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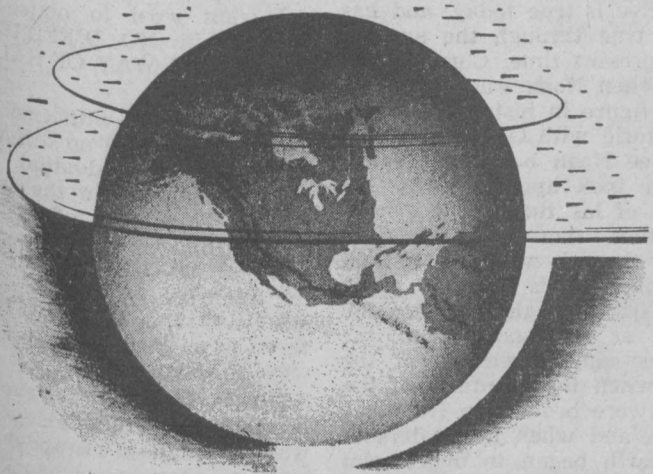
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"To the law and to the testimony; if they speak not according to this word it is because there is no light in them."—Isaiah 8:20

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## "I WORKED FOR A COBBLER"

By H. A. Ironside  
Chicago, Illinois

My mother was left a widow when I was about two years old. As my mother had a difficult time caring for two little children for a number of years, I went to work as soon as I was old enough.

One time, during school vacation, I went to work with a cobbler named Dan Mackay, in Los Angeles. He had a little shop, and it was papered most beautifully. Instead of fancy paper, he had a lot of old-fashioned Bible almanacs posted up, and there were big bright texts; and people who came into that

shop would find the Gospel message facing them. He would put a Gospel tract in every parcel that he made up, and would speak to nearly all his customers about their souls. He was a preacher of the Word seated there at his cobbler's bench. When I went to work for him, I must have been a rather lazy boy. After he would soak a pair of soles in water, I had to hammer all the water out of those soles until they became hard and solid, and then he would nail them on the shoes. I used to grow very tired hammering those soles hour after hour, and constantly wished for something easier.

On my way home I had to pass another shoe shop. I could see the cobbler there cut a pair of soles, soak them in water, and put them right on the shoes without hammering them at all, and every time he drove a nail into them water would fly all over the place. That interested me very much. One evening I said to him: "You know, my boss makes me hammer all the water out of the soles. But you put them right on damp and soft when you get them out of the water."

The man gave me a very sly wink. "They come back all the quicker this way, my boy!"

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"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen." Matthew 28:19-20.

"And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."—Mark 16:15.

"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."—Acts 1:8.

## Look What Martyr Seed Produces

A brilliant Chinese student was offered a fine position with the government. When Bishop Wilson S. Lewis asked the young man why he refused the splendid offer and volunteered, instead, to preach the gospel for mere pittance, he said: "During the Boxer uprising I lived on an island village where there was a temple for devil-worship. The Christians were led by the missionaries to that temple and ordered to renounce their religion and bow before the devil-image, or they would be executed. I saw one hundred and sixty-three of my townsmen walk by the devil-god with heads erect, when a little bow would have saved their lives—when out to a great beam over which they placed their heads for the swift stroke of the executioner's sword. My father was one of that number. It was the unshaken integrity of their

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## Prince Of Peace Slain

All of us, Jews, Gentiles and Christians were shocked over the assassination of Count Folke Bernadotte September 17 while endeavoring to make peace between the warring Jews and Arabs. Many of us believe that this man, representing the world as a peace mediator, was a true believer. The death of this man in peace over there in Jerusalem (City of Peace), reminds me of the Prince of Peace who lived in that same City of Peace 2000 years ago. They both died making peace, but One, the Son of God, rose again from the dead and is the Saviour and Giver of peace to millions of Jews and Gentiles who have believed on Him.

As never before we who have made peace with God, and are therefore on praying ground, should "pray for the peace of Jerusalem," and also for the salvation of individual Jews and Gentiles throughout the world. Message to Israel.

## The Wasted Years

After seven years work, Mr. D. M. Carr, Terminus-road, Eastbourne, England, completed a true to scale, four-foot long model of the Forth Bridge, using over 5,000 matchsticks.

Then one afternoon he went to see the play, "The Wasted Years," at a local theatre. When he reached home he found his model destroyed.

"A mirror had fallen off the wall right on to it," he said. "I shall not try to remake the model. In any case, I doubt if I could get sufficient matches."

He thought the title of the play — "The Wasted Years" — very appropos in connection with his seven years labor on the bridge model!

The thought comes that all unsaved persons when viewing in the light of eternity, the years spent in vanity, pride, vice, crime, self-indulgence, unbelief and indifference to God's claims, will write "The Wasted Years" over them — wasted beyond recall.


But no more years need be wasted. Today is yours — it may be invested, rather than wasted! God loves you; "Christ died for the ungodly," and salvation is yours, "by grace, through faith, without works," if you will have it (Ephesians 2:8-9).

Your past will be forgiven and forgotten and you will be enabled by the Holy Spirit to live acceptably to your risen and glorified Lord.

However, it is sadly possible for genuine believers to fail to heed the exhortation to lay aside "all malice, all guile, and hypocrisies and envies, and all evil speakings" (I Peter 2:1). If not before, then at the Judgment Seat of Christ, all time spent out of the will of the Lord will be seen as "Wasted Years."

Rewards are not offered by the Lord for wasted years, hence the believer will suffer the loss of them. "If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire" (I Corinthians 3:15).

Let all who are saved by God's grace avoid wasted years by denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, and by living "soberly, righteously and godly in this present world; looking for that blessed hope and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour, Jesus Christ" (Titus 2:12-13).

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### WANTS HIS BOYS TO HAVE THE BEST

Dear Brother Gilpin:

I am sending you one dollar with which to pay for the subscription of The Baptist Examiner for my two boys. Please extend the subscription of E. Herman Blakeman of 2103 Maple Ave., Louisville, Ky., another year. Also send the Examiner to Julian P. Blakeman, 404 West Washington, Bluffton, Ind. I consider The Baptist Examiner among the best, and want my boys to read it.

Many blessings on you.

Eld. E. H. Blakeman,  
Harrodsburg, Ky.

## Why Cremation Is Wrong

Cremation is a pagan custom. It was never known nor practiced by the church, as far as any record is concerned. Of course, thousands upon thousands of Christians have been burned to death, under pagan Rome, under cruel Nazism, and in accidents. Assuredly God has the power to raise these bodies, and He will do so. But that is quite a different thing from cremation after death, although some will argue that this custom is becoming more and more commonplace, and is the most sanitary way of burial.

Genesis 3:19 has this to say: "In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken; for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return." Burial, in Old Testament times, was either in the caves of the earth, or in mother earth herself. So, also, was Lazarus buried. And so was the

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## Mused Uncle Mose

Dey complainin' dat Pahson don't visit enough. He say he can't visit ev'body. He say ole Moses, w'en he up in de mount'n gittin' de message frum de Lawd he didn't have time to be hollerin' "goo" ev'y time de babies in de camp let out er yell.

