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

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Here the Canadian Pacific crosses the Great Divide in the Rockies. Here the waters are easily turned toward the Pacific or toward the far Atlantic.

THE TURNING POINT IN EVERY LIFE IS CHRIST
call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live." (Deut. 30:19).
Choose you this day whom ye will serve; . . . but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." (Joshua 24:15).

Campbellites For bridged Bible

because of its "clumsy and inconvenient" form, and because of the fact that its material is not logically arranged, the Campbellites' Bible is readily apparent. The Christian Century says the Campbellites' Bible is readily apparent. The average reader certain portions should be abridged. "The science of Biblical criticism is now sufficiently familiar, and its results sufficiently tested to be assured and satisfactory. An assured and satisfactory testing of the various documents of the Bible." Some approaches in direction have been made, we are told; "but it needs to be carried out to completion so that the generation may be emancipated from the burden of confusion which the books of Holy Scripture now rest." On the question of leaving out "a considerable amount of material which serves useful purpose in the collection," we are told that — "no one ever reads it, except the Biblical scholars, and it is a hindrance to popular knowledge of the volume. The major portions of books of Numbers, Leviticus, Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther, Ecclesiastes, (Continued on page three)

"A Questionnaire On Sin"

Roy Hamilton, Greenup, Kentucky

1. What is sin? "All unrighteousness is sin." (John 5:17).
2. What is sin with respect to the law? "Sin is the transgression of the law." (I John 3:4).
3. What is sin with respect to faith? "For whatsoever is not of faith is sin." (Rom. 14:23).
4. What is sin with respect to God's glory? "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." (Rom. 3:23).
5. What is sin with respect to foolishness? "The thought of foolishness is sin." (Prov. 24:9).
6. What is sin with respect to plowing? "The plowing of the wicked is sin." (Prov. 21:4).
7. What is sin, as defined by James? "Therefore to him that knoweth to do good and doeth it not, to him

- it is sin." (James 4:17).
8. What is sin in the main? Sin in essence is selfishness.
9. If this is sin, in whom did it originate? God? No. Eden? No. Satan. "He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning." (I John 3:8).
10. If sin originated in Satan, how did it enter the world? "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned." (Rom. 5:12).
11. What means did Satan employ to induce Eve to sin? "Now the serpent was more subtle than any of the beasts of the field which the Lord God had made. And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die." (Gen. 3:14).
12. What excuse did the serpent offer to get Eve to sin? "For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your

eyes shall be opened and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil." (Gen. 3:5).

13. What part did the woman play in bringing sin into the world?

"And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat" (Gen. 3:6).

14. What effect did the entrance of sin into the world have upon Adam and Eve?

"Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.

15. And unto Adam, he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I com-

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The Old Question Of Cain's Wife

In the July 21st issue of the Cincinnati Post (Ohio's greatest daily) is a question asked of, and answered by S. Parkers Cadman, whose daily column appears in this and other papers over the country. Cadman is a man of ability, but his subtle attack on the Word of God is well known by all lovers of the Bible. The question directly from a puzzled reader, but indirectly from Ingersoll, Paine, critics of the early centuries and lastly from the devil. It is so old that it is threadbare. But here is the question: "How am I to believe this story of Adam and Eve and their sons, Cain and Abel? When Adam, Eve, and Cain were the only three people on earth, Abel being dead, Cain married. Where did he get his wife?" Here is the answer by Cadman: "So long as you read Genesis literally, there is no rational explanation for the origin or where-about of Cain's bride. The moment you clearly see that these ancient stories are symbolical and not historical, your difficulty disappears. I have repeatedly said this in this column."

In reply let me say that to take this story symbolically is to only add to the confusion. To take it (Continued on page four)

The First Baptist Pulpit

"Christ And His Sheep"

My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: and I give them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand." — John 10:27-29.

Perhaps Jesus never spoke greater words than these concerning Himself as the Good Shepherd. The little child as it goes to sleep, lisps a simple prayer,

"Jesus, tender Shepherd, hear me, Bless thy little lamb tonight."

