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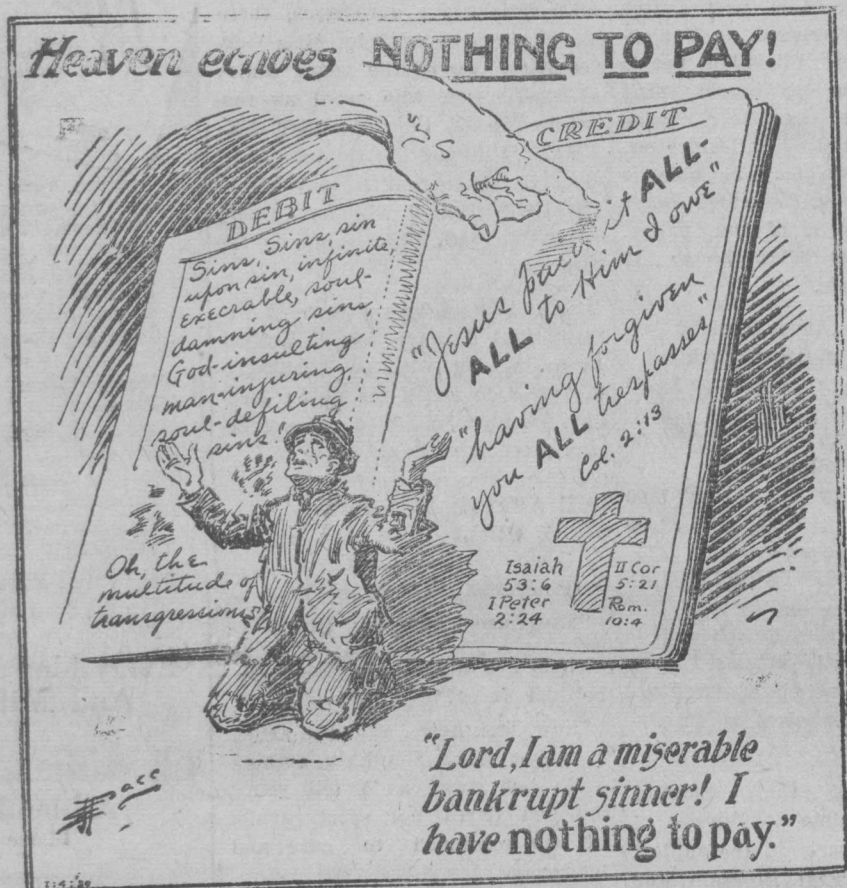
A PAPER WITH A NATIONAL CIRCULATION

"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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Southern Baptist Convention Man Blasts Universal Church Heresy

By a unanimous vote, the Southern Baptist Convention recently declared its belief in the universal invisible church — a blatant heresy which this paper stands unequivocally opposed to. Of still more recent date, the "Baptist and Reflector" — the denominational organ of Tennessee, carried the following protest:

"A Quotation and a Question"

Under this heading, Pastor R. P. Mahon, London, Ky., sends us a copy of some pertinent comments on the definition of the church in the PRONOUNCEMENT UPON RELIGIOUS LIBERTY as adopted by the Convention at Oklahoma City and published in last week's Baptist and Reflector.

Under the sub head, "Free Churches Within a Free State," the pronouncement said concerning the church: "We hold that the Church of Christ, which in the Bible is called, 'The body of Christ,' is not to be identified with any denomination or church that seeks to exercise ecclesiastical authority, but includes all the regenerated whoever and wherever they are, as these are led by the Holy Spirit. This Church is a body without formal organization, and therefore cannot enter into contractual relations on any basis with the state."

Dr. Mahon comments, in part, as follows:

"It seems to me that this is a (Continued on Page Four)

The Artist And The Gipsy Girl

Many years ago in the old city of Dusseldorf, a town of Rhenish Prussia, there dwelt an artist by the name of Stenburg. A Roman Catholic, he had been taught their doctrine, but knew nothing of Christ as his own Saviour from the guilt and power of sin. He had been engaged to paint a great picture of the crucifixion, and this he was doing — not from any real love to Christ or faith in Him, but for money and fame. But in mercy God brought this man to know the wondrous love which led Jesus Christ to suffer that awful death of the cross; and how this was done the story will tell.

