

The BAPTIST EXAMINER

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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The Bible Modernized

William L. Bailey, who is a professor of Northwestern University, and who claims to be a devout Methodist, has modernized the Scriptures. He declares that the word "gospel" means something like "you'd be surprised." Concerning the rich young ruler to whom Jesus said, "Sell what thou hast and give to the poor," Mr. Bailey declares it means "Get going. Get into the market. Use your holdings and by engaging in public activity, create jobs and service for the needy world. You can make profits with a clear conscience." Concerning Matt. 6:24 which says, "Ye cannot serve God and mammon", he declares that mammon means "prosperity", and serve means "separate." Hence, he would have it read, "ye cannot separate God and prosperity." These are a few of the ways he has changed the Scriptures.

Yet, long after Mr. Bailey is forgotten, the Bible will still continue. "For ever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven." (Psa. 119:89) "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away." (Matt. 24:35)

My only reaction is that instead of changing the Bible to suit the 20th century, we had better change the 20th century to suit the demands of God's Word. —J.R.G.

Russell Baptist Church

The editor tries not to speak often concerning his own pastorate and church. Occasionally, as an example to others, some item is mentioned. It is thus that we make this brief statement.

Out of our total contributions for the month of November, \$343.56 has been spent for missions. This represents 45% of our total offerings, both designated and undesignated.

This is not what it ought to be, and we don't mean to be boasting about it. It is my sincere prayer that the day may come when we will give more for the cause of Christ than we use at home.

GOD'S WORK

"Not all the outward forms of earth,
Nor rites that God has given
Nor will of man, nor blood nor birth,
Can raise a soul to heaven.

The sovereign will of God alone
Prepares the heirs of grace
Born in the image of his son,
A new peculiar race.

The Spirit like some heavenly wind,
Blows on the sons of flesh,
Renews the spirit of the mind,
And forms the man afresh."

—Isaac Watts

It's A Great Life If You Don't Weaken

It is great to be editor of a weekly religious paper, especially when you have

1. Sunday School notes to prepare each week for your church,
2. Two radio messages to be prepared and delivered weekly,
3. Speak five times each Sunday,
4. Average better than two times daily preaching throughout the year,
5. Pastor a church of better than 500 members.

Especially is this a great task when one is as imperfect as the editor. It would not be any task if I had the perfection I am going to have in Heaven, but just now I find it quite a problem. One subscriber, (a farmer), wants stock reports, and an occasional article on poultry production. Another subscriber, (a city preacher), wants nothing but extreme (Continued on Page Two)

"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"

Thursday, November 30, was our Thanksgiving day. And what a day it was in the Lord! It has always been a great day with us here in the First Baptist Church of Russell, but this one exceeded them all. The editor preached on "This Day Is A Day Of Good Tidings", and truly Thursday was such a day.

The people came, and from everywhere. Ironton, (Ohio), Huntington, (W. Va.) Catlettsburg, Ashland, Greenup, Raceland, Carter City (30 miles), Grayson (30 miles), Olive Hill (50 miles), and Sandy Hook (100 miles), Kentucky, were all represented.

Besides the editor, fifteen preachers were present.

Elder Nelson Webb, Vanceburg, Kentucky.

Elder Ralph Webb, Fullerton, Kentucky.

Elder Roy A. Hamilton, Greenup (Continued on Page Two)

The Family Altar

"They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; and they shall walk and not faint." Isa. 40:31.

The one thing most needed and most neglected in the religious world, is the family altar. There was a time when Christians felt the day was not rightly begun unless they gathered their family together to thank and praise God for His care, and ask His guidance for the day. They well knew the blessing that would follow.

It was a divinely founded institution. Note the stress laid by the Bible on family worship.

Abraham was an altar builder. Wherever he went he set up an altar, and the influence of that family went down to succeeding generations.

