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"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).

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

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The Dickerson Family



The above picture of the Dickerson family was made just a few minutes after their arrival in Miami, Fla., from Recife, Brazil where they have been stationed for the past three years as missionaries of the First Baptist Church of Russell, Ky. Reading from left to right is Ruth, Mrs. Dickerson holding Mae (7 weeks old), Brother Dickerson, Sara and Paul Boyce.

Making God's Word Practical

Mark — Chapters — 1-8

1. "Jesus' chief concern was to heal men's bodies," said a certain "divine healer," who was centering the whole gospel in that one activity. Did Jesus ever minimize preaching?
2. Find a verse which gives the real purpose of Jesus in healing people.
3. There is one sin which shall never be forgiven in this world or in the world to come. How did the scribes commit this sin?
4. Discover a proverb which has been greatly used from the day Jesus spoke it until the present time.
5. There is a story of a king who made a foolish promise, and then wasn't man enough to break it. Who was the king and who was the girl who would have been unheard of but for her part in it?
6. "You can think what you like, as long as you don't do any wrong," said a young man. Where does wrong have its beginning?
7. Mr. B. was a shrewd business man and always came out ahead in the deals he made. Yet he played the fool in the biggest deal in life. Find the verse which Mr. B. ought to ponder.

ANSWERS

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| 1. 1:38 | 4. 6:4 |
| 2. 2:10 | 5. 6:14-29 |
| 3. 3:22-30 | 6. 7:21 |
| | 7. 8:36 |

Family Altar In The Life of A Boy

was reared around an old fashioned family altar. We never got busy — we were on a poor country farm, we all worked, every one of us, mother and dad and all children went to the field to work — but we never worked too hard nor too late and were too tired but when the evening was done and the evening was through and we were ready for bed, Daddy would get the family Bible down and lay it on mother's lap and we would read the word of God together, one on our knees together and pray beginning at the oldest, my mother and I was next and on down she knelt around mother's lap. She would call our names to (Continued on page two)

Three Years, Three Months, Three Days In Brazil

By C. W. Dickerson, Russell, Kentucky

"Until thou know that the most high God ruleth." — Dan. 4:32

To the glory of our Heavenly Father, and with regard to the interest of those who have supported us these three years and more, I wish to relate a few of the incidents we have experienced during our voyage to Brazil, our stay there, and our return to this country. — experiences which teach us that our God as certainly rules in the affairs of men today as in that of Nebuchadnezzar.

On our sea voyage to Brazil, after three days out of New York, war was declared by Great Britain against Germany. We were on a British boat. The captain allowed no lights to show during the remainder of the trip. He followed a zig-zag course, steaming five minutes in one direction, then

five in another, through fear of submarines. We were the only passengers aboard. It seemed to be the crew's opinion that, as the chief engineer said to me, "You ought to leave those Brazilians alone with their religious beliefs. They are satisfied." Though we were on the water two Sundays, I was not invited to preach. Oh! No. They feared the submarines, but did not fear God, nor respect His messenger. Only a few days after we landed at Belem, Para, as the boat, the S. S. Clement, continued her voyage, she was sunk by the Germans. But we were safe. God rules!

In spite of all the opposition of priests, Holy Rollers, Spiritists, and Convention Baptists who fought

us, we preached hundreds of sermons publicly preaching to nearly three thousand different people at once, distributed 175,000 tracts on different Bible subjects, hundreds and hundreds of Bibles, Testaments, and Bible portions. We witnessed to many, many people in the home, on the street cars, and in the streets, left a witness for God, honesty, righteousness, morality, and sobriety in each community in which we lived. We taught the Bible to ten young Baptist preachers during a period of eight months. There were some four hundred preachers throughout the nation to whom we sent copies of all our tracts. We, under God, accomplished much. The Devil (Continued on page four)

Mystery Prince -- Maybe AntiChrist

A long time ago, John the Apostle, said that many anti-Christ had entered into the world. In these days the names of a number of men have been put forward as candidates for the title of the anti-Christ. The stock of most of these is now running low.

There at last appears a name known to few Americans and a name that points to a personality differing widely from those that have been pressed upon our attention. First, however, we should be introduced to the man who is bold enough to suggest the possibility. He differs so radically from many who have sponsored sensational interpretations of the Scriptures that he is entitled to a place entirely his own.

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The First Baptist Pulpit

"Fellowship"

"Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.

And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers." — Acts 2:41,42

The only perfect fellowship the world has ever known was that which existed in the Garden of Eden. This perfect fellowship was broken by the entrance of sin. When you see Adam and Eve hiding from the voice of God, you have the symbol of broken fellowship. Since that time, the problem of fellowship has continued.

A lack of fellowship with God causes sin. A lack of fellowship with man causes war, hatred, and blood shed. A lack of fellowship between husband and wife causes marital difficulties, unhappy homes, and divorces.

Therefore, in view of what can be caused by a lack of fellowship, it is imperative that we study this question of fellowship.

