

Good Way to Study God's Old Book

An old-fashioned and homely form of studying the sacred word and one which was much practiced by believers some fifty years ago and greatly blessed the help of young believers, was what was then called "The Conversational Bible Reading." It was usually held in the house of one of the Lord's people, all gathered around the table, each with a Bible. After praise and prayer, a portion was read, a brief exposition or outline of it given, and then the subject was "beat out" in the form of a general conversation, with liberty for any to express a difficulty or ask a question. In this way many precious "nuggets" of true gold were unearthed, and difficult passages made plain. To all who desire to become acquainted with the word of God, and to share the "green pastures" therein found, we commend this form of Bible reading and study. Groups of young believers, little groups of Christians in country villages and neighboring farmhouses, will find this an excellent summer evening employment. None

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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

Camouflage Propaganda Of Knights Of Columbus

A flood of pernicious, but clever, propaganda is inundating the secular newspapers and magazines in the form of paid advertisements subsidized by the Knights of Columbus Information Bureau. Nationally known magazines with large circulations, such as *The Pathfinder*, *The American Weekly*, *Hearst's Sunday Supplement*, and others, have been featuring them of late and even calling attention to them in their editorial pages.

The line followed in these advertisements—expensive, two-column spread with pictures—is to "play down" the official teaching of the Catholic Church and to make it appear quite harmless to Protestants. These "ads," it must be remembered, appear in secular newspapers and magazines, never in the Catholic press. The Catholic people are taught otherwise.

This camouflaged method of presenting the raging lion of Roman Catholicism as a meek little lamb to gullible and over-tolerant Protestants in America, was first started by the Paulist Fathers. They went so far in watering down official Catholic teaching that Rome became alarmed and called them severely to order. Pope Leo XIII went so far as to condemn their methods under the title of "Americanism"—a new kind of heresy. For, in the eyes of Roman Catholic authorities in Rome, what these Paulist priests taught bordered upon Protestantism. As a result, many of these priests themselves began to believe that what they taught was true and renounced the priesthood and became Protestants. At one time four of the most outstanding Paulist priests body and joined Protestant churches.

churches.

But now, led by the Knights of Columbus (which is purely lay-Catholic organization), a section of the Roman Catholic Church in America is trying to revive the Paulist method in order to lull Protestants into a belief that Roman Catholic teaching on sin, salvation, marriage, education, separation of Church and State, public schools etc., does not differ much from what Protestants believe.

The Jesuitical method of saying this is: 1) to exaggerate what Protestants think of the Catholic Church's erroneous teachings; 2) to ask rhetorically if this is true—without giving answer or denial; and 3) to make it appear as ridiculous as possible that the Catholic Church would ever teach such

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The Superhuman Task Of Being A Baptist Preacher

Have you ever tried to preach one hundred and four sermons a year to the same congregation?

Have you ever tried to please one thousand church members?

Have you ever tried to lead a prayer meeting week after week when nine hundred and fifty of the one thousand were absent?

Have you ever tried to visit in five hundred homes in twelve months?

Have you ever tried to lead when no one would follow?

Have you ever tried to get a little man to do a big job?

Have you ever tried to carry the weight of a lost world?

Have you ever tried to love when others hate, or praise when others condemn?

Have you ever tried to bind up broken hearts or re-establish broken homes?

Have you ever tried to sympathize with and help fallen men and women when others seemed not to care?

Have you ever tried to smile upon the empty collection plates and realize that the world is moving away from God?

Have you ever tried to pour out your very soul to get men

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You Are Sincere Read This And You'll Learn What A Church Is For

Lots of people who haven't come to go to prayer meeting or even to attend Sunday services, are "Johnny on-the-spot" at a picnic or party.

Few people seem to have the courage to condemn the whole social and amusement system as carried on by churches. Seeing and knowing the unscripturalness and the harm, I condemn the whole thing as a wrong ideal and notion concerning what a church exists for. If anybody wants to disagree with me, I challenge him to produce the scripture that justifies their position.

A second false notion concerning what a church is for is this: Some think that it is an agency for the reforming of the world. The feeding of the poor, the rendering of social service, etc. It is not the primary business of the church to do any of these things.

We are not to reform the world, but to witness to the world about Christ and salvation. (Acts 1:8 and Matt.

24:14). Therefore politics is not the business of a church. Also the examples of charity and benevolence mentioned in the N. T. are those in which funds were raised for the poor saints. (cf. the fund raised by Paul.) This benevolent work is to be secondary to the work of preaching the gospel.

Who set the standard concerning what a church is for? Christ! What then, is a church for?

It is to be distinctly and distinctively a religious institution dealing primarily with the things that concern the spiritual life. What things?

God. It is to teach people about God, and remind them of duty to Him.

The Soul. It is to remind men that they have a soul to attend to.

Eternity. Schools, and other institutions prepare people for this existence. A church is to remind men that eternity should be prepared for.

The interpretation and proclaiming of the Bible, the presentation of Christ to men, and

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A SHIP IN A BOTTLE

Did you ever see a miniature ship in a bottle, and wonder how it could possibly have gotten in there, with its sails and jibs flying, and all its rigging in perfect order? It is very mystifying, until the craftsman tell you how it is done. Then it seems very simple, indeed.

Did you ever wonder how a rich man could be saved? For our Lord said: "It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God" (Mark 10:25). Some have tried to solve the enigma by suggesting "the eye of a needle" alludes to a low gate through which a camel train would pass to enter a walled city. But it means no such thing. The word for "needle" is *raphis*, which

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Mused Uncle Mose

Dey's lots o' folks dat can stan' up and tessify fo' de prosecution w'en teahs are fallin' an' peoples is hollerin' 'Amen!' but w'en dey gits on de witness stan' in de court ob sinnahs, dey kinda leans to de defence.

A Pulitzer Prize Winning Cartoonist Tells How God Guides His Pen Through Prayer

Artists and cartoonists are supposed to be "geniuses"—some sort of rare human beings



VAUGHN SHOEMAKER

peculiarly gifted and equipped to do something that most people can't do. That may go for some artists and cartoonists, but

it doesn't go for me. I lay no claim whatever to being a genius, because I don't draw my cartoons alone, out of my own strength or talent; God helps me draw them. Without Him, I might still be a lifeguard on the bathing beaches of Chicago. There's quite a story behind that statement.

It goes back to boyhood—to the days when my mother prayed that some day I'd let God guide my life. I smiled at her; so did my three brothers. Prayer seemed "sissified" to me then; it was all right for Mother to pray, but Mother wasn't young and strong any more. Old folks prayed. Sick folks prayed. Not strong young kids with all the resources within them necessary to get by. I'd get along without prayer, without God.

I tried it—and failed. I bungled my education in a big way. They pushed me through grammar school, because they needed the room for youngsters coming along behind me. In high school

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FREE PASSAGE TO RUSSIA

There has come to our attention a great opportunity for Communists to exchange residence in the United States for residence in Russia.

The Anti-Communist League, Post Office Box 1867, Hartford, Conn., offers "A free ride to Moscow to all Communists who will renounce their American citizenship and promise not to come back here." A free first-class ticket by plane or steamship is offered.

Since the American system seems so deplorable to these parties and the Soviet system so desirable, they ought to be glad to make this journey, especially when they can ride in style free!—The Baptist and Re-

The First Baptist Pulpit

"BAPTIST PECULIARITIES"

Who gave Himself for us that He might redeem us from all iniquity and purify unto Himself a peculiar people zealous of good works. Titus 2:14.

