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"Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel."

"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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Wide-Spread Enthusiasm Over New Baptist Examiner

Are Protestants And Campbellites, Sister Churches To Baptists?

There are plenty of weak-kneed, compromising, spineless Baptists who gush sentimentally concerning Campbellite and Methodist organizations as "sister churches" to Baptist Churches.

Not at all. The only sister churches that Missionary Baptist Churches have are other Missionary Baptist Churches.

Don't tell me that Campbellites and other Protestants are "sister churches" to Baptists. They are the harlot daughters of the old whore—the mother of harlots—Rome.

Protestant churches are no better than Catholic churches in God's sight, for a stream is no purer than its fountain. (James 3:11).

Sisters have the same father and mother. John Wesley is the father, and the Episcopal Church is the mother of the Methodist Church. John Calvin is the father and the Catholic Church is the mother of the Presbyterian Church. Martin Luther is the father, and the Catholic Church is the mother of the Lutheran Church. Henry VIII is the father, and the Catholic Church is the mother of the Episcopal Church. Alexander Campbell is the father, and the Presbyterian Church is the mother of the Baptist Church. (Continued on Page Four)

The Unseen Stone

A brilliant Oxford student some time ago offered himself to the Wesleyan Missionary Society for service in Africa. His tutor remonstrated: "You are going out to die in a year or two. It is madness." The young man replied: "I think it is with African missions as with the building of a great bridge. You know how many stones have to be buried in the earth, all unseen, to be a foundation for the bridge. If Christ wants me to be one of the unseen stones lying in an African grave, I am content. For I am sure that the final result will be a Christian Africa." After he had been on the field one year he was laid in an African grave.—Watchman-Examiner.

South America needs a lot of "unseen stones" like this. At least fifty missionaries are needed at once in the Amazon Valley alone. Oh, that God might raise up many even now. If anyone reads these lines, and is sure of God's call to Brazil, write us. The editor, by God's help, will raise funds for passage and support. But if you are feminist, unionistic, modernistic, or believe in the universal church, please don't write. God isn't calling me to help support you!

SOUTH AMERICA STILL WAITS

"Still waits, and waiting hopeless drifts away,
Drawn unto death, and ready to be slain.
Shall we forbear a saving hand to stretch,
Or close our ears to cries of souls in pain,
While South America still waits!

Her teeming tribes of savage redskins need
Another Brainerd, still so long denied;
While slaves of Pagan Rome make mute appeal,
As doors wide open stand on every side.
Yet South America still waits!

Still waits! four weary centuries have gone;
Ripe is the harvest, but the laborers few.
Waits for the saving Christ, the cleansing blood,
And waiting, calls for light, for help, for you!
Will you let South America still wait?"

—Frederick C. Glass.

A Brief Message From C. W. Dickerson

Dear Brother Gilpin: The Catholics are in another big "fling"—Easter. Thursday night many of them sat up with an image in a coffin, representing Christ as dead. Then yesterday they paraded the streets with the image in the box in the procession. Yesterday, Friday, was a business holiday. Everyone was very quiet. Quietest time I have seen since I came, but today, preparations are in progress for a grand time tonight and tomorrow. Equal to that of the beginning of Lent. Dancing tonight, and my servants say there will be much drinking.

A religion that permits people to live in the lusts of the flesh and yet retain hopes of arriving finally (Continued on Page Four)

Baptism in Water As Seen in Scriptures

1. Much water. "And John was baptizing in Aenon near Salem because there was much water there." Jn. 3:23.

2. In the river—"And were all baptized by him in the river Jordan." Mark 1:5; Matt. 3:16.

3. Going down into the water. "And they went down into the water, both Phillip and the Eunuch, and he baptized him." Acts 8:38.

4. Buried by baptism. "Therefore we are buried with him by baptism unto death." Rom. 6:4; Col. 2:12.

5. A resurrection. "Buried with him in baptism wherein also ye are risen with him." Col. 2:12; Rom. 6:4 and Col. 3:1.

6. Coming up out of the water. "And straightway coming up out of the water." Mark 1:10; Acts 8:39.

Editor And Dozens Of Readers Most Happy Over Future Prospects

Letters expressing appreciation and congratulations over the changes made in THE BAPTIST EXAMINER of last week, and with forty-five persons agreeing to contribute at least one dollar per month toward the printing of this independent paper, and with the assurance of God of His blessings upon us, we enthusiastically predict a glorious future for THE BAPTIST EXAMINER.

