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

"To the law and to the testimony; if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them." (Isa. 8:20).

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Some Reactions To An Untruthful Statement Of Elder J. Frank Norris

On a recent date when conducting a Bible Conference for a Kentucky church, I noticed in their bulletin a quotation supposedly from the pen of J. Frank Norris, as follows:

"My enemies have been disappointed through the years that they have never even got to my skin and caused me the slightest disturbance of conscience. On the other hand, every man who has lifted his hand against my work has failed to prosper. I have tried for forty years to live by the motto, and found it never failing,—Isa. 54:17—

No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord and their righteousness is of the Lord's doing."

—The Fundamentalist

To this I have some very definite reactions, mainly the untruthfulness in every particle as to this quotation.

Mr. Norris may say that his enemies have never caused him any disturbance of mind, yet if the word of his own employees is to be taken, it must have been interesting to have seen him walk the floor and pull his hair like a mad man when he read in THE BAPTIST EXAMINER the photostatic copy as to how he had personally paid \$2,000 on a libel suit to Elder R. E. White of San Antonio, Texas. I don't know when a man gets mad enough to pull the hair out of his head whether he is disturbed or not, yet this appears to me to be a disturbance.

A second reaction: I have lifted my hand, and my tongue, and my pen against his work again and again, and I challenge him and all of his satellites. (Continued on page four)

FRIDAY, THE 13TH NOT A JINX

The "Friday" and "13" combination, as a matter of statistical fact, appears in the record of tragedies as strictly another average week day — no better maybe, but no worse than any of the rest.

Only one of the major disasters in this country since 1865 — tornadoes, hurricanes, floods, fires, sinkings, and explosions — was on Friday the 13th.

Of the more than 80 major plane crashes since 1941, not one was on a Friday with the jinx number. Of the 50 worst American train wrecks since 1876, none was on the feared day.

The Friday-the-13th record doesn't include a single one of the 20 most disastrous fires since 1900, nor any of the 27 most severe earthquakes between 1696 and 1941.

Three hundred and sixty major ship disasters are listed in the 110 years from 1833 to 1943. Only two can be linked in any way to Friday the 13th, and it takes some pushing to get those. (Continued on page four)

Read This And You Surely Will Repudiate All Connections With The Universal Church

There are two mighty forces today which are contributing to the growing confusion in the minds of the people about the nature of a church. One of these forces is that of modernism as headed up in the falsely named Federal Council of Churches. The other force is that of Protestant denominations and their preachers who seek to counteract modernism by preaching the truth in the gospel and the doctrines of grace but are loose in their preaching about the church. Among them are some Baptists and Presbyterians, and others who have seceded from their denominations because of their modernistic tendencies and mechanized denominational programs.

This heresy was even slipped into a resolution passed by the Southern Baptist Convention a few years ago in Oklahoma City, when it was declared that the church of Jesus Christ was

made up of all the saved people. I understand that the General Baptist Convention of Texas went on record later as repudiating this resolution, but so far as I know, the statement still stands as the accepted doctrine of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The modernist crowd deliberately play up the universal idea in order to deceive, appeal to vanity, and thus shame fleshly, apostate Christianity for being divided and thus further their Satanic purpose of forcing all churches or denominations into one big denominational combine. The others play it up for the most part because they are stragglers, cut off from their respective denominations and have to depend upon the public for a living. This is especially true with a certain type of radio preachers.

This universal idea is being (Continued on page two)

WHY SUFFER?

Roy Mason
Tampa, Florida

We have here one of the great problems that disturbs many people. Recently a Christian tried to win a woman to the Lord, and the sick woman asked the question as to why she was permitted to suffer such pain and misery.

In the Scriptures we have suggestions made as to why suffering is permitted, as concerns God's people.

SOMETIMES IT IS TO TEST FAITH

Job is a case in point. Satan is permitted to touch his body. (Continued on page four)

NO USE PRAYING

A young woman was in great concern about her soul, and I frequently talked with her. She placed Christ before her very earnestly, but she didn't seem to receive it. One morning she came to me, saying, "Dear sir, will you pray for me?" She was under a great deal of stress when I said, "Sir, I am very anxious to save you; won't you pray for me?"

"No!" "Oh, sir, you don't mean it?" "I do. I have set Jesus before you; if you won't have Him, there is no use praying; you will be lost. There is no other way, and I don't want there to be any other way. Here have been all my life learning the way, and if there be another, it would be a queer job. Will you have Christ, or will you not?"

There was a pause; then she said, "Yes, I will if I may." "May? He has put it, 'He that believeth... shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.' Surely you may have Him if there is such a fearful threatening against us." (Continued on page four)

Be True To His Word, Though Others Deny It

As far back as the year A. D. 60, certain men began to deny some of the truths of God's revelation, particularly in regard to the Person and work of the Lord Jesus Christ. That falling off on the part of some who professed to belong to Christ has not decreased as the age has run its course, but has become more pronounced in generation after generation. This should astonish no one, for the Spirit of God, who sounded warning against the spirit of denial and negation, predicted that this condition would intensify as the age would near its end, as indeed it has.

Three Scriptures seem to be particularly pertinent to the matter under discussion. "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be

turned unto fables" (II Tim. 4:3,4). "Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of demons." (I Tim. 4:1). "And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come, and even now already is it in the world" (I John 4:3).

Are these predictions true or false? Who can deny that they are true, and that there is increasing evidence of their accuracy in the increscent demonstration of their fulfillment! For

MUSED UNCLE MOSE

De fellah dat jes' as soon jine one chu'ch as annodah, ain' no use o' him jinin' none ob 'em.

in spite of nearly two millenniums during which the light of the glorious Gospel of Christ has shined on the earth, there has been and continues to be prodigious departure from the truth as it is in Him and in the revelation of God's Holy Word. Denial is not confined to avowed infidels and atheists, by any means. It is to be heard among those who make profession of Christianity. It will be found even among those who call themselves evangelicals. It begins by doubting or disregarding the inspiration of the Scriptures. Men who consider themselves to be too intellectual to accept God's account of the creation, as found in the early chapters of Genesis, will substitute their own ideas as to how the world began or man came into being. Others will relegate what the Old Testament tells about Jonah, which is con-

GRACE SUFFICIENT

Charles Haddon Spurgeon, going home once after a heavy day's work, felt depressed and despondent, when suddenly it seemed as if a voice spoke to him, saying: "My grace is sufficient for thee." He said that he burst out laughing, saying: "I should think it is, Lord!" And concerning this experience, he later commented: "It was as if some fish, being very thirsty, was worried about drinking the river dry; and Father Thames said 'Drink on, little fish, my stream is sufficient for thee.'"

Have faith in God. His grace is surely sufficient for every. (Continued on Page Four)

PRAYING IN PUBLIC

In a recent issue of the Chicago Daily News there appeared this story under "Today's Chuckle." Yale Professor William Lyon Phelps and his wife had several guests to dinner. Before the meal began, Phelps called for silence and invoked the Lord's blessing.

"Billy," criticized his wife when he finished, "I couldn't hear a word you were saying." "My dear," replied Phelps, "I wasn't speaking to you."