The old gray-haired saint lies down to die, comforted because, "The Lord is my shepherd . . . Yea, though I walk through the val-

ley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil." (Psalm 23:1, 4). And all in between these two extremes of life, the thought of Jesus as our tender Shepherd appeals to all.

No greater figure of speech could be used to describe the relation between Christ and the saved. — He, our Shepherd, and we, the sheep of His pasture.

I

First, let us notice the characteristics of a sheep. A sheep is helpless. Nature didn't endow sheep with weapons of defense or of attack. A believing child of God is equally helpless. As Jesus said, "Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in

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"They did not receive their doctrines from the Reformers, as is commonly believed, because as early as 1517, the same year Martin Luther nailed his ninety-five theses on the doors of the church at Whittenberg, the archbishop of Turin made these charges against the Waldenses:

1. They receive the Scriptures as the only rule of faith.
2. They reject doctrines introduced by popes and priests.
3. They deny man needs the in-

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The Waldenses

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A FINE LITTLE BOOK

Elder Clarence B. McCubbin of Route 6, Box 139, Charleston, W. Virginia, sent us some while back a little booklet entitled, "Biblical Answers For Current Questions On Salvation." This is a fine little book of thirty-two pages which honors the God of the Bible and the Bible of God as much as any booklet the editor has ever reviewed.

Its table of contents is —
What Must One Do To Be Saved?

What Constitutes Faith?
What Must One Believe In Order To Constitute a Believer In The Lord Jesus?

As A Believer, Am I Saved, Or Am I Going To Be Saved?

Does God Respond to Erroneous Sincerity?

An Exposition On The Apparent Contradiction On The Book Of James.

There is no price printed and we therefore judge it is for gratuitous distribution. However, we would suggest that you send Brother McCubbin at least the cost of postage when writing him about the booklet.

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Mrs. R. H. Massie of Williamson, W. Virginia, recently sent us two gift subscriptions, thus asking that THE BAPTIST EXAMINER be sent two of her friends. She closed her letter by saying: "I have been giving my copies away and I find that I always want them back. Wish I were able to give more of them to my friends."

May the Lord help many to emulate the example of this good woman. Send the Baptist Examiner to your friends. It will be the best investment that you can make for both time and eternity.

THE PREACHER AND GENERAL JACKSON

The heroic spirit of the old pioneer preacher whom President Jackson complimented is needed today. The parson was booked to preach where the great American was to stop over night, and Andrew Jackson found himself in a pew in the church. The deacons held a hurried consultation, and calling the preacher from the pulpit informed him of the presence of the president and requested him to be guarded in his remarks. Before beginning his message the preacher said: "I have been requested to be guarded in my remarks. Andrew Jackson will go to hell as quick as any other man if he does not repent."

At the close of the services the president stepped forward and said, "Sir, if I had a regiment of men like you I could whip the world." This is the courage needed." — Crisis in Church and College.

TWO SMALL BOOKS

Evangelist A. D. Muse of 1270 Carr Avenue, Memphis, Tenn., has recently published two small books of paper binding which are most helpful. They are (1) "Answering Jehovah's Witnesses" and (2) "Angels."

The price of each of these books is twenty-five cents (25c) and they are well worth the investment which any Christian might make.

ACCUMULATED PAPERS

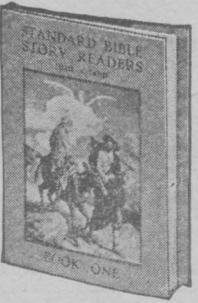
We have a number of old copies of THE BAPTIST EXAMINER dating back through the past six months. These are copies which have been left over after mailing of each week. We do not have copies of each issue, but of some issues we have as many as perhaps a hundred copies. We will be glad to send absolutely free to any individual who will request these, a bundle of them for free distribution. It might be the means of getting new subscriptions for us, and at the same time, the papers themselves should be a blessing to anyone who reads them. We would be most happy to hear from some of our readers who would be glad to scatter these for the glory of God.

