the more peace of mind.

All the people in charge were English, it being, as you have guessed, a British vessel. Accordingly they were Episcopalians. They resented my coming out as a missionary, but I trust they discerned that I conceived not only of Catholics as in need of the gospel, but Episcopalians also.

Bro. Jones met me at the wharf. Also Bro. R. P. Hallum whom I know, who is stationed at Quintos, Peru. He and family are on their way home on furlough. They are fine folk. Bro. Jones has been a wonderful help as you may imagine. We have everything through the customs without cost, excepting my books. Hope to get them to-day.

We have three different houses to look over this morning. Hope to rent one of them and try to furnish it and move in by this time to-morrow.

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a hotel, the name of which I shall not attempt even to write. Ha!

Belem is a very nice place. Some sharp contrasts here. They wouldn't permit Wayne to eat in the dining hall without a coat on while at the same time across the street little children were playing in the nude.

The people are nice and courteous to me so far.

I must close. Pray for us as we do you. May our Heavenly Father bless and keep you all, and all who are having part in this our mutual guest for souls in Brazil!

write to Bro. Jones' address —

Should you want to contact me, Caixa Postal 684. As soon as I have an address I'll notify you. Please let Charles read this. We pray for him very much. More soon.

In much love,

C. W. Dickerson

Belem, Para.

Sept. 14, 1939.

Dear Sister in Christ:

We had a nice trip but it surely was tiresome. I sure don't like the ocean and I don't see how any one would. We had to keep our port holes closed for several days when we first started. The waves would splash through them and wet our beds. One day Sarah and I were going down the steps of the second deck on to the first deck and a big wave came up and wet us all over from head to foot. The water was very salty. I had our hair to wash. Well I did not take any more chances. I was sure I was where the water would not get me before I got out side.

Well, when the war started we did not feel so good for the ship had thousands of gallons of gasoline on board and if we had of been bombed we would have all been killed. When I was praying God gave me assurance we would get here safe. Then next morning when I was reading I read Joshua 7:9 and God spoke those words as if in my behalf. It is a great joy to know you are doing God's will and He is going to be with you.

I like the place as well as any one could coming into such a place as this. But I know God has called us here and all things will work together for our good. Read Romans 8:28.

There is a big Catholic Church ever few blocks. There is one close to us. Some of the men when they pass take off their hats until they are past; some of the people (men or women) make a cross on their chest and then kiss the tips of their fingers and go on. Some go in. Plenty of nuns and priests going all the time on the streets! Oh it is awful to see them. I hope by the help of the Lord we will soon be able to speak the language and tell them of the true way.

They are smart people and easy to catch on to what you want. I hope they will be as easy to explain the Bible to.

Of course there is the Negro that is just the same here as there. But the Brazilian is not that way by any means.

The morals are just like we. Plenty of naked children under 5 or 6 years and other things to bad to mention on paper. But if God changes their heart he can change that too.

We went to the First Baptist Church the other night to hear a missionary. Of course we could not understand him. But the people love to sing and gave good order while he was preaching. Their building was small. Would only seat about as many as one-half of one side of the Church where we nearly always sit at Russell. But it was full. They had an organ. This church has never been taught but very little. They have preachers of other churches preaching for them and don't stand for anything much. They just wear the name Baptist; that is all.

Well I will tell you something that I know will be hard for you to believe. I could hardly believe it myself. But it is not hot here. They are in the hot season and it is not as hot as lots of days we had there this summer. We brought our thermometer and it is 84 degrees now and it is a little after seven at night. A nice breeze blowing and at night it is so cool we have to close all the windows and have a sheet over us and then we get cool. Tell Bro. Gilpin I guess he just as well send a lot of all wool blankets for I know C. W. will need them when it turns cold. Ha, Ha. I guess he will freeze to death. Well they say it varies very little — about the same all the time. We see plenty of wool suits and crepe dresses — just a lot of those. But ever thing is tailor-made. There are a few electric fans and the ice boxes too.

