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A Fine Letter From Missionary Hallum In Iquitos, Peru

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Mr. John R. Gilpin
Russell, Kentucky

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

I am taking time out to write you a few lines. This leaves all well. I trust it is so with you all.

First, I want to tell you that I enjoy reading the "Baptist Examiner" very much. In my opinion it is making a faithful and loyal fight against the works of Satan and for the truth. It has been coming regularly every month — four copies at a time, until this month only one copy arrived, and we lost it on the way home from the Post Office, and could not find it. I don't know whether my subscription has expired, but please send it on, as I have asked Bro. Holland to forward you the price of subscription. If it fails to reach you, the subscription renewal, please notify him.

We are all having good health most of the time (I thank the Lord for that) and are having plenty to do. Besides the work in the Church here I have had printed Bro. L. W. Carlin's tract "Salvation by Grace" and distributed copies with other tracts all over Iquitos and surrounding region. We have had 30,000 copies of Bro. Carlin's tract printed. I have also written a tract and we are distributing it. I have had 10,000 copies of this tract printed.

I have been making some trips on the rivers near by, doing some work especially among the Indian tribes. There are several small tribes of Indians in this region that are civilized and some of them can read Spanish. Most of them speak Spanish, but
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Hidden Treasure

A poor French shepherd, who had bought an old Bible, discovered one day that several of its leaves were pasted together. Separating them he found a bank bill for five hundred francs (worth at that time, \$95), accompanied by this will and testament: "I gathered together this money with very great difficulty, and having none as my natural heirs except those who already need nothing, I make whosoever shall read this Bible, my heir."

In every copy of God's Word there are treasures richer than those that were found by the shepherd. Is it not
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FACING THE SUN

By Helen M. Curran

When you are feeling very low and don't know what to do,
Just think of someone else who is a lot worse off than you;
Who's learned to take it on the chin, when everything's gone wrong,
And who can bravely smile again and sometimes sing a song.

He don't complain because he thinks he doesn't get a break,
For he knows that while life does last, he's liable to mistakes;
And heartaches too, but yet I know that he will face the sun,
And with head high, carry on again, knowing he has won.

And so you too can smile again, no matter what may be,
Don't think the world's unkind to you, it could be worse you see,
For it takes a lot of courage, but more than that, I know,
You too can face the sun again, if you let troubles go.

WHOSE FATHER IS GOD?

In pulpit, press, and platform today you hear much of the Fatherhood of God.

Horace Bushnell was the first to teach in this country in his book, "Christian Culture," in 1847 that God is the Father of all children—that "to train up a child for future conversion is the very character and mark of all un-christian education."

The 1910 Discipline of Southern Methodists teaches that all children "are born into this world in Christ the Redeemer, heirs of life eternal."

Rishell in his book, "The Child as God's Child," maintains "a religious life beginning with the life of the child and never lost would make conversion unnecessary."

So declare most other psychologists and most religionists of the 20th century.

It is also a fundamental doctrine of all secret fraternal orders with

which we are acquainted.

"All men have God for their Father — all are brethren."—New Odd Fellows' Manual, page 109.

Fraternity is the culmination of the "Sermon on the Mount," and the glorification of the sublime doctrine of the "Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man."—M. W. A. National Congress, 1897.

Masonry proclaims "an unfeigned belief in the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man." — Masonic Voice Review.

These are but samples. Many similar quotations from these and other fraternal societies might be given.

What Saith the Scriptures?

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 Need Of The Gospel Of Christ In Roman Catholic Brazil

By Missionary J. F. Brandon

In countries where the Bible is all but an unknown book and where people are deprived of hearing the gospel, as they are in the South American countries, there is a much lower standard of moral living, which, of course, brings much unhappiness and discomfort among the people.

Up the tributaries of the Amazon river in the far interior of Brazil, where we have lived for a number of years, the people, being deprived of the gospel, are also deprived of most everything else that would serve to make them happy.

Effects of Catholicism

It is distressing to see their poverty, ignorance, and superstition, but in countries where Roman priests have such power it is only the natural thing. Life there is generally an endurance contest rather than the peaceful joy of the Christian land. Home means but little more than a sleeping and eating place to the most of the people, and marriage means no more to many than liberty to live in lust rather than in love.