THE SUPER DECEIVER ON THE WORLD HORIZON

We have been advertising this book by James C. Hollenbeck, and have had quite a few orders for it. As we have said before, if nothing else, this book will stimulate the desire of every Christian to know more about the Word of God and particularly about prophecies concerning the last days. It is an excellent little book and we earnestly urge our readers to order a copy of it from us today.

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"I never saw a set of books 'take hold' like these little Readers have. I used to be a teacher and I am completely 'sold' on them myself. I believe the Publication Book Store will be selling them by the hundreds this Christmas season." — George E. Winterbourne, Denver, Colo.

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"The Goddess of Good Taste must have had a hand in arranging these wonderful books."

"The Query Box"

1. Was Adam saved when he died?

I do not know. If you want my opinion, I think he was. The giving up his own filthy rags of self-righteousness or of what Paul calls repentance from dead works, his acceptance of the coats of skin, which God made and provided, free, gratis and for nothing, after the lives of the beasts had been taken to provide their coats, all point to the innocent dying for the guilty. That is exactly what Jesus did for us, to provide for us robes of righteousness to cover our nakedness. Isa. 61:10. Matt. 22:11:13.

2. Were all the people who passed through the Red Sea saved?

They were saved from Egyptian Bondage and the death of the first born.

3. If the "Mixed multitude" were Egyptians, who were in sympathy with the Jews, as most commentaries say, please explain I Cor. 10:5.

The "mixed multitude" were not with Israel until after the passover. They joined them as they left Egypt. They were cast out later on in connection with Israel's experience with Balaam. Ex. 12:38. Neh. 13:3. They were never saved.

4. Is it scriptural to send money direct to object or should everything go through the church treasurer?

If the church has a scriptural budget all the tithe should go through the church treasurer. If the church has no budget or if the budget is lopsided, for home expenses or if the budget includes education of the standardized and modernized type, then the donor as a matter of conscience, because he has to answer to God as God's steward ought to designate. If the donor is an honest steward and holds all he has subject to God's orders, then he ought to put the balance where God says. God's orders touching the tithe is very clear that it should be brought into God's store-house. God's orders are equally clear that the church at Jerusalem brought the money that they got from the sale of property and put it in the church treasury for their great mission campaign. The Son of God also told His disciples not to let their left hand know what their right hand doeth. That certainly teaches that all gifts above the tithe may be handled by the donor and no

Read Matt 15:1-9. The observance of Mother's Day as a rule guilty of both the sins there condemned by the Lord. They mother a flower or something and pay no attention to her balance of the year. The Master calls all such folk hypocrites, also says their worship is vain cause they are not obeying the Bible. Mothers should be honored 365 days in the year every day but God's time on God's day should not be given or used to honor another. The Editor's mother is living. He has never observed her all these years, that she lived in his home, that she said more than once that I gave her an unkind word. The my conception of the right way to honor our mothers. Be kind to them and honor them 365 days the year.

(4). The whole Mother's sentiment and program is wrong. It puts mothers above fathers that is unscriptural and mad sentiment.

stories will be delighted to that they can now hear Mr. Hutchens in person, reading the various characters and interpreting the various ways that he intended them in speak and feel when he wrote books.

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JESUS AND HIS SHEEP"

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without me ye can do no.
(John 15: 4, 5).

a sheep is gentle. There is so tame and gentle as a child will approach without fear. This character gentleness should ever disentreated, full of mercy good fruits." (James 3:17). The fruit of the Spirit is love, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, faith, meekness, goodness." (Gal. 5:22, 23).

sheep is dependent. This is able in the case in the for there the sheep must to the shepherd for protection and for guidance to and from pasture. God's people ought to depend upon the Lord. Mueller of England said, "If use a door-key, don't do anything to find it, until you pray." God's sheep be cast back more upon God.

sheep is ever characterized by ness to wander. If there is gap anywhere in the he will get out. How sadly this is of God's dear sheep.

grace how great a debtor, I'm constrained to be! good like a fetter my wandering heart to thee!

to wander, Lord, I feel it, to leave the God I love; my heart, O take and seal it for thy court's above."

sheep is harmless. Who ever even a child that was afraid sheep! God's people are thus to be harmless. "Behold, you forth as sheep in the of wolves: be ye therefore serpents, and harmless as (Matt. 10:16).

sheep doesn't like filth. It is cleanest domestic animal to be. Although God's people proneness to wander and go astray, they do not like nor love sin. The world gets impression when it sees church members wallowing. They are not God's they are either the Devil's that have rooted in under the or the Devil's goats that climbed over the top.