We feel we must have three meals a day for our physical body, but think nothing of refusing to feed our spiritual life, the most important of all. Why this sad change? It must be traced to the growing spirit of worldliness and religious indifference to sacred things which is coming to be so marked a feature in the life of the present age. Our religious people are so much occupied with secular things, so fully absorbed

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Brazilian Missions

Our last report showed that we had on hand \$ 27.75

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| (First Baptist Church) | |
| Russell, Kentucky | 5.00 |
| Cherryville Baptist Church | |
| Louisa, Kentucky | 2.55 |
| Elder W. B. Cornutte | |

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The First Baptist Pulpit

Pagans Or New Testament Stewards

"And as they heard these things, he added and spake a parable, because he was nigh to Jerusalem, and because they thought that the kingdom of God should immediately appear.

He said therefore, A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom, and to return.

And he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, Occupy till I come.

But his citizens hated him, and sent a message after him, saying, We will not have this man to reign over us.

And it came to pass, that when he was returned, having received the kingdom, then he commanded these servants to be called unto him, to whom he had given the money, that he might know how much every man had gained by trading.

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**"PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM
ALL BLESSINGS FLOW"**

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Kentucky.

Elder L. A. Music, Raceland,
Kentucky.

Elder Homer Grooms, Russell,
Kentucky.

Elder Roscoe Justice, Russell,
Kentucky.

Elder Forest Sparks, Catletts-
burg, Kentucky.

Elder Bert Caldwell, Sandy Hook,
Kentucky.

Elder L. E. Gould, Huntington,
W. Va.

Elder Hollis Spurlock, Hunting-
ton, W. Va.

Elder A. N. Morris, Hunting-
ton, W. Va.

Elder J. R. Dorroh, Grayson,
Kentucky.

Elder D. E. Clay, Rush, Ken-
tucky.

Elder Sam Raborn, Ashland,
Kentucky.

Elder W. B. Cornutte, Louisa,
Kentucky.

Assisting in the service for the
day, were Brethren Nelson Webb,
Sam Raborn, J. R. Dorroh, and
L. E. Gould. Brother Webb led
the congregational singing and
presided at the meeting. Brother
Dorroh very fittingly chose for
a devotional, Psalm 103. Brethren
Gould and Raborn, each brought
a special message in song which
was greatly appreciated by all.

The Lord gave us a glorious
offering for the day. An exceed-
ingly large supply of canned goods
and other edibles were contributed
to our two Baptist Orphan Homes
in Kentucky. Five dollars was
designated to the Baptist Orphans
Home at Glendale, Kentucky;
\$74.76 was contributed for our
radio program; and \$130.41 was
designated for Brazilian missions.

During the three nights preced-
ing, Elder Ralph Webb had spoken
each evening, having been preced-
ed in each night's service by
Elders Nelson Webb, Forest Sparks
and Bert Caldwell, on Monday,
Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings,
respectively. These brethren never
preached better, and never were

messages received more heartily.

This wasn't any union service,
but just a glorious time in the
Lord, enjoyed by these our Baptist
preacher brethren, and other
friends who worshipped with us.
The editor feels that the several
hundred who were present, would
all say that it was a day never
to be forgotten. May I urge you
now to make your plans to attend
next year (DV).

**"IT'S A GREAT LIFE IF YOU
DON'T WEAKEN"**

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Calvinism. Another commends us
for carrying political advertising,
while still another condemns us
for it. (Neither know that because
of our governmental set-up and
postal arrangement that we have
to do so). One says, "More power
to you when you have to castigate
Brother Peak or any of his tribe."
Another stomps on the paper in
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while others say that I am too
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his anger. Onen would even ac-

And thus it goes. To para-
phrase Abe Lincoln's great state-
ment, I have learned that "you
can please all the people part of
the time, and part of the people

all of the time; but you can't
please all the people all of the
time."

Many things that we say and
do, our readers do not fully un-
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Dear Brother Gilpin:

Your letters of the 15th and 17th, arrived yesterday and were much enjoyed, only we are sorry you have the "flu". Hope you are well by now. Though by experience, I know the disease is very stubborn if you try to work while having it. Better leave the activity to your efficient secretary for a few days and rest up. Avalea certainly stood by me while I was in New York. Give her my regards. I was so very busy the afternoon before I left for New York I didn't get to tell her and the others "good-bye."

You are a joy to my heart in the way you treat me, Bro. Gilpin. I have especial reference to your free rein concerning my handling of the finances. I shall try to show that your confidence is not misplaced. May the Lord help me to be faithful in this ministry.