The people are taught such doctrines from childhood that we marvel that anyone could really be conscientious and believe them, but of a truth they do, for they have never any other. Their conception of the Holy Trinity is vastly different from the real Christian idea.

Worship of the Saints

They consider the virgin Mary as the queen of heaven and the mother of God. They insist that she occupies the same place in heaven that the mother of a generous hearted monarch might occupy in his kingdom. Therefore those who consider themselves of the upper class pray only
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Every Thing In The Bible

"The religious knowledge of too many adults resembles, I am afraid, the religious knowledge of little Eve," said Bishop Hoss at a Nashville picnic.

"So you attend Sunday School regularly?" the minister said to little Eve.

"Oh, yes, sir."

"And you know your Bible?"

"Oh, yes, sir."

"Could you perhaps tell me something that is in it?"

"I could tell you everything that is in it."

"Indeed!" and the minister smiled.
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The First Baptist Pulpit

"HOW CAN A MAN BE BORN WHEN HE IS OLD?"

(Read John 3:1-3).

It is my desire tonight to give you the plan of salvation in its simplest form, perhaps to teach you the abc's of salvation. I want to preach to you just like I would want you to preach to me, if I were dying.

Nicodemus, the character spoken of in our Scripture lesson, is a sample man. He is God's sample showing how men need to be saved, and how that salvation is possible.

I

Our text first of all, declares the necessity of the new birth: "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. Jesus answered, Verily,
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WHOSE FATHER IS GOD?

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1. He is not the Father of Angels. Unto which of the angels said He at any time, Thou art My Son, this day have I begotten thee? Heb. 1:5.

2. He is not the Father of infants. And were by nature the children of wrath, even as others. Eph. 2:3. According to Milligan by nature means, not what we are by custom or by law, but in both classic and Hellenistic Greek "that which is innate or inborn."

Every child born into this world is born a child of wrath.

3. He is not the Father of those who deny the deity of the Lord Jesus.

In Jno. 8:41 the Pharisees said: "We have one Father even God." Jesus' answer was: "Ye are of your father the devil." This was the verdict of Him, who is to be judge of the living and dead, as to the family connection of all religious teachers who claim to be God's sons without personal faith in the Lord Jesus.

Note Jno. 8:24, "If ye believe not that I AM, ye shall die in your sins."

"I AM" is the name of Deity. Ex. 3:14. "I AM" was the redeemer of Israel from the bondage of Egypt. Jesus was the "I AM."

Note that all deniers of the Deity of the Lord Jesus are the children of the devil and can't go to heaven. Jno. 8:22.

Incidentally it ought to be remembered too that any man, who teaches a Fatherhood of God apart from a personal receiving of the Lord Jesus, is a child of the devil.

4. He is not the Father of Abraham's natural seed.

Neither because they are the seed of Abraham, are they all children. . . They which are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God. Rom. 9:7-8.

II. Whose Father God Is

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. Jno. 1:12.

God is the Father of believers only. This Sonship is Based on Redemption

But when the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. Gal. 4:4-5.

Only redeemed men and women are taught by the Holy Spirit to say "Abba, Father," Gal. 4:6. All others who call God Father are "bastards

and not sons."

Ye are all the children of God through faith in Jesus Christ, Gal. 3:26.

No sonship apart from a personal receiving of the Lord Jesus as Saviour and Lord. — H. Boyce Taylor.

THERE'S A REASON!

The Fundamentalist published an article in the August 15th issue entitled "War Begins at Home," by J. Edgar Hoover.

This article should have been credited to the American Magazine, which we are happy to announce.

The article should be read by every American citizen. It is a very true picture that we have a real man, a man of efficiency and of iron, and a man who gets results in the person of J. Edgar Hoover.

We wonder how many of our readers have seen the above pretty little box, taken from the Fundamentalist. If you wish to know why it appeared — so innocent and unoffensive in its appearance — just read the issue of THE BAPTIST EXAMINER of September 13.

THANKSGIVING

It won't be long until the annual Thanksgiving season. This is always a time of great rejoicing with us, and a time of special religious services, culminating with a great service on Thanksgiving morning. A great deal will be said about it between now and then, but we want to remind our readers of it early this year and insist that all those who live within easy going distance, will make an extra effort to be present for the services at 8:30 on Thanksgiving morning.