One beautiful spring morning Stenburg was seeking recreation in the forest near Dusseldorf when he came upon a gipsy girl plaiting straw baskets. She was gifted with more than the usual beauty of her race, and Stenburg was so impressed by it, that he determined to engage her as a model for a picture of a Spanish dancing girl. So he bargained with Pepita, for that was her name, to come

At the appointed hour she arrived the studio she was full of wonder. The studio she was full of wonder, while looking at the pictures. The large one (the crucifixion) caught her eye. Gazing at it intently, she asked in an awed voice, pointing to the figure on the cross in the center, "Who is that?" "The Christ," answered Stenburg carelessly. "What is being done to Him?" (Continued on Page Two)

A Trip To Paintsville

The editor has just had an enjoyable visit with the Missionary Baptist Church at Paintsville, Ky., the occasion being the first Bible Conference under their present pastor, Elder Sam Sloan. It was a joy not only to be with the church, but to be with Brother Sloan. He is one of the most noble young preachers I have ever met. He is doctrinally sound, evangelistic from center to circumference, and has a pleasing personality that wins friends for him wherever he goes. His disposition radiates the spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ. I don't know when (Continued on Page Two)

The First Baptist Pulpit

"A Free Trip From Russell To Heaven"

"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." (Rom. 6:23)

Some time ago, in order to get a little rest, I took a three weeks' trip to Canada. Before doing so, I procured books and pamphlets concerning Canada, which showed pictures of various cities and places of interest in route. These books told a great deal concerning these places of interest. They told how to go to these places, and invited the reader most emphatically to make the trip. As a result of studying these booklets and pamphlets which had been published by various chambers of commerce of these Canadian cities,

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Some Don'ts For Church-Goers

- Don't visit; worship.
- Don't hurry away. Speak and be spoken to.
- Don't dodge the preacher. Show yourself friendly.
- Don't dodge the collection plate. Contribute what you are able.
- Don't stop in the end of the pew. Move over.
- Don't stare blankly while others sing, read and pray. Join in.
- Don't wait for an introduction; introduce yourself.
- Don't criticize. Remember to think of your own frailties.
- Don't monopolize your hymn-book. Be neighborly.
- Don't stay away from church (Continued on Page Four)

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 relative to Elder C. W. Dick-
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The two radio programs which
 the editor conducts each Sunday
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 date sufficient funds for their
 continuance have not been provid-
 ed. Our hearts were gladdened
 this week, however, with a gift
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mous gifts amounting to \$29.35.

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 ton. These few Christian people
 are manifesting an heroic spirit
 in attempting to organize a church
 and build a building at Danleyton.
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 hand them at least \$50 which comes
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 them this week.

Thus far we have received	
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Edmund Harms	
Detroit, Michigan	0.50
Mrs. E. E. Collins	
Russell, Kentucky	1.00
Total	\$2.50

A TRIP TO PAINTSVILLE

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 my own soul has been blessed more
 than it was to associate with Bro.
 Sloan and his church at Paints-
 ville.

Since this was the season of
 their annual Bible Conference, I
 was asked to speak on the subject
 of "God's Financial Program For
 His Church." As a result of the
 messages, the church on Tuesday
 evening, ere I left to come home,
 voted to adopt an offering box
 which Brother Sloan had had pre-
 pared; thus doing away with the
 unscriptural collection plates which
 prevail in so many churches. It
 was with a great deal of enthusi-
 asm that this church and pastor
 cast a unanimous vote in this re-
 spect.

Other speakers for the week of
 their Conference included H. G.
 Hatler of the Hazard Baptist
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Although the editor has lived
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 Paintsville for a number of years,
 and has passed through the town
 on dozens of occasions in making
 other appointments, this was our
 first visit with these folk. I sin-
 cerely trust that it will not be the
 last. I was made especially happy
 to bring away twenty-two new
 subscriptions for our paper, these
 having been secured by Miss Gar-
 net Kirk, one of the young ladies
 of the church who acted as rep-
 resentative of the BAPTIST EX-
 AMINER during the Conference. I
 sincerely trust that it may please
 the Lord that I will have more
 fellowship with these saints in the
 future.

So impressed was I through my
 visit, that I have asked Brother
 Sloan to visit with us Thanksgiv-
 ing week to speak for us on Mon-
 day, Tuesday, and Wednesday even-
 ings preceding Thanksgiving.