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a hog and it is a hog's nature to like filth. One day I saw a pet sheep walking across the old pond dam of this mud-slough and when some dirt slipped beneath her, she fell in. She got out at once looking very much ashamed of herself for having soiled her pretty white wool. Why didn't she swallow there like the hog? It was her nature to be clean. In our churches, we have a lot of the old hog, unregenerate nature, which manifests itself, but they are not God's people. His people may fall in sin, like the sheep, but they will not swallow in it, like the hog.

A sheep is a useful animal. Each year it produces a crop of wool and mutton. God's dear sheep are useful also. The daily attitude of every believer should be, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" (Acts 9:6).

I used to have an old gentleman in a church of which I was pastor who was perfectly happy whenever I preached from either one of the texts: "Feed My Sheep," or "By grace are ye saved." If I used them each Sunday morning and evening, this dear old soul would go into ecstatic jubilation. Now, those are good texts, but any text or subject used to an extreme will kill any church. One day I preached on "Missions" and at the close of the service he came to me with a look on his face as though he had been eating sour kraut and drinking lemonade for the past six months, saying, "O, Brother Gilpin, why didn't you feed the sheep?" Having heard that same plaintive note and having seen that rejected face often before, I said: "Look here, Brother, if I had a sheep as onery as you, I'd send him to the stock yards tomorrow morning." Beloved, there are many church members just like that, good—but good for nothing. A genuine sheep is really useful in Christ's Kingdom.

II

It is interesting to notice the mark of ownership which God's sheep carry. Every good farmer will mark his livestock or poultry with either an ear-mark or a foot-mark. God's dear sheep carry His brand both in the ear and the foot.

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lifted head from grazing to answer. He called again and another looked up, and on and on he called various ones of his flock. When asked how he could tell them apart he said, "This one has a squint; this one's toes are in a little; this one has a black spot; another, some wool off; and another has a piece out of the ear." Thus he remembered his sheep by their imperfections. Possibly Christ remembers us in like manner, for surely no one of His sheep is perfect.

Since He knows us then each of His sheep are secure. At the Judgment, Christ will say to the lost, "I never knew you." (Matt. 7:23). If one of Christ's sheep could be lost then Christ would falsify at the Judgment when He says, "I never knew you." In view of the spotless character of our Lord, then none of us can believe that He would thus speak. Therefore only one conclusion remains: since He knows us, we are secure in Him. "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me; and I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand." (John 10: 27-29). "For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor power, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Rom. 8:38, 39).

Since He knows His sheep then all is well even in the midst of danger. "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." (Rom. 8:28). "Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep." (Psa. 121:4). "I looked on my right hand, and beheld, but there was no man that would know me; refuge failed me; no man cared for my soul. I cried unto thee, O Lord; I said Thou art my refuge and my portion in the land of the living." (Psa. 142: 4, 5).

"There never a heart-ache and never a groan
Never a tear-drop and never a moan;
Never a danger, but there on His throne
Moment by moment He thinks of His own."

Since He knows His sheep then Heaven is our home and He will take us to it by and by. "For our citizenship is in Heaven: from whence also we took for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ; Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto His glorious body, according to the working whereby He is able even to subdue all things unto himself." (Phil. 3:20-21). What a blessed future each of God's dear sheep has before him. How wonderful to know that the God who has provided saving Grace, keeping Grace, and protecting Grace will also provide dying Grace, when He makes ready to take us to Heaven. Possibly the experience of no one better illustrates this than that of Roland Hill of Surrey Chapel, London, who when he lay dying raised himself and repeated a poem which he often quoted from his pulpit:

"And when I am to die, receive me I'll cry,
For Jesus has loved me I can not tell why;
But this I do find, that we two are
the shepherd lifted his voice. No so joined,

behind."