## The First Baptist Pulpit

### "NO DIFFERENCE"

"For there is no difference." — Rom. 3:22.

My purpose this morning with you is to show that there are spiritually no changes since the day of Adam down to this very hour. If God may give me the grace to do so, I want to show you that while there have been many changes materially, that spiritually there are no changes from the day of Adam to this day. The words of the Lord Jesus in the gospel of Matthew would likewise corroborate this thought for Jesus said, "As it

was in the day of Noah so shall it be in the coming of the son of man." — Matt. 24:37. Now I am ready to grant you there have been a lot of changes so far as this world is concerned materially. There have been lots of changes as to the governments that have ruled the world. Go back to the long ago, and you will find Egypt as the dominant power of the world and even before that the ancient civilization of China was the dominant government. Since then the world has been controlled by Babylon, Media-Per-

sia, Greece, and Rome, and by others since the day of Rome. There have been lots of changes so far as the governments are concerned that have controlled the world.

The political forms of governments have changed, and changed much, since the day of Adam. My brother, God originally ruled this world by a theocracy, — the rule of God through some appointed man. Then the world changed from a theocracy, to a monarchy, and

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## A Strange Analogy

A Jew, writing to the editor of a Zionist publication, drew an interesting analogy between an old folk tale and Britain's policy in Palestine. It is the familiar story of the greedy old woman of whom a poor starving man begged just one cake. Thinking that those she had on hand were all much too big to give away, she tried to make a smaller one, but that also looked too big; and so, after many unsuccessful attempts to make one small enough to suit her eye, she finally sent the man away empty handed. She then sat down to eat all the cakes herself, but as she ate a strange thing happened; she grew smaller and smaller until she was changed into a woodpecker.

Like the starving man who asked for just one cake, the Jews, longing for national life, asked for a small portion of land, Palestine, for a homeland. At first Woodrow Wilson and

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## "NO DIFFERENCE"

(Continued from page one) the monarchy that began in the days of King Saul has likewise changed from absolute to limited, and we have other changes down to this day — including our own democratic form of government. I say, brethren, there have been changes in the world so far as the forms of government are concerned.

There have been many changes scientifically. I saw of recent date, a library of many thousands of volumes that were declared absolutely worthless and valueless. They were volumes that had been written thirty and forty years ago and science has so completely revised itself in the last thirty to forty years that those volumes, thousands of them, have been declared obsolete and worthless today.

The world has changed likewise from an educational point of view. Why, I can remember myself some of the changes that have been made. I learned my A B C's before I ever went to school, and now children learn to read without even knowing their letters. Why, I can remember when I was just a wee lad it was considered that if a man knew the three R's that he was considered pretty well fortified mentally for life and those three R's meant reading, writing, and arithmetic and now they mean "rah! rah! rah!" at a football game. Brethren, things have changed considerably so far as the educational world is concerned.

And they have even changed religiously. If you turn, beloved, through the Word of God, you will find that religious changes are prophesied and certainly when you get outside God's book, you will find that there have been many, many religious changes galore are taking place all over the world.

Brethren, though it is true that the governments of the world have changed and the forms of government have changed, though the world has changed scientifically, though the world has changed educationally, though it has changed religiously, I say in contrast — spiritually we are on the same plain that Adam and Eve were on when they themselves were driven out of the Garden of Eden. We are living I say, beloved, in a changing world, in a world of fluctuation and constant change. But though this world materially is changing, from a spiritual point of view, things remain the same as they were in the days of Adam and Eve.

## I

THERE IS NO DIFFERENCE AS TO THE NEED OF SALVATION. Adam needed salvation the day he was driven out of the Garden of Eden. Eve needed salvation that day. God

provided salvation that day when the lamb was killed and they were clothed with the skin of that lamb. They needed salvation the day they went out of the garden of Eden, and brother, today there is no difference. We still need salvation today. It was true in the day of Adam and it is true this morning and has been true every day down through the ages that have passed.

Go back to the time, beloved, that we find the rainbow hung in the sky for the first time, when God had destroyed the world with a flood of water. Listen:

"I will not again curse the ground any more for man's sake; for the IMAGINATION OF MAN'S HEART IS EVIL FROM HIS YOUTH: neither will I again smite any more everything living, as I have done." — Gen. 8:21.

Brethren, they needed salvation then. Come to the experience of David at the time when David as the sweet singer of Israel writes for the people of God. David says to us in the Psalms:

"The Lord looked down from heaven upon the children of men to see if there were any that did understand, and seek God. They are all gone aside, they are all together become filthy: there is NONE THAT DOETH GOOD, NO, NOT ONE." — Ps. 14:2-3.

A little later on you will find David saying:

"The wicked are ESTRANGED FROM THE WOMB: they go astray as soon as they be born, speaking lies." — Ps. 58:3.

thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: All these things come from within and defile the man." — Mark 7:21-23.

Listen to the Apostle Paul speak in like terms:

"For all have sinned and COME SHORT of the glory of God." — Rom. 3:23.

Here him say also:

"But the scripture hath concluded ALL UNDER SIN..." — Gal. 3:22.

I say that in the light of these scriptures we are justified in making this statement, there is no difference as to the need of salvation. Adam needed salvation the day he and Eve were driven out of the Garden of Eden; we need it down here in this day and all the education and the moral culture and refinement and the charm and the human grace that you and I are able to achieve without him — all of that will never take the place of salvation. I say this morning, beloved, reformation without the Lord Jesus Christ means damnation and all the culture in this world and all the education and refinement a man may have without the Lord Jesus Christ can never save his soul. I am insisting that though the world is changing in every particular materially, it is true, brethren, that there is no difference as to the need of salvation. They needed it in the day of Adam. We need it today, and they have needed salvation every day since Adam down to this very hour. There is no difference as to the need of

## WHAT A DIFFERENCE!



As it was in the day of Adam so was it in the day of David; brethren, there is no difference as to the need of salvation. Come over to the prophet Jeremiah and you will hear him say in thundering tones of prophetic voice:

"The heart is deceitful above all things, and DESPERATELY WICKED." — Jer. 17:9.

Later he says the heart is incurable. That is from the standpoint of man, man can't grow spiritually. Brethren, I am saying it was the same in Jeremiah's day as it was in the day of Adam, and as it is today; in other words, there is no difference as to the need of salvation. Even the words of our Lord Jesus ought to convince us of the same thing:

"For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil

salvation.

