

The Cart Before The Horse

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It is frankly admitted by some that the emphasis of religion today is on teaching people how to live instead of preparing them to die. The change in stress from the preparation for death to molding folks for living has come about in the past several decades after centuries of "Old-fashioned" gospel preaching. It is supposed that, if folks live right, they will know how to die. This has brought about a Social Gospel Message, with the importance placed on character building.

On the surface, it may seem that there is very little difference and that surely the change is for the better. At least, it is supposed, there can be nothing wrong with present day Christendom's method. However, as we delve into the depths of the matter, we can see the sinister hand of Satan and an answer to the present day apostasy. This is why our parents were called old-fashioned, much the present day Christian literature has lost the heartbeat of the providential power, more churches are closing, and judgment is at hand.

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

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HOW I CAME TO GIVE UP BUSINESS

By D. L. MOODY

The way God led me out of business into Christian work was as follows:

I had never lost sight of Jesus Christ since the first day I met Him in the store at Boston. But for years I really believed that I could not work for God. No one ever asked me to do anything.

When I went to Chicago, I hired five pews in a church, and used to go out on the street and pick up young men and fill these pews. I never spoke to those young men about their souls; that was the work of the elders, I thought. After working for some time like that, I started a mission Sunday school. I thought numbers were everything, and so I worked for numbers. When the attendance ran below one thousand, it troubled me; and when it ran to twelve

or fifteen hundred I was elated. Still none were converted; there was no harvest. Then God opened my eyes.

There was a class of young ladies in the school who were without exception the most frivolous set of girls I ever met. One Sunday the teacher was ill and I took the class. They laughed in my face, and I felt like opening the door and telling them all to get out and never come back.

That week the teacher of the class came into the store where I worked. He was pale, and looked very ill.

"What is the trouble," I asked.

"I have had another hemorrhage of my lungs. The doctor says I cannot live on Lake Michigan, so I am going to New York State. I suppose I am going home to die."

He seemed greatly troubled, and when I asked him the reason, he replied:

"Well, I have never led any of my class to Christ. I really believe I have done the girls more harm than good."

I have never heard anyone talk like that before, and it set me thinking.

After a while I said, "Suppose you go and tell them how you feel. I will go with you in a carriage, if you want to go."

He consented, and we started out together. It was one of the best journeys I ever had on earth. We went to the house of one of the girls, called for her, and the teacher talked to her about her soul. There was no laughing then! Tears stood in her eyes before long. After he had explained the way of life, he suggested that we have prayer.

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Rummage Sales

HOLLACE H. COMBS
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I was asked a question a few days ago as to what I thought of rummage sales for the church. I trust that my condensed answer may prove a blessing to at least a few readers of this paper.

The Winston (college edition) Dictionary, 1942, Rummage (Fr. arrumage, storage). 1. A thorough search, made by turning things over in a disorderly way. 2. Rubbish; things accumulated by ransacking.

Stowage, means things stored or packed away.

Rummage sales for the church are usually made by the members making a thorough search among their clothes closets and storage spaces for DISCARDED clothing and "what have you," such as old shoes and clothes out of style and date, misfits, etc. I have never known of people selling their best pair of shoes, best hat, best dress, best suit, etc., at a rummage sale.

When you see a sign on a business house announcing a Rummage Sale, you expect to see odds and ends, left overs and "junk" on sale. The same principle is true with church (Continued on page four)

Read This If You Want To Know Why There Are So Many Denominations

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One of the things that people often wonder about—and it is likewise a thing that discredits the Bible and Christianity in the thinking of man—is the many different beliefs, sects, denominations, divisions. There are over 200 of these in America, and many teach doctrines that are absolutely contradictory to each other.

Why The Divisions.

A number of reasons can be assigned:

A personal devil who sows discord and brings division. Certainly he wouldn't let a good opportunity to hinder the Cause of Christ to go by. In Matt. 13: he is presented as the sower of "tares". He is called the father



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of lies in John 8:44. Since the many wrong beliefs are lies, he must be back of them.

The tendency to follow human leaders without personal study. Multitudes never think things through for themselves—they take some leader's word for it. This is the thing that (Continued on page two)

MODERN MARTYRS

While Tibet has long been a closed land, yet the Gospel has come into it, and the power of the Gospel has been felt there. Some ten years ago "World Dominion" told the story of Katas, whose witness ended in martyrdom. (The Greek word for witness is martyrion or martyr). He had heard the Gospel at Mission just outside the border, and had received it gladly and experienced its power and joy. But when he returned to his home, he was sentenced by the Lama of Tshingham to death for his profession of faith. He was sewn up tightly in a heavy yak skin, and then put out in the sun to dry. As the skin dried it shrunk and gradually squeezed out his life. As he was about to expire he asked to be allowed to leave a parting message, and wrote the following which has been translated thus:

I give to Him, Who gave to me My life, my all, His all to be my debt to Him I cannot pay. Though I live to endless day! I ask not one, but many lives For Him, and His own sacrifice:

Oh, will I not then gladly die For Jesus' sake, and ask not why?

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THE BACKSLIDER IN HEART

If you will refer to Proverbs 14 you will see that it speaks of "the backslider in heart," one who has not fallen into open sin, whose backsliding state is not suspected by others. Externally they appear just the same, but inwardly there has been a change, a sad coldness has crept over the soul.

Am I addressing one such? You no longer take the same delight in the study of your Bible and in prayer. You do not enjoy the company of those who speak of Christ to you as you once did. Doubtless you can remember the time when the first flush of joy, consequent upon your conversion, you would perhaps tell the story of that memorable hour as if it were but yesterday.

You had made the discovery that you were a sinful creature on the road to hell. You knew that Christ was Saviour, and fled to Him for refuge, and you found Him ready, yes, waiting to receive you. He gave you the warmest of welcomes. He breathed into your ears sweet (Continued on page two)

There Is Much Evidence Of Many Blind Leaders Of The Blind Today

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Speaking of a certain group of Parasocial religionists of His day, the Lord said of them—"They be blind leaders of the blind." Thus, He condemned their philosophy of "do-goodism," for Paul tells us that "they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves to the righteousness of God."

"Do-Good-ism"

This philosophy of "do-goodism" has, through the long aeons of time, expanded and grown until today it seems to be the ultimate in so-called Christendom.

We certainly would not want to leave the impression that we are opposed to doing good. Paul tells us that we that have been "saved by grace through faith," have been "created in Christ

Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them." It will be noted that before the "good works" can be accomplished, there must be a first "creation in Christ Jesus." Certainly, then the ultimate in the Christian religion is not the "good works," as important as they are, but the salvation of the lost.

Christendom has lost sight of this great fact today, and the result is that modernistic, denominational leaders, seeped in their apostasy, have become "blind leaders of the blind," and are emphasizing "do-goodism," rather than salvation.