As we read this amusing incident in the family life of Professor Phelps, we thought of how often in prayer meeting and other gatherings of the Lord's people some individual will lead in prayer in such an inaudible voice that makes it impossible for the rest of the audience to fellowship with them in prayer. Of course, we realize that the Lord hears the one who is praying, but we believe that in public prayer it is easier for fellow believers to enter into the spirit of the one who is praying and greater blessings result, when the voice is lifted so as to be heard all over the room.—Moody Church News

-- The First Baptist Pulpit --

"REBUILDING THE WALLS"

(Read Nehemiah 1)

I want to preface my remarks with the words of the old song:

"Naught that I have, mine own I call,

I hold it for the Giver;
My heart, my strength, my life,
my all,
Are His, and His, forever."

I trust that when I have finished my message that each to whom these words shall come may truthfully speak as has the poet. May it please the Lord for each of us to dedicate ourselves afresh and entirely unto Him.

As a background for our

Scriptural story, let us remember that 163 years prior to the time of Nehemiah 1, Israel had been carried captive into battle. They remained there for seventy years. At the end of this Babylonian captivity, a small group of them under Zerubbabel and Ezra returned to Jerusalem and rebuilt the Jewish temple in spite of much opposition. It required eighty years to rebuild and restore the temple ritual. Of this we are told in the book of Ezra. Even though the temple itself was restored they did not attempt to rebuild the wall about the city.

Then thirteen years elapsed between the books of Ezra and Nehemiah. The Jews were seventy years in Babylonian captivity. They were eighty years restoring the temple, which added to the thirteen years between the two books means that one hundred sixty-three years elapsed between the time the Jews were carried into captivity and the events of the book of Nehemiah.

Nehemiah himself had remained in Babylon. Although he loved God and His people, he did not leave Babylon with. (Continued on page two)

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PLEASE BE OUR GUEST

From time to time the readers of our paper visit with us, both in the church of which the editor is pastor, and in our printing shop.

Needless to say, we are glad to welcome each and everyone. It gives a real joy to meet face to face those who claim to get a blessing from our publications.

Of recent date we have been made happy by visits of the following: A. C. Stogner, Evansville, Indiana; Mr. and Mrs. Holace Combs, Jacksonville, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Williams, Ypsilanti, Michigan; Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Collum, Shawnee, Oklahoma; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Perdue, Ceredo, W. Va.; Mr. A. J. Booth, Louisa, Kentucky; Mr. Charles Lancaster, Tad, W. Va., and Mr. Jack Walker, Malden, W. Va.

We appreciate the visit of each of these and many others which have visited with us in the past.

Since returning home, Brother Stogner has written the following letter which we most happily append.

Baptist Examiner Friends

Dear Friends:

I visited the press room of The Baptist Examiner at Ashland, Ky., while I was on my vacation last week. They have a nice shop and they are doing a great work. I gave them a

THE SUN OF MY SOUL

It is said that Tennyson was walking one day in a beautiful flower garden where many flowers were blooming, and a friend said to him:

"Mr. Tennyson, you speak so often of Jesus. Will you tell me what Christ really means to your life?"

Tennyson stopped and, pointing down to a beautiful yellow flower, said, "What the sun is to the flower, Jesus Christ is to my soul."

small donation to help carry on the work, as the paper is not self supporting. You get 52 papers for 50 cents, as a year's subscription. They cost more than that to print. It is up to us to pay the difference.

I hope all of you that can will help to keep it going, as I think it is the grandest paper I have ever read. Let's send what we can and I'm sure the money will be used for God's work.

May the Lord's richest blessings be with you.

Sincerely In His Name,
A. C. Stogner
3006 Arlington St.
Evansville, Indiana

I can assure you that a welcome awaits you at any time you may have the privilege to visit with us.

UNIVERSAL INVISIBLE CHURCH IDEA CONFUSING

(Continued from page one) so strongly promulgated that it is a constant sing-song. Many good and well-meaning people are unwittingly led to believe it. The young Christian and the uninformed fall a ready prey to it because it has an appeal to the sentimental idea that all true Christians are saved and should be on common ground. It seems to them that if we are brothers in Christ, then we are all together and all differences should be wiped out. It is hard to get over to them that a church that has repudiated the government that Christ has given His church, accepting human substitute, and one who has rejected the ordinances Christ gave His church, substituting human ordinances; and, also, in many instances rejected the program and commission that Christ gave His church, substituting human programs, has no right to claim to be a church of our Lord.

Christ would be the greatest hypocrite that ever lived if He should own all the contradictory churches, with contradictory doctrines and practices that exist.

The trouble with many people is they never see the difference in the family of God and the church of Christ. The family belongs to the Father and is made up of every born-again soul in heaven and earth. Eph. 3:15. The family dates back to the Garden of Eden and consists of every redeemed soul. We get into the family by the new birth and adoption. The family of God is not an institution or organization. It is spiritual and universal and, in that sense, is invisible. But a church is an institution, an organic body, with laws and ordinances and with a commission. It is a governing body entrusted with the embodiment of the faith, i. e., doctrines of the Word and is charged with the keeping of that faith in its purity; its purpose is to preach the gospel, teach and perpetuate the doctrines of Christ, and keep the ordinances as delivered unto it. Any church that fails in these things is a false church, though it may have children of God in it. And if we recognize a false church as being on equality with a true church, we surrender the truth and sin against its head and founder.

But while the family of God dates from the Garden of Eden and is comprised of all His children, the church as an institution dates from the earthly ministry of Jesus Christ, and we get into that institution by subscribing to its ordinances and laws, of course, predicted upon our being accepted by the church itself. The fact that the church does have kingdom authority to loose and bind, and to receive and dismiss from its membership, and to discipline its members, shows that it is an organic body and is both local and visible. Informed historians who are honest freely tell us that the word "church" is a coined English word, like baptize, to accommodate the Episcopalians, Church of England, and to protect the doctrine of state church, and that the word was not translated into its true meaning. If the word had been translated correctly, it would have been translated "congregation" or "assembly" and much of the confusion would never come. But, if they had translated it thus, it would have upset the established doctrine of a state church both by Catholics and Episcopalians.

There can be no other kind of assembly or congregation except that of a local body of people. It is impossible to have a universal assembly. Just as it would be impossible to raise a window down or spread something together. If a thing is con-

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"REBUILDING THE WALLS"

(Continued from page one) Zerubbabel and Ezra. He had found favor with King Artaxerxes, having become the king's cupbearer.

"And it came to pass in the month Nisan, in the twentieth year of Artaxerxes the king, that wine was before him: and I took up the wine, and GAVE IT UNTO THE KING. Now I had not been beforetime sad in his presence." — Neh. 2:1.

Though he remained in Babylon and thus came into a position of influence and prominence, he did not forget his native land. Eventually through the providence of God he returned to Jerusalem and rebuilt the wall about the city. The entire book of Nehemiah is the complete story of the building of this wall.

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AT THE OUTSET IT IS INTERESTING TO NOTICE THE PURPOSE OF THIS WALL ABOUT THE CITY OF JERUSALEM. Jerusalem was God's city. It was for God's people. The temple was God's temple and the worship there was God's worship. God wanted His temple and His worship kept separate from the heathen nations round about. He did not want His people to mix and mingle religiously with the heathen nations of Palestine. God knew that if these heathen nations were allowed to have access unto the Jewish temple and if they were allowed to mingle with the Jews — God knew that it would result in the destruction of the Jewish religion.

Therefore, the wall was a barrier of separation between the Jews and the heathen. God did not want these heathen nations mingling religiously with His people.