In closing we ask, "Are you one of His sheep; are you sure of it? I imagine that many of the hearts of my listeners must answer in the negative, and say, "I wish I were a sheep." Then if you sincerely wish to be one of His sheep listen to His words, "I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved." (John 10:9). There are no difficult walls to scale to get to God; there is only one step, a step of Faith. There is only one door, "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth and the life; no man cometh unto the Father but by me." (John 14:6).

Today that door is open. "Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation." (II Cor. 6:2). In view of the fact that some day this door will be closed, then make your calling and election sure today.

In the hills of West Virginia, a miner attended some evangelistic services and became deeply convicted. One night he started to talk to the evangelist after all had gone home, but he couldn't seem to grasp the Truth. At 10:30 o'clock the preacher proposed that the man go home, but return to talk about the matter the next night. The man said, "Sir, it must be settled tonight or never." At twelve o'clock the man jumped to his feet and cried, "I've got it." "Got what?" asked the evangelist. "The peace that Jesus made," was his reply. He went down in the shaft at 6 o'clock the next morning to work. Two hours later, there was a terrible explosion and he was pinned into a corner by a huge piece of coal. One man put his ear against a crack in the coal and heard him say, "Thank God, it was settled last night."

"It must be settled tonight.
I can no longer wait,
Peace with my God I now must have.
Tomorrow may be too late."

"Tomorrow's sun may never rise
To bless my long deluded sight,
This is the time, O, then be wise.
Thou wouldest be saved, then why not tonight?"

CAMPBELLITES WANT AN ABRIDGED BIBLE

(Continued from page one) Canticles, and Ezekiel, and much of the books of Exodus, Judges, Joshua, Joel, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, and one or two portions of the New Testament could be left out with advantage.

"One is thinking here of the Bible of scholars, which may well remain as it is, only with a better order of material. But the Bible for popular use ought to be abridged and simplified. No wonder complaint is made that it is an unread book. That it receives the attention now given it is remarkable, considering the unintelligible and cumbersome form in which it is presented."

The writer points out that certain books were included and certain books left out as the result of human judgment as to their relative value. "This judgment has been vindicated to a large degree by later study."

"And every method that will give it access and meaning to the present generation is desirable. The impatient and practical mind of our time cannot be persuaded carefully to seek out the vital and saving truth of Holy Scripture and separate it from the less important, if not irrelevant, material. We need a Bible chronologically arranged and reduced to smaller dimensions by careful condensation." — Literary Digest.

Reader, get over the shock the above suggestions give you.

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When Barton W. Stone in 1809, started out to unite all the denominations into one, the first thing they did was to add to the Bible the doctrine that baptism was essential to salvation. Through the years their followers have contended for that. It is not in the Bible, but an addition which mutilates the whole plan of salvation by Grace. It was a doctrine that cut out the fundamental personality and quickening power of the Holy Spirit. It made religion an easy-going thing, and lowered the standard of spirituality and let down the bars to worldliness in their churches.

They who can add to the Book can by the same reasoning take from it, when they in their estimation will force God Almighty to lower His standards to come to the demands of the "impatient and practical minds" of this generation who cannot be induced on God's terms to seek out the "vital and saving truths" of the Bible.

The old slogan "Where the Bible speaks we speak, and where it is silent we are silent," is cast overboard by this new proposal. The one now that inevitably hangs at the Mast head of the Disciple's Organ will be in words that has always been in fact: "Where we want to speak, we will make the Bible speak, and what we want silenced, we will cut out of the Bible."

A layman on the streets of Pineville, who read the article from the Century, suggested that in as much as a number of the Ten Commandments were unpopular, that the spirit of the age demands cutting them out. The fact is the public has already cut out a number, and by the rule suggested by the "Century," it will be wise to cut any or all out, if the exigency of the "practical, impatient mind" demands. The proposition to abridge the Bible is an impeachment of the wisdom of God. It is bolder than the rankest infidels have ever spoken.