CONCERNING BROTHER DICKERSON

We had a brief letter from Brother Dickerson just a few days ago in which he stated that he was definitely moving from Belem to a point farther south in the state of Pernambuco. He will be leaving Belem within the next few days, and he asked particularly that I request our readers not to write him until he becomes located again and notifies me of his new address. Let our readers thus take note and just as soon as possible we will give you his new address.

We are sure that this move will be quite expensive as he will be travelling quite a good distance. We, therefore, suggest that our readers send in their contributions for his work just as soon as possible, and that we make this month of October the very best month of offering we have ever sent him since he has been in Brazil. I hope the Lord may give us at least three hundred dollars so as to help bear his expenses in his move.

Above all else, remember him daily in prayer

A FINE LETTER FROM MISSIONARY HALLUM IN IQUITOS, PERU

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the majority of them have never heard the Gospel. They had never been visited by an evangelist before I visited them. I visited several villages recently. If the Lord is willing I want to do much more work among them. They, as a rule, are a hard working class and industrious, and seem to be more independent than the whites and mixed class. There are also many people back in the interior that are not Indians that know nothing of the Gospel. Some times it is very difficult to find them as one has to walk through the jungle over narrow mud trails sometimes a walk of an hour or more from their canoe port on the river. I visited two such settlements last week. I feel sure that you and your friends will pray for us that we may be used of God to plant the same doctrines in this region and cultivate them, that you are teaching and preaching. With these few words I close.

Not long ago I translated Bro L. W. Carlin's tract "Salvation by Grace" to Spanish and distributed it systematically all over the city. Evidently the priests didn't like it. They started a campaign in all the newspapers against the "propaganda" of the "pastores Norteamericanos." They tried to appeal to the nationalistic spirit of the people by making the accusation that the "pastores Norteamericanos" were trying to disrupt their national unity by introducing "other religions" into the country. No one seemed to pay much attention to them, so the "campaign" soon fizzled out, but they re-visiting around in the public schools insulting the children who attend Sunday school, and trying to scare them out of coming. However, the attendance in Sunday school is increasing some, and also in the other services. In several cases the children have influenced their parents in coming.

We trust you will continue to pray for us and for the advancement of Christ's cause in this place.

Lovingly yours,
R. P. Hallum.

TWO GOOD MISSIONARIES

We are happy in this issue to share with our readers a letter which we recently received from Missionary R. P. Hallum, who is located in Iquitos, Peru. Likewise, we are printing elsewhere, a splendid article written by Missionary Joe Brandon.

Each of these men has been doing independent mission work, having been sent out by other groups, and each having been in South America for a number of years. We do not support them with our means as they are already being supported otherwise, but we do believe in each of them and rejoice in the work in which they are doing.

Since this paper is, among other things, a clearing house for missionary information, we are happy to share this letter and this splendid article with our readers.

HIDDEN TREASURE

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a perpetual marvel that men are not searching for them day and night? Just as successive generations, in ignorance of their rich resources, till the ground in the soil of which lie valuable deposits of silver and gold, so men toil and weep and pass away, ignorant of the riches within God's revelation — better than thousands of gold and silver.

"Search the Scriptures. . . they testify of Me," said the Lord Jesus. "The Holy Scriptures are able to make thee wise unto salvation, through faith which is in Christ Jesus." Thus and then shalt thou be able to say in the words of the old couplet:

Holy Bible, Book divine!
Precious treasure, thou art mine.
—Assembly Annals.

A NEW WIGGLE AND A NEW LIE

WHY THE BAPTIST BEACON DOES NOT ENGAGE IN CONTROVERSY

"If I were to try to read, much less answer all the attacks made on me, this shop might as well be closed for any other business. I do the very best I know how and I mean to keep on doing so to the end. If the end brings me out all right, what is said about me won't mean anything. If I come out wrong, angels swearing I was right would make no difference."

—Abraham Lincoln

The above is taken from a recent issue of "The Baptist Beacon" edited by Luther Peak, and is a new wiggle, a new dodge, and a new squirm on his part. It reminds us of the man who operated a miscellaneous wood working shop, who advertised it under the caption, "Fancy twistings and turnings." Why doesn't Mr. Peak face the facts, or else deny the allegations which we have made against him.