## II

I want you to see that THERE IS NO DIFFERENCE AS TO THE PUNISHMENT FOR SIN. When Adam and Eve sinned in the Garden of Eden they were driven out of the Garden. I can see them with bowed heads when Adam and his wife Eve turn their backs on paradise and walked outside the Garden of Eden, never to be permitted to go therein again. I can see the angel as he stands there with a flaming sword turning in every direction. As I go back down memory's lane to remember that incident, I would remind you, beloved, that this tells us of the punishment of sin. When I see the angel guarding the Garden of Eden and when I see Adam and Eve turn-

ing their backs on it to walk away, I tell you, sin was punished in the days of Adam and Eve. What was true then is just as true today. Sin is still punished. There is no difference as to the punishment for sin. What was true in the days of Adam and Eve is true today, and has been true through the ages to this present time. Come to the day when Noah was the dominant figure in history so far as the world with God is concerned. See Noah building the ark which took approximately 120 years of his time for the construction thereof. See Noah when the ark was finished and all the animals and the cargo were on board the ark. See the flood as it began, when the waters came down out of the sky, when the fountains of the deep were broken up from beneath, and when the waters of the earth began to overwhelm everybody and everything upon the earth. I wish you would notice how the old eagle as the king of the birds in the sky was drowned. I wish you would notice how that the lion as king of beasts, likewise was drowned. I wish you would notice how man, the king of God's creation, sought the highest hills and the highest mountains only to find that death by drowning was awaiting him there. As you see their dead bodies floating in the water, this is a silent testimony to the fact that God punishes sin. Why, my brethren, did God send that flood of waters upon the world? Why did God destroy every living thing outside the ark in the days of Noah? Just one reason, my brother — God punishes sin.

Come over to the days of Lot, when God destroyed the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah and the cities of the plain by fire out of Heaven. When you see those cities burning and all those people within those cities destroyed, brethren, this is a testimony to us that God punishes sin. You and I can't imagine how sinful those folk were in the days of Lot. You and I can't imagine a town given over to more immorality and more sin than were the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. You and I will never understand it until we understand it from God's point of view. See those cities burning; hear the screams and the wails of those people within those cities as they were burning with fire and brimstone out of Heaven. Not a man escaped out of Sodom and Gomorrah, only Lot. Not a person got out of that city but Lot and his two daughters. When you see this you can say it is a silent testimony that God punishes sin. Oh, brother, listen to God's Word again and again. Every time that God speaks you can see how that sin is always punished.

"... the soul that sinneth, it shall die." — Ezekiel 18:4.

"For the wages of sin is death." — Rom. 6:23.

My brother, turn over to the book of Revelation and read these words:

"But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death." — Rev. 21:8.

"And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire." — Rev. 20:15.

Brethren, listen to me this morning; there is no difference as to God's punishment for sin. This world has changed and is changing all the time, — in a constant state of fluctuation, but brethren, listen, this morning, there is no difference as to God's

punishment for sin. He punished sin all the days down to the day of Adam, and will in all days to come. Brethren, there is no difference spiritually between this day and the day of Adam.

## III

I want you to notice THERE IS NO DIFFERENCE AS TO THE WAY OF SALVATION.

Now follow with me this morning, there is no difference in the need of salvation. They needed salvation in the day of Adam. We need it today. There is no difference in the punishment of sin. God punished sin in Adam's day. He punishes sin today and, brethren, listen, there is no difference as to the way of salvation.

God had one way to save men in the day of Adam. He has one way to save men today. Go back to that day when Adam and Eve had sinned. I have an idea that it must have been a terrible awakening that came to them as they realized the enormity of their sin before God. Eve had sinned deceived. She did not know any better. Paul tells us that she was deceived. She sinned not knowing what would be the result. So far as Adam was concerned, he sinned with his eyes wide open. I think, beloved, he knew that he was going to die. He loved his wife so much, knowing that she had already sinned and she must die, he would rather sin and die with her, than see her die alone.

What an awakening when they realized the enormity of the sin they were guilty of before God. They made for themselves garments of fig leaves and when God came down in the cool of the day to walk in the garden, they hid themselves from the presence of the Lord. What Adam and Eve did the men and women have done ever since. As they tried to hide from the presence of Almighty God and God had to ferret them out, so men have been hiding from God from that day to this, and the only way that man has saved is when God seeks him out, just like God sought out Adam and Eve back there. When God sought them, He stripped those man-made clothes from their bodies. It was then that God killed a lamb and took the skin of that lamb and clothed Adam and Eve with the skin thereof. That lamb, brethren, had to give its life; it had to shed its blood, its blood had to be spilled. There was substitution, — the lamb died to keep Adam and Eve from going to Hell. The lamb died instead of them. Brethren, how were they saved? They were saved in the day of Adam with blood shedding. They were saved by substitution. They were saved by the death of a lamb. They were saved by another dying in their stead.

My brother, how are you saved today? Thank God, brethren, that the only plan of salvation that we know about today is the same as Adam knew back there. We are saved with blood shedding; we are saved with substitution. We are saved another dying in our stead. Adam, brethren, from the day of Adam to this day, the story has been the same.

I like to think of them who Adam's sons came to worship God. Cain looked upon what he had produced and brought so much garden vegetables or a sheaf of grain — something that he had been able to produce upon his farm. Abel came with the blood of a lamb. And when Abel offered that lamb as a sacrifice to God, its blood dripping from the body thereof, God had

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MISSIONARIES  
IN BRAZIL

J. F. Brandon  
Miguel Ibernion  
Cicero Bicipo  
Maio Dutro  
Eufrazo Soraes  
Francisco Santiago  
Walter Fernandes  
(Portuguese Language)

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Mrs. R. P. Hallum  
Miss Marguerite Hallum  
(Spanish Language)

IN COLUMBIA

Jose Tomas del Castillo  
(Spanish Language)

Here Is More News From Our Missionary  
Work As God Blesses In Far Off Brazil

(Continued from Last Issue)

A short letter from Eufrazo Soraes, the worker living at Campo de Santano, was also interesting but sad. He is 72 years old but no one would think it to see him and hear him talk. He was converted late in life and has been preaching for seven years, but is becoming weary. The work is difficult where he lives and it is indeed admirable to see the difficulties he has overcome in that time. He is not too smart but I am sure that I do not know of a better man. They have preaching five nights a week and prayer meeting on the other two. He said that there was not a night but what there were people from up or down the river who were passing and spent the night there to hear the gospel.

Campo de Santano

Campo de Santano is the best preaching point on the Jurua river I think. I have preached there much myself and I have never seen less than ten sinners in the services and often as many as thirty, that would not be counting believers. There are more than 40 believers there now, some interest among the neighbors but none converted. The old brother said that he was afraid that he could not hold out much longer.

Maio Dutro

Maio Dutro was in Cruzeiro do Sul at the time Miguel wrote, he did not write but sent word by Miguel that all are well, services well attended and most every night. He has been able to travel some recently and has been received in many places where the gospel was never

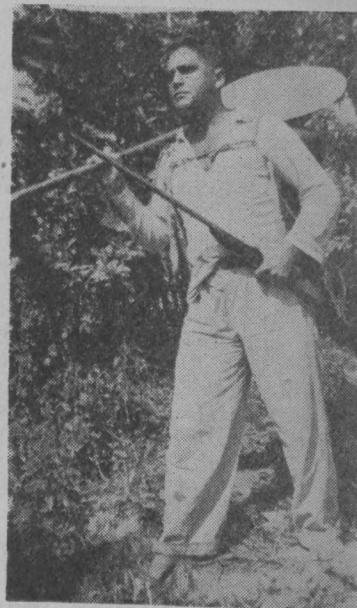
preached before. They have no conversions to report but the Gospel is preached to them that will someday bring forth fruit. A second letter from Miguel a few days ago, however, it seems to have been delayed somewhere for it is dated August 30. He gives a report from the churches on the Moa river and that the work in Cruzeiro do Sul is animated. The Sunday before he baptized two and the attendance in the service was much better. He speaks more than once of the great joy of the believers as they cooperate with him in the preaching of the Gospel. He says that the work in the jail is well attended, not only by the prisoners but by the people who call in to visit at that hour.