The word here translated peculiar means having "special and distinct characteristics or habits"

Thayer defines the Greek word translated peculiar "a people selected by God from the other nations for His own possession." The idea is the same. God's people are a people

chosen by Him to be unlike all other nations and people, with special and distinct habits and characteristics. Baptists are now and have always been that kind of people. God made them so. They please Him best when they are most unlike other folks. He did not choose them because they were peculiar. They were just like other sinners until He created them anew. When He made them over by the new birth He made them peculiar. He chose them and redeemed them and created them anew as

a people for His own possession: and His purpose for every one of them is to conform them to the image of His Son. That means that by His grace and His Spirit and His Word and His Providences, He is making them more and more peculiar all the time. The purpose of this chapter is to call attention to and stress some of their peculiarities. The more peculiar they become, in the sense of the more they become like Christ, the better they please our Heavenly

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WHAT'S THE HARM?

So we are often asked about the "movies." We observed an advertisement in *The New York Times* which gives it an answer, we believe. There is a motion picture called "The Raven." The advertisement has as its bold caption: "The devil's own masterpiece." Comments by reviewers are listed, and among these: the newspaper *PM* says: "A brilliant catalogue of evil . . . every sin, every vice . . . laid bare with exquisite delicacy and skill . . . A masterful titillation of the mind." *The New York Times* reports: "An exceptionally well-acted picture of the questionable nature of mankind." And the *Journal* says: "A superb job of hair-raising! . . . What may be delicately described as adult fare."

Does any more need to be said?

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BAPTIST PECULIARITIES

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Father, the more heavenly and unworldly they become and the more people take knowledge of them that they have been with Jesus. These peculiarities are common-place with us; but they were not in New Testament days. Neither are they generally known on this earth today except in a very limited territory in the South. Instead of trying to hide their peculiarities and magnify their likenesses and agreements with other denominations, God wants the Baptists to maintain their separateness and magnify the things wherein they differ from all other denominations. If you think the writer has put it too strongly, read these words from the lips of the Son of God. "Suppose ye that I am come to send peace on earth? I tell you, Nay; but rather division" (Lu. 12:51). He came to send division, according to His own testimony. How does He cause division? He causes division by making His people different from other folks. The things wherein they differ are their peculiarities. Why does He cause division? Because He wants His people to be wholly unlike any body else (2 Cor. 6:11-18). Wherein are Baptists to be a peculiar people? Ought they to glory in their peculiarities or to be ashamed of them? I maintain that their peculiarities are their glory and that in humility and meekness, because they are God-given, they ought to be gloried in.

1. THE BAPTIST GOSPEL IS THE ONLY GOSPEL.

The gospel began with the first Baptist preacher. In Mark 1:1 we are told that John's ministry was the "beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God." Is that so or not so? The Bible tells it. The Holy Spirit thought it of sufficient importance to open up the second gospel with the declaration. Is it so? If it is, then there are several very common utterances abroad in the land that Baptists ought to quit endorsing and circulating. If the gospel began with John the Baptist, then the first gospel sermon was preached by the first Baptist preacher. Since Paul says there is but one gospel, the man, who doesn't preach the Baptist gospel, does not preach any gospel at all (Gal. 1:7-8). If there is but one gospel and gospel preaching began with the first Baptist preacher, then every man, who preaches the true gospel, got his gospel from the Baptists and preaches the Baptist gospel. If the first gospel was the Baptist gospel, then honest preachers of the gospel everywhere ought to tell, that there is but one gospel and that it came from God to them through the Baptists. If God gave the gospel to the world through the Baptists, then the Baptists are under supreme obligations to God and to the world to give to them the gospel in its purity. The gospel is a Baptist gospel and Baptists owe it to the Lord Jesus to give the gospel to every creature. That

is the ground of missions, according to Paul. It is a debt: a Baptist debt: a debt that Baptists owe to every creature. Listen: "I am debtor both to the Greeks and to the Barbarians; both to the wise and to the unwise. So, as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are in Rome also" (Rom. 1:14-15). Missions are not charity. Missions are a debt that Baptists owe a lost world. Missions are preaching the gospel to the literate and to the illiterate. The Baptists debt is not schools nor hospitals nor humanitarian service nor relief for men's bodies. The Baptist debt to the world is the gospel. The gospel began with the Baptists. It is a Baptist possession. Its publishing to every creature is the Baptist debt. This gospel, that began with the first Baptist, not on Pentecost, is to be preached, the very same gospel, not another until Jesus comes again (Matt. 24:14). Baptism is no part of this gospel (1 Cor. 1:17). The gospel is Christ's death for our sins and His resurrection for our justification or in other words the finished work of Christ (1 Cor. 15:1-3). The gospel is for the lost—not something we do for Christ but something He did for us. Baptism is for the saved—only the saved. That is why baptism is no part of the gospel. They are not for the same kind of folks. The gospel is for the lost—nobody but the lost. Baptism is for the saved—nobody but the saved.

2. A BAPTIST CHURCH IS THE ONLY CHURCH.

That is the second peculiarity of the Baptists. The church Jesus called "My church" was a Baptist church. The material was prepared by the first Baptist preacher. In I Cor. 12:28, we are told that the apostles were first in the church. Luke 6:13 tells of their selection by Jesus and the names of the first apostles. In Acts 1:22 Luke tells us that a man could not be one of the twelve apostles unless he had accompanied with them from the baptism of this first Baptist preacher. This first church was a Baptist church therefore because it was built by Jesus, who was Himself baptized by a Baptist preacher. Its first members were baptized by this same first Baptist preacher. Even Alexander Campbell admitted in his debate with Mr. McCalla, a Presbyterian, that the church at Jerusalem was a Baptist church. No other church except the one Jesus built was built out of Baptist material. No other church except the one Jesus built had baptism, that came from heaven (John 1:33, Lu. 7:30). No other church except the church Jesus built was built by one person of the Godhead. Since no stream can rise higher than its source, the only church in this world, that is a divine institution, is the Baptist church: for no other church, except the Baptist church had one person of the Godhead for its founder. No other church except the Baptist church was founded in Palestine. No other church except the church Jesus built had in its foundation Christ and the apostles (Eph. 2:20). Since the expression "the church of Christ" is never found in the singular in the New Testament, but in the plural, we know that the church, which Jesus called "My church" is an individual, local, organized and assembling body. The only church in the New Testament, that is called a body of Christ was a local church. In I Cor. 12:27 the definite article is left out, so that the literal of that passage is: "Ye are a body of Christ and members in particular." In other words each local body of Christ is composed of individ-

uals, not an universal body, composed of churches or other organizations. The church which the Lord Jesus built was not only a Baptist church, but He promised that the gates of hell should not prevail against it. He kept that promise.

Alexander Campbell, who traced a succession through the Baptists, says: "The disciples of Christ are the same race, call them Christians, Nazarenes, Galileans, Novatians, Donatists, Paulicians, Waldenses, Albigenes, Protestants, or what you please. A variety of designation affects not the fact which we allege; we can find an unbroken series of Protestants—a regular succession of those who protested against the corruptions of the Roman Church, and endeavored to hold fast the faith once delivered to the saints, from the first schism in the year 250 A. D. to the present day; and you may apply to them what description or designation you please." ("Campbell-Purcell Debate," 1837, page 77).

Again Mr. Campbell says: "Hence it is that the Baptist denomination, in all ages and in all countries, has been, as a body, the constant asserters of the rights of man and of liberty of conscience."—Christian Baptist, page 409.

Mr. Burnett, one of the leading editors of the Disciples of Mr. Campbell, said in "What and Where Is the Church?" page 73: "Christ founded His church upon a rock, and it has been there ever since. In the days of Alexander Campbell it was wearing the name 'Baptist Church.' With Alexander Campbell we say, the kingdom was with the Baptists before he and his coadjutors started the Reformation."