Three changes in last week's issue of the paper were noticeable.

1. There were no advertisements.
2. In the typography and appearance, it far exceeded anything we have gotten out.

3. There were traces of greater strictness relative to Bible doctrines.

Appreciated Comments

That these changes were appreciated, is evident by the letters we have received from dozens of persons all over the United States. Only a few of these testimonies can be printed, but we do desire to share some of them with our readers.

"I am pleased with the new BAPTIST EXAMINER. It has truly meant much to me in the past."—Elbert Stephenson, South Portsmouth, Kentucky.

"We feel the paper is a great (Continued on Page Four)

Essentially Heathen

According to May Byron in The British Weekly, Easter and Lent are both essentially heathen. Read her words:

"The great Spring Festival of the New Life, the New Light, the New Hope,—that is the outward semblance of Easter. The ancient missionaries who converted heathendom to the Gospel in these Isles, very wisely took over as many prehistoric pagan feasts as possible, and transformed them into Christian festivals. And so the secret sleep of the dormant seed, deep underground, for which ceremonies of watching and fastings were ordained became Lent, (Lent is the old Teutonic word for spring;) whilst from Eostre, the Anglo-Saxon dawn-goddess, whose radiant rites were celebrated at the close of "Lent," was derived our name of Easter."

I say again that Easter is essentially and intrinsically Pagan and heathen. Instead of Baptists taking it into our churches, we ought to send it back to the Pagans who started it. Alas! Alas! that so many Baptists prefer to continue as Pagans themselves!

The First Baptist Pulpit

"The Pre-eminent Christ"

"Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:

And he is before all things, and by him all things consist. And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence."—Colossians 1:15-18.

As I begin my meditations concerning the preeminence of Christ, I am reminded that names often lose their prominence and their preeminence.

Until a few years ago, Richard Whitney was president of the New York Stock Exchange. He first bought a seat in the Stock Exchange for \$65,000, and held the honor of being president of it five times from 1930-1935. Richard Whitney came of an illustrious stock, for his ancestors came to Salem in 1630, he himself being educated at Groton and Harvard. He was also prominent in view of his marriage to an equally socially prominent New Yorker. As president of the Stock Exchange, he signed some 2,000 etchings as membership certificates. During that period of his presidency, he misappropriated funds, and was sentenced to Sing Sing for a (Continued on Page Three)

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OUR NEW PRINTER

Orchids to our new printer! All of you will agree, after seeing last week's number, and the current issue of THE BAPTIST EXAMINER, that our new printer has completely made over our paper. To him we express our appreciation, and to God we render thanks.

In the event you are in need of printing of any kind, write us, and we will be glad to have our printer contact you, sending prices and samples. I am sure that the prices will be right, and you know by the appearance of the paper, that you can expect quality from his work.

TWO CAMPBELLITE CRITICS

The first hails from Kenova, West Virginia, and always wants a debate. You know how a tight collar galls a horse's shoulders in the early spring; you know how a number five shoe hurts a number ten and one-half foot; you know how the truth upsets a guilty man's conscience;—well, evidently this paper gets mighty close to this Kenova critic. If any one has a salve that is good for a horse with a galled shoulder, please send it to me at once, and I will forward immediately.

The second critic says, "For the past year, THE BAPTIST EXAMINER has just about shaped the religious life of this area. I'm sick and tired of it."

This just reminds the editor of a little poem:

"Right forever on the scaffold,
Wrong forever on the throne;
Yet that scaffold sways the future
And behind the dim unknown
Sitteth God within the shadows,
Keeping watch above His own."

BRAZILLIAN MISSIONS

We are happy to send Brother Dickerson our check for the month of March amounting to \$136.41. After reading his short letter which appears in this issue, we wish that we had fifty missionaries there to preach the true Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. Some day, if it please God we shall have this desire of our heart.

This amount (\$136.41) was received from the following sources:
Amount previously reported\$ 58.65
D. A. Van Hoose, Fullerton, Ky. 1.00
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Edward Basenback, Russell, Ky. 1.00
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Milligan, Russell, Ky.50
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Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Thomas, Huntington, West Virginia 3.00
Anonymously 10.00
First Baptist Church, Russell, Ky. 58.26
Total\$136.41

OUR RADIO FUND

Month by month we are happy to report that God supplies all our material needs. For nearly three continuous years he has given us every penny we need for our broadcasts and we have never one time mentioned our needs nor the matter of money over the air. We are glad to state that the month of March is paid for and that we have \$47.04 in the treasury for the month of April. We know that God in Heaven will give us the other \$40.00 which we need for this month—and we believe He will give it before this week is out.