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OSCAR JOHNSON

One of my friends up in Pike County, who went to the Baptist World Alliance and who heard Dr. Oscar Johnson bring the message to that body, said that on the trip back home when he saw Dr. Johnson dancing with those who were making merry, he certainly wished that he HAD NEVER HEARD HIM PREACH!!!! What was it Paul said about offending the brother? Dr. Johnson had better take note! I am wondering if Dr. Johnson would have paused to pray in the midst of his dance, if the "World Hour of Prayer", which he proposes for 8:00 A. M., had struck while he was "going through his paces" on the arm of another man's wife. AND YET Southern Baptists saw fit to elect a man like that Vice-President of the convention. "Therefore put away from yourselves that wicked person." (I Cor. 5:13) I am for our organized work. I am for our Convention, but I am against a man like that! I do not believe in throwing away a bushel of apples because one is rotten, but I believe in throwing out the one rotten apple lest it spoil the whole bushel!!!

—Fairview Spotlight.

The First Baptist Pulpit

"Our Christian Heritage Of Freedom"

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TEXT: "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, and the truth."—"And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."—"If therefore the Son shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed."—John 14:6; John 8:32; John 8:36. (Revised Version).

INTRODUCTION: These passages are definitely related! The Lord Jesus Christ stated that He was the truth; that we could know the truth (know Him); that the knowledge of the truth

(Christ) would make us free; and that if the SON made us free, we would be free indeed! These are marvelous thoughts and deserve our sincere consideration.

With these great related Scriptures as a basis, I want us to think together on a theme growing out of these Scriptures, viz: "OUR CHRISTIAN FREEDOM."

To know the Lord Jesus Christ is to be a Christian! Surely no person would dispute this! And to know Christ—to be a Christian is to be entitled to that freedom which Christ intended that we should have. I want us to mention several phases of

Christian Freedom. Some of these are in grave danger of being lost. May God stir our hearts as we think together!

I. FREE GRACE. Our Christian Freedom, all of our Christian Freedom is the result of the free Grace of God. It is Grace that saves us for we read, "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast."—Eph. 2:8-9). Yes, beloved, it is grace, free grace that saves us. That is why we read in Isaiah thus: "Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no (Continued on page three)

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"BLIND LEADERS OF THE BLIND"

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Emphasis is laid on world-brotherhood, race problems, labor problems, economic problems and church unity; and the cardinal doctrines of salvation are relegated to the dim, dark days of the distant past, and are laughed to scorn and charged to ignorance. Church unity seems to be their chief concern.

"Church Unity"

An editorial on "Merging Churches," in a Columbus, Ohio, newspaper has this to say—"It is the general belief that merger of the various denominations, accomplished, democratically and gradually, will bring about a united church of greater force and good works throughout the world."

To a world of unsuspecting people, who do not think for themselves and who let the apostate, denominational leaders read and interpret the Bible for them, this sounds good. They know that there are many denominations that exist because of differences of belief that have at times reached the point of bitterness. The world itself is in political, moral and spiritual chaos that tears at the very heartstrings of the sincere.

Men everywhere are looking for a way out. Political parties have failed, management and labor has failed, and so, in a last desperate effort, they turn to the church, and therein lies the greatest tragedy. Instead of salvation through the new birth, being taught the necessity of and complete separation from a condemned world-system of Satan, they are taught simply to join the church and do good and strive for world-brotherhood through church unity.

Little do they realize that they have been duped by the fine-sounding platitudes of these "ministers of Satan," who, in reality, and prophetically, are not leading them out, but leading them into even greater heartaches and suffering than the world has ever before experienced!

Church Unity will come! The Bible prophesies this! But, oh what an heretical and apostate organization this will be. The general idea is "that in unity there is strength," and that the unified church will conquer the world, but not so.

The Unified Church becomes the Harlot of Revelation 17. It becomes the ecclesiastical Babylon of Revelation 18, which in turn is destroyed by political Babylon.

"The Scriptural Answer"

The answer to the problem is not church unity. The answer is that which is found in Acts 15:14—"Simeon hath declared how God at the first did visit the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for His name." This, and this alone, is the paramount mission of the church. Other than this, it is a matter of the "Blind leading the blind to utter destruction."

BACKSLIDER

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words of forgiveness and love, and you were filled with "joy" and peace in believing." You remember the sweetness of the love which you then tasted. You remember how precious Christ was to you then. You were so happy that you expected never to have a miserable moment again.

What a difference between then and now; you feel, perhaps, that you can hardly be the same person. Your joy is gone, your love has grown cold, and your poor heart is so dark and desolate. You may seem bright and happy to others, and perhaps you do your best to persuade yourself that you are happy, but is it not true that there are times when you feel that you would give all you possess to get back those blessed seasons of joy and communion? You will never get right with God again till you go to the root of what has led you wrong. Oh, start at once in pursuit of the thief that has robbed you of your joy.

— Light & Liberty.

WHY SO MANY DIVISIONS.

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gives rise to dictatorships. Baptists who are supposed to be most free of all peoples, have come to have an almost slavish light of a divine thing.

Tradition—many are what they are purely because of their kin folks. Most Catholics are such purely because of prejudice and tradition, and not because of conviction at all. A recent radio listener wrote and said "I was born and raised a Baptist." He inherited his religion. Such religion isn't worth a snap. (Read Matt 15:6).

Personal ignorance of the Word of God. — Contrary to what some think the Bible does not bring division of belief but unity, if read and studied without prejudice. Trouble is, many read only in the light of somebody's comments. Russellites read in the light of Russell and Rutherford; Christian Scientists in the light of Mrs. Eddy's writings; Adventists in the light of Mrs. Ellen White's writings; Mormon's in the light of Joe Smith's writings; and "machine Baptists" object to a church taking the plain Bible but insist that we should interpret it in the light of the "literature." The Lord does not say, "search the literature," But — See John 5:39.

Mental Arrogance of people who put, "I Think" ahead of what the Bible says.—

The "I think club" has a large membership, and it is a hard thing for a member of this club to be induced to read and study,

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THE MISSIONARIES' PLEA

Will you not pray for us? Each day we need
Your Prayers, for oft the way is rough and long,
And our lips falter and forget their song,
And we proclaim the Word men will not heed.

Will you not pray for us? Alone we stand
To stem the awful tide of sin and shame,
To cast out demons in the mighty name
Which is alone the hope of every land.

Pray, pray for us! We are but vessels frail;
The world's appalling need would crash us down
Save that in vision we behold the crown
Upon His brow who shall at length prevail.

Not yet the crowning! Fields must yet be won,
Lives freely yielded, martyr blood be spilt,
Love cast out fear, redemption blot out guilt,
Ere we behold the kingdom of God's Son.