THE ARTIST AND THE GIPSY GIRL

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"They are crucifying Him."

"Who are those about Him with
 the bad faces?"

"Now, look here," said the artist,
 "I cannot talk. You have nothing
 to do but stand as I tell you."
 The girl dared not speak again,
 but she continued to gaze and
 wonder.

Every time she came to the
 studio, the fascination of the pic-
 ture grew upon her. Then again
 she ventured to ask a question,
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 lor of our hearts if we entertain
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I began to think thus of the Bible as a guide book. It tells of a better land than the one in which we live. It gives us minute details and graphic pictures of that better land. It tells us how to go there, and finally invites the reader to make the trip. Well, this sermon is a result of my meditation. "A Free Trip From Russell to Heaven." Russell and Heaven — what a contrast.

I

I would like to offer in the very outset, some characteristics of Russell; and what I have to say concerning this town, could be said concerning Ashland, Ironton, Huntington, or the town wherever you may live who are listening to this broadcast.

1. Russell is characterized by a definite antagonism toward the truth.
2. There are lots of compromising Baptists.
3. There are plenty of unsaved religious professors. Concerning these, the Lord Jesus Christ has already spoken. "And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch." (Matt. 15:14)
4. There is destitution and poverty.
5. There is Sunday work. It has gotten so here and pretty nearly the same over this Tri-State area, that the Lord's Day is given no consideration at all. In fact, the majority of men rejoice that they can have a job that gives them seven days employment.
6. There is a bad financial condition. Many have no finances, being hundreds and even thousands of dollars in debt; and still others who have finances, are using them wrongly and spending their money for that which means nothing.
7. There are bill boards all around town pasted with cigarette advertisements.
8. There is adultery, marital infidelity, and a general wave of looseness of morals.
9. There is ungodliness in our school system. There are teachers who have no business in this world to be teaching because of the immorality of their lives, who are given the task of instructing the children of the community.
10. There is plenty of drunkenness to be seen in any direction.

These, beloved, are some of the characteristics materially seen relative to our city. As I have already said, you will find these same characteristics in other cities. There isn't a town in the entire Tri-State area but what might be characterized by these same material defects.

In view of this fact, who would not want to take a free trip from Russell to Heaven? If Russell is as I have said, then who is there but what would like to go to a place which is infinitely better, and especially when you might make the trip absolutely free of charge?

II

However, in view of the fact that I have offered you some of the characteristics of Russell, now let me present to you in contrast some of the interesting things that one will see in Heaven. You know you don't hear much about Heaven today, for mighty few people read about it in the Bible. In the papers we read little about it; in fact, they mostly refer to it in jokes, and outside of jokes, there is very little said of Heaven in the papers. However, there are some interesting things relative to it.

First of all, there will not be anybody in Heaven but saved redeemed people. I rejoice from the depths of my heart for the fellowship I have with saved redeemed folk here in this world. I am likewise looking forward to that glorious day when I am going to have fellowship in Heaven with only the redeemed. Let me read you this Scripture: "And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they? And I said unto him, Sir thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes." (Rev. 7:13-17) In contrast that you might see that there will be none but saved folk there, listen to this Scripture; for after having described Heaven, John says, "But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death." (Rev. 21:8) Or hear him again after having described Heaven, saying, "For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and

whosoever loveth and maketh a lie." (Rev. 22:15) I submit to you that this in itself is enough to cause every thinking person to desire to go there since there will be none but the redeemed of God in Heaven. Hypocritical church members and all false professors will be shut out. Those who have depended upon baptismal regeneration for their salvation, and those who have expected that by church membership they would go to Heaven, will find themselves completely barred. I tell you, beloved, you've got to be redeemed to get to Heaven. Listen: "Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again." (Jn. 3:3,5,7)

A second interesting thing about Heaven is that all the people who are there, will have glorified bodies. Now our bodies are imperfect. They are subject to disease, decay, and disillusion, but then we will have perfect bodies — bodies made like unto the body of the Lord Jesus Christ. Listen to this Scripture: "For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the first born among many brethren." (Rom. 8:29) Note again the words of Paul: "And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly." (I Cor. 15:49) Also hear him as he writes to the church at Philippi: "For our citizenship is in heaven; from whence

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 formal commitment of our people through their messengers to the doctrine of the "Invisible church" theory, about which so much was said some years ago. It also contradicts what I have always thought was accepted by Baptists as a definition of a church of Christ. Then, since the paper was a pronouncement on the union of church and state, I cannot see the point. If the church is without formal organization, how can it unite with something that does have a formal organization....?