"An Ammonite or Moabite shall not enter into the congregation of the Lord; even to their tenth generation shall they not enter into the congregation of the Lord for ever: Because they met you not with bread and with water in the way, when ye came forth out of Egypt; and because they hired against thee Balaam the son of Beor of Pethor of Mesopotamia, to curse thee. Nevertheless, the Lord thy God would not hearken unto Balaam; but the Lord thy God turned the curse into a blessing unto thee, because the Lord thy God loved thee. Thou shalt not seek their peace nor their prosperity all thy days for ever." — Deut. 23:3-6.

Thus this wall was for the purpose of separating the pure from the impure, or truth from error. It was for the purpose of shutting out false worship and protecting the religion of the Jews.

Every individual ought to have a FIGURATIVE WALL OF SEPARATION ABOUT HIS LIFE — separation from all that is wrong, carnal, fleshly, irreligious and un-Scriptural in the world. Surely every child of God needs to be separated from the world and unto God. Listen to these Scriptures:

"Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, DO ALL TO THE GLORY OF GOD." — I Cor. 11:3.

"Be YE NOT UNEQUALLY YOKED together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you." — II Cor. 6:14, 17.

"What! know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore GLORIFY GOD IN YOUR BODY, and in your spirit, which are God's." — I Cor. 6:19, 20.

"ABSTAIN from all appearance of evil." — I Thess. 5:22.

"Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to KEEP HIMSELF UNSPOTTED FROM THE WORLD." — James 1:27.

"Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God." — James 4:4.

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God." — Rom. 12:1, 2.

Not only is this true of the individual, it IS ALSO TRUE OF THE CHURCH WHICH JESUS BUILT. His church is of Heavenly origin and the doctrines revealed in the Word of God which His church is to practice, were likewise revealed from Heaven. In contrast, the Catholic Church and all the Protestant churches of the world are of human origin and the most of their doctrines are also of human origin. In fact, all of human origin. In fact, all that they have which is true and Scriptural, they have gotten from the Baptists. The balance — the heresies they hold — they have picked up from the world. Baptists need to build a figurative wall of separation from the inroads of modernism, communism, feminism, Armies, and Catholicism. I insist, beloved, that the one thing which is needed in Baptist ranks today is a return to the old fashioned truths which Baptists have held for twenty centuries. We need a wall to separate us from all isms and schisms. Listen:

"Can two walk together, except they be agreed?" — Amos 3:3.

"Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offenses contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and AVOID THEM." — Rom. 16:17.

"Having a form of godliness but denying the power thereof FROM SUCH TURN AWAY." — II Tim. 3:5.

"Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye WITHDRAW YOURSELVES from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us." — II Thes. 3:6.

"And if any man obey not our word by this epistle, note that man, and HAVE NO COMMUNION WITH HIM, that he may be ashamed." — II Thes. 3:14.

"Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, RECEIVE HIM NOT into your house, NEITHER BID HIM GOD-SPEED: For he that biddeth him God-speed is partaker of his evil deeds." — II John 1:9, 11.

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THE UNCHANGING JESUS

Through the yesterday of ages,
Jesus, Thou art still the same;
Through our own life's checkered pages,
Still the one, dear, changeless Name!
Well may we in Thee confide,
Faithful Saviour, proved and "tried."

Gazing down the far forever,
Brighter glows the one sweet Name;
Steadfast radiance, paling never!
Jesus, Jesus! still the same,
Evermore Thou shalt endure,
Our own Saviour, strong and "sure."

—Frances Ridley Havergal

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Two Views Of The Sunday School Of The First Baptist Church of Iquitos, Peru



These pictures show two views of the Sunday School of the First Baptist Church in Iquitos, Peru, on Sunday, July 6, 1947. The Peruvian girl standing next to and in front of Mrs. P. Hallum is Minita Gaubert. She teaches a class of all children using the flannelgraph material prepared by true women and girls of the Harmony Baptist Church in Detroit, Mich. She is first taught the lesson by Miss Marguerite Hal-

lum and then she teaches the lesson back to Marguerite and then she is ready to teach it to her Sunday School class. It is good to be able to see the pictures and hear first hand of the work that the Missionaries that we support are doing. The boys and girls in these pictures will be the Baptist men and women of Iquitos in a few years. Many thousands like them are not being reached with the Gospel. Do you hear the call—"Come over in Peru and help us?"

LETTERS FROM BROTHER BRANDON

(As we were writing the copy for this issue of the paper two letters came from Missionary Brandon. He left New York January 31 and received his first letters in Cruzeiro do Sul on August 6, 1947.—Editor).

Cruzeiro do Sul, Acre, Brazil.
August 7, 1947.

Dear Brethren:

The long looked for boat arrived yesterday and I am now in receipt of your letters numbers one, two and three. This is the first and only correspondence from anyone I have had since leaving Belem, Para. We are not having plane service now and the boat service is so weary that it cannot be counted upon anymore. The air company who has an agency here has promised a plane each week since I arrived and so far not any. There have been two government planes to come here on business but did not bring any correspondence, but they did receive and carry it to Rio Branco where it was to encounter another plane. I sent letters and pictures on each (we received them—Editor). You speak of the progress of the work there at Harmony. That does rejoice my heart for I love that church. They befriended me when I really needed a friend and I feel there are some of the Lord's choicest jewels among them, and who would harm them would harm me and who would bless them would bless me. When I recall the past and my experience with that church I bow my head in humility before the Lord, because I remember that they were among those who were disclassified by men myself in particular being such. But the Lord's ways are not men's ways and when He observed the situation, He gave attention. Blessed be the name of the Lord who regardeth the low estate of his servants and exalteth whom He will.

Glad To Get The News

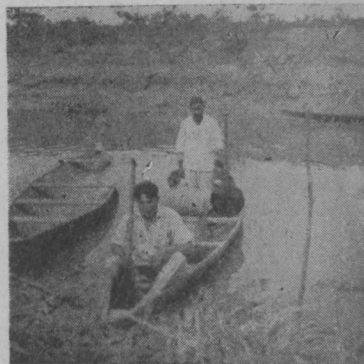
You say you tried to give me
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VACATION MONTHS

July and August were vacation months. Many of our church members went away to see relatives and friends. The editor of the MISSION SHEETS took his family to Kentucky to see our kinfolks and friends. This is the first time that Mrs. Overbey and the children had been there in nine years. We had a good visit and the Editor preached ten times in the two weeks he was away from his church. We were with the First Baptist Church, White Plains, Ky., for three nights and with the First Baptist Church, Trenton, Ky., on a Sunday morning and with the Memorial Baptist

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Two Native Brazilian Preachers Who Work With Missionary Brandon



The two men standing holding their Bibles are native Brazilian Baptist preachers. The one bareheaded is Cicero Bicipo and the one with the hat on is Oleno Wanderleg. They are standing beside the headquarters building in Cruzeiro do Sul. They came down river to meet Missionary Brandon on his return to Cruzeiro do Sul. The other picture shows the two men in their canoe with their bags and a box of supplies ready to leave for a 255 mile journey up the Jurua river to Amonho where Cicero lives and labors. They will stop at Campo Santano and other places to hold meetings on their way up river to their destination. Oleno is the

youngest preacher who will be working with Cicero. It is a ten day journey in this canoe from Cruzeiro do Sul to Amonho and then they will go up the Teja river 150 miles to open a new work among the people settled there. Cicero is being supported by the Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, Cadiz, Ky., of whom Brother J. R. Guess is the pastor. Pastor Guess and saints at Mount Pleasant please take notice. Here is a wonderful opportunity for some church or individual to support Oleno Wanderleg, the young preacher who works with Cicero. Missionary Brandon needs help. Who will answer the call—"Come over in Brazil and help us?"