It is really amusing to read his quotation from Abraham Lincoln. There is certainly a world of difference between "Honest Abe" and "dishonest Peak." An angel and a serpent could not be much farther apart.

However, Mr. Peak's statement is as usual, a deliberate-lie. "The Baptist Beacon" does engage in controversies. In fact, since its inception, it has been one of the most controversial papers which the editor of THE BAPTIST EXAMINER has seen. We wonder if Mr. Peak has forgotten the unfair, untrue, unscrupulous, under-handed, one-sided controversy in which he attacked the character of Elder R. E. White. This is only one illustration in which he has screamed to high heaven in controversy.

As for angels swearing that he was right, this scribe rather has an idea that the only angels who would swear by him would be those who were cast out of heaven with the Devil, and really, I don't covet their company.

"HOW CAN A MAN BE BORN WHEN HE IS OLD?"

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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. Jesus did not say, "You ought," or "you should be born again." Rather He said, "Ye must be born again." You may be a person of blameless morals, and of spotless character; you may be a high professor of religion; a deacon, a Sunday School teacher, an ordained minister, or some kind of worker in His vineyard; however, you need to be born again.

Nicodemus himself, was an exceedingly high type character. He is called a "ruler of the Jews." This means that he was a teacher of the law, and that it was his business to interpret the law, or to explain and teach the Mosaic law to the people. Even as commendable as this was, it was not enough. Jesus said, Ye must be born again."

It is my contention tonight, that there is nothing which you need more than the new birth. Education, refinement, and culture will never take the place of the new birth. It is emphatically declared as being absolutely necessary throughout all the word of God. Listen: "Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven." (Matt. 18:3). "He that believeth not shall be damned." (Mk. 16:16). "He that believeth on the Son, hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him." (Jn. 3:36).

"There were present at that season some that told him of the Galilaeans, whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. And Jesus answering said unto them, Suppose ye that these Galilaeans were sinners above all the Galilaeans, because they suffered such things? I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." (Lk. 13:1-3). In this Scripture, the disciples were reminding Jesus of the atrocious sin which Pilate had committed in killing the Galilaeans as they offered their sacrifices. Jesus looked beyond their dead bodies, and saw more than their blood mingled with the blood of their sacrifices. He looked out to the future, and saw these unsaved ones come up before God lost. Even though they were religious, and though they died offering sacrifices to God, Jesus said they perished, and further urged his audience the necessity of repentance, lest they likewise perish.

The necessity of the new birth is urged throughout the length and breadth of the Scriptures. "Go ye therefore into the highways, and as many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage. So those servants went out into the highways, and gathered together all as many as they found, both bad and good: and the wedding was furnished with guests. And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment: And he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding gar-

ment? And he was speechless. Then said the king to his servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth." (Mt. 22:9-13). The wedding garment symbolizes the righteousness of Jesus, and Jesus' righteousness is imputed to us. "For he hath made him, who knew no sin, to be sin for us; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him." (II Cor. 5:21). The man who is not clothed with the righteousness of the Lord Jesus Christ is eternally lost. He may even be a professor of religion, yet this is meaningless if one has not been born again.

All through the Scriptures, we are warned as to the consequences of sin, and the remedy whereby we may escape from sin. "The soul that sinneth, it shall die." (Ezk. 18:4). "For the wage of sin is death." (Rom. 6:23). "And without shedding of blood is no remission." (Heb. 9:22). These Scriptures would urge upon us the positive absolute necessity of the new birth. In a foreign land, a serpent crawled into a home and made its abode in a hole in the wall. The family cried, "What shall we do?" One said, "Have the house white washed." Another suggested, "Mend all the doors and windows." A third said, "Send for a Brahmin, and have him utter a sacred voice." All this was done. One night a little later, the serpent came out of the wall and bit the father, so he died. A night later, he bit the oldest son with the same result. Beloved, do you know the meaning of this parable? The house is your body, the hole is your heart, and the serpent is sin; the blood of Jesus Christ is the only remedy. All this is but an echo of the words of Jesus, "Ye must be born again."