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Lying To Children

In the Mar. 4 issue of the Russellite (Rutherford) magazine, Consolation, there appears some good advice—as far as it goes. We quote:

"In an address to newlyweds Pope Pius XI advised them not to lie to their children. This is good advice. Children should not be taught that Peter or his imaginary successors are the head of Christ's church; Christ Himself is that head. The children should not be taught that priests can order Almighty God out of heaven to be sacrificed over and over again. No bigger lie was ever told. Children should not be taught that their ancestors are in a place that does (Continued on page four)

Deathen Americans

A Chinese applied for the position of cook in an American family which belonged to a fashionable church.

The lady asked him: "Do you drink whiskey?"

"No, I Clistian man."

"Do you play cards?"

"No, I Clistian man."

He was engaged, and was found

and capable. By and by the

gave a party, during which

wine flowed in abundance, and

were played for high stakes.

He did his part acceptably, but

the next morning he appeared be-

his mistress.

"I want to go."

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PRaise FOR 1942

"The Lord hath done great things for us whereof we are glad."

The tender mercies of God and His blessings, new every day, have been bountifully and richly enjoyed by the editor throughout 1942. While it has been a year of much heart-ache, suffering, and persecution from our enemies, it has also been a year of rich fellowship with those of kindred minds and with our blessed Lord.

How we do rejoice for the way in which God has blessed THE BAPTIST EXAMINER. We have the largest circulation of our history, having increased from 5,000 to 7,000 through the year of 1942. God has inclined many friends from many states to help increase its circulation and to contribute definite gifts for its on-going. At the same time the health of the editor and his loved ones has been precious preserved by God and as a whole, better than for a number of years. Truly we exclaim with one of old: "What hath God wrought!"

And yet 1942 has meant more to us in two other ways than in all else. (1) More and longer seasons of unbroken fellowship with the Father and with the Son and with the Holy Spirit than in any half dozen previous years of all my life. (2) More definite answers to definite prayers than in all the balance of my ministry. Yes, "The Lord hath done great things for us whereof we are glad."

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

In Atlanta, Georgia a few days ago, the editor picked up a daily paper to learn that the vital statistics division of the State Health Department had uncovered some unusual names.

Fuller Booze, Late Night Mann, Whosa Cracker, Georgia Possum, Asia Minor, Icie Rivers, Wash Saturday, Be Careful McGee, and Hansome Mann were samples.

Then there was a negro whose name was recorded as Extra White.

All of which calls to mind an old girl friend I used to know—Dorothy Stringfellow,— and believe you me, she could string a fellow too!

God's Word declares, "A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches." — Prov. 22:1.

"Missionary Baptist" is a good name, but terribly disgraced by many who wear it. There used to be a candy on the market known as "Chicken Dinner." It wasn't a "Chicken" and it wasn't a "Dinner." It was just the name it was called by. Lots of folk today are not Baptists nor missionary. It is just a name by which they are called.

May we seek to be "Missionary" and "Baptists" in name and in deed and in truth.

Greeting Bro. Dickerson At Miami



It was with profound joy that the editor welcomed Bro. Dickerson "back home" when the latter arrived at Miami on December 17. Charles Jr., in the service of Uncle Sam was on hand to join in the welcoming of his father home.

BROTHER DICKERSON IN U. S. A.

As you might gather from the balance of this paper, especially from the pictures thereof, Elder C. W. Dickerson and family arrived in Miami, Florida, on December 17, and were brought on to Russell, Kentucky, in the editor's car.

Brother Dickerson's plans for the future are, of course, very uncertain as yet, except that he wishes to visit the various churches who have aided in his support since he has been in Brazil. He will be available for supply work, Bible Institutes, and revival meetings. He does not know when conditions may permit his return to Brazil, and until that time, he will be busy in the services of our Master.

We deeply appreciate the contributions that have been sent us from time to time in his behalf since he first went to Brazil over three years ago, and now that he is home, we still request our readers to especially remember him with their contributions for the next several months until he gets permanently located or until conditions on the foreign fields are such that he may return there.

We would insist that those churches who desire him to preach for them would contact him as early as possible, and it will be a delight to him to have the opportunity to do so.

THE ANTI-CHRIST

Elsewhere in this issue, you will find an article relating to a mysterious prince, whom many think is the rising Anti-Christ. At least many editors seem to so think. The Sunday School Times is the only out-standing paper who takes a negative view of this strange man of Syria.

Personally, the editor doesn't know. I know that the Anti-Christ must arise. Seemingly, he should arise soon. Yet I don't know whether this mysterious prince is the final antagonist of the Lord.

I am publishing the article to stimulate interest in the second coming of Jesus. May it stir up

your pure minds to know that Jesus must soon come.

THE FAMILY ALTAR

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God and she would talk to God about every one of us, and the desires of her heart as she sat in her chair by the fireside. I tell you many a time since that day when the devil has had me in a close place, those experiences around a family altar kept me true and I can just feel those old hands resting on my head.