Another Encouraging Letter From P. Hallum And Family In Peru

(When the Hallums returned to Peru early this year they took with them a new stove, an electric refrigerator and a washing machine. Due to the difference in the electric current and the wrong kind of a transformer they have not been able to use these things so badly. Everyone knows the need of a refrigerator here in a temperate zone, so one can imagine what it is like there without one when the weather is terribly hot all the time.—Editor).

Iquitos, Peru.
May 25, 1947.

We still find ourselves without the use of either the refrigerator or washing machine due to the fact that the transformer which we brought with us is not high enough voltage to handle the current required for either appliance. They were rather hard to find when we were at home, but we don't know how the situation is now. We would like for you to try to get two for us, one for each appliance, if possible. (They have been sent—Ed.). The electrician here tells us we need them of 600 volts each. Larger ones are to be had but they are very heavy. A missionary here has one of 1400 volts and it weighs 40 pounds. The weight limit for parcel post packages is 22 pounds to Peru. So if two small ones could be bought, they could be mailed separately and simplify matters, as there is an extreme lot of red tape such as import license, etc., on freight orders. You may be able to find them at some electric appliance dealer. If not, I am enclosing part of an advertisement which recently appeared in Newsweek by the War Assets Administration. The current here is 220 volts, 60 cycle. Our appliances are 110 volt, 60 cycle. I think that is all the information you will need except that we want them at least 600 volts.

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HOME MISSIONS

Many and great are the opportunities for home missions. A disvan Road Baptist Church, Van Dine, Mich., Brother Roy Shepherd, pastor, has extended an arm to Huntington, Ind., and mounted a building and services are now being held regularly. COMe hope to hear of a Baptist church being there soon. Harmony Baptist Church has extended an arm to Keego Harbor, Mich., about three miles from Pontiac, Mich., and services are held there each Sunday afternoon. We recently preached there in an eleven-day meeting. This is a town of 3000 people without a Baptist church. The Lord willing we hope to see a Baptist Church here soon. Pastors D. W. Billington and M. M. Hampton have been doing mis-

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Not Programs, But Missions And Colportage Needs Baptist Emphasis Today

We do not hear much about missions anymore, but we hear a good deal about programs and policies, etc. We do not hear much about colportage work anymore, but we hear about enlistment programs. What is needed at home is association missionaries that will canvass house to house and witness for Christ and distribute good tracts and books and Bibles and then hold meetings in destitute places. We seem to have come to the time when home missionaries seem to think that all that is necessary for them to do is to supply for the various pastors when they are away from their churches and keep on the paved roads and try to select pastors for churches that are without them, and then draw their pay. Many times their greatest efforts are put forth in working against churches and pastors that are really doing the Lord's work as the Bible teaches it should be done. It matters not whether souls are being saved or not, nor whether the church has a prayer meeting only so long as she cooperates with the machine. But let her exercise her God given right to a Bible believing and Bible practicing church and then one of the small cogs in the machine gets busy to interfere. We were told that a West Kentucky preacher who is now an Association Missionary said

that: "No church can carry out the Great Commission by and through her own efforts." Now what do you think of that? When the Lord gave the Great Commission there was only one church, the church at Jerusalem, and according to this Association Missionary it was impossible for that church to carry out the Great Commission. Baptist churches do mission work

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FOREIGN MISSIONS IN U.S.

You may wonder how foreign mission work can be done in the United States. It is like this. Our government permits many thousands of Mexicans to come to the United States to work on farms and railroads, etc., for a period of a few months, then they return to Mexico and another group of thousands come to take their place, etc. Brother Guimar Novaez is a Mexican Baptist preacher. He was trained to be a Catholic Priest and was saved just a short time before he was to be ordained a Priest. He now lives in Detroit and he and his wife are members of Harmony Baptist Church, of which the Editor is pastor. Brother Novaez is a missionary to his own people while they are here in the U. S. He has free

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NOTICE

Anyone desiring more information about this mission work write to the Secretary of the Mission. Address your letter to:

H. H. OVERBEY
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VACATION TIME

Continued from preceding page Church, Murray, Ky., (our home town) on a Sunday night and then we were with Pastor M. M. Hampton in a mission meeting two nights. Pastor Hampton had a nice place in the woods several miles from his church, Sinking Spring, in a place where there is no church. Wagon sheets furnished by the farmers were used as a covering and gasoline lanterns were hung up and the people came to hear the Word of the Lord. This is the second meeting that Pastor Hampton has held in this mission point. It was a great joy for us to be at the places and preach the unsearchable riches of God's grace. Then we returned and went to Grand Rapids, Mich., and was with Pastor Adrian Freyling and the Maranatha Baptist Church Sunday morning and night and on their radio program Sunday afternoon. We were back in our church last night for prayer meeting with 46 present to study the word, sing and pray.

LETTERS FROM
MISSIONARY BRANDON

(Continued from preceding page) the news and I am so glad for no one else tries. I see Brother Arterburn has resigned at Grace and that they called Brother Malcolm Roberts. He seemed to be an humble man. I know his people in Trigg County. They are a splendid people, yet humble. He has a brother-in-law who pastors a church near Cadiz, Ky. I visited them as one of the last churches and they gave me an offering and seemed happy in doing so. You may tell Brother Roberts that my heart is with him in his work and that I am praying for him. I remember Brother Hille who you say was called at New Hope. Did not get to know him as well as I should have liked. Regret to hear of the Arterburns being in bad health. But the Lord will endear himself to them in their afflictions and they will grow in grace by having these experiences.

Most Interested In Prayer

The thing that interests me most is that you are praying with regularity for the work, and especially for another Missionary. Be careful that you let the Lord choose him and send him. The most you can do is to cooperate with them. You don't need to make them any promises, let their faith be in the Lord and not in men. Today I received the wire advising that the brethren had approved the purchase of the boat and motor and that Brother Clark was sending the money to pay for it. The river is so dry that it looks like I cannot use it for a while yet. Everyone that known says that it is a good one and worth the money. A plane came in this morning but will be off shortly. I will write you more fully later as the time is limited. I wrote you requesting some injections for victims of beri beri. I think it is a form of dropsy. (We sent the vitamins last month—Editor). They say we will have a plane each 15 days from now on and if so I will get the mail sooner.

ANOTHER LETTER
FROM BRANDON

August 8, 1947.

I closed the letter yesterday hoping to get it off on the plane that came but they would not carry correspondence and the letter remained. I congratulate Brother Calvin on the new parsonage that Oak Church has bought for them and hope they will enjoy it as they work with the brethren in the gospel; remember me to him. Glad to hear that Brother Malcolm of Florida sometimes feels that he should come and help me. We need someone without too much delay, but someone who is trusting the Lord and not MEN. Let me say that I enjoyed the fellowship with Brother Masterson and wife and well do I recall the night at Brother Ben Taylor's in the mountains of Kentucky. I was so sick that night but still I remember the services. He is a good man or else I am mistaken. Now that you are praying the Lord will take notice if you persevere in prayer, but praying is like anything else in one sense of the word. We must abide in prayer if we would receive the desired blessings. Sorry to hear of Brother Freyling's illness. He is a wonderful man, full of grace and his brethren are remarkable.