I am sure unless something unforeseen occurs that out of \$100 per month I can tithe and make some offering to missions and pay all my bills. That is my plan, and to hold all over that amount (\$100) to use, as you say, as God may lead. For the expenditure of all over \$100 that you send, I will have (at any time), either the money itself or a receipt signed by whomsoever does receive it. I am aware I am handling the Lord's money, and that it is written, "It is required in stewards that a man be found faithful."



195. Of this I have already paid out around \$25.00 only. (I am pending my own tithe first). This leaves a balance of something like \$170.00 on hand now for missions.

As I have previously informed you, I could have all the men working that we could pay, but I am feeling my way and waiting on God. I want to be sure of man's orthodoxy before I give him any of God's money.

It is in my mind to start a church here in the neighborhood where I live. A Baptist Church in the city is installing new seating equipment, and I bought ten of their old benches in good repair. They were delivered this morning at a cost of \$10.00 delivered. I have a full basement concreted under my house, and I had in mind when I rented here to use it to preach the gospel in. See? Pretty soon we intend to begin. I am in a section of the city literally swarming with people, and there is no Baptist work in this section. There are thousands (I am not exaggerating) of people pass here afoot every work-day morning. So many that there is a distinct roar of their foot falls. Foot falls of people going to hell. I look out of my upstairs window of mornings and watch them. Hardly a smile in all the crowd! Working for ten and fifteen cents a day — living in poverty — no hope of comfort here in this life, and only what Roman Catholicism holds out for the world to come! I wish every true Christian could view this scene just once. Never have I seen the like. Oh that I could stop them all some morning and tell them of a Saviour Who if received into their hearts, would put joy then and smiles on their faces!

The poor people are attracted to us wherever we go. Anywhere we make a contact they seem loathe to let us go. The sense a peace surges on us from the Lord for what they know. Oh how I praise God for saving me! And may it please Him to make me a blessing to this people. I am sure I can get

together a crowd big enough to preach to any time. If only I knew the language! But in God's own time I will.

Brother Gilpin, you seem to have the vision that has come to me. To give the gospel and church truth to this entire Amazon Valley. And if God permits, I shall in troet, and maybe by means of a small paper published monthly, make it hot for the heretics — Baptists as well as others. The women are running things around here. Brother Jones says E. A. Nelson said you could not do anything about it here in Brazil. Well, we will see. We can, if God wills. Yes sir.

Assuring you of our constant prayers for you and your work, and rejoicing in the open door before us and the fellowship in Christ that is ours, I am

Yours most sincerely,
O. W. Dickerson

we might be saved, and I count it a joy to suffer a little for Him Who loved me so much that He died that I might be saved. I hope soon to be able to speak this language that I may be able to witness to these poor lost souls, who have never heard of Jesus and His power to save. Pray much for us, for this language is awfully hard.

My life has counted very little for Him so far, but I long to do more for Him in the near future. The other day I was in secret prayer, and by God's grace, I was able to fully surrender my life — my all to Him in a way I never had before. What a joy swept over my soul, and what a peace I can't explain, just to know that God had accepted me! I felt my weakness, but God in His greatness has been more real and closer than ever before. Praise His Holy Name! I could not write this to many people, for I know they would not understand. We pray

The second letter is from Mrs. Dickerson addressed to Miss Maude Nolte. Maude is one of the girls of our church here in Russell who feels that God has likewise called her to mission field.

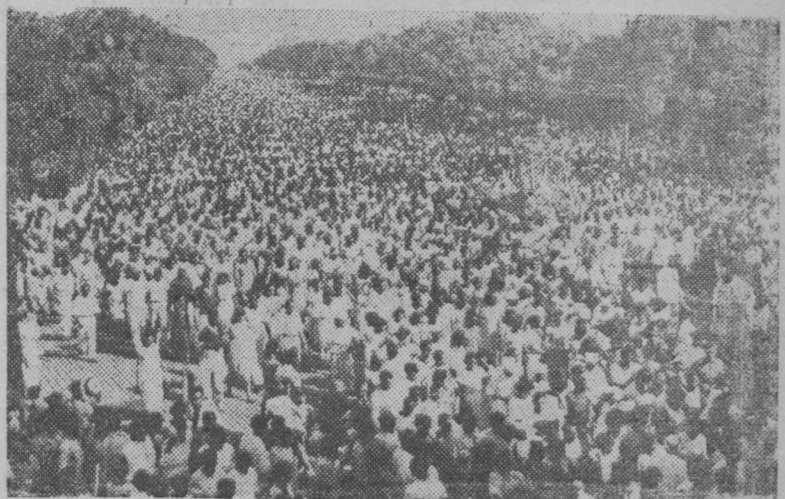
for you all and ask you to continue to pray for us.