Amount previously reported	\$33.54
D. A. Van Hoose, Fullerton, Ky.	1.00
Miss Josephine Siple, Russell, Ky.	1.00
Edward Milligan, Russell, Ky.	1.00
Mr. and Mrs. John Hatcher, Ashland, Ky.	2.50
Mr. and Mrs. William Milligan, Russell, Ky.50
Mrs. Lizzie Grubbs, Covington, Ky.	1.00
Ed Basenback, Russell, Ky.	1.00
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Patton, Russell, Ky.	1.00
Mrs. Paul Wilson, Russell, Ky.50
Mrs. J. C. Woodard, Russell, Ky.	1.00
Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Thomas, Huntington, W. Va.	3.00
Total	\$47.04

MARRIAGES FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

Although the editor has only been in town for the last few days of the month, he is happy to have shared in the joys of the following couples whom he united in marriage during the latter part of March. May God's richest blessings, materially, physically, and spiritually, rest on each of them.

1. Glenn J. Herbster and Ola Jean Bailey of Middlesburg, Penna.
2. Harold Franklin Halstead and Sydna Mae Pruden of Charleston, W. Va.
3. Leonard A. Sage and Hazel Conley of Bluefield, West Va.
4. Rodman L. Wilson and Oneida Erwin of Huntington, West Virginia.
5. Walter Pyke and Geraldine Stauffer of Millfield, Ohio.
6. Olen Donahoe and Evelyn Eloise Luther of East Lynn, W. Va.
7. Bernard Sheets and Eva B. Mills of Paden City, West Virginia.
8. Wilbert C. Wills and Mary Ellen White of Charleston, West Virginia.
9. Walter Davis and Velma Fisher of South Charleston, West Virginia.
10. Mac Bowling and Gladys Gallion of Raceland, Kentucky.
11. James Mowery and Olive Humphreys of Chillicothe, Ohio.
12. James A. Perry and Macel Turley of Reed, West Virginia.
13. Ralph Penisten and Arthela Showalter of Chillicothe, Ohio.

BOOK REVIEWS

EAST SIDE, WEST SIDE. By Mary B. Steyle. Price, 50 cents. This is one of the most interesting books for children that I have ever read. Like many other cities, Seatown was divided into a rich East Side, and a poor West Side. The boys and girls of each side had formed a "gang", known as the "East Side Gang," and the "West Side Gang." These two sides were bitter enemies until something took place which changed the life of each boy and girl, and caused the two "gangs" to become united and to be known as the "Seatown Joy Givers."

These boys and girls spent a tithe of their money doing good deeds, and making less fortunate ones happy. How they were rewarded for the spirit they manifested in uniting

I Would Like to Know—

1. Are Pink, Scofield, Touey and Henderson among the greatest Bible commentators of the day?

No! They are unionists of the worst type, and all unionists are traitors to the Truth. Any one who will unionize and fraternalize with all denominations, there-by compromises all Bible truth relative to the church, and becomes an enemy to the church which Jesus built. Many of their writings are worthwhile, but they are far from being "great" commentators. Read Jesus' words, Matt. 5:19.

2. When Truett was in Huntington, I heard him say, "I'm a denominationalist, but not a sectarian." What do you think of it?

It was a shrewd play on words for popularity's sake. I heard the same utterance. It was misleading to Protestants as well as Baptists. A preacher should be exceedingly

careful as to his implications in his message. Cf. I Cor. 14:8,9.

these two groups, is worth reading about.

Every boy and girl will thrill to the exciting events that are presented in this story for children, "East Side, West Side."

GEORGE OF THE PARSONAGE. By Susie McKinnon Millar. 87 pages. Price 50 cents. From the moment the new family moved into the parsonage, George began to make things happen. George made one man very much ashamed of himself. How he did this, and what happened, is told in the pages of this book.

His adventures included one which changed the whole town. What he did, and the result of this adventure, will delight each young reader.

The Christian spirit which little George manifested at all times, and his willingness to share what he had with others, is an interesting feature of the book.

Whether young or old, George of the Parsonage, will win a place in your heart.