Many Are The Reasons Why We Should Use Wine And Not Grape Juice

My first Sunday in Tampa, Fla., was communion day. I saw the crackers and red water, and asked the deacons to set them aside until I could explain. I announced that on Wednesday night before the next communion day I would present the matter for their intelligent action. I adduced a great deal of such testimony as the above, and my argument from natural chemistry, I was told, settled the matter. Here is some of the argument:

Wine or Must

Chambers' Encyclopedia on WINE says: "Wine, the fermented juice of the grape. The juice termed 'Must' * * * consists chiefly of water holding in solution * * * grape-sugar, (dextro-glucose and levo-glucose), pectin, gum, dextrin, fat, wax,

since he thinks he knows it all, already.

Church quarrels over this, that and the other, has produced many of the splits and sects.

Poor translations of Scripture passages has led to much division. Some denominations are founded upon mistranslation.

What Will Bring Unity?

Is unity desirable among the Lord's people? Certainly. (Read Jno. 17:21; Ephesians 4:11-14). But mere union based on compromise of truth is not desirable. "Community" churches are an abomination, and a living lie. There is a pretended unity, when every shade of belief almost is held.

To get the truth, throw away prejudice; throw away tradition; throw away preconceived notions; throw away pride, and be willing to go wherever the Bible leads no matter what the cost. Make a daily study of the Scriptures, attend the services where the Bible is taught and preached, break away from any church that "piddles and parties" and neglects the Bible.

Those who thus study the Scriptures will believe alike on Bible. Only on very minor matters will there be lack of agreement.

"The entrance of thy word giveth light"—and it brings safety.

albumen, gluten, tartaric acid both free and combined, potassium (cream of tartar), and other earthy basis. Racenic and malic acids * * * magnesia, the oxides of iron and manganese, potassium sulphate, calcium phosphate, common salt, silica. The juice having fermented and become wine, consists of various alcohols, acids and compound ethers." Then comes the difference between "must" and "wine", after fermentation causes a precipitate at the bottom, and says: "The wine is now removed from the sediment into another vessel. This is repeated with after fermentations until all impurities are thrown off." "Acids and alcohols are exhilarating, hence wine makes glad the heart of man." Ps. 104:15. Also 2 Sam. 13-28; Esther 1:10; Prov. 31:6; Eccl. 10:19; 9:7; Zech. 10:7.

The Standard Dictionary defines wine as "the fermented

juice of the grape—in loose usage—fermented or unfermented." "LOOSE USAGE."

Christ made oinos—wine, John 2:3-10 and 4:46. This is the word in the following places: Eph. 5:18. "Be not drunk with wine;" also 1 Tim. 3:8; 5:23; Tit. 2:3. Glukos in Acts 2:13 translated new wine, could make drunk as Peter replied Acts 2:15. The Corinthians used wine that made drunk. 1 Cor. 11:21.

Yayin occurs in the Old Scriptures 130 times. That it intoxicating see the first occurrences in Gen. 9:21; 19:32, 33; 49:12; Lev. 10:9, etc.

Following is from Leopold Cohn, a converted Jew, no missionary to the Jews of New York, who publishes an 8-page semi-monthly in Brooklyn called "The Chosen People." The February number he answers this question—"Was the Wine of the Passover fermented or not?" Note his answer—"According to the Jewish ritual no wine can be so called as used in the ceremonies unless it is intoxicating. Furthermore the wine used at the Passover was so strong that they had to mix water with it." If the Passover wine was fermented then our Lord used fermented wine in the institution of the Lord's Supper. The wine used by the Corinthian church was certainly was intoxicating. We give it as our opinion that only fermented wine and unleavened bread should be used in the observance of the Lord's Supper. —News and Truth.

Ed. Note: The above was taken from "The Lord's Supper" by J. B. Moody. It is well worth reading and re-reading.

"The stronger the devil's forces are in your neighborhood the more God needs faithfulness in you."

"One reason why mountains are not being moved by faith is that so few people are willing to begin with the hills."

A SONG OF THANKSGIVING

By HORATIUS BONAR

We thank Thee for the blood,
The Blood of Christ, Thy Son
The blood by which our peace is made
Our victory is won:
Great victory o'er hell, and sin, and woe,
That needs no second fight and leaves no second foe

We thank Thee for the grace
Descending from above,
That overflows our widest guilt,
Th' eternal Father's love,
Love of the Father's everlasting Son,
Love of the Holy Ghost, Jehovah, Three in One.

We thank Thee for the hope,
So glad, and sure, and clear;
It holds the drooping spirit up
Till the long dawn appear;
Fair, hope! with what a sunshine does it cheer
Our roughest path on earth, our dreariest desert here!

We thank Thee for the crown
Of Glory and of life;
'Tis no poor, withering wreath of earth,
Man's prize in mortal strife,
'Tis incorruptible as is the throne,
The kingdom of our God and His incarnate Son.

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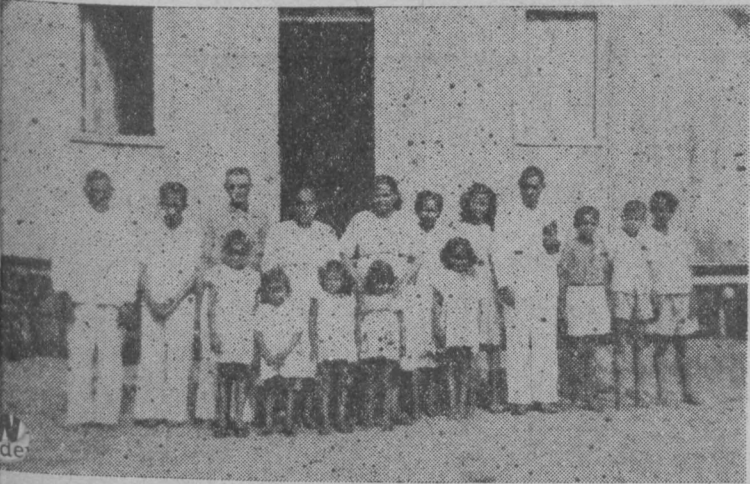
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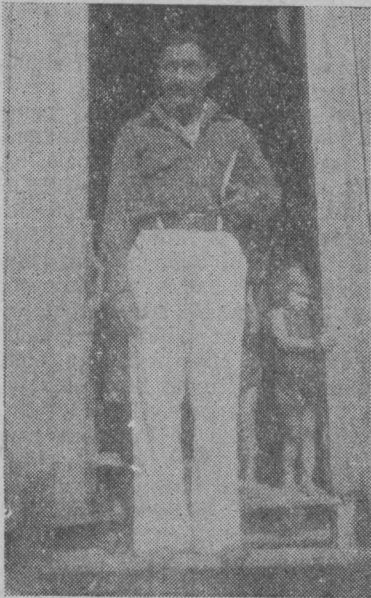
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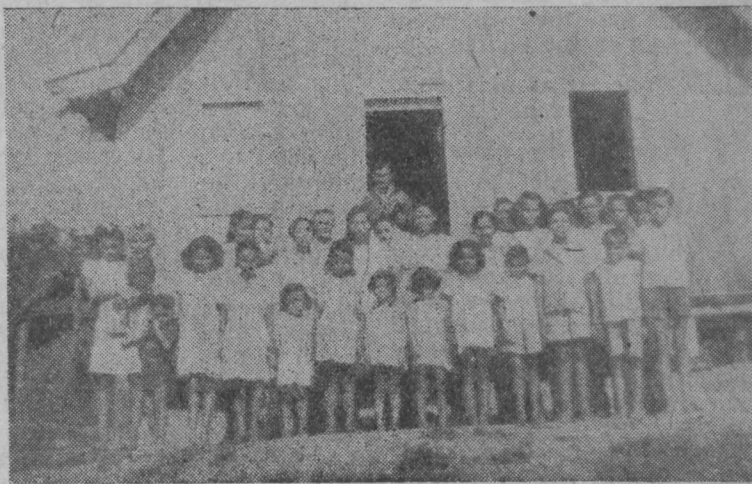
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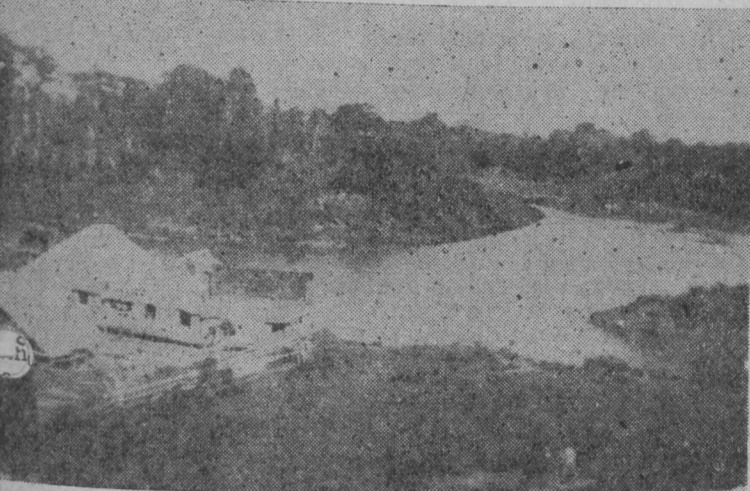
This is a picture of another group at Amonho with Pastor Cicero holding the Bible.