A Journey Up the Moa River

On a recent visit up the Moa river Miguel speaks of the work in Morapirango, while there he baptized two who had been converted on another journey, then at the end of his visit there were three more converted who will be baptized on a later date; the believers there were so happy and did not want him to leave. Further on up the river he preached in two other places before arriving in Japiim, Quatrosi and Humaita. He speaks of the good attention of the people and the services being well attended. When he arrived in Japiim the church received him with great joy. The worker there is Zacharias de Abriu. He is a good preacher and a good man, he reports the work in good shape and the services well attended, one conversion to be baptized later. The Lord is blessing the (Next page, Column four)



Eufrazo Soraes. He is 72 years old and has been preaching for 7 years. He has charge of the preaching point called Campo de Santano on the Jurua river about 125 miles up stream from Cruzeiro do Sul. Brother Brandon says that this is the best preaching point with preaching five nights a week and prayer meeting two nights a week. There are 40 believers.



Miguel Ibernion, the pastor at Cruzeiro do Sul with his oar paddle and gun and pack on his back in the far interior of Brazil. Note his bare feet and look of determination as he goes forth to preach the word to the Lost. "How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things."

Souls Are Saved Under Missionary  
R. P. Hallum's Faithful Ministry In Peru

Apartado 139  
Iquitos, Peru  
Nov 19, 1948

Dear Brother in the Lord Jesus:

Greetings in His name. All are well and I sincerely hope all are well with you.

A JOURNEY

We made a journey to Huncurahui, the Indian village just across the Nanay river from

here, yesterday. We had a service last night and returned this morning. The crowd was small as many were away from the village. There were about 9 men and 7 women and girls with several young boys and number of smaller children. We had good attention. I preached on the subject: "Some things that are necessary in order to possess God's salvation" using Heb. 11:6 and John 3:7-14, showing that it is necessary to believe that God is and that it was necessary that Jesus be crucified in order that man might be saved and that it is necessary to be born again.

THREE PROFESSIONS OF FAITH

Three made profession of faith in Jesus as their own personal Saviour. After the service the old lady (Dona Maria) who is mother and grandmother of a large part of the village told me that she was trusting in the Lord. She is the woman in whose house we held services when we first commenced going there.

Our prayers are ever in behalf of your meetings and for the Church as well as for all the churches of the Lord Jesus, especially those supporting Baptist Faith Missions. As ever your brother and co-laborer.  
R. P. Hallum

P. S.—I pray and trust that you can make all necessary arrangements to take care of Brother Parrott and family when they arrive in Brazil. I (Next page, column 1)

A Letter From Missionary Brandon  
That Will Test The Reader's Faith

Benton, Ky.  
November 16, 1948

Dear Brother Overbey:

If possible please publish this in the November MISSION SHEETS, I feel the Lord will bless this effort. (Received too late for the Nov. M. S. Will put in the Dec. Issue.—Editor). ANNOINTING WITH OIL IN THE NAME OF THE LORD

Why die before your time; Eccl. 7:17? For as thy days so shall thy strength be, Dt. 33:25. Then it is possible for some to die before their time. Yes it is possible. In Prov. 10:27 it is said, The years of the wicked shall be shortened. Then again in Psalms 55:23 the statement is made that the bloody and deceitful man does not live out half his days. How then can man avoid death before his

time? Jesus said to the devil while being tempted by him, Man shall not live by bread alone but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God, Matt. 4:4. Here the Lord was quoting from Dt. 8:3. Moses tells the people that they can prolong their days by observing the laws of the Lord, Dt. 32:46, 47. Paul speaks of the first commandment of promise as being of obedience, Eph. 6:1-3, quoted from Ex. 20:12.

There are other references but these will suffice for the present. King Hezekiah was not a young man when he was stricken with a tumor, he had just had some very trying experiences; his mortal strength was so diminished that death was near at hand. The Lord sent the prophet to tell him to put his house in order, for he

would die and not live, Isa. 38:1. He recalled other days and was very sad over the prospect. The record says that he turned his face to the wall and wept and reminded the Lord of his life of service.

The Lord sent the prophet again with a different message, very gratifying indeed to Hezekiah; I have heard thy prayer and seen thy tears and will add to thy days, fifteen years, Isa. 38:5. Whether this was for the best or not, I am unable to say, but there are some things stated that we will do well to call into our meditation. First, his secret prayer to God mingled with tears for a longer life. He didn't summons a doctor, he did call upon the name of the Lord. The sign given was a retreat of the Sun dial ten degrees, and the (Next page Column 1)

SEVEN YEARS OLD

The MISSION SHEETS are now seven years old. This issue of December, 1948, completes seven full years for this paper. The first issue went forth in January, 1942. It was one sheet of eight and one-half by eleven, mimeographed on one side and went to about 30 people. At that time Brother Brandon had been a missionary in Brazil about 18 years and those who had been carrying on the work at this end gave it up. Brother E. Clark and the editor, H. H. Overbey, got behind the work and began to get it before the people. Brother Clark was treasurer and H. H. Overbey was editor and secretary. After about three years the work was incorporated as a non-profit corporation and we began to print the paper instead of mimeographing it. Later we increased the size of the paper and the circulation has grown from 30 the first issue until now it is more than 16,000 and reaches into every State in the Union. More than two years ago the work in Peru under Brother R. P. Hallum came (Next page, Column five)



NOTICE

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HALLUMS REPORTS SOULS SAVED

(Preceding page, Column 5) believe that you can. R. P. H.

It is really thrilling to read a letter like this one from Brother Hallum. I like to picture in my mind the missionary and his family going down to the water's edge and putting the things in the boat and getting the motor all ready and then see them disappear around the bend of the river and after a few hours arrive at the Indian village and then go about inviting the people for the night service. The service is begun with a song and prayer and then Brother Hallum takes his Bible and reads the word in Spanish and then preaches and sinners respond. Thank God for the work of Baptist Faith Missions in Brazil, Peru and Columbia. Pray for the Hallums.

A LETTER FROM MISSIONARY BRANDON THAT WILL TEST THE FAITH OF ALL WHO READ IT.

(Preceding page, Column 4) remedy used was one quite unknown to the doctors. The curing was of the Lord and must be recognized as such. Isa. 38: 18-19 brings out an important truth, The grave cannot praise Thee, only the living can make known thy truth. He perhaps had in mind Psalm 30:9. Paul also says the same in a different way. For me to live is Christ, Phil 1:21-22. Some people seem to have the idea that the only recourse left to God in healing His people is through medical science, and of a truth the doctors are a great blessing to the Lord's people, however the death of king Asa is an outstanding case, he sought the doctors and not the Lord and slept with his fathers, 2 Chron. 16:11-23.