I hope if it is God's will, that you will be able to go to school soon. Oh, I wish you could see this awful place down here, and I am sure it is even worse in China on account of the war!



Native Brazilians, and Bro. Dickerson says many of them look much worse than this.

And, as you want me to spend my tithe here, that makes, counting my tithe of the three checks; \$20 from the Vota-Vita class; and \$104.59 for native helpers. I say my tithe of these checks coupled with the other, makes a total of



Lost Catholics parading into Hell.

Belam, Para,
November 4, 1939

Dear sister in Christ:

I received your most welcome letter and it really did my heart good to get such a nice letter. It hurt us to have to tell you all good-bye. But Christ left his home in Heaven to come to this sin-cursed earth and give Himself that

Here, many of the people go in rags, and many children naked. Lots go barefooted, and they look like they never had what they could eat in their lives. When I go to the market, I see some awful sights. Some are covered in sores, and lots of horrible diseases too awful to mention on paper. I saw a leper the other day, and that

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THE FAMILY ALTAR

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by the dizzy whirl of worldly pleasures, so generally abroad and



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also rarely at home; they have so little time to look into their own hearts and to look at the things which are unseen and eternal, that the next generation will be practically lost to God. His rightful place in their hearts and lives will be destroyed.

We see how Lot in his moral gravitation toward Sodom, and in his love for worldly pleasures and haste for wealth, forgetting to consult God, lost possessions, family, reputation, and character.

Some one has likened family prayer to the roof over a home. Every time it is neglected it removes one shingle until in so many homes the children are exposed to the pelting storms of worldliness and temptation. Then parents wonder why their boy or girl is lost to home and purity and Christ.

Many a man has been shielded
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"PAGANS OR NEW TESTAMENT STEWARDS"

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Then came the first, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained ten pounds.

And he said unto him, Well, thou good servant: because thou hast been faithful in very little, have thou authority over ten cities.

And the second came, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained five pounds.

And he said likewise to him, Be thou also over five cities.

And another came, saying, Lord, behold, here is thy pound; which I have kept laid up in a napkin:

For I feared thee, because thou art an austere man: thou takest up that thou layedst not down, and reapest that thou didst not sow.

And he said unto him, Out of thine own mouth will I judge thee, thou wicked servant. Thou knewest that I was an austere man, taking up that I laid not down, and reaping that I did not sow:

Wherefore then gavest not thou my money into a bank, that at my coming I might have required mine own with usury?

And he said unto them that stood by, Take from him the pound, and give it to him that hath ten pounds.

And they said unto him, Lord, he hath ten pounds.

For I say unto you, That unto every one which hath shall be given; and from him that hath not, even that he hath shall be taken away from him.

But those mine enemies, which would not that I should reign over them bring hither, and slay them before me.

—Luke 19:11-27

As I begin my message, I am reminded that we often sing

"I'll go where you want me to go, dear Lord

O'er mountain, or plain, or sea;

I'll say what you want me to say, dear Lord,

I'll be what you want me to be."

As we sing it, I wonder if we really mean it. Observing my own life, and looking at the lives of others, I am persuaded that very few of us really mean that which we sing, and that our singing thus becomes lip worship rather than heart worship. Therefore, for our mutual benefit, I bring to you this message in which I trust that we shall see ourselves either as pagans or as New Testament stewards.

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First of all, it perhaps might be well for me to define a pagan, or who are pagans.