II

Since the new birth is described as being so important, we ought to know what it is, and what it is not. Therefore, the question arises as to what the new birth is not. Emphatically would I answer to say that it is not an improvement of the old nature, for the old nature is hopelessly bad. The Bible ascribes the old nature as wicked. "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked." (Jer. 17:9). It further declares that the old nature is at enmity with God. "Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be." (Rom. 8:7). It also describes it as being full of evil. "This is an evil among all things that are done under the sun, that there is one event unto all: yea, also the heart of the sons of men is full of evil." (Eccl. 9:3). The old nature is spoken of as being dead. "And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins." (Eph. 2:1). Perhaps God's greatest indictment against the old nature is that it is blind. "For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him." (Isa. 53:2).

In view of the fact that the old nature is wicked, at enmity with God, full of evil, dead, and blind,

then the new birth can not be an improvement of the old nature. With this description before us, it is entirely too hopeless to ever be improved.

III

If it be interesting to notice what the new birth is not, it is equally as interesting to notice what the new birth is. First of all, it is the imparting of the new nature, which new nature is the Lord Jesus Christ. "A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh." (Ezk. 36:26). "Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature." (2 Pet. 1:4). In view of these verses, then everyone who has experienced the new birth, and has partaken of the nature of God, has something of divinity — something of God within him.

I once heard of a man who grew wonderful roses. He imported the wild stock from Ireland because of the hardness thereof. He then grafted this wild stock with the buds of his choicest rose. This grafting caused his rose to produce American Beauties, which sell for ten dollars a dozen. It is the nature which he grafts into the wild rose, which produces the beautiful flower. Man is just like a wild rose, he can not produce the fruit of the spirit. The divine nature must be imparted to man if he is to be able to produce the fruit of the Spirit.

Again, the new birth is not only the imparting of a new nature, it is a mysterious change. Jesus said to Nicodemus: "The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit." (Jn. 3:8). He literally said, "Nicodemus, you hear the wind blowing, but you can't tell where it comes from, and where it is going to. The new birth is just like that." I can't tell how the Holy Spirit comes upon me and how He works, but I know it is a fact even though mysterious. However, there are many things in life which I can't understand. I can't understand how a red cow eats green grass, and gives blue milk and yellow butter; yet it is a fact. I can't understand how a goose, cow, hog, and sheep eat grass out of the same pasture, and on the backs of each, it produces feathers, hair, bristles, and wool; I can't understand it, but it is a fact. In like nature though the new birth is a mysterious change, it still remains a fact.

The new birth is more than a mysterious change, it is a complete change. "Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." (2 Cor. 5:17). All of the old nature is corrupt. The man who is saved, and has experienced the new birth, is completely changed. The things he once loved, he comes to hate, and the things he once hated, he comes to love.

IV

The Lord Jesus in speaking with

Nicodemus, went further and gave to us the means of the new birth. Hear Him, "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life." (Jn. 3:14, 15). Faith, trust, and the acceptance of Jesus as Saviour, are the means God uses in producing the new birth.

In order to make Nicodemus see the truth more clearly, Jesus used an illustration taken from the old Testament — the story of the brazen serpent. Just as the people who had been bitten by the serpents were commanded to look to the brazen serpent on the pole, and nothing more, so we today are commanded to look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ and nothing more. This is the means of the new birth.

"Look and live! My brother live
Look to Jesus now and live;
'Tis recorded in his word: Halle-
lujah!

It is only that you look and live."

One of the best recorded incidents in all the Word of God showing this to be true, is the experience of the thief on the cross. He, by faith, received Jesus as his Saviour, and died saying, "Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom." (Lk. 23:42). What he did in repenting, believing, and accepting, is what God demands of every sinner today. "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." (Rom. 10:9, 10).

V

As the means of the new birth is faith, then the cause of the new birth is love. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (Jn. 3:16). I well remember the night that I staggered into the arms of God. I tried to fathom His love, but found that it was too deep; I tried to take the wings of faith and fly to it, but learned that it was too high; its circumference was too great to go about. I have never been able to understand how He could thus love me, and probably will never understand it until the day when I shall stand in His presence, and He shall wipe the filmy mist of doubt and fear from my eyes, and then I will know why He loved me so. "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God." (I Jn. 3:1). "Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins." (I Jn. 4:10).