I was a college boy, away from home the first time, played on the college football team, and the season was over and my last game was played and we won the game. I was graduating that year. I was twenty-two years old. My life was as pure as my mother's. You know I thank God that I had a mother and a father that taught their boys to live a life that was as clean as their sister's life and a father that set the example before his boys, who taught us if we sowed our wild oats we would have to reap them. I came to that time, twenty-two years old, graduating from college, just as pure as my mother. But I tell you what happened. When I had started off to college, when dad hitched up the horse to the buggy and put my trunk in the back end, mother followed me to the gate of that old farm home and I noticed that she had her hands behind her like this as she came out to the front gate and stood there, the last to tell me goodbye. She wanted a private word with her oldest boy. She said, "Son, you are going away from home now. You are going to have to stand on your own now, son. You are going to have to make your own decisions now. You are going to meet temptations you never met before." Then she brought her hands from behind her and she had a little new Bible and she handed it to me and said, "Son this is a lamp to your feet and a light for your pathway. Promise mother that you will read it every day of your life, will you son and that you will talk to God some time during the day and ask Him to help you, to

strengthen you and to guide you?" I said, "I will mother," and I started to turn to go on but mother said, "Wait a minute son." She said, "I want you to know that as long as you and I live, when 9:00 o'clock comes, mother will be on her knees praying for you."

Later, when this hour came, that I mentioned my greatest temptation came when the last game of football that I ever played was over. We won the game. That night we were in Little Rock, Arkansas. The coach said, "Boys, you have been a great team. I'm going to turn you loose tonight, go wherever you want to go and have a good time." In the room of a hotel that night the boys began to go down to the red light district. I had never been in a place like that and I said, "Boys, I can't go." Then they began to crook their fingers at me and call me sissy and tied to mama's apron strings, like boys will do. Finally I said, "All right, I'll go." They got some liquor and started out. Walking down the street toward that place, every step I took my feet were just hunks of lead. They grew heavier and heavier every step I took and my heart was just about to break and I was about to die. I didn't want to be called a sissy and I did not want the crowd to make fun of me and I went tagging along, but while we were going along an old clock in the court house began to strike and I counted, one, two and on up to nine! It was about family altar time at our home! I saw that little mother, I saw that family altar. I felt those hands upon my head. I heard her pray. "God bless Joe. Keep him clean. Make him a good boy." I said, "Listen, fellows you can call me whatever you please but I'm not going with you!" And turned around and went back to the hotel room. At twenty-five years of age, when I came to the marriage altar I brought the same in morals and character that my precious sweet wife brought to me. Yes, I had something I could not get away from. Oh, how my heart goes out to boys and girls

today that have a thousand stations where I had one and don't have the background I Mothers and fathers have too busy after the things of world, and in the rush and hurry have broken down the ily altar.

—By Evangelist Joe Hankins.

A MYSTERY PRINCE—MAYBE ANTI CHRIST

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He is none other than Dr. Hollenbeck, Presbyterian Ministry to India, archaeologist, ontologist, decipherer of Egyptian hieroglyphics, — a conservative. It was while he was in Egypt, as a language expert connection with the opening of the tomb of Tut Ankamen that he King Feisal of Irak. (Dr. Hollenbeck was one of the three scholars that lifted the mummy of King Feisal from its ornate resting place.)

It should be recalled that King Feisal was sponsored by the British and reigned beneficently over Syria at Damascus. He had connection with the famous General Lawrence who led 4,000 Bedouins against the Turks during World War I. When the British French took over Syria, the British made Feisal King of Irak, Capital at Bagdad. He was an Arab by descent, but a ruler by choice, and it was he who was in Switzerland in 1918, effort to bring about through the League of Nations, better conditions for the Assyrian Christians that his career was cut short by death, September 8, 1933.

King Feisal was a mystic. Hollenbeck had come to know much about the mystics of the East. Through their knowledge of the science of mind and of the occult we call occult, these men are able to do things little short of miraculous.

Dr. Hollenbeck was called to Bagdad to be the subject of mysticism. In the conversation, the subject of mysticism rose. The King asked Dr. Hollenbeck if he had heard of the mystic in Assyria, adding: "I assure you that this is not just another mystic. I believe that none other than God Himself."

This man was Abdul Baraba Baha. He claims descent from Abraham through Ishmael the 33rd generation from Mehemmed himself. He was born in 1818. oca. Rosita Horn, of England, wrote that he was the greatest soul that she had ever met.

King Feisal gave Dr. Hollenbeck a letter of introduction to this Prince, and arranged with Prince that Dr. H. be accepted as a guest of his own government. Irak. Dr. Hollenbeck in 1929, left Luxor and took a train for Jerusalem and Aleppo in the region of the Antioch in Syria from which the missionary neys of Paul started) and was met at the train by an automobile, the Prince's palace, and he was his guest for some days.

He had been told of the personality of the Prince, but when he met him, so overwhelmingly that personality that Dr. Hollenbeck, had he not previously experienced the contacts that he had with God Himself in the generation and in the reception of Holy Spirit's fullness, would have bowed before him with the cry: "My Lord and my God."

"One day the Prince said: 'tomorrow I will talk to you in the drawing room.' They met for two hours the Prince unfolded the panorama of the ages. He Dr. Hollenbeck to take pen and paper and write while he spoke all the events that have since taken place in Europe since World War I to the rape of Czechoslovakia." (Continued on page four)

FELLOWSHIP"

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I
 The basis of all fellowship is, when us in our text. We read, they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship." (Acts 2:42). You notice in the text of this text that the disciples continued both in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship. In fact, there could be no fellowship apart from the apostles' doctrine. Therefore, the basis of true fellowship is a continuance in the doctrines given by the apostles.