THE BAER'S CHRISTMAS. By Bertha B. Moore. 86 pages. Price, 50 cents. This is a beautiful Christmas story. The verse of Scripture which says, "It is more blessed to give than to receive," is put to a test and proven in this book.

When the three Baer children thought, the day before Christmas, that they were going to be lonesome without mother and daddy Baer, they found two little unfortunate children to whom Christmas would mean nothing. By manifesting the true spirit of Christ and by helping these two unfortunate children, the Baer family could truly say it was the happiest time they had ever spent.

This little book shows the happiness that exists in a family where God is revered and honored. I am sure every junior boy and girl would enjoy it.

All of the above were published by William B. Eerdmans, Grand Rapids, Michigan. Order them from The Baptist Examiner. Every child should read all three.

Those who see God's hand in everything, can best leave everything in God's hands.

careful as to his implications in his message. Cf. I Cor. 14:8,9.

3. Is the Scofield Bible to be trusted?

No, there are plenty of errors in it, as follows:

The universal church.
The invisible church.

The Pentecostal origin of the church.

The Bride of Christ being composed of all the saved.

Two kinds of churches—local and universal.

The branch church theory.
Open communion.

His notes on the church in Ephesians and Revelation.

He denies the New Testament origin of Baptist Churches.

He denies the perpetuity of Baptist Churches.

In these instances and perhaps in others, Scofield and the Scofield Bible are as rotten as the Devil.

4. Then why do you give a copy to anyone who secures twenty subscriptions?

In spite of its heresies, it is the best Bible with helps on the market today. I realize the Scofield Bible is dangerous and misleading, yet despite its errors, it is a helpful Bible for anyone to read and study.

5. Which is next to happen,—the world war, or the rapture?

I don't know. Thank God, we shall be raptured. If it please God, I hope we won't have a world war.

6. Does 2 Pet. 3:10 take place at the close of the Tribulation, or at the end of the Millennium?

At the end of the Millennium.

7. How far can a Baptist Church depart from the faith and still be a New Testament Church?

Regardless of what heresies a church holds, it must hold to two doctrines, viz., salvation by grace, and Baptist baptism. Whenever an organization repudiates either or both of these doctrines, it ceases to be a Baptist Church, except in name.

There's hardly a church in the Northern Baptist Convention that deserves the name "Baptist." Better than 99 44/100 per cent receive alien immersion. Every person who comes from a Northern Baptist Church into fellowship in the south, should be baptized if the church from which he comes, receives alien immersion.

8. If a church has folk in its membership who have gotten in on alien baptism, what steps should the church take?

Talk to the individuals whose baptism is in question, and try to personally show them the Truth, and then Scripturally baptize them. If this fails, exclude them. We've had to do this very thing in Russell.

9. If a church member who has been immersed is later saved, what should be done?

First, withdraw the hand of fellowship. Receive him as a candidate for baptism, and immerse him on the authority of the church. Be sure you withdraw the hand of fellowship first; otherwise, you'll be baptizing one into the fellowship of the church who is already in full fellowship.

10. Is the tithe binding on Christians today?

Yes, if a man under grace gives less than a Jew under the law, he isn't under grace; he's in disgrace. Read Matt. 23:23.

Melchizedek was a tithe receiving priest. Cf. Gen. 14:20. Jesus is a priest after the order of Melchizedek. Cf. Heb. 7:21. Therefore, Jesus is a tithe-receiving priest today.

PRE-EMINENT CHRIST

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period of five to ten years for grand larceny. Within the past year, the Stock Exchange has been quietly calling in all these Whitney signed etchings, and substituting the name of Charles R. Gray its present president, since the name of Richard Whitney is no longer a good name either socially or financially.

What is true of the name of Richard Whitney, is also true of the name of hundreds and thousands of this world's population. Names often lose their prominence and their preeminence, yet, it isn't so with Jesus. For six thousand years the name of Jesus has been a name of prominence.

*"Sweetest note in seraph song,
Sweetest name on mortal tongue
Sweetest carol ever sung,
Jesus, blessed Jesus."*

I

First of all, the Lord Jesus Christ was prominent in creation. Gen. 1:1 gives us the creation story. Listen to it: "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." In this we are assured that God is the creator of both Heaven and Earth; and may I remind you that the Jesus of the New Testament is the God of the Old Testament, for He Himself said, "I and my Father are one." (Jn. 10:30) Therefore, beloved, in creation, Jesus Christ was preeminent.