The only church on this earth that was founded at the right time—during the personal ministry of Jesus Christ: at the right place—Palestine: by the right person—the Lord Jesus: of the right material—the born again, who brought forth good fruit before their baptism: and to which the Lord Jesus promised unending perpetuity, was the first Baptist church, which Jesus built out of the material made ready by John the Baptist. Baptist churches are the only churches on this earth, whose baptisms like a gold dollar are worth one hundred cents to the dollar the world around. The only church on this earth that Jesus could join if he were here, on His baptism, is a Baptist church, for all others say John's baptism is invalid. Baptists say the only baptism that is valid is John's baptism: for it is the only one that came from heaven. Baptist churches are the only churches on this earth, that will not be plucked up by the roots, when Jesus comes, for He said: "Every plant which My Heavenly Father hath not planted shall be rooted up" (Matt. 15:13).

3. SALVATION THE CONDITION OF BAPTISM.

A third peculiarity of the Baptists is that they are the only church in Christendom, that never have in all their history and do not now, make baptism a condition of salvation, either of adults or infants. Baptists have ever taught that babies that die in infancy, as well as all other unaccountable persons, go to heaven when they die.

The Baptist shibboleth for 1900 years has been blood before water, Christ before the church, salvation before bap-

tism. In the Old Testament type of redemption in Exodus 12, that order is very clearly stressed. The blood did two things. It protected them from the wrath of God and delivered them from the bondage of Egypt. Paul interprets that experience for us in 1 Cor. 10:1-11. The blood was applied in Egypt. They were baptized unto Moses in the cloud and the sea three days afterward. That passage also throws some light on the meaning of baptize eis remission. Israel was baptized eis Moses (1 Cor. 10:2). Moses had been their Mediator, deliverer and leader for some time. They were baptized eis Moses, not in order to get him to be their Saviour and deliverer, but because he was their Saviour and deliverer. So in Acts 2:38. The folk on Pentecost were baptized eis remission. If we interpret Acts 2:38 in the light of Israel's experience and every Old Testament type and shadow, as well as in the light of the whole body of teachings in the New Testament, it must mean be baptized because of the remission of sins. Prof. A. T. Robertson of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, than whom there is no greater Greek scholar in this country, said in answer to a query in Western Recorder: "It is perfectly good Greek to translate 'eis' 'because of' in Acts 2:28." The Gospel of John was written to sinners to bring them to faith in Jesus Christ for salvation. The only mention of individual, personal baptism in that gospel is where it is said that "Jesus made and baptized more disciples than John." That reveals two facts. First, only those, who had been made disciples or Christians, were baptized by John the Baptist or authorized to be baptized by the Lord Jesus. Second, in this whole gospel, in which again and again the personal conversations of Jesus with individuals or groups or crowds are recorded, He never mentions baptism. There can be but one explanation to that, namely, that baptism is not for lost men, but for saved men. This was His uniform teaching and practice always. All others except Baptists, either baptize sinners, as one of the conditions of salvation or baptize babies. One of the outstanding peculiarities of Baptists has always been, that they make salvation a condition of baptism, rather than baptism a condition of salvation.

4. BAPTISTS ARE INDIVIDUALISTS.

This too is peculiar to Baptists. Alas, that some Baptists, who are not very well informed, do not live up to it. Their churches would be saved lots of trouble if they did. Their anxiety for numbers and greed for gain however cause them to pierce themselves through with many sorrows. Baptists never baptize children on the faith of their parents. There are no proxies in the religion of the Lord Jesus. Every individual repents for himself and believes for himself and is baptized for himself and that too as a voluntary act of his own. Baptists do not teach that a wife ought to join the church with her husband, or vice versa. That was one of the heresies of W. H. Whitsitt, that caused him to lose his position as President of the Louisville Seminary and Professor of Church History in that institution. He plainly taught everywhere that homes ought to be divided, two against three and three against two, rather than disobey the truth or be disloyal to Him (Matt. 10:32-39). He taught very clearly that His disciples ought to follow and obey Him, even if it broke up homes (Mark 8:34-38, 10:29-31, Lu. 10:25-35). Every duty is an

individual duty of the individual soul to Jesus Christ our Lord. He should be obeyed at all costs and at all hazards. Jesus said: "Why call ye Me, Lord, and do not the things which I say?" "Behold to do is better than sacrifice, hearken than the fat of rams, rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry" (1 Sam. 22-23).

5. THE BIBLE THE FINAL AUTHORITY.

Baptists are the people of the Book. The Bible is the final word on every subject on which it speaks. There is no appeal from it. It is the court of appeal because it is the perfect Book. "The Scripture cannot be broken" (John 10:35). If Scripture can not be broken, can not be amended or reversed or changed. It is the final word on all questions of truth or doctrine or duty or life. Jesus said: "Think not that I am come to destroy the law or prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law till all be fulfilled" (Mat. 5:17-18). W. C. Wilkinson in his book, "The Baptist Principle," says that this underlies all of

This is a chapter of "Why a Baptist" by H. B. Taylor, with the Lord. We'll send a copy of this book free with every new or renewal subscription during the month of May.

Baptist principles. We base all other teachings and obligations on this fundamental principle, namely, that the Bible is the final authority on every question. The Bible, Bible alone, is our only and sufficient rule of faith and practice. "Nothing beyond what is written." "It is written," the answer of the Son of God to the devil in every test. In other words, the Son of God said, the Book is final. No amount of argument or explanation or sophistry can answer or do away with the Book. Bible is God's final answer to all questions. It needs no supplement. When the rich for whom Lazarus sent to warn them not to come to that place of torment Jesus said No, they have the Book. If they will not hear of the Book, they will not hear at all. No supplement or addition to the Bible. "It is written" is God's final authoritative answer on subjects.

SHIP IN A BOTTLE

(Continued from page one) speaks of an ordinary sewing or darning needle. "But it is possible for a camel to go through such a hole!" some will exclaim. Of course it will with men: but with God, Master-Craftsman, "all things are possible."

As a matter of fact, the salvation of any man or woman or boy or girl, is an impossibility from the human side. He with whom all things are possible has wrought out salvation for us, through the blood of the Cross of Christ, whereby the sin-question is settled for us. "For He made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him" (2 Cor. 5:21). Nothing is impossible with the Lord. The Pilgrim

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MISSION SHEETS

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Hallums Open New Preaching Point

Dear Brethren:

We have been waiting to get the pictures made on our last trip before writing about it. About three weeks ago we went up the Quebrada Polis (Polis creek) for the first time since returning to the field. This is a stream that empties into the Momon river which in turn empties into the Nanay river which empties into the Amazon River. We have made most of our trips on the Nanay river. The Momon river is just one turn after another and with the motor one has to keep on the alert all the time. For awhile we counted the turns made and we averaged four in five minutes and Polis Creek was even worse.

Given Directions

Late in the afternoon we met some people coming downstream and asked how far to a house large enough to have a meeting in. They advised that the lieutenant governor's house on the creek was the first large house we would come to and that it could be distinguished by the large pasture around it. In about a half hour we arrived at the place but none of the family were there. A man who had come to see the governor on business told us to stop for he was sure that it would be all right with the owner for us to have a service and spend the night there and he sent a boy to the field to tell the man that we were there. The next day the man told us that the boy



Marguerite Hallum on a footlog across a creek while on a journey.



A group of children who heard the story of Jesus the first time.



The children seated as a class. Notice the flannelgraph used in the picture.

had told him that there was a very white woman with white hair in the bunch (Mrs. Hallum).

Received Cordially

He and his wife came to the house and received us cordially and said that it would be all right for us to have a service there that night. He took it upon himself to send the boy to the house up stream to invite the people to come and he sent someone else down stream doing the same. They have a path which they use to travel over the creek when it is low and this connects the houses on one side of the stream. It was late and we did not have time to go far that night and only about thirty people were present

including the children. Father had wanted to go farther up stream the following night for a service in an Indian village but everyone advised against it as the creek was falling and that it would be impossible to get there in a large canoe even by paddle much less by outboard motor. After consulting with the owner of the house it was decided to announce another meeting at the same place for the following night.