What a mighty revelation this presents to us. Unless one holds to the doctrines laid down by the apostles, there can be no abiding fellowship. That's why it is that as Baptists do not enter into union meetings with folk of other denominations. That's why that we do believe in union-evangelistic campaigns.

That's why it is that we just do believe in any kind of a union program. In such a union meeting various denominations, there are those who do not hold to the apostles' doctrine, and hence there is no real fellowship.

To be sure, not all Baptists can fellowship together, for there are lots of so-called Baptists who are exceedingly loose as to their doctrinal beliefs. They not only are following the apostles' doctrine, but they also literally reject much of the apostles' doctrine, therefore those of us who believe in the doctrine of the apostles cannot have fellowship with them.

How sweet though is the fellowship that does exist between those who believe the doctrines laid down by the apostles. I say, beloved, that the only basis of fellowship is the acceptance of the doctrines given by the apostles.

II
 The Word of God indicates that there is some fellowship which are to avoid. There is first the fellowship with the unrighteous. "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? And what communion hath light with darkness?" (2 Cor. 6:14). The unrighteous cannot have fellowship with the righteous and remain in a spiritual condition themselves. There is one type of fellowship which must be avoided. This actually means that the unrighteous should not enter into any alliance with the unrighteous. A saved person should not become a member of any secret order, by so doing, he is aligned with those who are unrighteous; and therefore, he is participating in fellowship which he ought to avoid. Those who are saved ought to marry with the unsaved, this likewise means that the unrighteous are joined with the unrighteous, which fellowship should be avoided. In business relations, it is likewise true, as well as in social relations. In reality, beloved, regardless of what phase of fellowship we may be considering, we must never, as saved people, make alliances with unsaved folk. This is a kind of fellowship which we ought to avoid—the fellowship with the unrighteous.

Other ships were broken and battered, Other ships were sore distressed; But the wind that seemed to drive them, Brought to us a peace and rest.

Then I thought of other mornings With a keen remorse of mind, When I too had loosed the moorings With the Presence left behind.

So I think I know the secret,

also to avoid fellowship with the heretical and with all heretics. "A man that is an heretic after the first and second admonition reject; Knowing that he that is such is subverted, and sinneth, being condemned of himself." (Titus 3: 10, 11). "But I say, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to God: and I would not that ye should have fellowship with devils." (I Cor 10:20). The child of God has no business having fellowship or even attempting to have fellowship with any one who is given over to heresy. If a man is wrong relative to the church which Jesus built, or if he is wrong on the plan of salvation, or on the second coming, or on the doctrines of grace, or on any of the teachings of the Word of God, we should not even attempt to have fellowship with him.

I once heard of a man who was married to two women—one old and the other young. The young woman didn't like gray hair, and every time a gray hair appeared in his head, she would pull it out. The old woman, because she was gray, didn't like black hair, and therefore she pulled all the black hairs out of his head. Pretty soon you can imagine what his head looked like. Every time you mix up the various denominations and the different preachers in an attempt at any kind of union service, you have about the same result. One denomination doesn't like the doctrine of immersion for baptism, and they pull this out; another doesn't like the doctrine of salvation by grace, and they pull this out; still another doesn't like the security of the saved, and this great and glorious doctrine is removed. Presently when all the denominations get through removing the doctrines which they do not like, you would have a bald-headed religion to offer the world. The apostle Paul warns us that we are not to have fellowship with heretics who thus treat the Word of God.

III
 Realizing that there is much fellowship which we are to avoid, and that we are surely to avoid having fellowship with the unrighteous, and with the sins of the flesh, and with the heretical—realizing this, we come to inquire as to what fellowship there is for us to encourage.

First of all, and above everything else, we ought to encourage fellowship with the Lord Jesus Christ. Listen to this Scripture: "God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord." (I Cor. 1:9). There is a joy which comes to each of us in having fellowship with our loved ones and friends and close acquaintances; yet, beloved, the sweetest fellowship a believer knows anything about is the fellowship he has with the Lord Jesus Christ. The poet would indicate this is true:

"I met God in the morning
 When my day was as its best,
 And His presence came like sunrise—
 Like a glory in my breast.

All day the Presence lingered,
 All day He stayed with me,
 And we sailed in perfect calmness
 O'er a very troubled sea.

Other ships were broken and battered,
 Other ships were sore distressed;
 But the wind that seemed to drive them,
 Brought to us a peace and rest.

Then I thought of other mornings
 With a keen remorse of mind,
 When I too had loosed the moorings
 With the Presence left behind.

So I think I know the secret,

Learned from many a troubled way;
 You must seek Him in the morning
 If you want Him throughout the day."

A second fellowship which we ought to encourage is that of fellowshiping in Christ's sufferings. This was one thing for which Paul prayed. Hear him: "That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death." (Phil. 3:10).