While in the 5th verse of James we are cautioned about praying for sickness and afflictions, Jas. 5:13-16. Perhaps we would do well to recall some of the scriptures in which our fathers trusted, Dt. 32:39-40 tells us that it is God who kills and makes alive and there are none to deliver from his hand. He says in Ex. 33:19 That He will show mercy on whom He will show mercy, and later Paul adds that, Whom He will be hardens, Rom. 9:14-18.

In I Sam. 2:6-9 we are told that the Lord bringeth out of the grave, that He exalteth the poor from the dunghill and that He keepeth the feet of His saints. It is David who declares that the Lord had broken his bones, Psa. 51:8. Jesus said that Satan had held a woman in prison for 18 years, this was an affliction, Lu. 13:16. The lepers cried after the Lord and said, If Thou wilt thou canst make me clean. Matt. 8:2. He did. And the blind man said, Thou Son of David show mercy to me, Mk 10:47, compare Ex. 33:19. He did. Mephiboseth was sought out by King David, however his afflictions were never healed but he ate from the king's table as long as he lived; he was afflicted in the feet, 2 Sam. 9:1-13. Three outstanding miracles wrought by the apostles were men afflicted in

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Raiford Baptist Church, Raiford, Fla. ....	5.00
South Side Baptist Church, Winter Haven, Fla. ....	55.00
Bellview Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky. ....	29.60
Pollard Baptist Church, Ashland, Ky. ....	5.00
Bible Missionary Baptist Church, Dequincy, La. ....	14.61
Ahava Baptist Church, Plant City, Fla. ....	45.00
Madison Street Baptist Church, Rochester, Pa. ....	3.30
The Cleo T. Smith Baptist Mission, Allred, Tenn. (for Parrotts' trip) ....	3.00
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Liberty Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio, ....	27.35
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Buffalo Avenue Baptist Church, Tampa, Fla. ....	46.00
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South Side Baptist Church, (B. Y. P. U.) Paducah, Ky. ....	5.27
Ryan Road Baptist Church, Van Dyke, Mich. ....	13.73
Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, North Kenova, Ohio ....	11.50
United Baptist Church, Eaton Avenue, Muncie, Ind. ....	10.00
Little Obion Baptist Church, Wingo, Ky. ....	9.55
Tabernacle Baptist Church, Lewisburg, Ky. ....	180.00
Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, Ky. ....	35.13
Grace Baptist Church, Owensboro, Ky. ....	5.00
South Union Baptist Church, Cadiz, Ky. ....	32.25
Liberty Baptist Church, Central City, Ky. ....	14.70
North Side Baptist Church, Mayfield, Ky. ....	54.43
Seven Springs Baptist Church, Dycusburg, Ky. ....	32.25
Second Baptist Church, Marion, Ky. ....	18.13
Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Hickory, Ky. ....	9.85
South Union Baptist Church, Cadiz, Ky. ....	28.00
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South Side Baptist Church, B. Y. P. U. Paducah, Ky. ....	5.24
Calvary Baptist Church, Clarksville, Tenn. ....	2.00
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the feet and neither of them seeking to be cured, Acts 3:7 and 9:32-37 and 14:8-11. So we again ask that you compare Ex. 33:19 and Lu. 18:7. The Lord would have His servants to be humble and to recognize from whence their help comes, thus it is written, Call upon me in the time of trouble, I will deliver thee and thou shall glorify me. The order is first to call. Jesus said everyone that asketh will be relieved from whatever embarrassment he may find himself in. Now for all those who thus find relief will be assured of service in the future,

Psa. 50:15 and 118:17. The sickness one may have will often enlarge their vision, increase their faith and renew their consecration. Notice from the above referred Psalm — I shall not die, but live; and declare the works of the Lord. The writer has reviewed the mission work on the Jurua river with an increased courage and determination, in fact some things about my present condition have brought the dearest animation possible and for it let us praise the Lord. The thoughts gathered from Psa. 10:31-5 are refreshing to the soul. Usually only the third verse is

quoted but the third and fourth are only to emphasize the last words of the fifth. Notice six things that are said: Iniquities are forgiven, Diseases are healed, What would have been a wasted life is redeemed, Crowned with loving kindness, Encircled with tender mercies, A well furnished table is given, So that thy youth is renewed like an eagle's. Why would the Lord be interested in one's youth? Because experience gained in former years would be of untold importance to the kingdom work. Then too an old man renewed with health and strength of a young man would be for encouragement of all the body of Christ. Then the fact that one is renewed would cause confidence in the Lord and a greater faith in His Word. A more humble spirit no doubt would prevail, Psa. 123. But why like the eagles? Because the eagle is the highest flying bird, he carries himself with more grace and with greater ease than does any other. While flying at those dizzy heights, his sight is so keen that he can see a fish in the water far below and with a sudden dart can take the fish. We remember that great spiritual heights are often gained with afflictions and the more spiritual the believer is, with greater ease he lives for the glory of the Lord Jesus and the blessing of the people, high flying believers just find it part of their nature to serve the Lord by serving the people. Far sighted believers, or men of vision, have much to contribute to the work of the kingdom of the Lord Jesus on earth. I feel sure that the heart's desire of every servant of the Lord is to be this kind of a workman. Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God is to soon be able to return to the work on the mission field where my life is buried and there to finish the fight. Had I remained there I think I would have been dead ere this, but the blessings the Lord has bestowed since returning are far too numerous to write on paper and I have the assurance that I will return and that not in the too far future, however there is one thing that I feel ought to be done and I will not feel my duty fulfilled until it is done, that is for brethren who are of this faith to set aside a day and call at my home and anoint me with oil in the name of the Lord and have prayer for the healing of my body. So far as I know the 7th day of December will be a good time at 7:30 P. M. The Lord healed me of a serious stomach complaint in 1930, I have not been troubled with it since and I know he can heal me again and believe He will if we meet together and call upon Him. Interested brethren please write if that date is not convenient then another can be set, may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all, Amen.

(Please note that the date set by Brother Brandon, (J. F. Brandon) December 7th is two weeks or more before this paper is printed and into the readers hands. We have printed the letter just as he wrote it, so it will be necessary for those interested to write to him and then let him set a new date. Editor.)

NEWS FROM BRAZIL

(Preceding page, Column 3) work there. The worker does not live in Japiim but in a settlement three miles away called Guarani where they maintain a preaching point and have much interest.

Parana

From there Miguel went to Barao where some of the members of the church at Parana are living. Barao is one of the largest rubber plantations in Brazil, the owner is very wealthy and a good friend of the Gospel. He says that he is a believer but he will not be baptized. Just last week I wrote him exhorting him to accept the Lord Jesus and follow him in baptism. There were no conversions but much interest and the believers are mated. Miguel's mother lives at this place, also a brother-in-law who is also a believer. They all ways have preaching in their homes and also the school house. He also paid a short visit to the church at Parana. There are no more people at Parana to be converted, for all profess to be believers, however, some of these are out of fellowship with the body. The Lord blessed them by his visit. They were all happy and sent me word that they were praying to God to heal me and send me back to them with no delay. When I left Cruzeiro do Sul I told them that I would be with them in this month if the Lord willed. When I return I want to spend more time at Barao because there are lots of sinners there as hard as one can find. The last time I was there, one of them was converted, he has not been baptized as yet but Miguel says that he is holding out and attending all the services.