Well, must close and hope to hear from you all real soon. Tell all the class hello for me. And may God Bless each and all of you.

Your friend,

Mrs. C. W. Dickerson

P. S. I haven't seen a mosquito yet.

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so grateful, for the ministry of this man of God, who not only holds before us the teachings of God's truths, but also who, himself, walks daily with the Lord. As our God '...Is not willing that any should perish,' so our under-shepherd is unwilling that any, under his ministry, should go astray, but that all should come into

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All the people were very gracious to me personally during my week's stay among them. Sister Holloman (80 years young), a mother in Israel, and a wonderful Christian character, came to me on Saturday evening to express her appreciation for my services. I asked her to put the same on paper.

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er, and I append it herewith:

My dear Bro. Gilpin:

Surely we have been blessed in having you with us. You have made plain much of God's Word that we did not understand. You have preached Scripture that will help us to see our sins, and have made it plain that we are saved by the blood of our Lord and Saviour which was shed on the cross.

May God bless you and your work as you go on serving Him.

Lovingly,
Mrs. Holloman

With all, I have had a great time with a great preacher and some fine people. As to outward results, some thirteen came forward. I do not know how many conversions we had, for I left so hurriedly at the close of the last service that I do not know fully how many of the group came for baptism. I judge possibly all, or practically all, did. Perhaps the greatest phase of the meeting was the revival which the church experienced. Humanly speaking, it was too bad we could only be with them for a week. Yet, with all, it was a glorious week.

Incidentally, we brought back fifty subscriptions to THE BAPTIST EXAMINER. While we were gone, we received thirty-six through the mail, making a total of eighty-six for the week. May God bless the saints of this Virginia church. Many were kind enough to ask me to return. If the Lord tarries, and it is His will, I shall be happy to do so.

While in this meeting, I attended the Blackfork Association held with the Black Creek Church, and at the request of Brother Holzach I substituted for him, speaking on the subject of "Missions." An interesting feature of this Association meeting was the historical sketch concerning the Black Creek Church (where the Association was being held), which was established prior to the Revolutionary War. Reading of the

church records indicated that in 1853 the church went on record as requesting all the members who chewed tobacco during the church services, to furnish their own spit-toons.

Another fine feature of this Virginia meeting was becoming acquainted with Brother Kissinger, who is pastor of a rural circuit out of Ivor. I have known his father by correspondence, but I had never met this son. I can truly say it would have been worth the trip just to come to know him his people.

Then also, the trip was made enjoyable in view of meeting some and to be associated with some of old friends in Virginia. Brother W. E. Samson and wife from the Immanuel Baptist Church, and Mr. and Mrs. Luther Harbaugh drove out to the services (nearly 75 miles) to worship with us on Friday evening. Then too, our hearts were made glad a second time by the kindness of the Harbaughs in that they came again to the services on Sunday evening, and carried me back to Richmond where I caught my train to return home. May God bless these faithful Virginia friends. We have loved them in the past, and we love them more today.

THE PULL OF THE INVISIBLE

At noon, one day in 1907, The Right Reverend Authur Ingram preached an open-air sermon to a crowd which filled Wall Street from curb to curb. The Bishop spoke upon the subject, "The Pull of Faith." In the course of the sermon, he told of a small boy who was walking along a London street on one of those foggy days, holding a stick and a kite-string in his hand. Some one asked the lad what he had and he replied, "A kite." "How do you know you have a kite, you cannot see it?" was the question. The lad replied, "No, I cannot see it, but I can feel it pull."

Although Abraham did not know where he was going, he knew whom he was following. It was the pull of faith. As true Christians, we face the future and follow Him whom "Not having seen we love."

As the boy knew that his kite

was on the string, even though the London fog was dense, so we know that we have an Advocate at the right hand of the Father, because we feel His presence and appreciate the pull of faith and love.

"So I go on not knowing."

Occasionally we miss a name when addressing an issue. We always regret this and are glad to also to inform us of any change have our readers call our attention to such oversight. Don't forget of address.