The Lord Jesus Christ really suffered. There was mental and spiritual suffering as well as the physical agony. To be sure it was excruciating physical agony thru which Jesus passed. What agony it must have been for Him in Gethsemane to perspire so freely that great drops of blood escaped through the pours of His body. See the nails as they pierced His hands and His feet. Look at His side which was riven with a spear, and see the blood and water as it flowed from His wounded heart. Observe His forehead pierced by the thorns which composed His crown rudely pressed upon His brow. Surely with these wounds in His hands, His feet, His side, and His head—surely the pain must have leaped along the arteries of His body. From Gethsemane to Calvary Jesus suffered excruciating physical agonies. Yet, the physical suffering of Christ was nothing to compare with the mental anguish through which He passed.

Paul prayed that he might have fellowship with these sufferings. That is, that he might be able to understand the sufferings of Christ better. Surely this ought to be the prayer of every one of us as saved people. We ought to daily pray that we too might have fellowship with Christ in His sufferings—that we might be able to realize how Christ suffered for us. This certainly would take the pride out of us; it would make us love the Master more; it would make us to be far greater servants; it would cause us to be far less complaining. Surely if we should encourage fellowship with Christ, we should likewise encourage fellowship with the sufferings of Christ.

In the third place we ought to encourage fellowship in regard to missions. I believe in election—that God has elected out of the human family, a certain number to be saved. I am certain that every one of them are going to heaven. I also believe that God has predestinated that I am to preach the gospel, and that it is through the gospel that all of God's elect shall be saved. In other words, I believe firmly that God has chosen men unto salvation, and that He has also chosen the way whereby salvation is to come to them, and I am sure that way is through the preaching of the gospel of the Son of God.

Any effort which man makes in the preaching of the gospel to the lost, is called missions. It may be district missions, home missions, state missions, or foreign missions. I believe that every one of the redeemed ought to encourage fellowship in missions. Paul spoke of his own experience, saying that as he preached the gospel, he was having fellowship with missions. "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). He also made a similar reference when he wrote to the church at Philippi. "For your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now." (Phil. 1:5). In like measure when he wrote to the churches of Galatia he spoke of having fellowship in the world-

wide missionary endeavor. "And when James, Cephas, and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that was given unto me, they gave to me and Barnabas the right hands of fellowship that we should go unto the heathen, and they unto the circumcision." (Gal. 2:9).

How can we have fellowship in missions? This might be possible in several ways. God may call you to go as a missionary, and thus with your own life, testify and preach the gospel of Jesus Christ. Again, though you may not go, you may give of your finances that others may go. Still again, you may pray for the cause of missionary endeavor. In these particulars, you can thus have fellowship in missions, and surely each child of God ought to covet such fellowship. How any one can claim to be a child of God who rejects and ignores such fellowship?

In the fourth place, we ought to have fellowship with each other. This was the burden of the message of the apostle John when he wrote the first of his apostles. "That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another." (I Jn. 1:3,7).

Church members ought to be in fellowship with one another. I imagine though today that I speak to many who perhaps are members one with another of the same church, and yet perhaps do not even speak; or at best, if you speak possibly it is no more than a mere nod, and there is no real hearty spiritual communion and fellowship between each other.

This is truly a great problem so far as our churches are concerned—this problem of fellowship between Christians. There are so many different dispositions and so many likes and dislikes of life that it is truly hard to have fellowship with every one. Yet, it should be our ideal to be in fellowship with all those who know the Lord and who are walking in the light of His Word.

I think perhaps the sweetest human experience that can come to us is that of conversation and communion which we have when we fellowship with those who know the Lord and love His Word. I remember some time ago in riding from Ivor to Richmond, Virginia, along with two young converts who are members of the Immanuel Baptist Church in Richmond. I had been holding a meeting at Ivor, and these two, being close friends, had come from Richmond, some seventy miles away, to drive me back to town in order that I might catch my train that evening to come home. The entire seventy miles' journey was given over to conversation relative to the good things of God. We talked constantly of God's goodness, God's providences, the second coming, and redemption by grace. I don't think I ever experienced seventy miles of such sweet fellowship as on that journey with these dear Christian friends.

You remember, beloved, how it was when you went to see your best girl, and you sat down beside her and held her hand and talked to her about things of mutual interest—you remember how the time passed by and it hardly seemed like you had gotten there until it was time to leave. Well, beloved, that's the type of experience that we ought to have together as children of the Lord. In our church services, in our prayer meetings in our every day communion with one another, and in our walks of life we ought to have just that kind of fellowship; and every day ought to be one glorious happy experience with those of our

acquaintances who know the Lord.

How we thank God that though there are fellowships which we are to avoid, there are fellowships which we are to encourage and that among these, we ought to encourage fellowship first of all with Christ, and then fellowship with the sufferings of Christ, and then fellowship with the missionary program of Christ, as well as fellowship with believers in Christ.

For nearly fourteen years as pastor of this one church, we have been having exceedingly sweet fellowship in our church. I can never remember the time even when we have had our difficulties, but what I have been happy in the fellowship here in this church. I thank God for the fellowship I have with many who listen to our broadcasts on Sunday—fellowship with them by way of correspondence concerning these broadcasts. And I rejoice because of the fellowship I have with still many others who read our weekly paper, and who are interested in the work we are trying to do and the message that we preach. I thank God for this fellowship, and I pray that He would grant to us even sweeter fellowship as the days come and go.