Marguerite Teaches The Children

We taught the children some choruses and invited them to come the next afternoon for a lesson. The next day father went up stream to the Indian village in a very small canoe to tell them about the meeting

and several promised to come. A Peruvian girl who accompanied us on the journey, joined me and we went by land up stream walking and inviting the people to come. Every ten or fifteen minutes we would come to a footlog which we went across in fear and trembling. The picture enclosed is one of the wider ones. We were blessed with beautiful weather and moonlight nights, although we had not taken this into account before leaving on the journey.

Children Come For Lesson

In the afternoon some of the children who lived the nearest came for a Bible lesson. Others had said that they would come but their parents went away into the fields and left them to take care of the house. Those who came paid marked attention

as we taught them the lesson of the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ. I am enclosing pictures of the group taken inside after the class and also outside, including a couple of mothers who came.

Missionary Hallum Preaches At Night

Before dark the people started coming in. First a number from the Indian village which was at least an hour's walk away and across the stream from where we were. Then from up stream and down stream the people came with their little oil lamps. They gave good attention and by raised hand several indicated that they were trusting the Lord for salvation. The owner of the house said that we were welcome at anytime that we desired. We believe that this is one of the best trips that we have made since returning to the mission field from the United States. The next day we returned home making the journey in about six hours. At present the work is being done on the church building at Iquitos. Two Sunday School rooms are being added to the building and father is directing the work. Because of this work we have not been able to leave on a journey for the past couple weeks. We are planning a Daily Vacation Bible School beginning the first week of March when we hope to have the use of the extra rooms.

Yours in Him,
Marguerite Hallum

Missionary Brandon Writes From City Of Manos

Dear Brethren:
I have just returned from the post office and received two letters from you which is the first in many days. I will be embarking tomorrow for Cruzeiro do Sul, things have not gone well since I left and it seems imperative that I return for awhile, I hope a short while. We have sought the Lord about it and are assured that He is sending. We have begun the work here and it is the greatest blessing we have ever had. For about a week we have been working. I have not been able to be about much but the brethren (Brother Santiago and Brother Fernandes), have been visiting the homes of the neighborhood. They have entered some more than two hundred homes with the brightest results. The most of them have never heard the gospel. We have opened preaching services in the new home and the average to date is 75 attentive listeners, all who seem well pleased so far. As a beginning I thought it well to introduce where we

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More Inspiration And Information From Brother Brandon

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The prophet Isaiah said in Isa. 55:10-11 that the word of the Lord would not return unto Him void and for that reason we argue and contend and dispute with the people wherever we go. It is part of our nature and cannot be avoided. Everyone says that I am hard to get along with and as touching the doctrines of God I confess that I am. So far I have never seen one of the disputers converted but I have seen the bystanders converted and living happily in the faith of the Lord Jesus Christ and thus it is that some of the sheep have heard the Master's voice, gave up, and followed Him.

A Man Seeks The Missionary

There is a man on board who seems to be quite wealthy. His legitimate wife and children live in Manaus. He lives on the rubber plantation far up the Jurua river with another

woman by whom he has had five children. They are all with him together with five servants. They are going to Manaus for awhile and then up the Perus river where he has bought another plantation. He has heard the gospel and understands that he is living in adultery according to our faith. From time to time they have embarked, my presence has seemed to disturb him, yet he has sought me three times to discuss the Bible, each time defending himself in his sin. After each discussion he has gone away serious or may I say sad and I wonder if he, like the young ruler, has rejected the truth for his own hurt. The engineer has proved to be much interested. He has sought me three times and one of the pilots once. Also a young man passenger came asking for a Testament and when the people saw them a half dozen others came to receive them also and most of them have read them everyday. Yesterday a

young man embarked with his knee so swollen with rheumatism that he could hardly walk. His hammock was hung near mine and I asked him if he would like for me to paste some medicine that I had on it and he said that he would. I took advantage of the opportunity and as I rubbed his knee many gathered around and I told them of the sacrifice of Calvary, the one and greatest spectacle on earth that has affected the entire race as nothing else could have done. They listened until I was through and then as sheep without a father they all turned everyone to his own way. Last night we were all awakened by a woman screaming as though she were already condemned. She was in third class and when one of the officers went to inquire they found that a large bug had gotten into her ear and she was calling upon the host of heaven to help her, but the name of God was not

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Some Good News From The Regions Beyond

In this issue are interesting letters from the missionaries. The Hallums write from Peru about a journey up two rivers, then up a creek where the gospel was preached to the people and several raised their hands to say that they were trusting the Lord, and then the children met in the afternoon and learned to sing and had the story of creation taught to them by the flannelgraph method of teaching. Also the church building at Iquitos was being enlarged by the addition of two new rooms being added for the Sunday School and then a Daily Vacation Bible School was to start.

Brother Brandon writes while on the boat coming down river to Manaus which is a continuation of the letter in the last two issues. Then he writes of the progress of the work and the work of the native preachers in Manaus and he is about to return up river to Cruzeiro do Sul again. The next letter is from Cruzeiro do Sul with news

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NOTICE

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H. H. OVERBEY
1210 E. Grand Blvd.
Detroit 11, Mich.

GOOD NEWS FROM THE REGIONS BEYOND

(Continued from preceding page) of souls being saved at Amonho and other places. Also he tells of a Baptist preacher becoming a leper and hoping to get into the leper colony which will be the means of the gospel being preached to those there. This is what the missionaries are doing that you are supporting. The work is hard and slow and tedious and enough to make one blue at times; yet the Lord's servants keep preaching and telling the story of Jesus and how He died as a substitute for lost sinners and His power to save. Pray for the missionaries and for new missionaries to go and help them. Tell others about this Baptist Faith Mission work which is free from all isms and that does not interfere with churches and pastors. We have no paid secretaries to try to lord it over churches if they don't do just as the paid secretaries say do. This is the Lord's work through His churches. We pray that the Lord will lead you to join in its support.

MORE INSPIRATION

(continued from opposite page) mentioned. People love darkness rather than light. It is so easy to continue in sin, its only nature and no resistance is required, but when one enters into life and is quickened by the Holy Spirit the battle for right begins with innumerable difficulties to confront. A Christian life is different, such a one will maintain order in spite of the difficulties, and will resist the devil as the word of the Lord says.

One More Day On Boat

This is Saturday afternoon and if the Lord wills we will arrive in Manaos in the morning early. I so dislike to arrive or embark on the Lord's Day and sought Him about it and I feel that it is well as it is. Let me say that the blood of these people will not be required of us for they have had plenty of opportunities to hear the word and believe, but they refuse to repent. Everyone has been more than nice to me and I can never repay them for the courtesies I have received. I have the promise of many of them to attend church while in Manaos. I have distributed many Testaments and some have been reading them regularly. It may be agreeable to leave the baggage on board until Monday. The business manager of the boat represents the largest commercial house in the Amazon Valley and in conversation today he said that he would be glad to introduce me to the owner when we arrive and recommend to him that I buy there at a reduced price. They import much goods from America and it may be possible for me to change my diet a little if the deal goes through. One thing is noticeable, when the Lord works, the people respect the gospel and its messenger. The greatest responsibilities that are placed on man are upon the servants of the Lord, but the greatest blessings are also given. "Divine protection" as David