I thought really that I was a member of a "formal organization" and that similar organizations had come down from the days of Christ and the apostles. The organization of which I am a member does exercise ecclesiastical authority over its own members — receives members, disciplines members and does other things that I have been taught only a church of Christ may do.

The Convention by adopting this report says, "The body of Christ, the church, includes the regenerated whoever and wherever they are...." Does this church ever have a meeting? How does it elect messengers to the convention? How does it express itself? Does it ever vote? Well, I just don't grasp it all — please, Bro. Editor, give me a little light.

—Baptist and Reflector

(Editor's Note): This statement adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention is as blatant in its heresy as anything I have ever read. There ought to be a general protest against this heretical statement concerning the church. To my mind, Brother Mahon is exactly right, and the statement in question seriously in error.

SOME DON'TS FOR
CHURCH GOERS

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 because of company; bring them with you.

Don't stay away from church because the church is not perfect. How lonesome you would feel in a perfect church.

—The Scots Observer

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also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself." (Phil. 3:20,21) Then the beloved John teaches the same truth, namely, that we shall have glorified bodies. "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is." (I Ju. 3:2)

One night in the Immanuel Baptist Church at Richmond, Virginia, the choir sang the little chorus:

"My cup is full and running over."

In the course of my message, I referred to the fact that in Heaven, people will have glorified bodies made like unto the Lord Jesus Christ. In the midst of my sermon, one saintly soul arose to say, "Brother Gilpin, I just can't sit still any longer; my cup's full and running over too." Certainly it does make us happy when we remember that in Heaven every one there will have a body that has been glorified by the Lord Jesus Christ.

Another interesting thing about Heaven is that Heaven will be made up of intelligent people. Everybody there will know something. Of this we are assured by the Apostle Paul. "For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away. When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things. For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known." (1 Cor. 13:9-12) Now we know but mighty little, but then we shall have a perfect knowledge. We shall know why all hardships, and heartaches, and sickness came. We shall understand then the mystery of death. Many times you have looked at those little baby shoes and baby dresses from which your infant darling has slipped away, and you wonder "Why, oh why, did God take him?" Often I look at some widow or orphan having a hard time in this world, and I wonder why it had to happen that the father — the bread-winner — was stricken, and the widow and orphan had to suffer alone. Well, thank God, we will know some day, for in Heaven we will have a perfect understanding. As the song has said

"Not now, but in the coming years,
 It may be in a better land;
 We'll read the meaning of our tears
 And there, up there, we'll understand."

I've been thinking a lot of recent date concerning the fate of Poland and Czechoslovakia. I found myself thinking this past week of the horrible carnage that recently took place in Spain. I recall how that Mussolini ran rough-shod over northern Ethiopia. I think also of the war between China and Japan. We wonder why these things have to be. We wonder why God allows demons in the person of men such as Hitler, Franco, and Mussolini, to continue their reign of terror in the world. Today, we can't understand it, but up there, with a perfect intelligence, we will know why all these problems came, and these difficulties arose.

Now I can't even understand why God should love me so. I stand beside the cross to behold those out-stretched arms of love and mercy, and I wonder why Jesus loved us enough to die for us. I think of the crown of thorns which He wore, the spear that burst open His side, and the nails that pierced His hands and feet, holding Him fast to the cross. I confess that I do not understand why He should love us enough to die for us. The song writer has said

"I stand amazed in the presence
 Of Jesus the Nazarene,
 And wonder how He could love me,
 A sinner, condemned, unclean."

Some day, beloved, we will know. I tried to fathom His love on
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the night He saved me, but I found it was too deep; I tried to circumscribe it, but I found it's circumference too great. I will never be able to understand it until that day when God will wipe away that filmy mist of doubt and fear that clouds my eyes, and then I'll understand "Why He Should Love Me So."