Salvation by blood atonement is the scarlet thread that runs thru the Books proposed to be left out. It is not to be denied that a scheme of salvation by water and works with a little seasoning of Grace could be patched up much easier with these Books left out. "A shorter route and a cheaper fare" religion, the very thing that Mr. Stone and Mr. Campbell proposed would be greatly simplified and helped along by this eliminating process. It is useless to say that people will not be taken in by this new proposition. They have already found a large number of companions. Rev. 22:18, 19, will take care of the case in the end. In the meantime, get ready for a new abridgement of the Bible.

Ed. Note: This was written by L. C. Kelley, Pineville, Ky., in 1920. It is far more pertinent today than when first published. Of course the matter to which Bro. Kelly refers is just a plain sample of Campbellism as it has existed since the days of Alexander Campbell — "adding to" and "taking from" the Bible. They have added salvation by the city's water-works and taken out salvation by grace.

WHAT IS THE MATTER WITH IT?

A preacher who had been the recipient of many worthless gifts from his parishioners, was accosted one day by one of his deacons, who said:

"Pastor, let me give you a piece of advice."

"What is the matter with it?" was the appropriate and ready reply.

If much that is done in the name of charity was fully analyzed it would be seen that the re-

cipient of the so-called gifts is the one who manifests real charity. The one bestowing the gift has been accommodated by finding a dumping ground for their old refuse—such materials as they nor their family are willing to use.

The writer knows a missionary pastor, who received a big box of worn clothing—a suit for himself with "windows" on the seat of the trousers, and grease and dirt on the coat. Out of date and faded dresses for the wife and children, and old hats that free negroes would not wear, and that Ladies' Aid Society reported a valuable box sent to a missionary, and expected a letter of praise from the missionary pastor, when it was entirely impossible for him, or the family, to use what was sent. Usually, if a farmer becomes altruistic and decides to give the pastor a pig, the runt of the litter is usually selected, and if the merchant and his wife decides to make the pastor's family a gift, the "odds and ends"—the old left-over goods—is the stock from which the gifts are selected and when the announcement is made of the generous gift, the question which arises in the mind of those receiving the gift is, "I wonder what is the matter with it?" — Ex.

A QUESTIONNAIRE ON SIN

(Continued from page one) manded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake, in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life;

"Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field;

"In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken; for dust thou art, and unto dust shall thou return." (Gen. 3:16-19).

15. What effect did it have upon their posterity?

"By one man's disobedience many were made sinners." (Rom. 5:19).

16. Must we take this to mean that all are guilty of sin?

Yes. "What then? Are we better than they? No, in no wise: for we have before proved both Jews and Gentiles, that they are all under sin; As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: There is none that understandeth, there

is none that seeketh after God. They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one." (Rom. 3:9-12).

17. Does this mean that Christians are guilty of sin too?

Yes. "For there is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not." (Eccl. 7:22).

18. Are there no exceptions?

Only one, the Lord Jesus "Who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners." (Heb. 7:26).

19. Are all sinners because they sin, or sinners by nature?

"And were by nature the children of wrath, even as others." (Eph. 2:3).

20. If sinners by nature, then sin must be transmitted at birth?

Yes. "The wicked are estranged from the womb they go astray as soon as they be born, speaking lies." (Ps. 58:3).

21. Can you think of a man who acknowledged this fact?

Yes, David. "Behold, I was shapen in iniquity and in sin did my mother conceive me." (Ps. 51:5).

22. How far does sin extend in man's being?

"From the sole of the foot, even unto the head there is no soundness in it; but wounds, and bruises, and putrefying sores." (Is. 1:6).

23. Is the heart of man included?

Yes. "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it." (Jer. 17:9).

24. Then man is totally depraved?

Yes. So depraved that he needs to be saved.

25. Is there anything stronger than sin?

"The strength of sin is the law," (I Cor. 15:56).