This is Cicero Bicipo da Crux the pastor of the church at Amonho, which is 255 miles up the Jurua river above Cruzeiro do Sul.



This is a picture of the congregation at Amonho with Pastor Cicero standing in the door.



This is the house on the Jurua river at the mouth of the Amonho river where the first gospel message was preached by Missionary Brandon at this place in

1939. The church was organized at this place in February 1946. Missionary Brandon is a member of this church.



This is Miguel Ibernion, the pastor of the church at Cruzeiro do Sul, who made the journey in place of Brother Brandon, who is ill.



This is a picture of the children of the Sunday School at Amonho with Pastor Cicero standing in the door.

A 34 Day Missionary Journey Made By Nature Worker, Miguel Ibernion

Cruzeiro do Sul,
Nov. 10, 1947

Letter Number 9 arrived last week by plane. I enjoyed reading it very much. I know that you are a very busy man and the time given to me in letter writing could be spent in something else. I regret to hear of Brother Freyling's sickness. Remember me to him. Glad to hear of the progress of the work there and may the Lord continue to bless and prosper.

A 34 Day Journey

Miguel returned from a 34-day journey on the Jurua river. He journeyed up by a freight motor boat, about an eight day journey from Cruzeiro do Sul to Amonho, 255 miles up river. Arriving there he remained with the church and Cicero the pastor for 10 days then began his downward course by canoe, the one Cicero had carried when he went up (see picture of this canoe in September 1947 MISSION SHEETS). They had no conversions while he was at Amonho, but Cicero has bap-

tized 10 or 12 so far this year. Coming down river he stopped at Mississippi for one night and then at Oriente (see picture on next page) for three days with many in attendance and much interest.

Priests Interfere

There has been a lot of work by the priests recently, but not in preaching but in fighting the gospel and threatening the people. The people are afraid of their curses and that seems to be their stock in trade. They tell us that we will have in a few days a new, especially prepared "Bishop" coming from France. Miguel seems to think the work at Amonho is weak and I am of the same opinion. It costs a lot to maintain it, the distance makes such a difference and the believers and others too are so ignorant. One could not believe how miserable and pitiful they are. Job's turkey was poor but he could strut and gobble, but these people are unable to do that. This (Col. 1, next page)

Interesting Events In Peru As Told By God's Man, Missionary Hallum

Iquitos, Peru
Dec. 15, 1947

Dear Brethren:

Christian greetings. I will write some lines about the work of the Lord here. We received the envelope with the MISSION SHEETS enclosed, we still lack the October Issue. Last Thursday and Friday, December 11 and 12 we made a round trip in the boat up the Nanay river to a settlement of the Cocomo Indians. It required three and a quarter hours going up and one and three quarters hours returning to the place where we embarked. The motor works

fine with the last boat which is smaller and better made than the first one. I sold the first one.

Interesting Service

We had a very interesting service that night, the place called Mapa, there was quite a gathering of men, women and children. I had visited almost every house during the afternoon and after teaching them the gospel briefly, I invited them to come to the service which was held in one of the houses. Marguerite taught the women and children some choruses and afterwards, (Col. 2, next page)

DON THOMAS WRITES OF WORK

Buena Ventura, Columbia
Oct. 24, 1947

Senor Don Ricardo P. Hallum:

My very beloved brother in Christ. The joy I feel overflows on receiving and reading your letter of the 18th with check. I give thanks to the Lord and to you and you family for your magnificent intervention in my favor, and above all to the cause of the Lord. Truly I have seen the text in Jer. 33:3 fulfilled: "Call unto me and I will answer thee great things". I have prayed constantly, at night from 10 to 11 and very early in the morning at 4:30 I was on my knees at my bedside. I felt some- (Col. 2, next page)

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500 MILE MISSIONARY JOURNEY

Continued from preceding page is the only place that I have ever been and organized a work where there was not one who could take the lead in the absence of the pastor. There is a woman who could carry on but I have taught them that the work must be carried on by the men and the women to keep silent in the church.

Seven Conversions at Campo de Santano

In some of the places he stopped to preach, the places where I always stop, he found interest and many in attendance, but in others they did not want him to preach. In Ouro Preto where we have some believers they had good meetings for three nights, some of the believers were sick but many were in attendance. Then at Campo de Santano there was a great revival. Those people are jewels in many respects. I think there were seven converted but none could be baptized that these had given fruit of salvation. Miguel remained there ten days and left them weeping on the river bank which is their custom when the preacher leaves.

Three Conversions at Parana dos Mouros

Then he went to the Parana dos Mouros where he found a renewed interest and good prospects for the future. There were three conversions but neither could be baptized. He remained there several days and then came on in to Cruzeiro do Sul. It seemed to be a good journey (510 miles with ten saved) but so different to the ones I have made. It may be I will have to go after all. Our work here has shown much improvement. I have preached every night in the absence of the pastor and the services are better attended and the Sunday School has grown. I, at present, am not able to make a journey up river, the motor would be too great a care. I hope all are well. Remember me to all the brethren and friends, the Grace of Jesus Christ be with you all and may all that is worthwhile in prosperity of the truth be yours through the Lord Jesus our Saviour. Amen.