However, beloved, in order that you might have fellowship, you must first of all have relationship. By this I mean that you must be rightly related to the Lord Jesus Christ, and that relationship can only come through an acceptance of Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour. It is through redemption and faith with a definite trust in Him that He becomes your Redeemer. With this in mind, may you now receive Him as your Saviour in the light of this closing text of Scripture: "Repent ye, and believe the gospel." (Mark 1:15).

WHEN SINGAPORE FELL
 Lady Brooke-Popham, wife of the commander at Singapore, on her arrival in London, told reporters that the task of preparing Malaya's defenses "was hopeless in view of the deadly inertia of the white population there."

"I suppose," she added, "that the climate, with luxury living, was largely responsible... These people continued with their parties and dancing to the very last. They simply refused to believe that war would come to Singapore. It was just parties, bridge, and dancing."

Still more recently a similar story came out of Egypt. When the defenses of Libya gave way and the enemy was sweeping toward Alexandria, the gay night life of the city continued as though nothing were amiss. Absorbed with their drinking and dancing, the people seemed entirely unconcerned about the world-shaking events taking place around them. They just didn't care.

Reading these incidents, one cannot but recall the words of Christ concerning this very time. "As it was in the days of Noah," He said, "so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man. They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark, and the Flood came, and destroyed them all. Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot: they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded; but the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all. Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed." Luke 17:26-30. — Signs of Times.

"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." John 3:16.

THREE YEARS, THREE MONTHS, THREE DAYS IN BRAZIL

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cannot prevent the ongoing of God's Truth. God rules!

When we were impressed of the Lord to come home, we couldn't understand why, but knowing it was the Lord's will, we so decided. Shortly afterward, Brazil declared war, and our second son, a parachute trooper, was gravely injured in a jump from an airplane. God knew it all and was getting us ready to come home long before. He rules!

The last of October I bought passage home, to leave Recife on December 13th. So crooked are those Brazilians that ten days were required to get the tickets. And I obtained them then only after losing patience and doing some plain talking. In fact, I demanded them. Two days before the date on which we were scheduled to leave, after I had everything arranged, rooming in a hotel, ready to depart, I called at the Pan Air Office to ascertain, according to previous instructions, the exact hour of our departure. After all the trials of selling furniture, arranging passports, obtaining police permission to depart, the weakness of all of us greatly hindering us, being tired out, worried, anxious to see our injured son, unable to hear from our eldest son, who is in the Navy, being many months on active duty in the Pacific, and the Japs saying they had sunk his ship, with nerves worn to the breaking point, you can easily imagine my state of mind when the manager of Pan Air Office told me that I could not leave as scheduled. When I wanted to know why, he said that others who had priority over me (being engaged in military activity) had "pushed" me off and taken my place. It was the first time I had heard anything of priority privileges being necessary. Neither our consul nor the Pan Air management had mentioned it.

Then when the official stated that it would be necessary for us to get by train to the next plane stop north of Recife and take the plane from there, I almost lost hope. My wife seemed too near exhausted to undertake such a long trip on such a train. To my utter amazement, he further stated that there were only two trains each week from Recife to the above mentioned city, on Tuesdays and Fridays. And it was then Friday afternoon, and the train for that day had been gone for hours. No other until Tuesday, our son waiting our arrival, and we could not go. And the man told me he received the order cancelling our passage from Recife to the next stop, Natal, on Thursday. Why didn't he tell me Thursday, so that we might have gone to Natal on the train the next day and so have arrived home according to preannounced plan?

I left the office filled with righteous wrath, to return to the hotel and break the awful news to the family. Some two hundred yards away, I resolved to return to the office and plead with the man to let us go, feeling sure he could if he wished. Then in righteous indignation, even after I had started to retrace my steps, I thought, "There is a God over the earth, and I am His man, I don't have to beg a dirty heathen to do his duty. God will manage it somehow." I felt strengthened, returned to the hotel, opened my Bible haphazardly, asking the Lord to speak to me. To my great joy and comfort, I opened the Bible to this passage, "To the upright there ariseth a light in the darkness." Well, I knew it was for me — I was certainly in the dark. The next time I saw that official, he, without a word from me, went to work and arranged our departure by plane

from Recife itself, only one day later than had been first planned. The 13th was Sunday, and I had never wanted to start on Sunday. God rules!