Another interesting thought relative to Heaven is that the people who go there will live forever. Here in this world our homes are rudely broken asunder. We just begin to live together, and then death separates loving hearts that have learned to beat as one. There will be no hearse to ever creep along the golden streets of that fair city. There will be no broken sod nor parted loved ones to weep and mourn because of the death of one dear to them. As the song has said, there will be

"No graves on the hillside of glory."

Yes, in Heaven we will live forever. Listen: "But they which shall be accounted worthy to obtain that world, and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry, nor are given in marriage: Neither can they die any more." (Lk. 20:35,36) "And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes, and there shall be no more death." (Rev. 21:4) The old song correctly expresses it when it says

"My heavenly home is bright and fair,

I'm going home to die no more."

Yet this does not exhaust all the interesting features of Heaven, for there people will have no sorrow. "And there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying." (Rev. 21:4) Here, our hearts are often pained with grief, and our souls are often steeped in sorrow. Not so in Heaven. What a marvelous picture we have presented to us by the beloved John. "For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of water: and God shall wipe away all tears from

their eyes." (Rev. 7:17) What tenderness, what pity, what love, what compassion is this, with God Himself wiping away our tears in Heaven.

Still again, one of the features of Heaven will be its purity. Of this we are assured in the book of Revelation. "And there shall in no wise enter into it anything that defileth." (Rev. 21:27) Since nothing defiling can ever enter there, it can only be a place of positive purity. Who wouldn't like to live where there was no ungodliness, drunkenness, immortality, impurity, and sin?

Yet, above all else, the crowning feature of all, the most interesting sight of Heaven will be that Jesus Himself will be there.

"Through the gates to the city in a robe of spotless white,

He will lead me where no fears will ever fall;

In the glad song of ages I shall mingle with delight;

But I long to meet my Saviour first of all."

Oh, what a joy it will be just to be in the presence of Jesus and to see Him Who lived, loved, and died for us.

You remember that my subject is "A Free Trip From Russell to Heaven." What a contrast between Russell and Heaven! Who is there that wouldn't trade poverty, destitution, poor finances, Sunday work, drunkenness, adultery, ungodly school teachers, bill boards pasted with cigarette advertisements, unsaved religious professors, and compromising church members, for Heaven where there will be no one but saved people, and where all those saved folk will have glorified bodies, with perfect mentality, and understanding all things, capable of living forever, with no sorrow, in a city that is positively pure, in the immediate presence of the Lord Jesus Christ Himself. What a contrast between Russell and Heaven! Who is there but what would want to go there.

III

How is it possible for you to make this trip from Russell to Heaven? First of all, you will notice in the Bible, beloved, that God offers it as a free trip. Notice these Scriptures: "For the wages

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OTTO C. GARTIN

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HE SAW ACTIVE DUTY DURING THE WORLD WAR IN SOME OF THE MAJOR OFFENSIVES.

HE SOLICITS YOUR VOTE AND INFLUENCE AT THE COMING ELECTION.

"A FREE TRIP FROM RUSSELL TO HEAVEN"

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of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." (Rom. 6:23) "And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand." (John 10:28) No works are necessary on your part. "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) All the work that was necessary, was done by Christ at Calvary. "Then said they unto him, what shall we do, that we might work the works of God? Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God that ye believe on him whom he hath sent." (Jn. 6:28,29) God offers it to you as a free trip and all that is left for you, is that you shall merely accept what He has offered — accepting it by faith.

In order to make this trip, it is necessary that you realize there is just one route to Heaven, and that is by Calvary through the blood-shedding of the Lord Jesus Christ. Listen to these Scriptures: "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." (Jn. 1:29) "In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins." (Col. 1:14) "Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as a lamb without blemish and without spot." (1 Pet. 1:18,19)

There are those who imagine that each denomination has a different road to Heaven. One man declared to me that it was just like the streets of Washington, D. C. Regardless of which street you took there, it would bring you eventually to the capital buildings, and said he, "That's the way it is in going to Heaven. There's a Methodist road, a Baptist road, and each denomination has its own road, but it all ends at the same place." Oh, I declare to you, beloved, there is no Baptist road to Heaven, there is no Methodist road, there is no Presbyterian road, there is no Campbellite road, nor Jewish road; there is only one road to Heaven, and that's the blood stained highway that is marked out by the precious blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. He is the only way whereby that any one may be saved, and he who has believed in Jesus, is saved, whether he is inside any church, or outside all churches — he is saved just the same. I want to emphatically declare that there will be in Heaven those other than Baptists. There will be plenty of Baptists in hell, just like all other denominations, who are depending upon church membership, rather than upon Jesus Christ. But, the man who believes on Jesus, regardless of his church, and irrespective of his baptism, is going to Heaven when he dies, because there is nothing for him to go to hell for in view of the fact that Jesus Christ has already suffered his hell when He died for his sins on the cross.