How marvelously God describes the dimensions of that love. "That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height." (Eph. 3:17, 18). Its dimensions are beyond our comprehension. Suffice it to say that it is broad enough to include all the races of mankind; it is long enough that it reaches back

to eternity past and reaches forward to eternity to come; it is deep enough that it is deeper than the greatest depths of sin; it is high enough that it can take the sinner thus rescued from the depths of sin, and put him in the Heavenly places in Christ; it is above any height that you might be able to attain in this life.

I heard a great preacher many months ago, who had traveled in Alaska, tell how that two groups of Alaskan Indians were at war. When it became apparent that one of the groups would be completely annihilated, the old chief sent up a flag of truce, and said, "I will let you kill ten of my men for peace." When this failed, he said, "The life of a chief is worth the life of every man in the tribe, so you may take my life that peace may be maintained." He was tied hand and foot, and stretched out on a rock, and with a sharp piece of stone, his heart was cut out. When the bleeding quivering heart was held up, the two tribes fell prostrate, and the war was ended. For the past six thousand years, there has been a warfare between Heaven and Hell, God and the Devil. Jesus Christ gave Himself that a truce might be declared. O, how much He loved us that He was willing to suffer in our stead, and agonize at Calvary in our place. This love, unfathomable, unspeakable, matchless, supreme, divine, is the cause of the new birth.

VI

How we thank God that that individual who has once been born of God, can never be lost. It is an established fact that what has been born, cannot be unborn. When a mother goes into the valley of the shadow of death, to produce new life, what she produces can never be unborn. Each believing child of God has been born again. "Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him." (I Jn. 5:1). What is true humanly speaking, is likewise true with God, for what has been born of God, can never be unborn of Satan.

You may cut all your family ties, you may blacken your face and go to darkest Africa, but you can not change the fact that you are a child of your mother and father, having been born such. The same is true spiritually.

I thank God that each believer who is born again partakes of the nature of God. "Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature." (II Pet. 1:4). This verse declares, that when one is saved, the nature of God is placed within. If a man having thus believed, can be lost, then something of God can be lost; for there is something of God within every believing child of God.

I imagine though, that I can hear many of my audience saying, "I thought that one may fall away after he is saved, and be eternally lost." Listen beloved, I do not say that all church members are saved; this is far from true. However, I do say that all who have been born of God are saved and safe.

The fact remains that if one could

fall away and be lost after he has once been saved, then that one could never be saved again. "For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Spirit, and have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, if they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame." (Heb. 6:4-6).

May I say in closing, be sure that you have been born again. If you are born once, you will die twice, if you are born twice, you will die but once. The Lord Jesus said concerning Judas Iscariot, "The Son of man indeed goeth, as it is written of him: but woe to that man by whom the Son of man is betrayed! good were it for that man if he had never been born." (Mk. 14:21). To paraphrase the words of Jesus, I will say to you tonight, if you are never born again, it would be good for you if you had never been born.

Yet that individual who has received the new birth, can fall asleep in Jesus, happy because he knows that all is well with his soul. One of the greatest characters of all times, was Christmas Evans, a great Welsh Baptist preacher. He was of unequal limbs, and his gait was anything but graceful. He had only one eye, and his physical appearance certainly would never attract anyone. He never preached without mentioning the blood, and emphasizing the new birth. See him as he comes to die. He rises with laborious effort in the bed and says, "I am leaving you. I have labored in the sanctuary fifty-three years; this is my comfort, that I have never labored without blood in the basin." Then he said, "Farewell," and lifted his eyes heavenward, as though speaking to the angelic charioteer, and said, "Wheel about, coachman, drive on."

May you tonight, through the Lord Jesus Christ be born again so that when the time of your departure draws near, you will be ready to face Him, and go to Him in triumph.

THE NEED OF THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST IN ROMAN CATHOLIC BRAZIL

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to her to intercede for them with her son. Those who feel that they have fewer merits content themselves in praying to one of the saints, who, they think, would be more sympathetic. For example, a fisherman could feel that Peter would be more interested in interceding for him because Peter, too, was a fisherman.

The people have been told long and unreasonable stories of the lives of all the apostles. Then they choose one of these saints because of something they are supposed to have accomplished while here on earth, they pray for them to intercede in the presence of the Lord in their behalf, and they make promises to these saints. They say to the saint, "You pray for me there, and I will have a 'novena' in my home for you." This means that they will hold a religious service in the home when those who take part gather around

the image of the saint and sing verses that were composed to glorify him. Then they keep a bouquet of flowers before the saint's image for many days, or they promise to walk in a procession which will later be given in honor of the saint, or they promise to touch off a lot of sky rockets in the name of the saint, or they promise to do any one of many other things that are common among the people.