Plans Journey

If the Lord wills I will go up to Japyni and Barao and perhaps to Parana. A letter today from a man in Manaos urging me to go there and begin a work for the organizing a church of our faith and order, the Lord who knows and controls the future also holds my destiny in His unfailing hand. I am indeed grateful to all the brethren, churches and pastors for their generous cooperation in this work. Sincerely I trust that they will never have cause to regret their efforts and sacrifices for the progress of the truth in these untimely parts. I believe my visit to the States was divinely planned, never such harmonious working of the Spirit of the Lord among His people and how He did multiply the better blessing for my soul and body. Yet there were perplexing difficulties that I was called upon to face that were heart breaking and since returning there has been nothing to encourage until last week while in the interior on a tour, the Lord Jesus drew nigh and blessed. My soul could no longer be weary, but the profound joy burst forth as pure water from an unquenched fountain. Today as he renews my strength, revives my spirit, augments my faith, my bodily afflictions are forgotten. Tis no wonder the prophet said, "His name shall be called Wonderful." May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be multiplied unto you all, Amen.

Sincerely,

J. F. BRANDON.

(Surely this letter from Brother Brandon's heart will stir some to action to answer the call to go and help him.—Ed.).

HOME MISSIONS

(Continued from preceding page) sion work at a needy place in Kentucky and as a result Turkey Creek Baptist Church has been organized. The new Baptist Church at Providence, Ky., in Calloway County has their new building paid for and dedicated it in a high spiritual service with Bro. A. G. Arterburn preaching the sermon. Brother Arterburn advises that none of the "big boys" were present but

A LETTER FROM THE
HALLUMS

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About The Women And
Children

We have just returned from our regular Friday night women's meeting. Our lesson tonight was about sinners and the judgment. Keen interest was shown by some. One girl about 12 was asking questions about the second coming of Christ. The point had been brought out that there were two places where the soul could go after death. If one is prepared having repented and received the Lord through faith, the soul goes to Heaven. If one is unprepared his soul will pass eternity in hell. Then the girl asked if we would know each other there. I pointed out the Scripture we had studied the week before about the rich man and Lazarus. She said she was going to hug me when she got there. I asked her "where?" She said "Heaven." I asked her if she were prepared to go to Heaven and she said yes that she had had her first communion (She goes to the nuns school and the family seems to be pretty strict Catholics as these people go). I told her we were not discussing first communion, but repentance and confessing our sins to the Lord, and faith in Him.

She said that she confesses every Saturday. That gave me an opportunity to bring out that confession to men avails nothing for they have no power to forgive, but only through Christ for there is only one mediator between God and Man, Jesus Christ. Other questions were asked by others such as: How to repent? etc., so the study of this little book, "Sinners, Sinners Lost and Sinners Saved" seems to be provoking thought. We can only teach the word and pray that the Lord will give understanding. Pray to that end.

Yours in His service,

MARGUERITE HALLUM.

FOREIGN MISSION WORK
IN THE U. S.

(Continued from preceding page) access to them and leads many of them to accept the Lord Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour. Over 250 have been saved already this year of 1947 as a result of his preaching. Several of the churches in the Detroit River Association have a part in the support of Brother Novaez. Brother Novaez and wife have three small sons. He reaches more Mexican people here than he could if he were a Missionary in Mexico. Pray for Brother Novaez and his work.

MISSIONS vs. PROGRAMS

Continued from preceding page and as a result other Baptist churches spring up, but according to this man one church cannot carry out the Great Commission and that being the case there cannot be a second Baptist church for the first one to cooperate with to do mission work so that there might be a second one.

Recently while we were in Western Kentucky a Baptist woman told us that this Association Missionary set up his tent at Almo Crossing and held a meeting. She also advised that this was within a half mile to a mile across the field from Flint Baptist Church, who has a regular pastor and had just recently

that the Holy Spirit was there on a great crowd that packed the building.

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR AUGUST 1947

South Side Baptist Church, Winter Haven, Fla.	\$ 55.00
Tabernacle Baptist Church, Lewisburg, Ky.	50.00
First Baptist Church, White Plains, Ky.	12.00
Liberty Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio	24.10
Scotts Grove Baptist Church, Murray, Ky.	61.00
Scotts Grove Baptist Church, Murray, Ky.	64.50
Bible Missionary Baptist Church, Dequincy, La.	2.50
First Baptist Church, Coal Grove, Ohio	27.70
Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Cadiz, Ky.	35.00
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Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, Ky.	16.42
Liberty Baptist Church, Central City, Ky.	3.40
Liberty Baptist Church, Central City, Ky.	3.50
Bellyview Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky.	23.89
Ahava Baptist Church, Plant City, Fla.	10.00
Seven Springs Baptist Church, Dycusburg, Ky.	17.29
New Hope Baptist Church, L. B. C., Dearborn, Mich.	10.00
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn, Mich.	23.62
South Union Baptist Church, Cadiz, Ky.	28.00
North Ballard Baptist Church, Wickliffe, Ky.	94.00
Shady Grove Baptist Church, Wickliffe, Ky.	21.34
Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Hickory, Ky.	34.09
Eaton Avenue Baptist Church, Muncie, Ind.	10.00
First Baptist Church, Murray, Ky.	5.00
Second Baptist Church, Marion, Ky.	10.86
Grace Baptist Church, L. B. C., Baseline, Mich.	15.00
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Grace Baptist Church, Baseline, Mich.	78.45
Grace Baptist Church, Young People, Baseline, Mich.	11.66
Harmony Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich. (for adding machine)	50.00
First Baptist Church, Russell, Ky.	129.85
Greenbottom Baptist Church, Lesage, W. Va.	35.00
Benton Baptist Church, Benton, Ky.	60.64
Fenton Road Baptist Church, Flint, Mich.	66.80
Fenton Road Baptist Church, L. B. C., Flint, Mich.	5.00
Bethel Baptist Church, Roseville, Mich.	18.00
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Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Roberts, Murray, Ky.	5.00
Troy Hammons, Crossville, Tenn.	5.00
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E. H. Craft, Widen, W. Va.	10.00
B. R. Matheny, Clendenin, W. Va.	2.00
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G. K. Elder, Fresno, Cal.	10.00
Mrs. E. E. Collins, Russell, Ky. (for adding machine)	1.00

TOTAL

\$1292.12

Z. E. CLARK, Treasurer

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Elder Z. E. Clark

5216 Concord Avenue
Detroit 11, Mich.

Baptist Faith Missions still needs an adding machine. Only \$116.00 received toward it.

MISSIONARIES NEEDED

After reading the letters from the missionaries I am sure anyone can see the great need of new missionaries for Brazil and Peru. Brother Brandon is in great need of a good man and wife to come and help him. A great opportunity for a man to learn to do mission work under another with years of experience. Many tell us they are interested and some tell us they are called to go, but none have gone so far. One fine young preacher has said several times

closed a revival meeting. We asked why so close to Flint church which was organized in 1898 and has been in the business for the past 49 years and she said that this was on a paved road with electric lights handy, etc., and was easy for the Association Missionary. This Baptist woman said that everyone felt that the man should have put up his tent in a place where there was no Baptist church and really done some mission work in the places in the Association that were destitute.