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Buffalo Avenue Baptist Church, Tampa, Fla.	\$ 86.90
Buffalo Avenue Baptist Church, New Hope Bible Class, Tampa, Fla.	35.00
Scotts Grove Baptist Church, Murray, Ky.	25.00
Scotts Grove Baptist Church, Murray, Ky.	10.00
Maranatha Baptist Church, Grand Rapids, Mich.	44.00
South Side Baptist Church, Winter Haven, Fla.	55.00
First Baptist Church, Coal Grove, Ohio	11.00
Bellview Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky.	5.76
Ahava Baptist Church, Plant City, Fla.	45.00
Benton Baptist Church, Benton, Ky.	22.52
Benton Baptist Church, Benton, Ky.	21.79
Benton Baptist Church, Benton, Ky.	25.30
First Baptist Church, White Plains, Ky.	12.00
Liberty Baptist Church, Central City, Ky.	10.16
Big Creek Baptist Church, Wayne, W. Va.	5.00
Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, Ky.	31.41
Liberty Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio	14.13
Liberty Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio	13.56
Grace Baptist Church, Owensboro, Ky.	5.00
South Union Baptist Church, Cadiz, Ky.	43.00
Tabernacle Baptist Church, Lewisburg, Ky.	51.00
Bible Baptist Church, Dequincy, La.	20.90
Eaton Avenue Baptist Church, Muncie, Ind.	10.00
Oak Baptist Church, Royal Oak, Mich.	16.63
Homestead Baptist Church, Crossville, Tenn.	10.00
Homestead Baptist Church, Crossville, Tenn.	10.00
Cleaton Baptist Church, Cleaton, Ky.	50.00
Raiford Baptist Church, Raiford, Fla.	5.00
Little Obion Baptist Church, Wingo, Ky.	5.00
Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Hickory, Ky.	25.37
South Side Baptist Church, B. T. U., Paducah, Ky.	21.66
South Side Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky.	64.80
Shady Grove Baptist Church, Wickliffe, Ky.	50.00
Harmony Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich.	59.00
Grace Baptist Church, Baseline, Mich.	60.00
Grace Baptist Church, B. T. U., Baseline, Mich.	5.71
Second Baptist Church, Marion, Ky.	12.23
North Side Baptist Church, Mayfield, Ky.	44.78
Bethel Baptist Church, Roseville, Mich.	20.00
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn, Mich.	14.49
Ryan Road Baptist Church, Van Dyke, Mich.	7.20
Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Cadiz, Ky.	70.00
Seventh Street Baptist Church, Cannelton, Ind.	24.48
First Baptist Church, Russell, Ky.	78.56
L. M. Williams, Baltimore, Md.	10.00
Mrs. M. A. Ailstock, Mansfield, La.	1.00
E. H. Craft, Widen, W. Va.	10.00
Alex Sumpter, Union Grove, Wis.	1.00
Elder Wm. M. Kretchmer, Grayson, Ky.	10.00
Chuck Holsinger, Wheaton, Ill.	6.00
Ralph Chick, Marion, Ky.	60.00
J. H. Kain, Cape May, N. J.	5.00
Mrs. George Dehaven, Calvert City, Ky.	7.00
Miss Zimronde Dehaven, Calvert City, Ky.	10.00
Mrs. E. H. Purdom, Elmhurst, Ill.	10.00
Wm. D. Pettit, Wheaton, Ill.	5.00
Miss Georgia Brandon, Benton, Ky.	13.00
TOTAL.....	\$1406.34

Z. E. CLARK, Treasurer

As the Lord leads you, send all offerings for his 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:

ELDER Z. E. CLARK
Box 202,
Cannelton, Indiana

did say, "with thee I can mount a wall, I can face a troupe."

Coary and Codajaz

We passed Coary and Codajaz without stopping. I was hurt. I wanted to speak to the brethren but I will try to visit them soon. I want to get some pictures of them and send as soon as possible, then too, I would like to do some preaching there once more and if the Lord wills to become more active than ever in these parts. You will never know how I love it and everything seems to favor my coming up to now. There are some other incidents that I wanted to relate but they can wait for another time. I hope that you are all well and enjoying prosperity in the work of the Lord. May His great grace and blessings be multiplied among you all. Remember me to all the brethren.

Sincerely,
J. F. Brandon

BRANDON WRITES FROM

(Preceding page, column 1) stood and what our doctrines are, so I chose the first fifteen verses of Mark, showing that in the beginning of the gospel of the Lord Jesus there was a Baptist preacher, he preaching repentance and faith, declaring to the people One whom they knew not, He being the One who ministered the Holy Spirit. The cost to follow, separation from sin and the preacher himself beheaded. Since I have preached to them Jesus, nothing more or less.

Unhappy Believers

There are a number of unhappy believers who want to be numbered among us, the most of which we have led to Christ in other places. There will perhaps be some question about these but we are praying about them and trusting the Lord to add to us such as He will be pleased to add and relieve us from the embarrassing questions with other churches. We want those who will receive

sound doctrine for that is what is needed and the only thing that will save the situation here. Sunday afternoon we were called into the home of a new believer who was being visited by an Advent. We passed the entire afternoon with them and there were four who were convinced and two of these converted. The other two are attending our services. I guess I will be away three months, I hope less but that all depends on how the work goes off. I feel that much has been accomplished. Now I can go knowing that the work here will be carried on just the same as if I were here. These brethren (Santiago and Fernandes) are dependable under the guidance of the Lord and they are happier than I ever saw them. The Lord has blessed much beyond our thoughts and the animation is great among us.

Native Preachers To Carry On

They are to carry on until I return; then we hope the work will have so advanced that we can organize a church here upon the authority of the Harmony Church in Detroit. The Moodys and Convention Baptists are one in doctrine, however, the Moodys are better than the Convention, the latter is the rottenest I ever saw. I see no need of leaving the Roman Church to be one with them, for what the Romanists do the Convention Baptists do with but few exceptions. What we feel that the Lord wants with us here is to open independent Baptist work that is four square for the truth and outspoken against sin. When this work is organized and steady and ready to leave with a pastor, I hope to devote my time to the work in the interior. We have already had three calls from the places we worked years ago that went into the convention and have been so neglected that they hardly exist. Then we have two calls where I have never preached but they know of me through these brethren who are working with me now.

Native Preached To 323 People

Recently on a journey in the near interior Fernandes talked to 323 people in one of these communities near Manaos and the services were prolonged until after ten o'clock at night.

Now about Santiago and Fernandes. They are the pick of Manaos. They were associated with me in the work of the gospel a number of years ago and are thoroughly indoctrinated with the doctrines of grace and our order of gospel work and church order. They have stood for these doctrines here in the churches where they were members and are very unpopular with most of the brethren for that reason. They call them Brandon's Followers. However, they have a small following that are true to the faith. I request sustenance for them (they are now being sustained—Ed.). In fact I have already begun with them. Santiago will need fifty dollars a month and Fernandes thirty-five. I will not be able to send their pictures at once for I am returning sooner than I expected, but as soon as possible I will send them. We have had daily prayer for the work since I arrived and this will continue in my absence. I have also sought the other brethren to pray with me and I feel that the Lord is in the lead for He is blessing.

Missionaries Needed

I am still cooperating with the churches in the Acre but I do not know how to resolve it. What we need there is a missionary as I cannot live there

Brandon Writes From Acre

Cruzeiro do Sul
March 23, 1948

Dear Brethren:

Yesterday the brethren came from Japyni for me to go there and spend some time with them but there were so many things came up to hinder that today they returned alone with understanding that they would come again later as it seemed good to the Lord. Saturday Brother Eufrazo came in from Campo de Santano with news that on second sight appears to be good. Brother Franciscodrigues and many of his family were declared to be lepers and he came to consult the doctor about it and to see if they could be examined and sent to the leper colony. He and the pastor called upon the doctor this morning after we had had special prayer for them last night. The doctor talked favorably and we are looking for them to come down river in a canoe soon and they may appear any time. So much for the side. This is the good I saw. It is likely that only he and two of the children have leprosy and the others will return home that is it only appears these and the others perhaps have it in their systems.