Sincerely,
J. F. Brandon.

ED. NOTE:—Surely all who love missions will get a real thrill from this letter from Missionary Brandon telling about a 34 days journey by Miguel Ibernson, a native Brazilian Baptist preacher. Brother Brandon is ill and could not make the journey so he stayed and preached every night at Cruzeiro do Sul while Brother Miguel made the journey and had ten people trust the Lord Jesus for Salvation. Read the letter again and study the pictures of the journey and then thank the Lord for such a mission work and that you are privileged to have a part in it. It is wonderful to know where your mission money is going and what it is being used for and

to learn of the results of the preaching of those we have a part in supporting. Every so often we hear of someone taking a poke at this mission work and we ask the question if that one can name one missionary or tell where one labors on the foreign field and what he is doing, etc. The answer is well, no, but I believe in the cooperative program where my money is divided up for all causes and the whole commission is carried out, etc. Then we ask if the cooperative program has mission work in every country and usually they do not know, and we tell them that they do not and then we point out where some of it is used to pay modernistic professors in seminaries and colleges to teach our boys and girls modernism and other isms, and then they admit that this is true and that they know that part of the "program" is bad. The truth is that those who cry great is Diana, the Cooperative Program the most, give the least to it. They are more interested in playing politics with the "big boys" in the machine (afraid they will get out of a place to preach) than they are in standing for the Word of God regardless of what comes. Thank God for Baptist Faith Missions where we can put our mission money and then read about the results each month with pictures of the work. Pray for the missionaries and their work. Remember that it is the God given privilege of every Baptist to designate his or her mission money when it isn't being used as they believe the Bible teaches that it should be.

DON THOMAS WRITES

(Continued from preceding page) thing in my being of joy supernatural, and without knowing it I went out and directed myself to the office of the air mail and the empleado as soon as he saw me said: "I have a letter for you" (El es mi amigo—He is my friend) I received it and laughed. Going to the street I opened it and read its contents. My heart wanted to jump out of my breast, and upon arriving to my little hut I fell on my knees to give thanks to my Lord for having answered me and our petition to be received as a missionary and to be supported by the same mission. I ask you to express my eternal thanks to the Mission for having received me as their missionary, and that with the help of the Lord I shall be a true Baptist, that in all my acts I shall honor the Mission, realizing their good name, at the same their honest representative. I am sure that the Lord will continue teaching me great things and difficult, those that to the moment, I do not know. But He has promised it and He will do it without fail. On my part I put myself in His hands for I love Him and I desire to learn. The Bibles have not arrived yet. I am expecting them. Your Brother that loves you.

Thomas del Castillo A.

(Translated by R. P. Hallum).

HALLUM TELLS OF ANOTHER JOURNEY

(Continued from preceding page) we all (men and women) tried to sing them. It was the first time that they ever tried to sing in a gospel service and they did well for the first attempt.

Four Professions of Faith

I preached a short message from Matthew 7:13-14. Most of

them gave good attention and seemed to be much interested. At the close of the message I asked that any and all that would receive the Lord as a personal Saviour, trusting in Him, to indicate it by raising the hand and four of the men held up their hands. I believe they were in earnest about it. I felt that the Holy Spirit in His power was working with these people.

Satan Works, Too

But that was not all. After the service was dismissed and thinking that all had gone well, I walked the Patron of the Indians, one of the family that owns all the land along the river in that region. I knew him and had stayed in his house before when I visited the place. He began to talk to me in a voice that all could hear, saying that the Indians understood very little of what I had said, (which was not true) and he declared that the Bible had many contradictions citing one, the account of the four gospels of the resurrection of our Lord. Of course we had to refute these words, then it finally came out that he did not believe the gospel but was depending on his morality. He stated that he was an old man and that God had never chastized him and that he had never been sick in his life. I answered him with Hebrews 12:6 saying that the fact he had never been chastized of the Lord was evidence that he was not a child of God, but a child of the Devil. I think that made him hot. I asked him why that after we had gone to the expense to make the trip to that place to help these people that he had come in to try to ruin what we had done. He replied that he had come in to be instructed how to believe, we told him that he must be willing to surrender all that he had in order to trust the Lord as his Saviour and asked him if he would be willing to give up all that land in order to be saved and follow the Lord. He laughed at that, saying that he did not think that one had to buy salvation. We explained to him that the Lord looked at a man's willingness to give up all and follow Him. Then I gave him the illustration in Psalm 34, "Oh taste and see that the Lord is good", asking him how he could know that the food on the table where there was a great feast is good until he tasted of it. He said he could tell by looking at it. I told him that he could not taste with the eye but that it was with the tongue that one tasted and that it is by faith that one can prove whether God is good and that until he proves God and His Word by believing Him he cannot know if God is good, and then I left him. I fear that the controversy with him did injury to what we had done. I believe that the Devil sent him around to try to hurt the Lord's work. As ever yours in the service of the Lord.

R. P. Hallum.

After reading this letter from Brother Hallum, can you hear a voice calling for help in Peru. Many villages, settlements and places where the gospel has never yet been preached. The field is needy and it is ripe. Here we see how God's servant goes on a journey and preached and the Holy Spirit used the Word and four men accept Christ as Saviour, and yet Satan is on the job to hinder all he can and when he can. The need for Missionaries is great and the Lord will provide for any man that He calls to go. The man who goes on faith trusting God for his all will certainly be supported. Pray! Pray!



This is a group of some believers and others at a preaching point called Oriente on the Jurua river where Miguel preached for three days on his

return from Amonho. Notice the hunter with the gun and the balls of crude rubber on the ground.



This is group at Campo de Santo where the revival was had for ten days and seven were saved. This is the group that stood on the bank and wept

as the preacher left down the stream for back home. The Lord willing, we hope to have a church organized at this place someday.