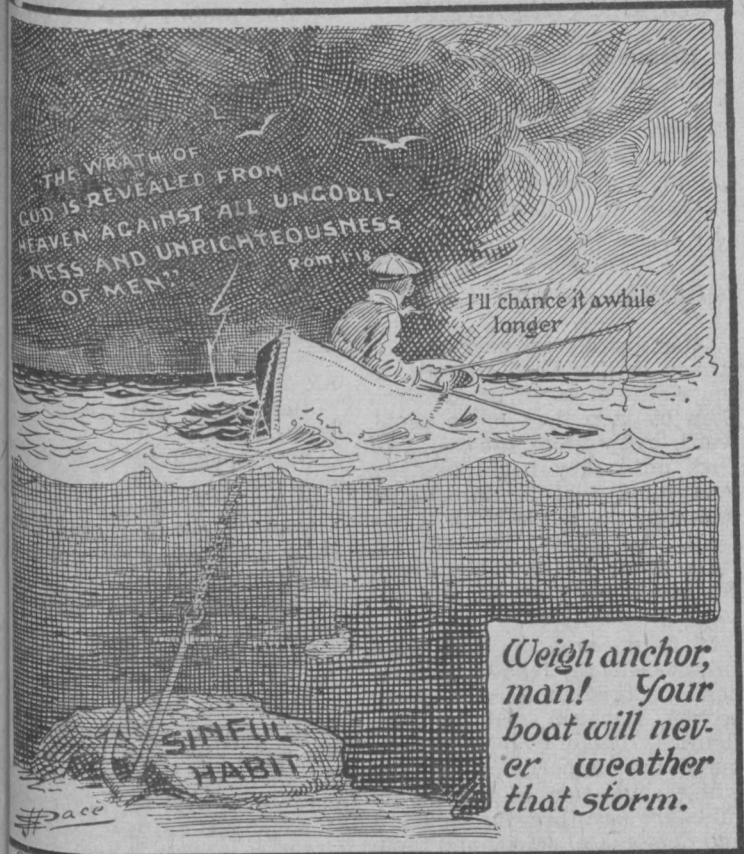
he is definitely called to go and work with Brother Brandon, but his wife will not agree to go. Another says he must finish four years of college first. We do not know of a greater need nor of a greater opportunity. There is a dead ripe mission field with five churches already established and about 30 or more preaching points with about seven native Baptist preachers to help and an opportunity to carry on the work after Brother Brandon is no longer able to do so. If the Lord is calling you to go why not answer, here am I Lord, send me? It is a work of faith. Some Baptist Church will send out the man called of God and he will go trusting the Lord to provide his every need and the rewards in glory will be greater than any of us will expect.

You can't fool God, but a lot of folk die trying to.

Be much with God if you want to be much like God.

You can not do anything for Christ apart from Christ.

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REBUILDING THE WALLS

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IT IS HIGHLY INTERESTING TO OBSERVE NEHEMIAH'S ATTITUDE CONCERNING THE DESTROYED WALL. When he learned that the temple ritual at Jerusalem was being polluted by the Ammonites and the Moabites and other heathen nations round about, since the wall was broken down, he wept. Listen: "And they said unto me, The Ammonites that are left of the captivity there in the province are in great affliction and reproach: the wall of Jerusalem also is broken down, and the gates thereof are burned with fire. And it came to pass, when I heard these words, that I sat down and wept, and mourned certain days, and fasted, and prayed before the God of heaven." — Neh. 1:3,4.

He was even so sad, depressed, and downcast that the king noticed his condition and spoke to him concerning it.

"Wherefore the king said unto me, Why is thy countenance sad, seeing thou art not sick? This is nothing else but sorrow of heart. Then I was very sore afraid." — Neh. 2:2.

It is enough to make any Christian weep when he sees any wall of Christian living broken down about him. Surely we are at the flood tide of compromise as to Christian living. Many Christians and many church members dress like the world, live like the world, and act like the world. The reason is obvious for they live totally on a worldly plane. I often say that since the Christian has the nature of God within him that the world ought to be able to see something of God in his life. However, the majority are so fleshly and worldly minded and the wall of Christian living is so completely broken down, that there is virtually no difference to be seen between the world and the church. Christians find their amusements the same as the world — movies, the dance, card parties and the beach. Certainly the majority of the professing Christians think nothing of living exactly like the world.

I say that Nehemiah wept because the wall was broken down about the city of Jerusalem, and every child of God ought to

weep for the same reason.

Then surely real Baptists who want to be Scriptural need to weep much over conditions existing today. Our seminaries are filled with modernists, near-modernists, and heretics. These schools are producing a crop of fledglings who in turn will destroy the faith once for all delivered to the saints, in the churches where they become pastor. Accordingly, very few churches today believe in election. Mighty few preach salvation by grace and the security of the saved. Still fewer preach concerning the second coming and a very, very much smaller crowd preach the truth as to the local church and her ordinances. As for finding a church that has taken a stand as to the Scriptural place concerning women in the church, one would have to travel far and wide to find such. I say in the light of these errors and heresies that it is enough to make real Baptists weep at the thought of the destruction of the true faith as revealed in God's Word.

Nehemiah didn't stop with weeping over conditions. In fact, he didn't wash his hands of the matter because he was miles away in Babylon. He did not reason that since he was so far away there was nothing that he could do. Instead, he immediately set himself to the task of praying. Practically all of the first chapter records an early prayer concerning the broken down wall. Then later when attempting to rebuild the wall, he met the opposition of his enemies with prayer.

"Hear, O our God; for we are despised: and turn their reproach upon their own head, and give them for a prey in the land of captivity." — Neh. 4:4.

It isn't enough for a pastor or for consecrated Christians to be grieved over worldliness and worldly practices which are creeping into our churches. Like Nehemiah they ought to do something about it.

It isn't enough for true Baptists to watch the inroads of heresy as they slowly creep into our churches. It does not excuse any Baptist to say the destruction of the faith is merely the fulfillment of Scripture. Though that be true, every preacher ought to take his stand for the Word of God, and every day contend earnestly for the faith. Of course, if he did he wouldn't

get as many invitations to social functions as heretofore. I am sure that if he did so, he would mighty soon quit running with the Elks, feeding with the Moose, and flying with the Eagles. Likewise, it wouldn't be long until he would be feeding God's sheep.

I insist that it is the preacher's business to take his stand against all heresies and heretics — the same kind of stand Nehemiah took.

When Nehemiah returned to Jerusalem, he rode around the city's broken down wall and observed its waste. Immediately he encouraged the people to rebuild.

"Then said I unto them, Ye see the distress that we are in, how Jerusalem lieth waste, and the gates thereof are burned with fire: come, and let us build up the wall of Jerusalem, that we be no more a reproach." — Neh. 2:17.

Thus identifying himself with the people of God he encouraged them to take their stand and thus separate themselves from the heathen about them.

Would to God that these words might come home with much forcefulness to the heart of some worldly Christian and thus cause that one to rebuild the wall of separation around his life from the things of the world. And surely it is my prayer that these words might cause some weak Baptist to become identified with the people of God in a vital way so that henceforth he shall contend earnestly for the true teachings of God's Word.