Furthermore, I would have you to see that this is a direct route. There is no lay-over in purgatory. There are those who teach that a man who has been unfaithful in life may go to hell or purgatory for a little while, and then by the efforts of his friends on earth, he can escape the flames and fires of purgatory to enter Heaven. This would make purgatory a great and successful reform school where the incorrigibles of the earth might be changed for Heaven. All this is contrary to the Word of God. Listen to this Scripture: "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment." (Heb. 9:27) The next step after death is judgment. There is no purgatory mentioned. Or listen to this Scripture: "And if the tree fall toward the south, or toward the north, in the place where the tree falleth, there it shall be." (Eccl. 11:3) However a man dies, he is going to arise in the same manner. Saved, or unsaved in death, he will be the same in eternity. Yes, I rejoice when I say that the route offered to Heaven is direct. There is no inconvenient waiting nor stop-overs in purgatory.

This trip from earth to Heaven begins at the corner of Repentance Street and Faith Avenue. Will you believe me, beloved, when I say that no one can be saved apart from repentance and faith, both of which are God-given? Listen to these Scriptures: "And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent." (Acts 17:30) "Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." (Acts 2:38) "Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." (Matt. 3:2) "And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved? And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved." (Acts 16:30,31) "Repent ye, and believe the gospel." (Mk. 1:15)

The outstanding feature of this trip from Russell to Heaven is that you pass through the valley of the shadow of death by daylight. What a contrast to the death of the wicked, for they pass through the valley of the shadow of death in the darkest night. The saved man—the redeemed man—that individual who is going to Heaven, will actually find the shadows vanishing and the darkness disappearing as he approaches death.

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When Elizabeth Browning, the poetess, died, she said, "It is beautiful." John Calvin, the great reformer, faced the same death, to say, "I am abundantly satisfied." And when D. L. Moody came to the end of the way, he said, "I see earth receding, heaven is opening; God is calling me."

What a contrast to the shrieks of the lost who already feel the pangs of the damned when they come to the end of the way. Listen to Edgar Allen Poe as he cried, "Lord, help my soul." Or hear Julian the Apostate, say, "Thou hast conquered, O Gallian."

It is first of all marvelous that we have an opportunity to make a trip from Russell to Heaven; it is marvelous that God offers this trip to us, especially free of charge on our part; it is wonderful that there is just one route, and that route is direct, with no stopping at purgatory; it is wonderful that this trip begins at the corner of Repentance Street and Faith Avenue; but the outstanding feature of it all, is that the valley of the shadow of death can be passed through in broad daylight by each child of God. In view of these facts, I would urge you to get ready.

I was interested sometime ago in talking with a man who had visited a certain spot of beauty in the world. He urged me to visit it also. He was so enthused over it, that he insisted that I and all his friends should go at once to see it. Well, I am making a trip—free on my part—yet it cost the infinite price of Christ—I am making a trip to Heaven. I am so enthused over it that I want you to go along with me. May God help you to receive Jesus Christ by faith, and begin now this journey to Heaven.

THE ARTIST AND THE GIPSY GIRL

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for she longed to learn more of its meaning.

"Why did they crucify Him? was He bad, very bad?"

"No, very good."

That was all she learned at one interview, but it added a little to her knowledge of that wonderful scene.

At last, seeing she was so anxious to know the meaning of the picture, Stenburg one day said, "Listen: I will tell you once for all; and then ask no more questions;" and he told her the story of the cross — new to Pepita, though so old to the artist that it had ceased to touch him. He could paint that dying agony, and not a nerve of his body quiver; but the thought of it wrung her heart. Tears filled her eyes, and she could hardly control her emotion.

Pepita's last visit to the studio had come. She stood before the

great picture, loth to leave it. "Come," said the artist, "here is your money, and a gold piece over."

"Thanks, Master." Then, again turning to the picture, said: "You must love Him very much when He has done all that for you; do you not?"