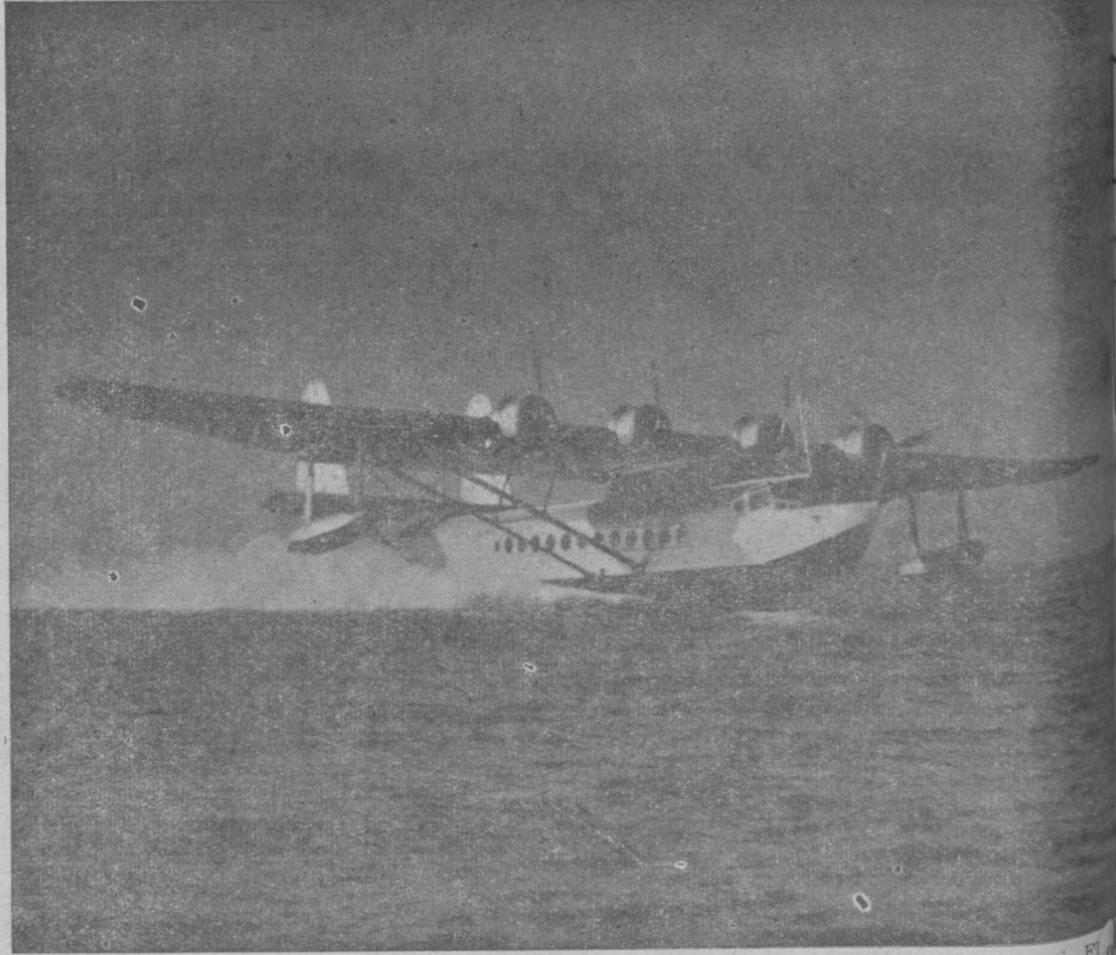
The first day's flight brought us to Belem. I was very sick, had eaten practically nothing all day, tired out. Before I registered for the night at the hotel, I went to the Pan Air office to obtain information about continuing our flight the next day. It lacked only a few minutes being five o'clock. The man to whom I was directed said it would be impossible to leave Belem the next day and he didn't think I could get away at all without a priority rating. Upon inquiring, I learned that only through the American Consul, directly from Washington, D. C., could priority privilege be obtained. I went to see the consul, whose office closed at five. He returned to the Pan Air office with me. He had been in Belem only two months, but knew some of the Pan Air officials. He got them to working on my case. Some two hours later, a man delivered to me our passage to Miami with a priority rating which he said would take us straight thru unless someone like an army general cared to take our place. The consul brought his wife and son and came over to the hotel to see us, to learn the results of his efforts in our behalf. When he knew it, he said, "Man, you are lucky. That never before has been done here. That is nearly a miracle." The men had even gotten hold of a general in the army, who was stationed at Belem, and through him had gotten the priority because of my injured soldier son. I said to the consul, "It is a miracle." He said, "I can't understand it." I said, "I can. God wants me to go home." Brethren, God rules.

For weeks before leaving Brazil, we had been praying that God would, if it pleased Him, make it possible for all the family to be together again when we returned, if only for a few days. When we reached Miami almost, the first one I saw was our eldest son who had been on duty for months in the Pacific. When we reached Russell, our soldier boy was already there, having been discharged from the hospital on December 10th. The events that led to our eldest son's furlough right at this time are so important as to constitute a military secret. The other was discharged against the wishes of the surgeon major.

The A, B, and C gasoline rationing cards were suspended while we were in Miami. Brother Gilpin had met us there in his car. Again it looked as though we couldn't come through, but we did. Never lost an hour because of it. Over crooked officials, the army and the navy, officers of the law, objects animate and inanimate, brethren, God rules. He took us to Brazil. He returned us back here. Through many trials we have passed, but the Lord delivered us from them all. He is God. He rules. Let us trust Him more. Let us rejoice more in Him. Let us make better servants of ourselves for Him.