SPECIAL NOTICE

Brother Z. E. Clark, the treasurer of the mission work, has moved to Cannelton, Indiana where he is pastor of a Baptist Church. Please note the change of his address and send all offerings to:

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Cannelton, Ind.

The Gospel To The Leper Colony

There are now about two hundred people confined to the leper colony, some of them confessed believers and there has been from the beginning much interest in the gospel there. I never did neglect the work on Sundays and at times throughout the week. The people have been consoled with the Word of God and throughout the time have prayed for a church within the limits of the colony. The man Francisco Rodrigues, a Baptist preacher and a good man too. He reads well and seeks to have the gift to understand and explain the truth to others. Now what I have in mind is to help him in finances so that he will work up a greater interest among the people and help them to salvation. You see, when I put them in the leper colony it is the last resort. They are expected to remain and finally die of necessity. When I am away the pastor does not keep up the services there and

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any longer. A visit a year would not offend I think, but to have there would knock me out less than a year. I have done all I can for Cruzeiro do Sul. Don't count too much on my work there. I have loved to have a man loveth his first born and have given all I had for it. I for it but don't count too much on it.

I will not arrive in Cruzeiro do Sul before the middle of March. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

J. F. Brandon

Some folks sow their wild oats all week and then go to church Sunday to pray that the crop fails.

RANDON WRITES

(Preceding page, Column 5)
About six months I have not been able to go. It is about two miles from my home and the walk is too great for the present.

News From Amonho

One of the brethren came through from Amonho en route to Para. He says there have been a number of conversions and the church is animated and the pastor well. He said there were two women converted at Oriente and wanted to be baptized but their husbands refused to let them. They requested our prayers that they might follow the Lord in baptism. Another brother came from Parana dos Mouros and said there was much interest in the preaching of the gospel and a man was converted who soon would come down river to be baptized. Recently there have been a number of believers from different parts and all seemed animated and happy to be in the services again. It amazes me how they can stay so long and return just bubbling over with joy. The Lord indeed has a way with His people past finding out.

Old Man Ready To Die

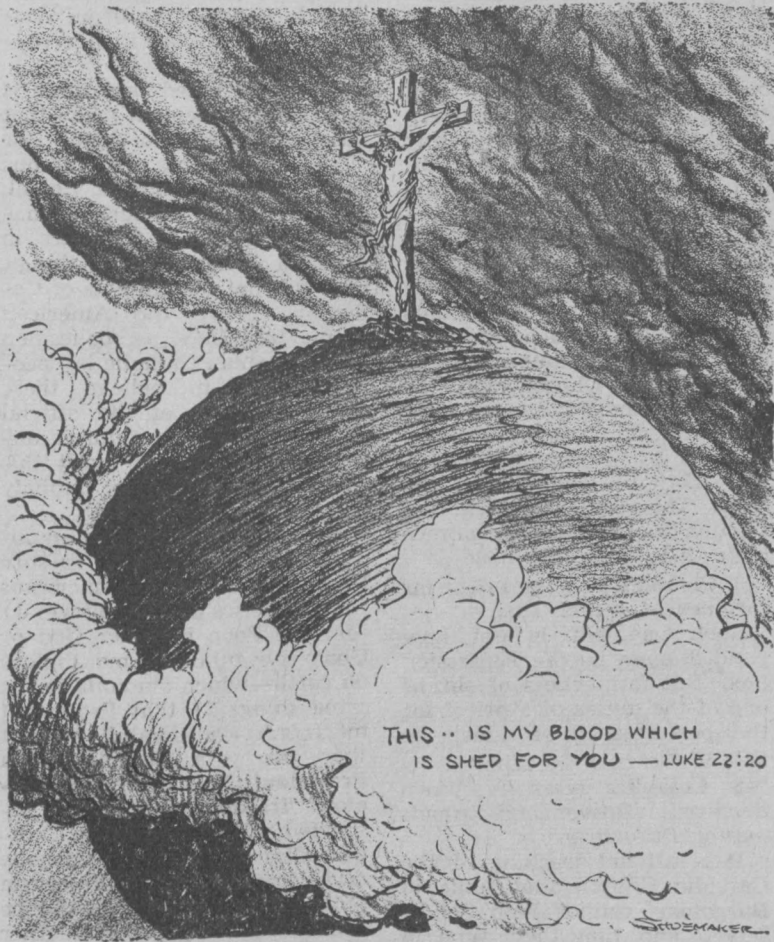
I went out to pray for an old man this morning. He says that he is a believer. For many years he has attended the gospel services. He is very poor and has never married but lives with a woman as his wife. Of a truth he appears to be a believer and says I don't want to die like this, but get better so that I can marry, but he concluded by saying that if the Lord calls me I am ready to go for I feel that it is well with my soul. Now brother, you don't know how happy that makes me feel to hear a man say that in this desert land so destitute of hope and certainty. He is a shoemaker by trade and a number of years ago was an enemy of the gospel, but his legitimate wife took sick unto death and sent for me. The deacon and I called on them and after much testimony and prayer she made a profession of faith. She lingered many days and each day we returned. Her profession stuck. In the last hour she rejected the priest, the images and the candles and died in peace. This impressed him so that he began to attend the services and later professed to believe. He took this woman to live with him and I don't know what effect that would have on one's spirituality, they both profess to be believers. A plane was expected today but a rain appeared more like a flood than a shower. Best wishes to all. May the grace of the Lord Jesus be with you all. Amen.

Sincerely,
J. F. Brandon

GOD GUIDES MY PEN

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It was the same old story of neglect and disinterest. I spent two and a half years there, and my grades were all alike: poor. The teachers got disgusted with me and I quit, believing I could get along without God. The lack of education turned out to be a handicap only second to the lack of Christ in my life. Let's put it this way: there are three essential qualifications for a cartoonist. One is education. The second is that he be able to draw. The third is that

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he have ideas and experience. I was sadly lacking in all three essentials the day I quit high school, but then I had no idea of being a cartoonist anyway.

I got a job as a lifeguard on a Chicago bathing beach. Shortly afterward I was lucky in meeting a sensible girl. We fell in love, and I proposed. She gave me the shock of my life. "Sure," she said, "I like you. But I don't like you well enough to waste my life while you're wasting yours. Get ready for something! Show me you're going somewhere!"

It took me a while to get the idea, but I got hold of a magazine and began looking through the school advertisements. My eye stopped at one of those "draw this and become a famous cartoonist" ads. It looked good to me, especially in view of the fact that the course was short—I'd be all set to earn real money in six months.

I enrolled in the Chicago Academy of Fine Arts to become a cartoonist. Classes were overcrowded, and so they weeded us out every few months. I was the first to be weeded; the director called me into his office and said, "Shoemaker, you'd better quit and get yourself a job. You'll never make a cartoonist in a thousand years." I guess I begged so hard that he decided to let me stay on a while longer.

Needing more money now, I went down to the office of the Chicago Daily News and got a job as a sort of office boy in the art department. Now and then I'd try to draw a cartoon. I was only 19, but I kept plugging, hoping for "the break." Suddenly, it came. Ted Brown, the chief cartoonist, left to take a position in New York City; his assistant had left to take another position, and within the same week the second assistant had to leave because of illness in his family. That left—me! The boss didn't seem to think much of me, or of my ability. He raved in the best newspaper tradition: "You, Shoemaker. Draw something, anything, till I can look around and get a cartoonist!"

Newspaper men call that a "break." I call it God's providence. For the first time in many years I prayed for God to help me. Men are like that. God's all right in an emergency

—and this was some emergency. I had no professional friend to turn to for help. The other cartoonists were too busy; besides, any good cartoonist saves his good ideas for himself; he doesn't give them away.

After a fashion, I turned then to the only source left to me: My mother's God. He didn't seem so far away now; neither did prayer. I asked Him for help, and I got it. For months I barely held on to that job, sweating out my ideas for cartoons; the ideas were none too good, neither was the execution. But with God's help I managed to stick. I married the girl who had driven me to show her I was "going somewhere," and we faced the uphill climb together.