Stenburg could not answer. Pepita with a sad heart went back to her people. But her words pierced Stenburg like an arrow. God's Spirit sent the gipsy girl's words home to his heart. He could not forget them. "All that for you," rang in his ears. He became restless and sad. He knew he did not love the crucified One; and Rome can give no real rest to the troubled heart. Her votaries never know the peace of God.

Some time after this Stenburg was led to follow a few people who gathered in a retired place to hear the Bible read and the gospel preached. There for the first time he met those who had a living faith, and heard the

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September 24, 1939.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

It gives us pleasure to state that this Legislative Board of the Brotherhood of Railway and Steamship Clerks, Freight Handlers, Express and Station Employees, has endorsed the candidacy of Mr. E. R. Hilton of Raceland, Kentucky, for the office of Member of the General Assembly of Kentucky; general election to be held, Tuesday November 7, 1939.

This endorsement is based on the excellent labor record of Mr. Hilton and on an investigation of his labor and political views which were found to be progressive and sound.

We urge you to give this candidate your whole-hearted support and to solicit your family, friends and neighbors to vote for Brother E. R. Hilton on November 7, 1939.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert F. Woerner, Chairman.

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4. JUDGE PARKER IS A JUST JUDGE FOR ALL, REGARDLESS OF THEIR RACE, CREED OR COLOR, OR STATION IN LIFE.

5. JUDGE PARKER RECEIVED A MAJORITY OF MORE THAN 3000 VOTES OVER HIS OPPONENT, THOMAS E. NICKEL IN THE AUGUST PRIMARY, IN WHICH MR. NICKEL WAS A CANDIDATE ON BOTH THE REPUBLICAN AND DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

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A VOTE FOR JUDGE PARKER, IS A VOTE TO CONTINUE, SPEEDY FAIR AND IMPARTIAL TRIALS IN THE CONDUCT OF COURTS.

THE ARTIST AND THE GIPSY GIRL

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simple gospel. He was made to realize why Christ hung upon the cross for sinners; that he was a sinner, and therefore Christ was there for him, and bearing his sins. Thus God led the artist to the knowledge of salvation, and he began to know the love of Christ and could say, "He loved me, and gave Himself for me."

And now he longed to make that wondrous love known to others; but how could he do it? Suddenly it flashed upon him. He could paint. His brush could tell out the love of Christ. Praying for God's help in the work, he painted as never before, and the picture was placed among other paintings in the famous gallery of Dusseldorf. Underneath he placed the words:—

"All this for thee; what hast thou done for Me?"

Eternity alone will tell how many were led to Christ by the words and the picture.

One day Stenburg saw a poorly-dressed girl weeping bitterly as she stood by the picture. It was Pepita.

"O master! if He had but loved me so," she cried.

Then the artist told her how He did die for her, poor gipsy girl though she was, as much as for the rich and great. Stenburg did not weary now of answering all her eager questions. He was as anxious to tell as she to hear of the love of Christ; and as it was presented to her, she received it, and went from that room a sinner saved, rejoicing in that wonderful love. Thus the Lord used Pepita's words to bring the artist to Himself, and then used the artist's words by which to reveal Himself to her.

Months afterward Stenburg was suddenly called one night by a dark-looking stranger to visit a dying person. Following his guide through the streets into the country, and then beyond into the deep forest, at last they came to a few poor tents in a sheltered spot. In one of these he found Pepita dying in poverty, but happy in the precious love of Christ. He saw her die praising her Saviour for His love, knowing that He had taken

all her sins away, and that she was going into His blessed presence to be forever with Him.

Long after this, when the artist, too, had gone to be with the Lord, a wealthy young nobleman found his way into that picture gallery, and as he gazed upon the picture and the words underneath it, God there and then spoke to his heart. It was Count Zinzendorf, who from that day became an earnest Christian, and also became the father of the Moravian missions by means of which God led thousands of souls to Himself. Such are the wonderful ways of God!

"What hast thou done for ME?"

I GAVE My life for thee.

My precious blood I shed,
That thou might'st ransomed be,

And quickened from the dead;
I gave My life for thee,
What hast thou given for Me?