Leper Colony

When he arrived back in Cruzeiro do Sul he visited the leper colony the first thing and was surprised to see the progress of the work and the good attendance. The brother who was sent to the leper colony from Camp de Santano is in charge of the work inside the leper colony now where he also is a very unusual teacher of the word. He is a good preacher and a very unusual teacher of the word. I all felt that his going there was of the Lord because we had prayed much for the Lord to give us a worker for that people and He did. I hope to ordain that man when I return so he can baptize the converted ones. They have recently had some new conversions but I do not know how many. They have a Sunday School in the afternoon and preaching services at night and mid-week prayer meetings. That seems to be much progress, thank the Lord.

Great Sacrifice

I believe that I made a greater sacrifice for that work and was happier in doing so than anything I ever did. The lepers all send their love and want to know when I will return. They are a disfigured bunch of people but they are very dear indeed to my heart. I began to preach to them when there were only three and now they say that there are more than 150. I hope that many of them will live with us in that blessed land that is not too far away. The pastor, Miguel, said that he made special prayer for my health. He read the prayer of Jeremiah recorded in the thirty second chapter beginning with the 16th verse. He said also that there were four families from the interior, believers, sick, all came to his house to treat themselves. Now if I were there they would be at my house, so it makes a difference when I am away.

Sincerely,  
J. F. Brandon.

SEVEN YEARS OLD

(Preceding page, Column One) under this mission and then one year ago work was established in Columbia. Now we have work in three S. A. countries.



## "NO DIFFERENCE"

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pect upon the offering of Abel but God scorned and ignored and rejected the offering of Cain. Now, brethren, what kind of salvation did they have in the day of Abel. It was a blood sacrifice. It was salvation by substitution. A lamb died instead of Abel. Brother, what kind of salvation do we have today? Not one bit of difference. We are still saved by sacrifice, by substitution, by the blood of a lamb, by the innocent blood of the lamb of God our sacrifice. I am saying, brother, there is no difference to the way of salvation.

Take the experience of Abraham. When Abraham was commanded of God to offer his son as a sacrifice upon Mt. Moriah, he never hesitated. He did what God told him to do. I see Abraham as he went to the top of Mt. Moriah and Isaac, the little meek, said, "We have made a terrible mistake! We are going out to sacrifice and we haven't any lamb. Here's the wood and here is the fire but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?" Abraham said, "My son, God will provide himself a lamb for the burnt offering." They went up to the top of Mt. Moriah. He built an altar and put Isaac upon that altar. I can see him as he puts Isaac upon that altar, lifts his hands and in a moment's time he is going to slit the jugular vein of his son's throat and send that soul whereof as a sacrifice to God. And as the hand is upraised, God reaches down out of the sky and catches that upraised arm of Abraham so that the knife falls harmlessly upon the ground and Abraham looks behind him and there is a ram caught in the thicket by its horns. He takes the ram and offers it instead of his son. What kind of salvation did they have in the days of Isaac and Abraham? Isaac was saved because there was another that died in his place. Isaac was saved by the death of another. He was saved by a blood offering. He was saved by substitution. He was saved by sacrifice of a lamb. Brother, what kind of salvation do we have today? Not one bit of difference. I am saying to you this morning, beloved, from the day of Adam down to this day there is not one bit of difference as to the

way of salvation — namely, salvation through the blood — salvation by sacrifice — salvation by substitution.

### IV

Now notice again, brethren, **THERE IS NO DIFFERENCE AS TO GOD'S INVITATION.**

Now follow with me. There is no difference as to the need of salvation. There is no difference as to God's punishment for sin. There is no difference as to the way of salvation and brethren, there is no difference as to God's invitation.

In those early chapters of the book of Genesis God said, "Noah COME THOU and all thine house into the ark." — Gen. 7:1.

That is God's first invitation. Here's a man and his wife and three sons and their wives. He has showed grace unto them. And now he invites them to come into the ark for safety. That ark, beloved, is nothing more or less than a type of our Lord Jesus Christ. And as they were invited to come into the ark for safety so Jesus today invites sinners to come to Him for salvation, for He said:

"COME UNTO ME, all ye that labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest." — Matt. 11:28.

There is no difference as to God's method of invitation. Isaiah said:

"COME NOW, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." — Isaiah 1:18.

And the prophet later said:

"Ho, every one that thirsteth, COME YE to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy and eat: yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price." — Isa. 55:1.

Brother, that is God's method of invitation.

"Nothing in my hand I bring, Simply to thy cross I cling."

Could we have sung a more appropriate hymn than we did before I preached to you this morning? Could any song be more fitting? Our Lord invites us to come without money and without price. Listen again:

"And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take of the

water of life freely." — Rev. 22:17.

Brethren, in the early days of the Bible the invitation was "to come." In the closing days of the Word of God, the invitation is "to come." I say then there is no difference as to God's invitation. It is the invitation for the sinner to come to Jesus.

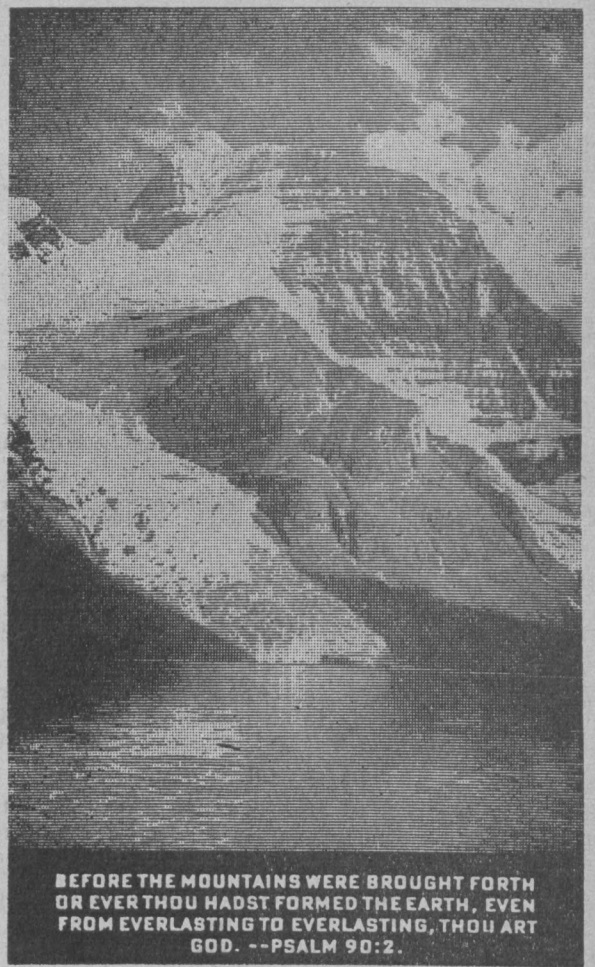
Let me repeat, beloved, the world is in a constant state of change and fluctuation. It used to be that boys would go down by the seaside to watch the ships come in, but now they go out to the airport to watch the ships come down. Times have changed! All things about us are in a constant state of change. I am convinced this morning as I turn to the Word of God that spiritually there is not one bit of difference between today and the day of Adam. As it was in the day of Noah so shall it be in the day of the Son of Man. There is no difference as to the need of salvation. There is no difference as to punishment of sin. There is no difference as to the way of salvation. There is no difference as to God's invitation to the sinner.