The going was getting tougher and tougher, when my oldest brother died. I got word one night to rush to the hospital, if I wanted to see him alive. I went into his room, saw in a second that he was at death's door—and got down on my knees. It was as instinctive as breathing, and it was the direct result of my good fortune in having a praying mother. I prayed as I had never prayed before.

Dell woke up for a moment, and looked at me. I said to him, "Dell, are you ready to meet Jesus Christ?" He looked at me in amazement; I had never talked like that before. Finally, he nodded his head, said, "Yes," weakly, smiled at me—and in a few minutes he was with God.

I walked out of the hospital in a daze; I walked through the following weeks in a daze. The question I asked Dell, I had never faced myself. I was not ready to die. But sometime in those weeks, I settled it. I accepted Jesus Christ as my personal Saviour, and I found that "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things have passed away, Behold, all things have become new" (II Corinthians 5:17). Something had happened! Life just wasn't the same to me; I wasn't the same. The boys in the office noticed it.

Some of them kidded me. I laughed back. There I stood; God helping me, I could do no other.

I no longer felt alone now. Christ walked with me. He was there beside my drawing board.

My work was better now; the editors liked it. I began to breathe easier—thanks to God's help in guiding my pen. I got down on my knees in that office beside my drawing board every morning before I started to work. I still do that every day of my life. I wouldn't dream of beginning work without saying, "God, whatever talent I have, You've given me and developed in me. Take it and use it. Guide my hand." I prayed for ideas—the all-important stock-in-trade of the cartoonist—and ideas came. Ideas on all subjects. Yes, the going was easier now.

Christmas was coming, and I was floundering around for a real Christmas idea. I had drawn what I felt to be one good Christmas cartoon for a religious publication. It was a "Bethlehem" picture, titled, "The First Christmas Gift," with the star gleaming down on the manger, and across the body of the cartoon I had written the words of John 3:16: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Search my head and heart as I would for a new idea, God led me back to that Bethlehem drawing, saying, "This is it." I went to work on it, making a new sketch to submit to the editors. The morning came when we had to decide, in editorial conference on the Christmas cartoons. I started for the conference with "The First Christmas Gift" under my arm.

The drawing was all right, the editors said, but that line, John 3:16—it wasn't Christmasy. It might offend the non-Christian readers of the News. Couldn't I find some other line? I fought for John 3:16; it was that or nothing. I guess I was pretty stubborn—but it meant a lot, that text. I was the only man in the room who wanted it, and my heart sank lower and lower as hopes faded. Finally one of the editors said, "We'd better take this to the publisher. Let him decide."

The publisher listened patiently to all the obvious reasons why the cartoon should not be used. He sat and thought it over for a minute, and then he said, "Let's be sensible. Shoemaker's

right. If it weren't for John 3:16 there wouldn't be any Christmas. It's a good cartoon. Run it. We need more like it in the News."

I finished that cartoon, and it made the greatest hit of anything I'd ever done. It has been reproduced eight years in succession at Christmas time on the front page of the Chicago Daily News. Now the editors keep asking me, "When are we going to have another gospel cartoon?"

But don't get the idea that it was all easy going, even then. It's never easy going for a Christian anywhere. Lonely for Christian fellowship one day, I arranged to meet another Christian for lunch. Later we invited others to join us. Out of that has grown Chicago's Weekly Gospel Fellowship Club luncheon which now has 800 members and branches in 16 other cities.

To God goes all the credit for my life. He helps me draw my cartoons. I still talk with Him every morning, and He stays with me all day long. I feel that He helped bring me that Pulitzer Prize in 1938; that He brought me a special medal for outstanding work from the National Headliner's Club in 1943. He has inspired in me ideas that I never would have had otherwise, ideas that have come to life almost subconsciously in my cartoons; He has given me whatever talent I have.

But more than all this, God has given me eternal life through faith in Jesus Christ. "And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life" (I John 5:11, 12).

Do you want success? Do you want security, power, happiness? There is but one source from which you may draw all that—and that is directly from God!

But you must come God's way—through the Lord Jesus Christ. "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12). It works! I know. Try it!

The First Christmas Gift

For God so loved the world,
that he gave his only begotten son,
that whosoever believeth in him
should not perish, but have
everlasting life.

John 3:16

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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terrible things.

Here is a sample of such a presentation as it appeared under the heading: "You Hear Strange Things About Catholics" in *Pathfinder* and in scores of other secular newspapers and magazines:

"Some think that Catholics believe the Pope is God . . ."
"that non-Catholic marriages are invalid . . ."

"that Catholics want religious freedom only for themselves . . ."

"that Catholics oppose public schools and separation of Church and State . . ."

"that Catholics pay the priest for forgiveness of their sins . . ."

"that they must buy their departed relatives and friends out of Purgatory . . ."

"that Catholics are forbidden to read the Bible . . ."

"that Catholics use holy water as sure fire protection against loss of a job, lightning or being run down by an automobile . . ."

Now it so happens that all the above are true according to official Roman Catholic teaching and practice—except for the exaggerated twist purposely given to some of the statements in these advertisements. This can be seen if we take them one by one:

1. Catholics believe the Pope is God.

No one could blame a Catholic if he believed this. For he is taught that the pope is the "vicar of Jesus Christ," that he is infallible when he opens his mouth to teach anything about faith or morals; that everybody must kneel before him and kiss his ring; that he speaks for God and is able to make mortal sins and forgive any kind or type of sins and to delegate that power to others. Pope Leo XIII categorically declared: "We (1) hold upon this earth the place of Almighty God."*

*In his Encyclical Letter *Proe-* ("Jamvero cum Dei omnipotentis vices in terris geramus"): see *Great Encyclical Letters of Leo XIII*, p. 304.

2. Catholics believe non-Catholic marriages are invalid.

Up till the year 1908, this was true of the marriages of all non-Catholic baptized persons, i.e.,

If we curb crime in the high chair, we won't have to stop so much of it in the electric chair.

Protestants, Eastern Orthodox and other baptized persons not in communion with the Roman Catholic Church. It is true still for every Protestant who marries a Roman Catholic in a Protestant Church or before a civil marriage officer.

3. Catholics want religious freedom only for themselves.

This is also true according to the official and most solemn decrees of the Roman Catholic Church. The catch is that in Protestant democratic countries such as the United States where Catholics are in the minority, the Catholic Church is forced to uphold religious freedom (in theory) for all, in order to secure it for itself. In Catholic-dominated countries this is not necessary, and, in practice as well as in theory, the Catholic Church by agreement with the civil authorities, openly denies this freedom to Protestants.

4. Catholics oppose public schools and separation of Church and State.

This is also obviously true, and if lay Catholic people do not conform to this teaching of their Church they are at fault in the eyes of their Church authorities.

The Canon Law (canons 1374-1381), encyclicals of recent popes, and official Catholic textbooks leave no doubt in the matter of opposition to American public schools where religion (the Roman Catholic religion) is not a part of the curriculum. "The school, if not a temple," says Pope Pius XI, "is a den." (Encyclical on Education of 1929). Catholics, furthermore, must oppose even those schools where other religious instruction that differs from Roman Catholicism is taught. "Neither can Catholics admit that type of mixed school," says the same Pope Pius XI, "in which students are provided with separate religious instruction, but receive other lessons in common with non-Catholic pupils from non-Catholic teachers." (For further documented facts, see: "THE CATHOLIC CHURCH AND THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS," by L. H. Lehman, 25c a copy).