My Father's house of light,
My glory-circled throne,
I left for earthly night,
For wand'rings sad and lone;

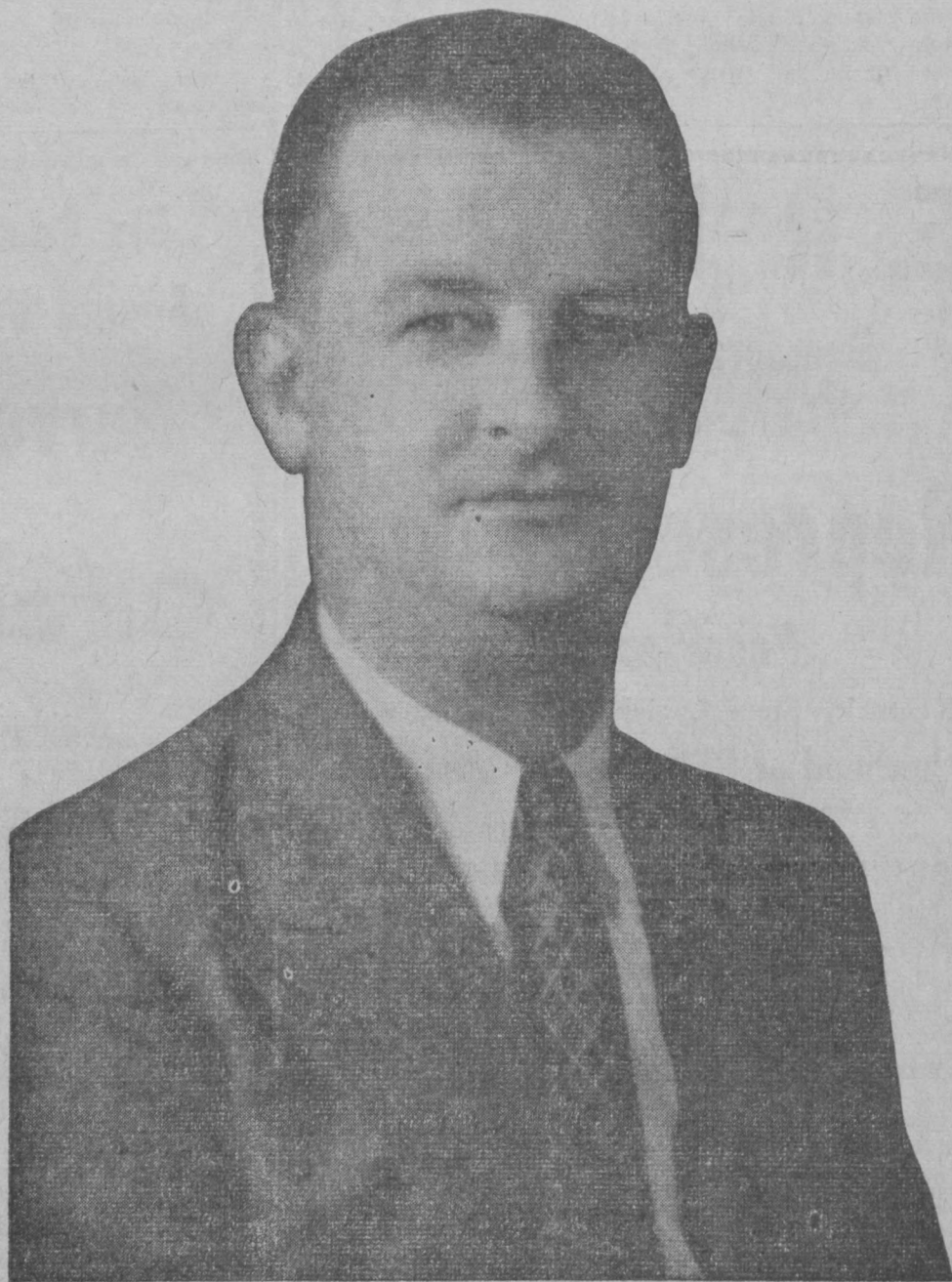
I left it all for thee,
Hast thou left aught for ME?

I suffered much for thee.
More than thy heart can know,
Of bitterest agony,
To rescue thee from woe;
What hast thou borne for ME?

And I have brought to thee,
Down from My home above,
Salvation full and free,
My pardon and My love;
Great gifts I brought to thee,
What hast thou done for ME?

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