Everybody swears by the virgin Mary, and the better blessings are offered in her name. God's name may be blasphemed and all other saints dethroned, but all are careful not to say one offending word against the virgin.

Conflict Between Idolatry and the Gospel

Of course the gospel is to show the sinner God's way of salvation through Jesus Christ, and, that being the case, there is a great deal of conflict when the gospel is preached among a people like this. As one explains the truth, it is often misunderstood; and funny things are often told the priests, who by no means remain inactive. When it comes to persecution, Catholic priests are masters.

Men who consider things for themselves cannot long remain contented with a religion like this. They are not allowed to read the Bible. The priest wants them to accept his word as final and remain in ignorance, but they are not all willing to do so.

The Gospel Affects Home Life

Because of the priests' unlawful conduct, the cost to be married is so dear that most of the people cannot be married. So they mate up and live in open adultery. The most of those who are converted have to be married before they can be baptized. We do not baptize people who are living in adultery, but when a person is converted he will make most any sacrifice so that he can be married and then baptized.

In every place we have lived the officers of the law have been greatly impressed. They say that the Baptists are doing more to better the moral condition of the country than the Catholic church has ever done.

I do not know how to estimate it, but I feel that our stay in Brazil has directly or indirectly affected no fewer than 100 marriages and perhaps as many as 150.

Priest Flees Before the Gospel

There are many hundreds of people who have been converted from idolatry who have never made a public profession of faith. We are set for the defense of the gospel, and idolatry is its chief attacker. Therefore we are compelled to show the people what the Bible says about these things.

For 18 months we lived in a place that was wholly given over to idolatry, but the priest left before we did and told the people before going that the Baptists had disgraced the place for him, that he could no longer sustain himself there. When he left, we had fewer than 40 members of our church; the town had almost two thousand inhabitants.

Methods of the Missionary

I have personally visited thousands of homes with my Bible in hand and

with two or three bottles of medicine in my pocket, entering these homes under all conditions of life. There I have read, conversed, explained, and prayed. I know that thousands of people have been blessed by these visits. Friends have been made, and people attracted to the gospel who later were converted and baptized.

There is a lot of sickness among the people, and the poor are unable to treat themselves properly. It is wonderful how much good a little medicine will do when it is administered with prayer and the word of God. Actually I have treated hundreds of poor people who did not have anything but were willing for me to treat them. I have given castor oil and a portion of the Bible with prayer in the morning, worm medicine for the children and mercury for their lousy heads. People there have declared that I pulled more teeth than all the dentists, but not without prayer and a word about the saving grace of the Lord Jesus.

In some places where we lived, the judge who performed the marriage ceremonies would sometimes let me go for him to perform this duty. This is a great event for the people, and I have gone more than a day's journey by canoe for the privilege of preaching to the multitude that would gather. They were always courteous enough to let me preach, and there were always some visible results of good from such gatherings.

Peaceful Effect of the Gospel

I have watched the faces of the sensible men as they stood and heard the gospel preached. Their serious faces showed signs of worry and weariness. Often I have observed an expression of peace come over such faces as these men stood and listened and I wondered to what degree they were affected. They never professed faith; yet they seemed to be more friendly.

Many times I have been invited into the homes of the rich or invited to talk with them on the gospel as we traveled together, and I have observed a satisfying expression come over their faces.

One knows but little of what the Lord is accomplishing with His word. One thing that we may depend upon is told us, and that is that it will not return unto Him void, but that it will accomplish that which is pleasing to Him (Isa. 55:11). Thus we may console ourselves that our work in the Lord is not in vain (I Cor. 15:58).

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ed. 'Do tell me then.'

"Sister's beau's photo is in it," said little Eve, promptly, 'and ma's recipe for vanishin' cream is in it, and a lock of my hair cut off when I was a baby is in it, and the ticket for pa's watch is in it.'" — Los Angeles Times.

Note. — This explains why some folks find the binding of their Bible does not wear well.—Oxford Press.

For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work James 3:16.