A pagan is one who does not believe the teachings of the Bible. "For when the Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature the things contained in the law, these, having not the law, are a law unto themselves." (Rom. 2:14) The word for Gentile is the word for barbarian or pagan. He thus declares that pagans or unbelievers "have not the law." Any one who has not the law, or who does not observe the teachings of the Bible, is a pagan.

In the course of my ministry, I marry quite a number of couples in the Tri-State area. Generally speaking, I do not marry divorced people. Jesus said, "Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery." (Matt. 19:9) A few days ago a young man and woman came to my home to be married. The girl was scarce 23 years of age, and she was just ready for her fourth degree in matrimony. When I read to her the words of Jesus, she very flippantly replied, "But who is there who believes those worn out statements of the Bible today?" I could not tell her so, but beloved she is just a pagan. Any one who does not observe the teachings of the Bible, and who lightly discards them, is a pagan.

I heard a man say recently that this was a day of liberated womanhood. Well, I guess I'm terribly old-fashioned, but I still believe that a woman's place is not in public life, but in the home. Listen: "The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things; That they may teach the young

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"PAGANS OR NEW TESTAMENT STEWARDS"

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women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children. To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed." (Titus 2:3-5) instead of being "keepers at home", she works in factories and in stores; she is in politics, she smokes, she drinks; she sells drinks, even dealing out the liquid hell over the counters. I do not say that there are not times and circumstances which justify a woman working. However, I am definitely convinced that when a woman marries, her business is to make a home. She is not to keep house, though this enters into it, but she is to make a home. Of this we are taught in the Scripture I have just read. The woman who is not willing to accept this portion of God's Word thus sets herself up as a pagan — one who will not observe the teachings of the Bible.

Our public school systems are practically entirely pagan, for the teaching of the Bible is virtually left out of our public schools. I personally know of school teachers who mock and scoff and ridicule the teachings of the Scriptures, and that publicly to their classes. I know of others who are avowed believers in evolution and who look upon spiritual things with an eye of criticism. Do not misunderstand me: There are many school teachers who love the Bible and who try to teach and live its precepts, but generally speaking, our public school system from the lowest grade of grammar school through the highest stage of mental development in the most outstanding university — is pagan through and through — they do not observe the teachings of the Bible.

Even our churches to a great extent are utterly pagan. Many of them are modernistic. Many of our so-called preachers do not believe that Jesus is the Son of God and that He was born of a virgin, and that He died for the sins of men and arose again for their justification. Any preacher holding such views, or any church tolerating such a ministry, is pagan — it does not observe the teachings of the Bible.

Even our churches, to a great extent, are utterly pagan. Many such as the seasons of Christmas and Easter. These are pagan in their history, for they were both observed by pagan Babylon 800 years before Jesus Christ was born. Further, they are both pagan in their practice, for both are sold out for profit, and the greatest thing in the minds of the American citizenry today concerning either of these seasons, is that it is a season for profit. The teachings of the Bible concerning the birth and resurrection of Jesus Christ are but little thought of. I say then that even our churches in this respect are pagan in that they do not observe the teachings of the Bible.

However, there is another Scripture which gives us another definition of a pagan, for a pagan is one who depends upon self and not on God. In His Sermon on the Mount, Jesus taught the disciples that the cure for anxiety was to trust in the Father's care. He told them that food, drink, and clothing would be provided for those who put the kingdom of God first. Concerning food, drink, and clothing, He said, "For after all these things do the Gentiles seek." (Matt. 6:32) He thus said that the pagans — the unbelievers — seek to take care of themselves; that is, they depend upon self and not on God.

I heard a public speaker refer recently to ours as a Christian country. However, he offered no proof for his statement. Personally, I much prefer, as I face facts, to refer to it as a pagan country, for in this land in the last several years, we have tried everything for prosperity but God. Now for the last few years we have even been trying to bring back prosperity by a drunken spree.

Logically, I am a Democrat; yet this does not keep me from seeing the mistakes that have been made. Anyone who observes the plowing up of cotton, the burning of wheat, chopping down of corn, and the slaughter of pigs, is compelled to see that the "New Deal" is man's attempt to take care of himself without God. I challenge you to listen! There isn't a voice of the "Brain Trust" that has called to the conscience of our country as the only safe route to economic stability. Not one has ever called upon the country to pray and to seek God. I say then that a pagan is one who depends upon self and not on God.