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR DECEMBER 1947

South Side Baptist Church, Winter Haven, Fla.	\$ 55.00
Bellview Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky.	28.00
Tabernacle Baptist Church, Lewisburg, Ky.	75.00
Mount Olive Baptist Church, Herold, W. Va.	35.00
Bible Missionary Baptist Church, Dequincy, La.	21.00
Eaton Avenue Baptist Church, Young People, Muncie, Ind.	10.00
First Baptist Church, Coal Grove, Ohio	3.00
First Baptist Church, Inter. Class, Ruskin, Fla.	17.00
First Baptist Church, White Plains, Ky.	12.00
Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, Ky.	46.00
Raiford Baptist Church, Raiford, Fla.	5.00
Second Baptist Church, Marion, Ky.	16.00
South Union Baptist Church, Cadiz, Ky.	32.00
Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Hickory, Ky.	26.00
Buffalo Avenue Baptist Church, New Hope Bible Class, Tampa, Fla. (for support of native worker)	35.00
Cleaton Baptist Church, Cleaton, Ky.	25.00
Grace Baptist Church, Baseline, Mich.	55.00
Grace Baptist Church, BTU, Baseline, Mich.	16.00
Cave Spring Baptist Church, Carrsville, Ky.	10.00
Pollard Baptist Church, Ashland, Ky.	5.00
Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, Cadiz, Ky.	35.00
First Baptist Church, Russell, Ky.	119.00
Benton Baptist Church, Benton, Ky.	16.00
Seven Springs Baptist Church, Dycusburg, Ky.	32.00
Sarsafra Ridge Baptist Church, Hickman, Ky.	5.00
Madison Street Baptist Church, Rochester, Pa.	13.00
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn, Mich.	13.00
Ryan Road Baptist Church, Van Dyke, Mich.	6.00
Harmony Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich., designated for purchase of a course in Portuguese language on record ..	67.00
Abiding Truths, Cuthbert, Ga.	5.00
Carey E. Witt, Franklin, Ky.	50.00
Mrs. Rose Bolle, Cincinnati, O.	10.00
Dr. E. A. Spencer, Five Islands, Me.	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. Clifford W. Powell, Paducah, Ky.	50.00
Sterling Price Miller, Paducah, Ky.	10.00
Miss Georgia Brandon, Benton, Ky.	13.00
Mrs. E. H. Purdom, Elmhurst, Ill.	10.00
Elder Rupert Powell, Red Bay, Ala.	1.00
Lee Cox, Calvert City, Ky.	5.00
E. A. Craft, Widen, W. Va.	10.00
Wade Daugherty, Monticello, Ky.	10.00
TOTAL	\$1044.00

Z. E. CLARK, Treasurer

As the Lord leads you, send all offerings for this mission work to the treasurer of the mission. It is best to send by check or money order. It is not safe to send cash. Address your envelope to:

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OUR CHRISTIAN HERITAGE

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money (price); come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price."—Isaiah 55:1). Small wonder that one of our immortal Christian hymn-writers said:

"Could my tears forever flow,
Could my zeal no langour know,
These for sin could not atone;
Thou must save, and Thou alone;

In my hand NO PRICE I bring,
Simply to Thy cross I cling."

God grant that in the midst of our religious confusion and social unrest that we will not lose sight of the eternal truth that salvation is by the free and unmerited Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ!

II. FREE CHURCHES. A careful perusal of the New Testament, especially the Book of Acts, shows that the early churches were free. They were not in bondage to any ecclesiastical set-up! They owed no allegiance to none save the great head of the church—the Lord Jesus Christ! See such Scriptures as, viz.: Col. 1:18, Phil. 2:9-11; and Eph. 5:23-24). It was therefore no mere accident that those Apostolic Churches accomplished the unusual and remarkable. They were free and unhampered and could really launch forth and do things for God! Even the church at Antioch sent forth Paul and Barnabas to be missionaries. And they never had to consult any higher authority. They followed the leadership of the Holy Spirit! In this connection, carefully read Acts 13:1-5. I ask you in love, Are our churches as free today as they were in the days of primitive Christianity? You know that the answer is NO. God grant that we may see a revival of and a substantial increase in the number of strong and aggressive free churches again! May we pray and labor to this end.

III. FREE PREACHERS. Did you say free preachers? Yes, my dearly beloved, for we can never hope to have free churches until we first have free preachers. Our day is fast developing a vast and powerful ecclesiastical monster and many preachers who should be acknowledging only the Lordship of Christ and the leadership of the Holy Spirit are spiritual cowards, defeated within themselves and therefore the mere puppets of a denominational machine. Many dear men of God have allowed themselves to be tied and hitched so securely that they have little chance of ever getting loose. The words of Christ are most appropriate here, viz.: "Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only SHALT THOU SERVE."—Luke 4:8.

IV. FREE PEOPLE. The Apostolic Christians were free. We are told in the Book of Acts, viz.: "But Philip was found at Azotus; and passing through he preached in all the cities, till he came to Caesarea."—Acts 8:40. This man Philip was a layman, not a clergyman or Reverend! But he was a free man in Christ. He did an extensive piece of constructive evangelism and never had to consult any body—merely followed the leadership of the Spirit and that was all. Let some layman suddenly become this active today and begin to bestir himself in an active manner for God and see

what would take place! Who will dare deny it? Why today, he would have to ask the "Board of Deacons," even though the New Testament knows nothing—absolutely NOTHING about a "Board of Deacons." Before he could hold meetings in some cities today he would have to go before the "Ministerial Association" and get permission to preach in their vicinity. And in the event that he organized a church (which perhaps he did in his labors mentioned so briefly in the Book of Acts,



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then today, he might be told to stand back—that the state headquarters had already selected the denominational roundabout to do this particular task; therefore, stand back, if you please. I do not write thus with any bitterness in my spirit, but in order to make you think. Talk about free people; rather they are in bondage.

V. FREE BENEVOLENT PROJECTS. Let the reader carefully notice Acts 11:27-30. The membership of a local church in Antioch felt that they ought to contribute to help the suffering of the Disciples or Christians in Judea. Now, my dear friends, how much of this do you witness in the churches of today? Not too much, I am sorry to assure you. Why? Today we must do all of our benevolent and missionary giving through certain channels; it must be a part of "our regular and organized work." You do say? Did our denominational big boys sanction the project; what did they assess our church; has our association passed on this and when can we have a special worker out to assist us? All of this is merely to show that we do not have many free projects in our day and time. I am not prepared to say that all of the denominational programs are bad. Perhaps they accomplish much good in many ways and along many lines. I am saying, however, that the Christian religion is a religion that shares, that helps, that engages in every good work. And all congregations should have more initiative and more freedom in the launching and in the supporting of free or independent projects today. It is a healthy sign, spiritually speaking, to see a church support a missionary on a foreign field or some other worthwhile Christian venture. Some churches are doing these things even in our day. More could if they only thought so.

VI. FREE PAPERS OR PERIODICALS. The one crying need of our churches and people of today is for more free and independent religious periodicals! We live in the day of big ideas. We have about crowded the small farmer out; the small school; and the small paper. Most of the widely circulated religious periodicals are denominational organs and mouthpieces. We need these; but most of these could certainly stand some improving or else some keen competition! Most of the papers in the denominational or-

The Naked Truth Saloon

A Message from James N. Lawrence, Proprietor

Friends and Neighbors: Having just opened a commodious shop for the sale of liquid fire, I embrace this opportunity of informing you that I have commenced the business of making: Drunkards, paupers, and beggars for the sober, industrious and respectable portion of the community to support. I shall deal in family spirits which will incite men to deeds of riot, robbery and bloodshed, and by so doing, diminish the comfort, augment the expenses and endanger the welfare of the community.