As to Catholic opposition to separation of Church and State, there is hardly need to stress this. The democratic principle of separation of Church and State has been openly condemned by all popes for the past four centuries. The latest pronouncement was by the pres-

ent Pope Pius XII last October 31, in which he stated that the (Roman Catholic) Church and State are "inseparable." Lest anyone should think that such a union should not be close and complete, he made it clear that anything taught to the contrary "certainly does not deny any union between the two, and still less does it dictate a cold and disassociating aura of agnosticism and indifference."

The Knights of Columbus should therefore listen to their Pope and not tell Protestants that they can even be indifferent to the kind of union between the Catholic Church and the State that the Pope commands. Of course, all Catholics must be in favor of the separation of a non-Catholic Church and the State. This subtle Jesuitical distinction may give an appearance of truth to their statement.

5. Catholics pay the priest for forgiveness of their sins.

Such payment is not now handed over in the confession box. But forgiveness of sins is one of the duties of a priest for the performance of which he gets paid.

6. Catholics must buy their departed relatives and friends out of Purgatory.

It is official teaching of the Catholic Church that souls in Purgatory cannot help themselves, and that their time in Purgatory depends upon the offering of masses and suffrages of priests on earth, for which a money payment is demanded. It may sound crude to say, as the Knights of Columbus do in this advertisement, that Catholics must "buy their relatives and friends out of Purgatory." But the money is paid to the priest for offering the mass, which amounts to the same thing. The only objection to using this form of "buying" souls out of Purgatory is the fact that when Catholics pay a priest to say a mass for a soul in Purgatory, there is no guarantee given that they will get what they pay for, as you would buy a loaf of bread in a store.

7. Catholics are forbidden to read the Bible.

There is also a catch in this. In Protestant countries nowadays, where the Protestant version of the Bible is the "biggest best seller," Catholics are even urged by their Church to read the Bible, but only the Roman Catholic version as approved by official authority. But here again, permission is not given to understand what is read if it in any way contradicts what the Catholic Church teaches. When contradictions are found, the Catholic is told that the Church is the final authority to be followed, since the Bible is a "dead book," whereas the Church is a "living organism." Catholics therefore are not forbidden to read the Bible, but are forbidden to believe anything in it that is not in conformity with the tradition of their Church.

8. Catholics use holy water as sure-fire protection, etc.

Holy water is not a "sure-fire" protection against anything. Yet Catholics are supplied with it and do use it in the belief that it may in some miraculous way protect them against dangers. Blessed medals of Saint Christopher are also given them to ward off automobile wrecks, but no insurance company will give a rebate on automobile insurance to anyone who pins one of these medals to his automobile. Catholics also use scapulars around their necks when swimming, in the belief that they will act as a kind of life saver if they get into difficulty in the water.

The Knights of Columbus advertisement then goes on to say: "If all these things—or any of them—were true, it would be a

pity. For at least one out of every six Americans is Catholic—and it would be a national tragedy if one-sixth of all Americans entertained such erroneous ideas."

It will be noted that there is no definite statement made that these things are not true. Nor would the Knights of Columbus dare to make such a denial. Since it would be such a "national tragedy" if Catholics in America believed these things, why will not the Knights of Columbus assure the American public that they, as spokesmen for the Roman Catholic lay people, refuse to believe these things in spite of the official teachings of their Church authorities? Let them avert this "national tragedy" by publicly repudiating such beliefs.

If the Knights of Columbus did this, they would assure Protestants and other Americans that Catholics do not believe: 1) that the Pope is either God or God's sole infallible mouthpiece on earth—which amounts to the same thing; 2) that Protestant marriages are invalid, even if they marry a Catholic in a Protestant Church; 3) that religious freedom should be restricted only to the Roman Catholic Church, even in Catholic countries; 4) that the American public-school system should be condemned as popes and other Catholic officials command; and that (the Catholic) Church and State are inseparable as the Pope says; 5) that priests should be paid for their work of forgiving them their sins; 6) that they should have to pay a priest to offer mass for souls in Purgatory; 7) that the Church should force them to accept the word of man in Catholic tradition against the Word of God as they find it in the Bible; 8) that holy water, scapulars, medals, have any power to help them against accidents, and that therefore they will use them no longer.

If Catholics did not believe these things, they would become good Protestants.

But Protestants in America see that their Catholic friends do believe and practice all these things in their daily lives. Of what use, then, for the Knights of Columbus to go to all the expense of publishing these camouflaged advertisements that half deny them and give the false impression that they are not commanded by the Church or practiced by the people!

This camouflaged propaganda of the Knights of Columbus succeeded so well that, according to the *Catholic Register* of March 7, "more than 12,000 letters and postcards were received within two weeks as a result of the first advertisement." Most were Protestants, among them "a 32nd degree Mason who enclosed a \$5 check with his reply and remarked that the campaign was 'fine work'."

THE SUPERHUMAN TASK

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to give themselves to Christ and get no response?

If not, then you cannot know what it means to be the pastor of a Baptist Church.

—Lawson H. Cooke

Editor's Comment: Dear Reader, go back and slowly and thoughtfully consider Brother Cooke's questions again. When you add it all up, you see that the pastor's task is a superhuman one. He cannot accomplish it alone. He must lean heavily on God. Your sympathetic, prayerful, understanding support of your pastor will go far in making him a more effective minister of the Word of God. — The Baptist News

RUSSIA'S RELIGION

"We hate Christianity and Christians! even the best of them must be regarded as our worst enemies. They preach love of one's neighbor and mercy which is contrary to our principles. Christianity is an obstacle to the development of the revolution. Down with the love of one's neighbor. What we need is hatred. We must know how to hate; only thus, shall we conquer the universe." Lunacharsky, when Moscow Commissar of Education.

DISSOLVED

In the laboratory of Faraday a workman one day knocked into a jar of acid a silver coin. It disappeared, was eaten by the acid, and could not be found. The question came up as to whether it could ever be found. The great chemist came in and put certain chemicals into the jar and every particle of silver was precipitated to the bottom. The mass was then sent to a silversmith and the cup restored. So a precious soul which has fallen into the sink of iniquity, lost, dissolved in acid, can only be restored by the Great Chemist — "Jesus only." — S. S. Times.

CONVERSATIONAL BIBLE READING

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can study the Word of God in vain.

O may these holy pages be
Our ever fresh delight!
And still new beauties may
see,
And still increasing light.

WHAT IS A CHURCH FOR?

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the broadcasting of the message of eternal life.

The instruction of people along moral lines — inducing them to accept the standard of God's Word.

What then is to be the program of a church? Here it is given by the founder of the church Himself. Matthew 28:20. No more; no less.

What is a church to be?

It is to be a fellowship of believers in Christ. This fellowship should be based on common love for Christ, common desire to do His will, and should be such as to promote the spiritual growth of every member.

What unscriptural notions concerning what a church has done, or is doing.

It has perverted churches until they have become just clubs and societies of this worldly nature.

It has made churches full of worldliness, such that they can't be distinguished from the world.

It has made churches to do nothing for missions, while the lost go to hell and droves all around.

It has cheapened Christianity in the eyes of the world. It has likewise made it to be most a powerless Christianity, lacking power with God, holding the contempt of men.

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GOD IS IN EVERY TOMORROW

God is in every tomorrow,
Therefore I live for today,
Certain of finding at sunrise,
Guidance and strength for the way;
Power for each moment of weakness,
Hope for each moment of pain,
Comfort for every sorrow,
Sunshine and joy after rain.

God is in every tomorrow,
Planning for you and for me;
E'en in the dark will I follow,
Trust where my eyes cannot see.
Stilled by His promise of blessing,
Soothed by the touch of His hand,
Confident in His protection,
Knowing my life-path is planned.

God is in every tomorrow,
Life with its changes may come,
He is behind and before me,
While in the distance shines home!
Home, where no thought of tomorrow
Ever can shadow my brow
Home, in the presence of Jesus,
Through all eternity—now!

—The Evangel