I have another definition for paganism. A pagan is one who is not willing to serve, but he wants everybody and everything to serve him. Of this we have Jesus' own words: "Ye know that the princes of the Gentiles exercise dominion over them, and

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THE FAMILY ALTAR

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from the thickly besetting temptations in business, many a care-worn mother has been kept from fretting and worrying and from using the cutting word, by the abiding influence of the sacred season about the morning altar. Neglect everything rather than this.

What sadder thought than the realization of the number of professed Christian homes where, as on Carmel, the broken altars witness against God's people.

Let us ask ourselves this question — are we doing our duty to ourselves and families, or are we letting the world have the predominance in our lives? This is a serious question and one that will confront us at the day of judgment.

Would that in every newly-started home, in every group of room mates at school or lodging house, the start might be made by at least reading a portion of Scripture and repeating together from the heart the Lord's, or rather the disciples', prayer. (Editor's Note: This is wrong, for no unsaved per-

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LETTERS FROM THE DICKERSONS IN BRAZIL

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got closer to me than anything. There he was sitting on the side of the street leaning back against a wall. One leg (left) was off at the knee, and the other was bandaged up. On top of his foot where there was no bandage, was a great big white spot. There he sat begging for money to buy this world's goods; and dying a miserable death, and some day to pass away to spend eternity in hell. Oh, I long to be able to give them the Bread of Life that they may live and never die, if they will accept it!

Many women are covered in sores; they almost turn your stomach to look at them, -- going in rags and sores begging. They have a leper colony out here from town, they say. They also have a Red Cross hospital here. They say four or five years ago you could hardly get around over the streets for them, but now when they find them on the streets they take them in. I want to make some pictures soon and send them to you all. We have been so busy, I have been looking for the most interesting points. I have been looking in stores for a picture of the big Catholic parade they had here the first of October. (Editors Note: See picture, page 3). I did not go, for they say it is awful,

and unless you can get up in a building, you could not make any pictures.

In this parade they had an image of Christ on a cart and ropes fastened to it, and every one that could, would try to get hold of that rope, and if they could, there was a great virtue in it. Then following this, there were people carrying a wax leg with a red spot on it to show where they had had a bad sore healed by praying to this image, or maybe it was an arm, or their head. Wherever the sore happened to be, they had a wax figure to represent that part of the body that had been healed.

Then November 2 was the day of the dead they called it. It is about the same as May 30 to us. The priests were at the cemeteries to beg money from the people to pray their dead out of hell. Oh, it is awful to see what goes on here in the name of religion! When you are on the street car and pass a Catholic Church, the men take off their hats, and the women make a cross on their chests and then kiss their fingers. I went in one Catholic Church and saw a statue of Peter where they had kissed his toe and worn it off until they had to make a new one. While we were in there, a very poor man came in and dipped his fingers in the holy water and put it on his breast and went and kneeled down and prayed I

Lute B. Caldwell



The editor is happy to present herewith a fine Baptist layman, Brother Lute B. Caldwell, of Catlettsburg, Kentucky, who is the successful, competent manager of the Feeder's Supply Company of 905 Greenup Avenue, Ashland, Kentucky.

Lute, as he is known to the editor, has been one of our closest friends for a number of years.

suppose to first one image and then another, for he would look at first one and then another. On this statue of Peter was the Scripture, Matthew 16:18,19. It is awful to see such worship.

May God bless you in a great way and use you as He sees fit.

Your sister in Christ,

Mrs. C. W. Dickerson

We became acquainted shortly after my present pastorate began nearly eleven years ago. This friendship has deepened and grown as the days have passed.

Furthermore, Lute is not only a Christian, but he is a Baptist—a Missionary Baptist as well. It is surely a joy to call in his store and to converse with him about spiritual matters. It is unusual to find a man who not only knows the feed business and knows how to deal with farmers, but also knows the Lord, and knows how to talk to men about the Lord.

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"The man who votes for the saloon is pulling on the same rope with the devil, whether he knows it or not."