I will on short notice, for a small sum and with great expectations undertake to prepare victims for the asylums, poor farms, prisons and gallows.

I will furnish an article that will increase accidents, multiply the number of distressing diseases and render those who are harmless incurables.

I will deal in drugs which will deprive some of life, many of reason, most of property, and all of their peace; which will cause fathers to become fiends, and wives widows, children to become orphans and all mendicants.

I will cause many of the rising generation to grow up in ignorance and prove a burden and a nuisance to the nation. I will cause mothers to forget their offspring and cruelty to take place of love.

I will sometimes corrupt the ministers of religion; defile the purity of the church and cause temporary spiritual and eternal death; and if any be so impertinent as to ask me why I have the audacity to bring such accumulated misery upon the people, my honest reply is, "Money." The spirit trade is lucrative and some professing Christians give their cheerful countenance.

From the U. S. Government I have purchased the right to demolish the character, destroy the health and shorten the lives and ruin the souls of those who choose to honor me with their custom.

I pledge myself to do all that I have promised. Those who wish any of the evils before specified brought upon themselves or their friends, are requested to meet me at my bar where I will for a few cents furnish them with the certain means of doing so.

THE NAKED TRUTH SALOON, James Lawrence, Proprietor.

This is a reproduction of an ad which appeared in the Boise Democrat, Feb. 24, 1886

gans are devoted almost exclusively to the denominational program and the State Headquarters' activities. And if an article does get into the columns, then it was written by one of the big boys in the upper bracket—one of the higher in rank. Who will dare deny this? If a small pastor changes fields of labor, it may not be printed for no telling when and sometimes never. Evangelism is sorely neglected in the most prominent denominational papers! We actually put more stress on raising money than we do on lifting lost men to God! These lines are not being written to hurt anybody; rather they are being written to call the attention of our readers to the situation that actually does exist in regard to denominational organs and papers.

And many of the independent papers have had to die an untimely death. Why? So much pressure is put forth to get the denominational organs (they are in the plural) that most of the Christian people invest about all of their money for papers here. It is hard to carry the load of an independent paper from a financial standpoint! And if some good pastor or evangelist does have enough vision and initiative to launch an independent paper, then some of the brethren that cater to the denominational machine will throw cold water on the idea by a diplomatic remark and then they try and get support from some of the pastors and churches? We need more spiritual and evangelistic reading matter circulated that has local appeal and a Biblical content and written not so the graduates of some theological school can appreciate it, but in the language of the masses of the people. This is a fact. Much that is

now printed is not in the language of the great common people. the very salt of the earth. We need a mighty revival among the rank and file of humanity. The printed page can be the means of bringing this revival to pass.

The writer for four years has been editing and publishing an Independent, Evangelistic Monthly. God has provided for and blessed this publication. We feel that it has been used of Him to accomplish good. Incidentally, a small copy will be sent to any of the readers of this article who will write me their desire for a copy. The name of this paper is THE CHRISTIAN CHRONICLE and the address is P. O. Box 189, Lenoir City, Tennessee. We also urge brethren to mail us articles of an evangelistic nature for publication in the Chronicle. Articles will be deeply appreciated! The Bible says, viz.: "Give attendance to reading."—I Tim. 4:13. Yes, we need more free papers and periodicals to provide our people with spiritual reading matter. May God bless our free papers. May the people give them more supply both in finance and in prayer!

VII. FREE RELIGION IN A FREE STATE. I mention the separation of Church and State; or the separation of religion from the government. The English Pilgrims came to the American continent to establish religious freedom in the matter of worship. Dear hearts, this pearl of great price is being gradually encroached upon and may ultimately be lost to our posterity unless we are a bit more alert to what is going on. We recognize that human government is by Divine appointment and for the good and the protection of society; however, church and

state must be kept separate. Did not our Lord give expression to this idea when He said, viz.: "Render therefore unto Caesar (that is the government, the state) the things which are Caesar's (that is belong to or are due the government); and unto God the things that are God's."—Matt. 22:21. God grant that in America, we will keep church and state separate for the good of unborn generations!

Dearly beloved, I must conclude. I hope that all who read this article on "OUR CHRISTIAN FREEDOM" will re-read it and ponder these seven freedoms that are rightly due each and every and to all Christians. Study the words of our Lord in our text. Think on them. We also need more free and independent Bible schools. Lack of space forbids my discussing this at this writing; I will later.

If any person should feel that I have been too harsh at some points, then remember that aside from my pastorate, I engage in evangelistic work; and I have learned in revival meetings that the evangelist has to talk plain if he would be understood. And in my writing, I write as I preach in evangelistic meetings—that is to be understood. To my way of thinking, there needs to be more exercise of these seven freedoms. They are paramount to the preservation and perpetuation of the Christian religion—the religion of Jesus Christ. Only free Christians can do big things for God. My brethren, let's retain our Christian freedom. God wills it thus. May God bless you, one and all. AMEN.

—Contributed by G. R. Reynolds, Baptist Evangelist; also Editor THE CHRISTIAN CHRONICLE, Lenoir City, Tennessee.



"On a hill far away
Stood an old rugged cross,
The emblem of suffering and shame,
But I love that old cross"

RUMMAGE SALES

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rummage sales. Firsts are never offered, but only seconds and thirds.

Now for some logical reasoning and Scriptures: The PURPOSE of church rummage sales usually is to raise money for the church or a Sunday School class. The Scriptures tell us how to raise money for the ministry. Has God ever asked for our rummage or its proceeds. No, but HE DEMANDS OUR FIRSTFRUITS.

Num. 18:12, "All the BEST (not rummage) of the oil, and all the BEST of the wine, and of the wheat, the FIRSTFRUITS of them which they shall OFFER UNTO THE LORD . . ."

Deut. 18:4 (supporting the ministry). "The FIRSTFRUITS also of thy corn, of the wine, and of thine oil, and the FIRST of the fleece of thy sheep, shalt thou give."

Lev. 27:26, "ONLY THE FIRSTLING of the beasts, which should be the LORD'S FIRSTLING . . ."

II Chron. 31:5, "And as soon as the COMMANDMENT came abroad, the children of Israel brought in abundance the FIRST FRUITS of corn, wine, and oil, and honey, and of all the increase of the field; and the TITHE of all things brought they in abundantly."

Ex. 34:26, "The FIRST of the FIRSTFRUITS of thy land thou shalt BRING UNTO THE HOUSE OF THE LORD thy God . . ." Also Ex. 23:19.

Study Neh. 10:35-39; Deut. 26:2; Lev. 23:10, 17; Ezek. 48:14, 20:40, and many others. God only promises to bless the firstfruits. He must be first in our lives and not second.

Prov. 3:9, "HONOR the Lord with thy substance, and with the FIRSTFRUITS of all thine increase: so shall thy barns be filled with plenty . . ."

Ezek. 44:30, " . . . ye shall also give unto the priests (ministers) the FIRST of your dough, that he may cause the blessing to rest in thine house."