We are given further words of assurance of His preeminence in creation when we come to the New Testament, for the Apostle Paul says concerning Him: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made." (Jn. 1:1-3). Please note the expression, "all things were made by Him." In the book of Ephesians, Paul would declare that all things are created by Jesus Christ. "And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ." (Eph. 3:9). Then in our text which I read a moment ago, we find these words: "For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers; all things were created by him, and for him." (Col. 1:16).

I am reminded of the fact that everything within this world came from the creative hand of God in Christ Jesus.

He created the trees, whether they be the redwoods of California, or the gentle maples of Ohio,—they came alike from the creative hand of Christ.

He fashioned the rocks of the earth—the common limestone, the exquisite granite, and the expensive marble, as well as the cheapest sandstone—all came alike from His creative hand.

All the waters of the world were created by Him. Every lake that mirrors the glory of the down-looking moon, every brook that ripples in the sunlight, and every mighty river rushing to the sea, were created by Jesus Christ.

The flowers were all created by Him. The tiny violet peeping first from beneath the snow, the hearty golden sun flower of autumn, and

the most delicate tea rose—all came by Jesus Christ.

Even the heavens themselves are the work of His hands. The heavens where the birds fly, and where the clouds appear, and where the stars shine and the sun reigns, were created by Jesus. Even the Psalmist declares this: "When I consider thy heavens the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?" (Psa. 8:3-4).

The minerals and the metals within the earth all came by Jesus. The gold, the diamonds, and the coal,—regardless of how it appears, whether in strata, or in nuggets, or in seams, all were created by the hand of Jesus Christ the Son of God.

He likewise created the life within the waters. There are hundreds of specie of fish—some hideous, while others are beautiful; some monstrous, while others are so small that they must be magnified many times to be seen. Some of them are good for food, while others are the rankest of poison. Despite their differences, Jesus Christ created them all.

Then too, the animal life came by Jesus. The clumsy elephant, the agile monkey, the noisy jackass, the ferocious wild boar, and the beautiful horse, all were fashioned by the Son of God.

Even the birds that fly in the air came through His creative efforts. Destructive as the cat bird may be, it was fashioned by the same hand that made the crimson breast of the robin, and the chirping chickadee.

Finally, look at man, the cap-stone of creation. 1,500,000,000 of us inhabit this globe. We are divided in five colors, hundreds of languages, and thousands of social customs. Yet, back of us all, stands Jesus Christ.

I would say then, that in it all, Christ Jesus was preeminent in creation.

II

Not only was Christ preeminent in creation, Christ is preeminent in the Bible. When Philip met the eunuch reading the prophecy of Isaiah, in order to explain the Scripture to him, Philip "began at the same Scripture and preached unto him Jesus." (Acts 8:35) What was true in this experience, is true of all the Scriptures. You can begin at any portion of the Bible and preach Jesus.

It is often said that in every city of England there is a road leading to London. I do not know that this is true, but I do know that in every text of the Bible there is a road leading to Jesus, and if we but follow it far enough, that Scripture will bring us face to face with Christ who is preeminent in the Bible.

I do not have a great deal of patience with the lad who came to our church several years ago. One day the Sunday School lesson was concerning Jacob, and when the lad went home, his mother questioned him about his lesson, and asked him what he had learned about Jesus. The boy said, "We didn't study about Jesus today, we studied about Jacob; Jesus is in the other end of the Bible." I say, "Not so," for Jesus Christ is in it all, from the first verse of Genesis to the last verse of Revelation—Jesus is preeminent in it all.

S. D. Gordan gave his children a

picture map to put together one rainy day. In a few moment's time they had it all together. He asked them why it was that they had gotten it together so quickly. They told him that on the other side there was a picture of a man, and they just watched where his arms and legs, and the rest of his body went, and it was easy enough to put the map together. So it is with Jesus. If we merely watch where Jesus comes in the Bible, it is easy enough to make all the rest of the Bible fit together in harmony and perfectly, for Jesus is preeminent in the Scriptures.

I once knew of a great Bible reader, who, as she grew old, lost her memory. Finally, all that she remembered was I Tim. 1:12: "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day." Then as she grew weak, all she could recall was, "I know Him." And lastly, on her dying bed, all she could say of that one verse was, "Him," and she kept saying it over and over again, "Him, Him, Him." She had lost her memory, and in so doing, she had lost all the Bible but one word; yet, in that one word, she had all the Bible, for Jesus is preeminent in the Bible.