"PAGANS OR NEW TESTAMENT STEWARDS"

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they that are great exercise authority upon them. But it shall not be so among you: but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister." (Matt. 20:25,26) Jesus, in these words, said that the Gentiles or the pagans desired to have servants, but did not desire to serve. I ask you, beloved, if this does not characterize the great majority of people today. We are game insane and pleasure mad. We love our football and prize fights just as much as the ancient pagans loved their games in the amphitheater.

In pagan Corinth a thousand temple prostitutes served in the temple. Today, systematic morals have been thrown overboard. We are in the midst of a wave of sex orgy. This, beloved, is paganism,—not willing to serve others, but wanting everybody and everything to serve you.

II

In view of these three definitions which I have given concerning pagans, I now turn to define the word steward. What is a steward? or who are stewards? A steward beloved is any one who has been saved. When I use the expression "saved," I do not mean just any one who has joined a church or been baptized, or reformed, or turned over a new leaf. To be saved, beloved, you've got to be born again. To be saved, you've got to receive Jesus Christ in your heart.

Well, anyone who has been saved, is a steward. Listen: "Now I say, That the heir, as long as he is a child, differeth nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all." (Gal. 4:1) Paul, in this verse, declares that the heir is no different to a servant. That is to say that a saved man is a servant if he is a steward. Paul even went so far as to call himself a bond-servant. The Christian has no alternative as to whether or not he will be God's steward. This cannot be escaped. To be saved means that one is a steward. His only alternative is whether he shall be a faithful steward or an unfaithful steward.

III

Proceeding from our definitions of both pagans and stewards, I ask a further question: Who are good stewards? A good steward is one who recognizes God as the owner of all. Listen: "Beware that thou forget not the Lord thy God, in not keeping his commandments, and his judgments, and his statutes, which I command thee this day. But thou shalt remember the Lord thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as it is this day." (Deut. 8:11,18) "For every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills. I know all the fowls of the

mountains: and the wild beasts of the field are mine. If I were hungry, I would not tell thee: for the world is mine, and the fulness thereof." (Psa. 50:10-12) "The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the Lord of hosts." (Haggai 2:8)

The capitol at Washington is built on God's ground, and so is Wall Street. In fact, every street and every house is on God's premises. Every brick is made of God's clay and God's sand. Every street is paved with God's rocks. No plow ever turned up an ounce of soil but what it was God's soil. Even the stones which are used in the building of saloons are God's, the same as stones used in the building of churches. We eat God's food, we drink God's water, we breathe God's air, and we live off God's bounty. A good steward is one who thus recognizes the ownership of God in all things.

IV

This leads to a further question: Of what are we stewards? Certainly we are stewards of our service. When the Apostle Paul met the Lord Jesus on the roadway to Damascus, standing trembling and astonished in the presence of Jesus, he asked, "Lord, what wilt thou have me do?" (Acts 9:16) A moment before, Paul became a steward. He had met Jesus and was now saved. The question which now confronted him was his stewardship. Hence, he asked what God would have him to do. This should be the question each believing child of God should daily ask. Yes, we are stewards of our service.

Further, we are stewards of our conversation. Listen: "But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned." (Matt. 12:36,37) The Scriptural injunction is "Let your communication be yea, yea! and nay, nay!" Many a life's deal is formed and many a life is ruined and wasted as a result of our conversations. When we speak, we are either moving men heavenwards or hellwards.

In like measure, let us remember that we are stewards of our influence. I remember several years ago a teacher talking to some boys about a bird's nest which they had destroyed and some bird's eggs which they had broken. In order to make the lesson emphatic, she said, "Think how badly the mother bird must feel." That was in the days when women wore birds on their hats, and a lad very nonchalantly replied, "You've got her on your hat, I guess she won't feel very badly." Oh that we might remember that our influence is counting either for or against God, and that we are stewards of it!

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THE FAMILY ALTAR

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son should say "Our Father". Cf. John 8:44, John 1:12.)
Be not too busy with thy work and care
To look to God, to clasp thy hand in His
Miss thou all else, but fail not thou in this.
Thou needest not alone thy burden bear.
Listen and wait, obey and learn His will;
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"If the womanhood of America had been no better than its manhood, the devil would have had the country fenced in long ago."