By way of greeting to those who have supported us these years, I thought it well to recount these few evidences of our sovereign Father's power and blessing upon our mutual venture in His service. I felt sure that in noting His approval of our work we all will rejoice in having had a part in it. To each and every one, I extend for us all, our most profound thanks. Personally, we are rejoicing in having had the privilege of representing in a foreign country, our God and Saviour, and you Bible-believing, God honoring Baptists who have, under God, made our work possible from the financial standpoint. Should any-

Pan-Air Clipper



This is the plane which brought Bro. Dickerson and family from Recife, Brazil to Miami, Fla. Too much praise can not be given the officials of Pan Air for their courtesy and treatment of our missionary.

one desire to get in touch with us, you may address us at Russell. May God bless you all. Amen.

MYSTERY PRINCE

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Austria, Norway and all the rest. Dates were given, and one by one have been fulfilled. The latest one now of interest to Americans, is Dec. 7, 1941, when he said Japan would attack America.

On the 12th of March, 1925 a steamer sailed from New York for Palestine. It was the only vessel that had ever flown the flag of David, with its six-pointed star of empire. On board were 400 Jews bound for Jerusalem. After visiting there, they went to Syria and to the palace of Prince Abdul. When he appeared, they fell before him with the cry, "My Lord and my God." The statement is made that thousands of Orthodox Jews of Europe and the Near East have accepted him as Messiah. Many Mohammedans have also accepted him.

The Scriptures declare that the anti-Christ will have miraculous powers, even causing fire to come down from heaven. From the roof of his palace in Bagdad, the modern name of Babylon, King Feisal pointed out the ruins of the great palaces of the ancient rulers of Babylonia and then, pointing to the west and the region of Mt. Carmel, he said to Dr. Hollenbeck: "It was on Mt. Carmel that Elijah called upon God for the fire to fall from heaven, but the Prince about whom I have been telling you will cause fire to fall by his own power, for he himself is divine he even duplicates the miracles of the man they call Jesus."

When, months later, Dr. Hollenbeck was walking with the Prince in his own land, accompanied by the Prince's Secretary, there was by the roadside a pile of logs about the size of a grand piano. According to Dr. H., the Prince waved his hand toward them, and they were instantly a blazing furnace. At another time, as they walked, the clouds gathered with every evidence of a coming storm. The Prince dismissed the clouds and again the sun shone. At another time they walked into a village where lay a man that had

been dead four days. Putrefaction had begun. The Prince called him by his first name, and told him to rise. He did so in perfect health. Dr. H. states that he had conversation with him.

This mysterious Prince Abdul was found east of the Euphrates in the part of the divided Kingdom of Alexander from which the anti-Christ is understood on the strength of Daniel 8:8-12 to come. This, together with the fast-fulfilling outline of events foretold to the dates by the Abdul, is startling evidence of Satan's activity. In a printed sermon on the anti-Christ Dr. Louis T. Talbot states ten attributes of the coming Man of Sin. Prince Abdul Baraba Baha has all of them.

What Americans want to know at the present time is whether any light was given in the interview with the Prince on the outcome of the present war. The answer is that the outlook is dark for the immediate future, though to the student of prophecy the glorious end appears exceedingly near if this forecast proves as accurate as others.

He said that Japan would become the ruler of the entire Orient, including Australia, India and Burma; that Russia, Japan and China would come together and march into India. England would lose India. The War, he said, would become a racial war and in 1943 there would be a great collapse of nations. In 1944 the stalemate and the distress would become so acute and the lack of leadership so apparent that the call would be raised for a Super-man to take the helm. It is then that Prince Abdul Baraba said he would come forth as the World Ruler, and would proclaim that he himself is God.

Dr. Hollenbeck, in view of these things, believes that we are much closer to the hour of our Lord's appearing for His own than the majority even of Pre-millennial believers suspect. He states that for ten years he has endeavored to make these things known, but for the most part has been met with complete indifference. The usual response is that "It is just another religious trickser."

This magazine does not enter the field of controversy as an advocate of Dr. Hollenbeck's revelations,

and we sincerely hope the fulfillment of this man's prophecies will be to the glory of our Lord. We do deem it the right of our constituency to know his startling bit of news that the present holocaust has brought to light the truth of the prophecies of Dr. Hollenbeck gave three lectures on succeeding weeks in Burdette Hall of Temple Baptist Church in Los Angeles, and also in other churches. He is also to issue a book telling of this strange figure. He may be reached at P. O. Box 5575, Metropolitan Station, Los Angeles.

Whether this false Messiah's powers are wrought by diabolic power or by some scientific means, we do not pretend to know. The sources of his prophecies unquestionably reach into the works of Satan's rule, but even in this case, might not fall wide of the mark. We can only exhort all appearing, for every sign speaks of its nearness.

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HEATHEN AMERICANS

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"Why, what is the matter?"
"I Clistian man—I told you before. No heathen. No world for heathen!"

LYING TO CHILDREN

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not exist, purgatory, whence can be delivered at so much cost on the barrelhead. In short, children should not be taught of the lies of religion; they should be taught the truth of God's Word as it is set out in Judge Russell's book 'Children.'

A great deal should be said to the above, including all the main doctrines of Russell's Children should not be taught there is no future retribution for sin, or that death (extinction of being) is the wages of sin, or that Christ will have a second coming for salvation, or that Jesus died for atonement only for the first time, or that Jesus Christ rose from the dead. Where we stop when we start comparing Russell teaching with the Word of God?

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