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a view to discovering some flaw that might make it easier to be broken. His hope was vain for he found from some marks upon it that it was his own workmanship and it had been his boast that none could ever break a chain that he had forged. Thus with the sinner. His own hands have forged the chain that binds him—a chain that no human hand can break. But if we trust our Saviour, he can loose from us even the chains forged by our own sins.

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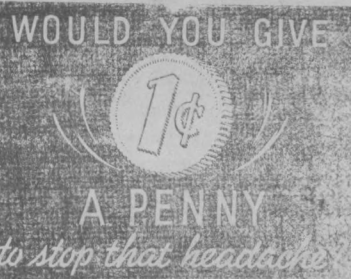
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The purchaser will be required to execute bond for the purchase price and bearing interest from the day of sale with surety to be approved by the commissioner. Bidders will be prepared to execute bond on day of sale.

John F. Coldiron
Master Commissioner.

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ready procured a plot of ground upon which they shall erect soon a suitable church edifice. This land has been donated by Mr. and Mrs. Porter Manning, both of whom are unsaved, but who possess strong Baptist tendencies. This gift of land is especially appreciated since it was entirely

voluntary and unsolicited on their part. The spirit they manifested on the day the deed was drawn up, was particularly appreciated by the editor, who was asked by this new church to assist in making the deed horse-high, pig-tight, and bull-strong for Baptists.

We were happy, along with L. D. Bruce, (a lay member of the First Baptist Church of Russell), to have a part in assisting them to draft the deed for the land upon which their building is to be erected. That you might see that it is to be a Baptist Church both today and forever, I quote a part of the deed:

"For and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar, (\$1.00), and other valuable considerations, cash in hand paid, and the further consideration that no person or congregation of persons shall hold or permit to be held in the building to be erected on the here in after described land or on the land itself, a Union or other meeting other than by a Missionary Baptist congregation or by a regularly licensed or ordained Missionary Baptist Minister who ascribes to the doctrinal tenets as held by the Greenup Association of Missionary Baptists as of this date, which tenets are printed in the minutes of the Greenup Association of Missionary Baptists in the year of 1939."

By this it can be seen that this new church is, and must forever remain, a Missionary Baptist Church.

Now that they have their organization and lot, they plan to erect immediately a building as the Lord provides. They already have raised among themselves a small sum to begin with, and expect soon to begin their building.

The editor reeels that doubtlessly there are many of our readers who might contribute to the building fund of this new church. We, therefore propose a "dollar shower" immediately, with this church as the beneficiary. If you want to have a part in helping this weak infantile church, send your contribution to the editor, and we

will deliver it to the treasurer of this new church at once. God grant that you shall, and God bless you.

AN UNUSUAL CHARACTER

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devotion than ever before. Just imagine a man unable to hear, and yet faithfully attending the services day by day. What an example this is to those who have their normal senses. Blessings on Dr. Ramsey for the example he sets before others though he himself hears not. "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches." (Rev. 2:11)

GOD GUIDES HIS CHILDREN

"In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." (Prov. 3:6)

"Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." (John 8:12)

The loving-kindness of God is exhibited in his direction of his children. He gives light to the humble and teachable mind. He speaks through nature, through human history, through the messages of the Bible, through human need, and most clearly through Jesus. He gives guidance in the and opportunities of life. If we temptations, decisions, disciplines, will have confidence in God, and turn our mind to him, he will teach us how to live, how to choose, and what we ought to do. If we

will love God with all of our minds, he will speak to us in living accents and guide our feet in the paths of peace and righteousness. Jesus has the words of eternal life, and the one who follows him has the light of life.

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I need no brighter love to keep
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To me the faiths of old are daily
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Gideon was busy threshing wheat by the wine press.

Saul was busy searching for his father's lost beasts.

Elisha was busy plowing with twelve yoke of oxen.

David was busy caring for his father's sheep.

Nehemiah was busy bearing the king's winecup.

Amos was busy following the flock.

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