Oh, may God take this message this morning and help those of you who are not saved to see that while there are changes in this world, spiritual things don't change. We are falling back upon God who does not change and I am glad to present Him to you — "Jesus Christ the same yesterday and today and forever." Thank God that while the world is constantly changing, we have a Saviour who never changes. God bless you!

## President Recommends The Rosary

In an address to his students, James A. Beebe, president of Allegheny College and former dean of the School of Theology at Boston University, said, "Protestant churches should adopt the rosary for use in prayer. Protestants are continually being urged but seldom told how to pray, with the result that the mind is permitted to wander, resulting in reverie rather than meditation. By using the rosary, we would have definite symbols from which visual pictures could be taken, holding the mind to the meditation at hand."

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BEFORE THE MOUNTAINS WERE BROUGHT FORTH OR EVER THOU HADST FORMED THE EARTH, EVEN FROM EVERLASTING TO EVERLASTING, THOU ART GOD. --PSALM 90:2.

## AS THE DEVIL HATES HOLY WATER

Such is the title of a propaganda article that is being run in The Courier-Journal, Louisville, Ky., by the Knights of Columbus, in Rome's frenzied determination to "make America Catholic." I copy below one of the several articles (all paid ads), showing clearly the deception employed by the Catholics:

"The Devil hates Holy Water! Dark Age superstitions are they not?"

"Hardly, my friend. The Bible relates the fall of Lucifer and the temptations of Christ by the Devil; and the Holy Water's use by the Church can be traced back to about the second century — quite a bit earlier than the period which some people choose to term the Dark Ages."

"But why water? Why holy?" "The water is ordinary water with a bit of salt in it. Water is symbolic of cleansing. Salt is a symbol of preservation. This combination has no power of its own, but when blessed by a priest who represents Holy Mother Church, it becomes holy."

"To understand this you must recall that Christ while on earth gave to the apostles and their successors many of His own divine powers to be used only through Him—that is, the washing away of original sin through baptism, the forgiveness of actual sin through confession, the changing of the substance of bread and wine to the substance of His own divine body and blood—and four other sacraments."

"In a similar manner God gave His church the right and power to bless in His name inanimate objects which, although powerless in themselves, identify the individual's prayers (when said with faith and devotion) with the prayers of the entire church."

"At the entrance of every Catholic church there is one or more Holy Water fonts. Within the threshold of countless Catholic bedrooms are also Holy Water fonts. To the Catholic, one of the most common and most powerful forms of prayer is to dip his fingers into the Holy Water, make the Sign of the Cross and thus identify his individual prayers with those

of the entire church for the welfare of his own soul, his neighbor's soul, or the souls in Purgatory."

"A piece of white cloth has in itself no power, but when in the heat of battle it is raised on high it has the power, recognized by all nations to silence the guns, while emissaries are sent to bargain for peace. If mere cloth has this man-given power, is it not logical to believe that water can be given the power of especial prayer, when blessed by God through His church?"

"As darkness hates light, as error hates truth, as malignity hates sanctity — so the Devil hates Holy Water."

Just the opposite, neighbor! The Devil LOVES the "Holy Water" employed by Catholics, for it is one of the traditions added by Catholicism to the Word of God. There is no more authority for water admixed with salt, than there is for water admixed with Lysol; for the latter is a known foe of all sorts of germs! Why not Lysol? So far as the Scriptures are concerned, Lysol is authorized exactly as is salt with water. The truth is, neither is authorized in the Scripture. The thing called "Holy Water" is just another superstition by which Rome holds the minions in bondage to the Devil. The "Sign of the Cross" employed by the Catholic Church is but a "mark of the Beast," by the use of which Satan's "church" is made distinct from the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ.

In the above article, every term used to back up (?) the Catholic claim, is a non-existing thing. For example, one kind of water is no more "holy" than another. Second, there is no "priest" in Christianity as a class. All Christians are equally "priests" unto God. (See I Peter 2:5,9). Thirdly, no human being has the power to "bless" any object and give to it divine sanction or power. Fourth, the apostles of Christ had no "successors" (Continued on page four)

## Can An Intelligent Baptist Become A Catholic?

both powers (civil and ecclesiastical) the ecclesiastical law prevails."

"Kings and princes are not exempt from the jurisdiction of the church, but are subordinate to the church in litigated questions of jurisdiction."

"The church ought to be in union with the state and the state with the church."

"It is necessary even in the present day that the Catholic religion shall be held as the only religion of the state, to the exclusion of all forms of worship."

"Whence it has been unwisely provided by law, in some coun-

tries called Catholic, that persons coming to reside therein shall enjoy the free exercise of their religion."

"The civil liberty of every mode of worship, and full power given to all openly and publicly manifesting their opinions and ideas, conduce more easily to corrupt the morals and minds of the people, and to the propagation of the pest indifferentism."

"The Roman Pontiff cannot and ought not to reconcile himself, or agree with progress, liberalism and modern civilization."

—From the Syllabus of Pope Pius IX.

In the light of these quotations, a thousand times no!



## Christianity And Non-Christian Religions Compared

### PRESENT HEAD OF AUTHORITY

**CHRISTIANITY.** "Christ is the head of the church."—Eph. 5: 23. "We are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones."—Eph. 5:30. "Looking unto Jesus."—Heb. 12:2. "And gave him (Christ) to be the head over all things to the church."—Eph. 1:22.

**THE BRAHMANS** are themselves the head of the Hindu religious system. They act as priests and are the gurus or saviors of the Hindus. They are greatly divided, and lack unity and leadership.

Does the will of Jesus concerning you need to have the endorsement of your judgment and convenience before you act?

**HINDUISM** seems to have no papacy or systematized ecclesiastical rule. It is so divided into sects with strangely differing views that reunion of all is quite impossible.

Do you say, as an excuse for remaining here, that, "There is work enough at home to do"? If you are honest, then you are hard at work. Have you led a soul to Christ during the past year?

**BUDDHISM** is greatly divided, doctrinally and ecclesiastically. The emperor of Japan is said to be the head in that country. Usually each temple has its own officers independent of others. Dalai Lama is Buddhist pope in Tibet.

**THE TAOIST** pope lives on Dragon and Tiger mountain in Kiangsi and in elegant style. He has such influence that it is said he sometimes goes to Peking in great state to confer with the emperor.

**CONFUCIANISM.** The emperor of China is considered the head of Confucianism. Confucianism, however, does not require much executive authority. It moves slowly along in the rut of ages.

Excuses are the most suicidal pitfalls in the world. Every worker makes his own and then steps in and down to his doom.