In Genesis He is Shiloh and seed of woman.

In Exodus He is the Passover Lamb.

In Leviticus He is the High Priest.

In Numbers, He is the Star out of Jacob.

In Deuteronomy, He is the prophet like unto Moses.

In Joshua, He is Captain of the Lord's host.

In Judges, He is the messenger of Jehovah.

In Ruth, He is our Kinsman.

In Samuel, He is the Lord and seed of David.

In Kings and Chronicles, He is the Lord of lords and King of kings.

In Ezra and Nehemiah, He is Lord of Heaven and earth.

In Esther, He is the mighty God, who cares for His people.

In Job, He is our risen Redeemer.

In Psalms, He is the perfect all-in-all.

In Proverbs, He is the wisdom of God.

In Ecclesiastes, He is the preacher.

In Song of Songs, He is fairest among ten thousand.

In Isaiah, He is the suffering servant.

In Jeremiah, He is the Lord our Righteousness.

In Lamentations, He is the Man of Sorrows.

In Ezekiel, He is High Priest of God on earth.

In Daniel, He is the ancient of days.

In Hosea, He is the risen Son of God.

In Haggai (and other Minor prophets), He is the desire of the nations.

In Malachi, He is the Sun, our Righteousness.

In Matthew, He is the King of the Jews.

In Mark, He is the Perfect Servant.

In Luke, He is the man whose name is the Branch.

In John, He is the Son of God.

In Acts, He is the ascended Lord and Christ.

In Romans, He is the Lord of our Righteousness.

In Corinthians, He is the first-fruits from the dead.

In Galatians, He is the author of Paul's apostleship.

In Ephesians, He is the head of the church.

In Philippians, He is the believer's pattern.

In Colossians, He is the fulness of the godhead bodily, or the All-in-all.

In Thessalonians, He is the Coming One.

In Timothy, Titus, and Philemon, He is the sovereign of His servants; the head of His churches.

In Hebrews, He is our great High Priest.

In James, He is the Lord of Glory.

In Peter, He is the chief cornerstone and the example of suffering.

In John, He is the Advocate for His little children.

In Jude, He is the keeper from Apostasy.

In Revelation, He is the coming one.

III

Christ is preeminent in His church.

"And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all." (Eph. 1:22-23) Since He is the head of His church, he has the right to say who shall be members. I am not surprised then when He declares that only the redeemed shall be affiliated with His church. Since He is preeminent in His church, He has the right to say what kind of baptism we shall have. I am not surprised then when I find Him giving us the example of immersion and immersion only. "Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him. But John forbade him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me? And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness. Then he suffered him. And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." (Matt. 3:13-17) You will notice, beloved, that after Jesus had had this type of baptism, that even God the Father said, "I am well pleased." The only kind of baptism that God the Father is pleased with today, is the same kind that Jesus Christ had. Since He is preeminent in His church, He has the right to say how we shall observe the Lord's Supper. He has the right to say how long membership shall continue in His church. He has the right to say who we shall have fellowship with. Other so-called churches with human heads, are at liberty to change their doctrines, but not so with those of us who are of the church which Jesus Christ established 2000 years ago in the days of His flesh. Christ is preeminent in His church, and we must make Him so by an acceptance of the doctrines which He taught.

IV

Interesting as it may be that Christ was preeminent in creation, and that Christ is preeminent in the Bible, and that Christ must be preeminent in His church, it is equally just as interesting that Christ is preeminent in our salvation.

I mean by this beloved, that in the realm of salvation, Jesus Christ is preeminent—there is no salvation

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PRE-EMINENT CHRIST

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apart from Christ. Listen to His own words: "I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture." (Jn. 10:9) "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." (Jn. 14:6) In these verses, He declares emphatically that He is "the" way and "the" door, as if to say, there is no other door unto Heaven, and no other way unto God except through Him.

We have the assurance of this same truth in other portions of God's Word. "This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner. Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." (Acts 4:11-12) "And without shedding of blood is no remission." (Heb. 9:22) These verses emphatically declare that the only salvation that any one can have, is through Jesus Christ. Apart from the shedding of His blood, no one shall ever be saved.

I remember many months ago a man came to me and said he realized that he was a bad man but he had asked God to forgive him. I said, "My brother, you might as well have asked God to damn you." He was very much surprised at my remark, and I hastened to explain that God only forgives men on the basis of redemption. God does not forgive men because they are sorry and ask for forgiveness, He only forgives because Christ died for and paid for their sin and in order to be saved, one must accept the atonement wrought out by Jesus Christ at Calvary.