III

NEHEMIAH HAD SOME INTERESTING HELPERS TO ASSIST HIM. When he began the task of rebuilding these walls, God raised up some helpers.

It is obvious to notice that everyone did his part. Listen:

"From above the horse gate repaired the priests, EVERY ONE OVER AGAINST HIS HOUSE." — Neh. 3:28.

Notice these words: "Over against his house." Many times that expression occurs within this chapter showing that each individual did his part in rebuilding the wall which was next to his house.

How interesting it is to find people, who when inspired by a courageous leader, are willing to do their part in separating themselves and their church from the world.

In fact, in all things every man ought to seek to do his part pertaining to the Lord's work. Listen:

"And they stood every man IN HIS PLACE round about the camp: and all the host ran, and cried, and fled." — Judges 7:21.

"Whatsoever THY HAND findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest." — Eccl. 9:10.

In fact, in Nehemiah's day some people did two parts of the work. Listen:

"And next unto them the TEKOITES repaired; but their nobles put not their necks to the work of their Lord." — Neh. 3:5.

"After them THE TEKOITES REPAIRED ANOTHER PIECE, over against the great tower that lieth out, even unto the wall of Ophel." — Neh. 3:27.

It is apparent in these two Scriptures that the Tekoites not only did their part but also another part which someone else had neglected.

Thank God for the Tekoites! What a blessing they are to any pastor. How it does rejoice

the soul of any preacher to have folk who are willing to do that which is expected of them — and to go far beyond this to do even more.

We have a good example concerning Nehemiah's helpers in the character of Meshullam, when we read:

"After him repaired Hananiah the son of Shelemiah, and Hanan the sixth son of Zalaph, another piece. After him repaired Meshullam the son of Berechiah OVER AGAINST HIS CHAMBER." — Neh. 3:30.

Here was a man who apparently did not have a house, — just a chamber or a room along the wall. While he had only a bedroom, it is highly conspicuous that he labored and separated his room from the religion of these heathen nations round about.

What lessons we can learn from these helpers of Nehemiah! These are trying days through which we are passing. Our churches are mixed up with the world. Our churches are filled with false doctrines, and heretics compose most of the membership. Would to God that this message might be the means of causing many to build a wall of separation about their lives and about their church to thus separate themselves from the world and from the false, pagan religion of the Catholics and Protestants.

IV

NEHEMIAH HAD PLENTY OF ADVERSARIES WHEN HE ANNOUNCED HIS INTENTIONS OF REBUILDING THE WALL. Immediately an adversary appeared on the scene. Listen:

"When Sanballat the Horonite, and Tobiah the servant, the Ammonite, heard of it, it grieved them exceedingly that there was come a man to seek the welfare of the children of Israel." — Neh. 2:10.

Still later this same adversary mocked the wall which Nehemiah built.

"Now Tobiah the Ammonite was by him, and he said, Even that which they build, if a fox go up, he shall even break down their stone wall." — Neh. 4:3.

Even later this same group of adversaries continued their resistance until the wall was actually completed. They sought to take Nehemiah's life; they sought to discourage him by false reports; and they sought to undermine his work by hiring one of God's prophets to lie unto Nehemiah. Read Neh. 6:1-14 if you would find the whole story as to his adversaries.

Yes, Nehemiah had many adversaries and every man of God who dares to follow in Nehemiah's footsteps will have the same. The reason why so many preachers tolerate that which they know to be wrong is because they are afraid of the adversaries which will rise up if they take their stand for the things of God. Surely any man who does insist upon separated

Christian living and who requires that his church be entirely separate from all the heretical organizations of the world which are falsely called churches — surely that individual will find the road to be rough and the load to be tough, ere long.

I know whereof I speak by personal experience. The Devil has raised up every adversary in this world against this pastor and church. I know of no manner whereby he might strike, but what he has already struck, within the last eighteen years. Only God knows the adversaries we have had to face.

It is rather interesting to notice how Nehemiah solved the problem of these adversaries. He just put the matter into God's hands and went on about his work.

"Hear, O our God; for we are despised: and turn their reproach upon their own head, and give them for a prey in the land of captivity." — Neh. 4:4.

"And I sent messengers unto them, saying, I am doing a great work, so that I cannot come down: why should the work cease, whilst I leave it, and come down to you?" — Neh. 6:3.

After all, this was the best thing he could do. By building the wall he was taking his stand against these heathen about him, so having put the matter into God's hands he continued with his work to the best of his ability.

Eventually in spite of his adversaries the wall was finished. "So the wall was finished in the twenty and fifth day of the month Elul, in fifty and two days." — Neh. 6:15.

What a blessing it is to know that this man of God succeeded in a task whereunto he had set himself because he depended on God.

I insist, beloved, that each of us need to build such a wall of separation about our lives so as to separate ourselves from the world. In like manner we need to build a wall about our churches so there can be no alien immersion, open communion, union meetings nor religious contacts with the heathen, pagan practices of the false churches of the world. May God give us grace to build just such walls of separation today.

Remember that you cannot build a wall of separation until you have put in the proper foundation. That foundation, of course, is Christ.

"For other foundation can no man lay that is laid, which is Jesus Christ." — I Cor. 3:11.

If you have not yet been saved, then may you receive Christ as your Saviour and on Him as the proper foundation build a wall which will separate you unto the Lord and unto the true church which He established 1900 years ago.

May God give you grace to accept the challenge of this hour.

HOW TO BRING REVIVAL

Gypsy Smith was once asked how to start a revival.

He answered: "Go home, lock yourself in your room, kneel down in the middle of your floor. Draw a chalk mark all around yourself and ask God to start the revival inside that chalk mark. When He has answered your prayer, the revival will be on." — Missionary Worker

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UNIVERSAL CHURCH

(Continued from page two) gregated it must be local, and likewise, if it is assembled it must be local. Thus the Bible speaks of the church (assembly) which was at Jerusalem, the church (assembly) at Antioch, the church of God at Corinth, and in the plural it always uses the plural form as the seven churches of Asia, the churches of Galatia, etc. But you never see such terms as the church of Samaria, they are churches: nor church of Asia, nor church of Galatia. When several different congregations are meant with reference to territory, the Bible always makes the term plural.

There are places in the Scriptures where the term church is used in the singular form when used in the generic sense. But in these places no particular church is meant, and the application is used with reference to any assembly or church. It is used in this sense just as the word "man" and "woman" are used in the book of Job. Job says, "Man that is born of woman is of a few days and full of trouble." We might ask, What man? What woman? The answer is any man, any woman. So it is when Paul refers to the church and says, "Christ is the head of the church as the husband is the head of the wife." That does not mean that there is just one big church: if it did, then, there is just one big husband and one big wife. But it means that Christ is the head of the church (assembly in the sense that every husband is the head of his wife. It means that he has authority over His churches just as all husbands have authority over their wives. See Genesis 3:16. If, wherever we find the word body or

church used in this sense, we would use the true meaning and substitute assembly, we would fully understand what it meant. Let us take a few examples:

I Cor. 1:2: Unto the assembly of God which is at Corinth—with all (assemblies) that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ.

Col. 1:18: And he is the head of the body, the assembly—(Here it is made plain that the assembly (the church) is the same thing as the body. They are used in apposition.)

I Cor. 12:27: "Now ye are the assembly (body) of Christ and members in particular.