26. Wherein doth the strength of the law lie?

In its ability to put to death all those who violate its holy precepts.

27. Is it strong enough to make a man conscious of the fact he has sinned?

Yes. "By the law is the knowledge of sin." (Rom. 3:20).

28. Cannot a man avert the penalty of the law?

No. "The soul that sinneth it shall die." (Ezek. 18:4).

29. But suppose the sinners of the world should band themselves together, could they not avert the penalty thereby?

"Though hand join in hand, the wicked shall not be unpunished." (Prov. 11:21).

30. If a man cannot avert the penalty of death by anything which he does, can he not be saved from sin, and thereby avoid the punishment of it?

Yes.

31. How can a man be saved from sin? Can he save himself?

No. "For though thou wash thee with nitre and take thee much soap, yet thine iniquity is marked before me, saith the Lord God." (Jer. 2:22).

32. Can he not be baptized and thus wash away his sins?

No. "Baptism is not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God." (I Pet. 3:21).

33. Can he not do penance and be saved from sin?

No.

34. Can he not perform deeds of righteousness and thus atone for sins?

No, "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Ghost." (Tit. 3:5).

35. Can he not cease from sin, and thus be saved from it? No. Why?

Because he cannot cease from sin.

36. Why can't a sinner cease from sin?

"Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots? Then may ye also do good, that are accustomed to do evil." (Jer. 13:23).

37. Can he cover his sin and be saved therefrom?

"He that covereth his sins shall not prosper." (Prov. 28:13).

38. Well, how can a man be saved from sin?

"And without shedding of blood is no remission." (Heb. 9:22).

39. If it takes blood, can he not shed his own blood and be saved?

No, because his blood is impure.

40. Whose blood then is pure and acceptable for sin?

Christ's. "But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot." (I Pet. 1:19).

Ed. Note —

Several years ago, Brother Roy Hamilton, who is now the successful pastor of the First Baptist Church of Greenup, Kentucky, prepared the above questionnaire for use in a D. V. B. S. Brother Roy was then just a "boy preacher" of our church. I don't believe he or anyone else could do any better today. Every S. S. and D. V. B. S. teacher ought to save this for future use.

THE OLD QUESTION OF CAIN'S WIFE

(Continued from page one) literally solves it satisfactorily for any honest mind. I marvel that a man of Cadman's intelligence cannot see this simple explanation. Or is it his desire to pervert the truth and blind his eyes to facts? We read in Genesis 3:20 that Eve was "the mother of all living." She must have had children or she could not have been referred to as "mother." "All living" would simply imply that there were then a large number of people on the earth. At this time neither Cain, Abel or Seth was born. In Gen. 5:4, 5 we learn that Adam lived 130 years before he begat Seth. It seems reasonable that a man 130 years old could be the father of a few children. This fact makes true the statement that Eve was the mother of all living. In Gen. 4:14 Cain was frightened lest those finding him should slay him. Unless someone were living, how could they slay Cain? Does that require a symbolic meaning? Then again in Gen.

4:15 (A. V.) it is said God "appointed a sign for Cain, lest any finding him should smite him." Who are the "any?" As another has said

"The Bible records that 'the days of Adam after he begat Seth were 800 years; and he begat sons and daughters.' (Gen. 5:4). In the course of 800 years, he certainly should have many good looking daughters. Cain would probably have gladly married any of them after he became an outcast and a wanderer. Ladies didn't have much choice in those days. Adam lived 930 years. (Gen. 5:5). This was the usual age of the ante-diluvians. (Gen. 5:-). Cain might have been like some of our modern men, 'in no hurry to get married;' then he could have waited a 'small spell' of about 700 years and married one of his brother Seth's great-great-great-great-great grand daughters; or he could have married one of his eighteen year old sisters. Evidently it was not as much trouble for Cain to get married as for some folks nowadays."

Bro., it is a bad idea to be too much concerned about another man's wife. Cain could not have gotten his wife had she not existed. The Bible says he got her in the land of Nod. I believe that.