May I say to you again, beloved, that in the realm of salvation, Christ is preeminent. It isn't that He is prominent, but He is preeminent. Listen to these Scriptures: "For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures." (I Cor. 15:3) "For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit." (I Pet. 3:18) "And the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin." (I Jn. 1:7).

In the light of these Scriptures, how clearly the old song expresses this same truth—that Christ is preeminent in salvation.

"Take the name of Jesus with you,
Child of sorrow and of woe;
It will joy and comfort give you,
Take it then, where'er you go.

Take the name of Jesus ever
As a shield from every snare;
If temptations round you gather,
Breathe that holy name in prayer.

O the precious name of Jesus!
How it thrills our souls with joy,
When His loving arms receive us,
And His songs our tongues employ!

At the name of Jesus bowing,
Falling prostrate at His feet,
King of Kings in Heav'n we'll crown Him,
When our journey is complete.

Precious name, O how sweet!
Hope of earth and joy of Heav'n;
Precious name, O how sweet! . . .
Hope of earth and joy of Heav'n."

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And finally, the Christ, who was preeminent in creation, Who is preeminent in the Bible, Who must be preeminent in His church, and Who is preeminent in salvation, will also be preeminent in Heaven. "Let not

your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." (Jn. 14:1-3) As much as we think of our loved ones, when we get to Heaven, our chief concern will be concerning Christ. Now, you may be thinking most of your mother, or father, or some loved one whom you hope to see in Heaven; yet, when you get to Heaven, Christ will have the preeminence. I often think of the young woman who fell into a stream, and was pulled to shore by a young man who risked his life in her behalf. While a crowd gathered about her and offered artificial respiration, the young man who had rescued her, slipped away to change his wet clothes. The girl began to look around in a dazed manner. Thinking she had lost her pocket book, they took up a collection and gave it to her. This did not seem to satisfy her. Finally, when she became more conscious, some one ventured the question as to what it was she was looking for. To this she said, "I just want to see the man who saved me." That, beloved, is my reaction to Jesus, and that will be yours when you too get to Heaven. Then, to each of us it will be

"All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem;
And crown Him Lord of all."

In closing, may I say that there are three ways whereby men deal with Jesus today. Some give Jesus no place at all in their lives; others make Jesus prominent; but my appeal to you is that you shall make Him preeminent. May you receive Him as your Saviour, and give Him the preeminent place within your life. "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).

ARE PROTESTANTS AND CAMPBELLITES, SISTER CHURCHES TO BAPTISTS?

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mother of the Campbellite Church.

Baptist Churches have Jesus Christ as Father, and the New Testament as their mother. All others have an entirely different father and mother to Baptists, and are either daughters or grand-daughters of the old whore—Rome. Therefore, Baptists are not "sisters" to any Protestant denomination.

Anything which has the virus of Rome in it, is no relation of mine. To Catholics and Protestants alike, I say, "Lo-ammi"—"No kin of mine."

WHAT IS A WOMAN?

A woman is a person who can carry an arm-load of bundles through the 18-inch aisle of a variety store without brushing against the piled-up tinware—and then drive home and knock the doors off a 12-foot garage.—Copied.

The world has been enriched more by the poverty of its saints than by the wealth of its millionaires.

The present circumstance which presses so hard against you is the best shaped tool in the Father's hand to chisel you for eternity.

EDITOR AND DOZENS OF READERS MOST HAPPY OVER FUTURE PROSPECTS

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A BRIEF MESSAGE FROM C. W. DICKERSON

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in Heaven, is surely of the Devil. May it please the Lord to use me in opening the eyes of these poor, blinded dupes.

Antonio reports a very good time this week. He seems to have hopes of a good work being done when I am able to start services. At least, I hope I may by God's grace, be faithful.

We hope you are feeling better, and that the work goes well; and too, that it went well under Brother Simmons. A boat is due in this afternoon. Of course, we are expecting letters, and the Examiner.

Wife hasn't had one of her attacks for some time. Boyce is better. I am almost back to normal. How good to us is our Heavenly Father! and how unworthy we are!

Yours in the freedom that is in Christ Jesus,—C. W. Dickerson.

The flowers of Christian graces grow only under the shades of the cross and the root of them all is humility.