God does not even want the rummage of our lives, but ex-

pects first place. Matt. 6:33, "But seek ye FIRST, the Kingdom of God and His righteousness . . ." Rom. 12:1, " . . . present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God which is your reasonable service." Did God offer rummage to the world? No! He offered His ONLY BEGOTTEN Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. He offered the FIRSTFRUITS freely. I Cor. 15:23 " . . . CHRIST THE FIRSTFRUITS . . ."

Then to His children He gave the firstfruits of the Spirit. Rom. 8:23, "And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the FIRSTFRUITS OF THE SPIRIT . . ." Since He gave us only the best of everything, and so freely, how could we be so ungrateful as to offer Him our rummage. God forbid!

On the return of the prodigal son (Luke 15:22) the father said to his servants, Bring forth the BEST ROBE (not rummage), and put on him . . . God clothes us with the best robe—the righteousness of Christ.

A Parable

A certain man and wife had ten children. The children desired to raise some money for their father and mother, so they placed the following advertisement in the town paper, "RUMMAGE SALE to be held Saturday on Market Square, sponsored by the children of Mr. and Mrs. John Doe of this city. Proceeds will go to help their beloved parents."

How would you feel to be one of those children? Would you help your brothers and sisters to have a public rummage sale for your parents? You would not if it could be avoided. You would not want the family name disgraced and dishonored by such practice. If you offered anything for sale it would be the best or among the best. You love your parents, and because of that love, you would likely manifest it by GIVING them a portion of your best. If we REALLY LOVE the church as

we should, we would gladly support it from the best of our earnings.

God said, "HONOR the Lord with the FIRSTFRUITS," Prov. 3:9. Do not dishonor Him with second-fruits. To put God second is to dishonor Him. If we would be ashamed to have a public sale of our left-overs and seconds to raise money for our parents, how much more ashamed should we be to do it for the church of Jesus Christ, the greatest institution on earth, and purchased with the greatest price. The Church is not a "Cheap-John" institution.

Jas. 1:17, "Every good and every perfect gift is from above and cometh down from the Father of lights. . . ." Tho' we are disobedient, yet He gives and promises the BEST to His children.

Try opening a rummage sale by singing, "Give of Your BEST to the Master," and see how difficult it will be for you to continue the sale.

Would your parents appreciate you more for giving them \$10 from your daily earnings or, for giving them \$10 from the public sale of your discarded clothes? Would God bless you more for giving \$10 from your regular earnings or, for giving \$10 from the sale of rummage? May we exalt the church above any other institution or organization and keep it on the high plane in which our Lord left it.

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HOW I CAME TO GIVE UP BUSINESS

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er. He asked me to pray. True I had never done such a thing in my life as pray to God to convert a young lady then and there. But we prayed, and God answered our prayer.

We went to other houses. He would go upstairs, and be all out of breath, and he would tell the girls what he had come for. It wasn't long before they broke down and sought salvation.

When his strength gave way, I took him back to his lodgings. The next day we went out again. At the end of ten days he came to the store with his face literally shining.

"Mr. Moody," he said, "the last one of my class has yielded herself to Christ."

I tell you we had a time of rejoicing.

He had to leave the next night, so I called his class together that night for a prayer meeting and God kindled a fire in my soul that has never gone out. The heights of my ambition had been to be a successful merchant, and if I had known that meeting was going to take that ambition out of me I might not have gone. But how many times I thanked God since for that meeting!

The dying teacher sat in the midst of his class, and talked with them, and read the 14th chapter of John. We tried to sing "Blest Be the Tie That Binds," after which we knelt down to pray. I was just rising to my knees when one of the class began to pray for her dying teacher. Another prayer, another, and before we rose, the whole class had prayed. As I went out I said to myself, "O God, let me die rather than lose the blessing I have received to-night!"

The next evening I went to the depot to say good-bye to that teacher. Just before the train started, one of the class came, and before long, without any pre-arrangement, they were all there. What a meeting that was! We tried to sing, but we broke down. The last we saw

of that dying teacher he was standing on the platform of the car, his finger pointing upward, telling that class to meet him in heaven.

I didn't know what this was going to cost me. I was disqualified for business; it had become distasteful to me. I had got a taste of another word, and cared no more for making money. For some days after, the greatest struggle of my life took place. Should I give up business and give myself to Christian work, or should I not? I have never regretted my choice. Oh, the luxury of leading some one out of the darkness of this world into the glorious light and liberty of the gospel!

—"The Sunday School Digest"

PUTTING THE CART BEFORE THE HORSE

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venile delinquency is abounding. The cart has been placed before the horse and we fear the horse has even been left back in the stable. By the horse we mean the power of regeneration. It is the message of the New Birth. We can not have reformation without regeneration. We must be ready to die at any moment. Being ready to die means good living. Let us turn to the Word of God to prove our introduction.

I We Cannot Save Ourselves

Try as hard as we might, the old Adamic nature remains in everyone of us. Romans 3:23 says that all have sinned and come short of the glory of God. Many other passages make plain that none doeth good. Many are working so hard for salvation, when we read, "He that worketh not but believeth, to him is accounted for righteousness." Isaiah tells us that all our righteousness is as filthy rags. This just simply means that as good as we may be, moral and upright as we have always been, that cannot satisfy a Holy God and bring us safely through to heaven someday. It is more than clean living, church membership and participating in the ordinances, as fine as they are.

Was not Nicodemus a good man and highly respected as a leader? He was a man of the temple and had gone for years in the law. Yet in John's Gospel, the third chapter, Jesus tells him he "Must Be Born Again."

Think how good and noble a man would be that would keep the whole law. The Rich Young Ruler did so and could face the Lord and say he did. What a fine young man he was but he had not the peace and assurance of eternal life. He left the Lord sorrowful because Jesus put His finger on the deficiency of his life. He needed the "New Life" which we know as "Christ in you the hope of glory." With all the good character in him or any other man, he will be forever without the gospel, which is the power of God unto salvation.

The hardest group of people to reach for Christ are those who are exemplary in character. They must first of all be shown that they are still sinners by nature and what God says about the flesh of all men. This you do not have to prove to a moral degenerate. Why then should we strive to build character apart from the gospel that regenerates, when this message will build the greatest characters in all the world and for the world to come.

II. Christ our Redeemer.

Ever since the fall of the human race to the cross of Calvary, the economy for man was the blood of bulls and goats. Then

in Exodus God gave the Law on Sinai to show the human race the need of redemption. Nineteen hundred years ago the Lord Jesus Christ became God in the flesh. He lived a perfect sinless life under the law. Sin is the cause of death. Jesus died. How could that be? Oh, glorious message, Christ died for our sins! He took our place and shed His blood that we might have the remission of sins. Ephesians 2:8, 9, "For by grace ye are saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God. Not works, lest any man should boast." For all those who believe they need a Saviour, come by faith to Him, God says He will save. Jesus, the Son of God, has done all the work and has provided a complete redemption for the world.

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