"It is not necessary to be in a big place to do big things."

"Don't look as if your religion hurts you."

"PAGANS OR NEW TESTAMENT STEWARDS"

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Lot lost his influence at Sodom so that his own children had no respect for his own spiritual convictions. Many a Christian does likewise. Along with our service and our conversation, we are also stewards of our influence.

The same truth holds true concerning our talents. Whatever talent you have, you are a steward of it. Our gifts differ, our talents are not the same and our abilities are vastly divergent; yet, beloved, each of us are stewards of that ability or talent which God has given to us.

Of necessity, we must mention that we are stewards of our money. I believe that every person — saved and unsaved — ought to tithe. Listen: "And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's: it is holy unto the Lord. And if a man will at all redeem ought of his tithes, he shall add thereto the fifth part thereof. And concerning the tithes of the herd, or of the flock, even of whatsoever passeth under the rod, the tenth shall be holy unto the Lord." (Lev. 27:30-32) "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me! But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation. Bring ye all the tithes into the store-house, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." (Mal. 3:8-10)

"Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy and faith: these

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"PAGANS OR NEW TESTAMENT STEWARDS"

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ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone." (Matt. 23:23)

I remember several years ago a man opening a tithing account in a bank. The banker wasn't very well acquainted with the term, and the writing wasn't very plain. Hence, the banker looked at it and read it "Teething account." Well, beloved, tithing is only the teething stage of a steward. Heretofore, he has been "gumming" it. When he starts tithing, he is then in his teething stage of stewardship. After while, he may become a full grown steward.

Above everything else, I should never forget that I am a steward of my life as a whole. To the young man or young woman who may be listening to this broadcast, may I say, "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them." (Eccl. 12:1) And to all, both young and old, may I appeal to you with this Scripture: "So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom." (Psa. 90:12)

Whenever I think of this, I remember a great Christian doctor whose life has influenced me greatly. At nearly thirty years of age, having worked himself through college and medical school in a great southern city, he had become associated with the leading physician, who had a large practice. It was a flattering offer which this older man gave to this young doctor—that upon graduation he was to have half interest in the greatest practice of the city. There was another voice which was speaking to this young man. The gentle whispers of Holy Heaven were calling him to China. Doctors in China were scarce, but doctors in America were many. An American practice meant large returns and early retirement. To be a doctor in China meant hardships and labor until old age with merely a missionary's income. After receiving his degree, he went to his room where he had to decide between the two calls. Before him on his bed he placed his diploma and his open Bible. Looking at the diploma, he said, "That represents my life, what shall I do with it?" Then taking his Bible, he went to his knees with God alone, and fought the battle until far in the night. Rising from his knees, he closed his Bible, rolled up his diploma, and with the dew of Heaven still on his face, with abiding faith, he said, "China for me." For several years he has been among the countless millions of China — a Christian physician in a heathen land. Whenever I think of him, I realize him to be a good steward of his life.

Oh, I ask, does this represent you, or are you more nearly represented by this poem:

"I'll go where you want me to go, dear Lord,
Real Service is what I desire,
I will sing a solo any time, dear Lord,
But don't ask me to sit in the choir.

"I will do what you want me to do, dear Lord,
I like to see things come to pass,
But don't ask me to teach girls or boys, dear Lord,
I'd rather just stay in my class.

"I will do what you want me to do, dear Lord,
I yearn for the Kingdom to thrive,
I will give you my nickels and dimes, dear Lord,
But please don't ask me to tithe.

"I will do what you want me to do, dear Lord,
I'll say just what you want me to say;
I am busy just now with myself, dear Lord,
I'll help you some other day."

Now in closing: Which are you? Are you a pagan? Or are you a steward? If you are a pagan, then this means you do not ob-

serve the teachings of the Bible. You are depending upon yourself and not on God. You want everybody and everything to serve you, and you're not willing to serve anyone. If you are a good steward, then it means you are living for the Lord Jesus in the light of His Word, careful and faithful relative to your service, your conversation, your influence, your talents, your money and your life. Which are you? A pagan or a steward? If you are a pagan, you can become a steward. And how? "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name." (Jn. 1:12)



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