I am satisfied with that when it can be so clearly explained. And I cannot see why any man would not be satisfied with a reasonable answer.

Brother, you had better be more concerned where Seth got his wife, because through Seth's wife the Saviour came.

Cadman says: "I have repeatedly said this in this column." So it is no slip or mishap with him. But we are not alarmed. This is only a fulfillment of II Timothy 4:2-4.

The Word of God teaches that His word will be a reproach to some. (Jer. 6:10). It will be rejected by some. (Jer. 8:9). It will be scoffed at. (Jer. 17:15). And it will be perverted (Jer. 23:36). So, that only causes us more than ever to believe in the Bible because we see it fulfilled every day. Praise God for His Word!

Ed. Note: This was clipped from an old issue of Church Chimes, and is at least 20 years old. Cadman's folly was the folly of all modernists — a small God, a smaller Bible, — and a very much larger head.

AN UNUSUAL STORY

(Continued from page one) by a Dallas county farmer while in the city yesterday. "The army worms got so bad in my cotton that I had about calculated I wouldn't make any crop at all," he said. "So I tied some tow sacks on to a cultivator and drove thru my cotton field. The sacks knocked all the worms off on the ground.

"When I saw all these worms on the ground I began to wish that I had a big drove of turkeys to eat them—but I didn't have a single turkey. So that night when I went home I got on my knees and prayed for birds to come and eat up all the worms I had knocked off my cotton. Well, do you know—the next morning I waked up and looked out in my field, it was filled with birds. It was not long before there were no worms left. And now I figure I'll make three-quarters of a bale to the acre."

—Dallas News

THE WALDENSES

(Continued from page one) tercession of saints.

4. They reject the doctrine of purgatory and masses for the dead.

5. They deny priests have power to forgive sins.

6. They oppose the confessional.

7. They protest against the worship of the virgin and saints.

8. They reject the use of holy water.

9. They condemn indulgence.

10. They ascribe the doctrine of purgatory to the covetousness priests.

11. They abhor the sign of the cross and the worship of images.

12. They deny that wicked men can be representatives of Christ.

13. They disown the authority of the pope.

14. They believe that private prayers are as acceptable as public prayers offered in churches." — Sel.

Ed. Note: This is one of many names by which have been called through the centuries. Other names are: Baptists, Presbyterians, Montanists, Paulicians, Arnolddists, bigenses and Henricians.

SEMINARY "LOOSENESS"

Sometime ago in browsing some old clippings found an article, taken from Illinois Baptist, years ago. Prof. Powell of the Louisville Seminary in not knowing Roger Williams was never a Baptist, Secretary J. M. Pepper in The Illinois Baptist:

"But when the Professor of church history in the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, the facts stated, implies in his book that the immersion of Roger Williams was Scriptural immersion and states that the greater Williams was Scriptural and states that the greater Williams was 'the first church in America' we are greatly against our will, to suspect that there is something loose in the Louisville.

It reminds us of a certain mark that was once made concerning Denmark. — J. M. Pepper concerning Denmark. — J. M. Pepper (Continued)

(What is the world coming to?) and especially what is the Baptist coming to? men like Secretary J. M. Pepper and Editor W. P. Throgmorton presume to criticize the doings sayings of Dr. Mullins, Dr. T. P. Simmons and Prof. Powell of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary? not these men afraid to speak a critical way of dignities? — Editor Illinois Baptist.)

Whittitt, McGlothlin, and all ignorantly called Roger Williams and his group the first Baptist Church in America. To sure Mr. Powell is no longer the new professor of church history would say on the machine. However, I am ready to officially state that through years the ignorance of the seminary on Baptist doctrine and Baptist history is appalling.

J. R. Graves in his book, "Baptist Church In America" proves conclusively that Roger Williams was never a Baptist for forty years. He was a member of the first Baptist Church; that it soon banded; that it had no success and that the honor of being the first Baptist Church of America belongs to another organization altogether different from Roger Williams and his group. Graves' book sells for \$1.00. Order from

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