I Timothy 3:15: The house of God, which is the assembly of the living God the ground and pillar of the truth. (Here it is made plain that the house of God is the same as the church or assembly, for they are used in apposition. Hence, the house of God, assembly of God, and body of Christ all refer to the same thing, namely, the local, visible assembly or church.)

Eph. 1:4: There is one assembly (meaning true kind of assembly), one spirit, (that is, true spirit), one hope, (true hope), one Lord, one faith, (true faith) and one baptism, (that is, one kind of true baptism).

Eph. 5:23: Christ is the head of the assembly and He is the Saviour of the assembly, i. e., body.

These truths should be taught and emphasized as never before. To do so is our safeguard against being swept into interdenominationalism that destroys the true faith. Many people will accept the truth when they understand it, and we may thus have thousands for the true church of our Lord.—The Soul Winner

FRIDAY, THE 13th NOT A JINX

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The day has brought the death of no President of the United States in all the nation's history.

Of the 80 major political assassinations in all the world since 1865, only one was on the day—the shooting at Sofia in 1925, of Nicola Mileff, who had been designated as Bulgarian minister to the United States.

In addition to these statistics giving the negative side, someone should compile a list of the good, the worthwhile, the wonderful things which have happened on the "Friday" and "13" combination.

We are thinking, among other things, of the many persons throughout the world who reckon Friday, the 13th, as their red-letter day, because it was on that day and date they believed the good news of the death of Christ for their sins, and His resurrection for their justification, and they "passed from death unto life." (John 5:24).

Whenever they think of Friday, the 13th, they can say in the words of the poet:

"O Happy day! when first we felt

Our souls with deep contrition melt;
And saw our sins of crimson guilt,

All cleansed by blood on Calvary spilt!

"O Happy day! when first Thy love

Began our grateful hearts to move;

And gazing on Thy wondrous Cross,

We see all else as worthless dross." —Olson.

J. FRANK NORRIS

(Continued from page one) lites relative to the fact that God has blessed me again and again. Though he has lied about me repeatedly, everything that I have ever said about him can be proved by certified records and the results are that God has blessed my ministry.

Reaction number three: Isaiah 54:17 is not true concerning J. Frank Norris. At least one weapon formed against him which prospered was the libel suit of R. E. White, whereby Mr. Norris personally paid \$2,000 in settlement of the claim. We have published already the photostatic copy of this matter and if I ever hear of him denying the matter again, I'll publish the photostatic record again.

WHEN IT IS NO USE PRAYING

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"Well, I will."

"Then let us get down directly and pray now. If you are willing to obey God's command, then we may pray." We did pray, and I am sure that that young woman has never doubted that she was saved from that hour.

If you don't believe in Jesus, all the praying between heaven and earth won't save you. If you seek Him in simple faith, soon shall you say with rejoicing, "I have found Him whom my soul loveth."—Charles H. Spurgeon.

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one of us, for all time and eternity. Little faith reaches up to Heaven. Great faith brings Heaven down to you. Let us be big in our belief, in our trust in the Lord.—Our Hope



DENIAL OF THE FAITH

(Continued from page one) firmed by our Lord Himself, to the status of myth or allegory. Step by step they move backward, away from the truth of God, until they begin to deny everything that is miraculous, including the virgin birth of our Lord, His Deity, the atoning value of His death on the Cross, His bodily resurrection, and His coming again, etc.

It is no wonder that false cults, such as Jehovah's Witnesses, Christian Science, Theosophy, Bahaism, and the like, flourish! Those who underestimate the importance of the whole revelation of the Scriptures are easy prey to seducing and demoniacal spirits and their fables. And so we find in Christendom an astonishing host of people who call themselves Christians, but who have not the slightest conception of what Christianity is.

What is the attitude of the child of God toward this growing apostasy? He is to contend earnestly for the faith once delivered to the saints (June 3), witnessing against error. And he is to separate himself from those who deny the verities of God's Word. The Apostle Paul, writing of the conditions that will pertain in the last days, tells of some who will have a form of godliness, but who will deny the power thereof, concerning whom he says, in the Spirit: "From such turn away" (II Tim. 3:5). And the loving Apostle John, toward the end of his life, declared: "If there came any unto you, and bring not this doctrine (the doctrine of Christ, which embraces His Person and work as they are made known in the Scriptures), receive him not into your house, neither bid him God-speed: for he that bid-deth him God-speed is partaker of his evil deeds" (II John 10, 11).

Those who are truly Christ's dare not have fellowship with the enemies of His Cross. We dare not support men or institutions that deny our blessed Saviour and Lord. To do so is to be disobedient to the Word of God and dishonoring to Him who loves us and has washed us from our sins in His own blood, making us a kingdom of priests to God and His Father.—Gaebelein



WHY DOES THE LORD LET GOOD CHRISTIAN PEOPLE SUFFER?

(Continued from page one) (and Satan is behind sickness and disease and death). Satan said that Job would curse God if affliction came. He was permitted to test Job out, and Job stood true. Metals are tested in the fire. If they are base metals they can't stand the test, but if they are precious metals—silver and gold—the dross is purged out, and the metals are made more pure.

ASAPH'S WORRY OVER OUR PROBLEM

In the Seventy-third Psalm, Asaph (for he was the author

of this psalm) deals with this very question.

Let us analyze this psalm for a moment:

1. Asaph's problem (V. 2, 3). He was envious of the wicked and their prosperity, and he almost slipped and fell down, spiritually, because of their prosperity.

2. What about their prosperity? (See v. 5-12).

Not in trouble like others apparently. (v. 5).

Not plagued like others. (v. 5).

Had more than heart could wish. (v. 7).

Set themselves against heaven. (v. 9).

Corrupt. (v. 8).

They deny that God knows their wickedness, or takes account. (v. 11).

They prosper and increase in riches. (v. 12).

3. What about the righteous? (v. 13-16).

Plagued and chastized and afflicted, and apparently living the right sort of a life in vain. Asaph says that the contrast was too painful for him to even think about. (v. 16).

WHERE THE LIGHT BROKE ON THE PROBLEM

Asaph went to the place of worship, and there he took time to meditate and to do some thinking. What did he see? He looked beyond the present into the future, and he saw the ultimate end of righteous and wicked. Note the contrast:

The feet of the wicked in slippery places, ready to fly from under them. (v. 18).

God will eventually "awake" and deal with the wicked. (v. 20).

The wicked shall perish. (v. 27).

On the other hand, the promise is that God will deal with His own in a different way. He promises:

Guidance (v. 24).

To receive into glory (v. 24).

WHAT PAUL SAYS ABOUT SUFFERING

See II Cor. 4:17-18. He says the following things about the afflictions of the present:

They are light, comparatively. Will be so regarded in the light of eternity.

They last for but a brief time. "A moment."

They bring reward. "Work for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory."

These afflictions are only temporary, while the things that lie out beyond are eternal things. (v. 18).

Then again in Romans 8:18 Paul says the "sufferings of the present time" are not worthy to be compared with the glories and joys and rewards of the future.

Briefly: Suffering may be purposed as chastening, testing, for development of Christian character, for our ultimate reward.



We certainly enjoying reading THE EXAMINER. It pains my heart to know so many so-called Baptist preachers are offering a social gospel to their congregations. We pray you may be spared to earnestly contend for the faith.

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