While **ZORASTER** was living, he was the head of the system. After him the power of authority seems to have been assumed by various great teachers.

"Every step in the progress of missions is directly traceable to prayer."—A. T. Pierson.

**THE PARSEE** people stand together as a unit. Being comparatively few in number their ecclesiastical system does not seem to have become extensive nor hierarchial. A high priest exercises ecclesiastical authority.

The world has become calloused in sin and laughs at things which caused our parents to weep. Has any such formation begun on your heart? Beware, for it always comes gradually.

**SHINTOISM.** Mutsuhito, the emperor of Japan, is honored as the head of Shinto, as he is believed to be a direct descendant of the sun goddess and a separate being from human kind.

You may have peace with God, but I do not believe you can have the peace of God, if you decline to be interested in missions.

**MOHAMMEDANISM** recognizes the sultan of Turkey as the royal head of its religious system. He thus has ecclesiastical rule over 200,000,000 people.

If you become a missionary, you may gather a little family about you for Heaven.

### A STRANGE ANALOGY

(Continued from page one)

Arthur Balfour determined that a minimum of 60,000 square miles was necessary to establish a Jewish national home, but upon further consideration, it was reduced to 45,000 square miles by denying them a part of northern Palestine. Later Britain decided that was still too much land, and arbitrarily cut off an even greater slice by taking away all of Palestine east of the Jordan, thus leaving only 10,000 square miles. Then in 1947, Britain, indirectly, persuaded the UN to reduce further the area to 5,500 square miles. Now Britain seeks the approval of the Bernadotte Plan which would divide the land for the fourth time, leaving only 2,500 square miles of the original 60,000 square miles promised to the Jews.

"Whether Mr. Bevin turns into a woodpecker is immaterial," says the writer. But the fact remains that the old British Empire of 'once upon a time' has grown smaller and smaller since the 1920's, and her insatiable economic appetite cannot be satisfied."

We cannot treat it as a mere coincidence that while Britain has tried to strengthen herself by depriving Israel of the great-

est share of her inheritance, she herself has been steadily growing smaller and smaller, and is no longer the great empire she used to be. The Bible says that "whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap," and we wonder if that may not be also said of a nation as well.—The Midnight Cry.

### I WORKED FOR A COBBLER

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I thought I had learned something; so I went back to my boss and said: "Look here, I do not know why you make me hammer these soles. The man in the other shop does not do that, and he says they come back all the quicker, and he gets more jobs."

My boss took out his Bible, and read: "Whatsoever ye do in word or in deed, do all to the glory of God." Then he said: "Harry, perhaps I have been a little thoughtless. I have forgotten that you are just a lad of twelve years of age; and it is tiresome work hammering all day. I shall do some of them myself, and will teach you to do something else to rest you between times. But I will not allow anything to go out of my shop that is not well done. It is different with me than it is with the other man. That man is not saved. He does not know the Lord, but I do. I would love to be a preacher of the Gospel, but God has not gifted me in that

way, but He has shown me how to cobble shoes, and has put me right here to glorify Him. You know, when the Lord Jesus Christ comes again, and I stand at His Judgment Seat, I expect to find every shoe that ever went out of my shop in a big pile there; and the Lord will take them, and look over each one. And I expect Him to say: 'Well done, good and faithful servant!'"

Do you wonder that a man like that had power in his testimony? People often came back to him, and said: "Mr. Mackay, when you fixed that pair of shoes for me, I found a Gospel tract in the parcel, and I have been reading it. Could you tell me how I could be sure of salvation?"

The cobbler would drop everything, and that cobbler shop would become a sanctuary. He would lead them to Christ, showing the way of life from the Word. When you speak of service, do not always think of preaching and missionary endeavor. Anything that is worth doing at all can be done for the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

### Attention East Tennessee Readers

The editor will be with Eld. Charles Souder and the Mountain Home Baptist Church of Johnson City, Tennessee for a two day Bible conference, February 7th and 8th.

This church, which is located on Sidney Street, is a newly established work on the part of a group of loyal Baptists who are opposed to the modern trend of churches. Pastor Souder writes "that all who are tired of the modern fancies in the churches will certainly find a spiritual welcome."

We have many subscribers in eastern Kentucky, eastern Tennessee, and western Virginia, who live in easy going distance of Johnson City and to them we extend a special invitation to attend this conference.

### CREMATION

(Continued from page one) body of our Lord. We do not believe that the Christian should depart from this custom nor follow the practices of heathendom.—Our Hope

### MARTYR SEED

(Continued from page one) faith that thrilled me and gave me the desire for the new life. Now I must go back and tell my fellow townsmen of Christ who died for me.—Selected

### HOLY WATER

(Continued from page three) ors." No matter what power they had as apostles, that power was not transmitted to "successors" in any form. Fifth, Christ never gave to His Church "the right and power to bless in His name inanimate objects." The apostles could impart powers for healing, etc., to certain objects (Acts 19:12), but even if they had "successors," those powers were not transmitted. The claim therefore is false. Sixth, the "confession" of the Roman Catholic Church is utterly unknown to the New Testament Church. It is like the blasphemy of "changing the substances of

bread and wine to the substance of His own Divine Body and Blood." That is solemn blasphemy, not only untaught in the New Testament, but unreasonable and impossible. It is attributing to a sinful priest the power of divinity. Seventh, the "Sign of the Cross" made by the Catholic on his forehead is merely a "sign" that he belongs to the pope of Rome instead of to the Lord Jesus Christ; for Christ authorized no such sign for His followers. Indeed, it was not known, even in the apostasy that led to Catholicism, until in the fourth century. The apostles of Christ knew nothing of the practice. How, then, came their "successors" (?) to command the practice? Today it is regarded among Catholics as "one of the most common and most powerful forms of prayer." Eighth the white flag, the flag of truce, is wholly different for it is not regarded as connected with religion in any way. A cloth, when "blessed by God through His Church," could be used for any powerful display; but that God does so use a white cloth, is an assertion by human priests, with not a scintilla of proof or authority. Like the whole of Roman Catholicism, this is human tradition purely. God has not one thing to do with any of it.

I publish this silly matter purely to warn Americans of the sinister plans of popery to "educate" our youth to believe that Catholicism is Divine—that that church is the church of Christ and of God. That is a lie of the Devil's. The aim of Catholicism is to utterly supplant the true church of Christ with sinful and idolatrous traditions of the Great Apostasy. In various ways and by every means, wiley priests and other Roman officials are brazenly exploiting their propaganda to hold Americans in darkness. Only a day or so ago, I listened to a musical program, (I love music), and out of a half dozen pieces played or sung, all but one were

descriptive of Roman Catholic doctrine! Magazines, the movies, newspapers, science stories, children's stories, novels, political speeches, "mission" sermons, wild stories of "miraculous cures," and such like propaganda, are being pushed under the noses of Americans, in the drastic determination to indoctrinate them with Catholicism. And it is bearing fruit! The conversion to Catholicism of many of our prominent citizens, shows that this propaganda is not in vain. The people of America seem ready for any superstition set before them by Rome. The only way to counteract this false propaganda, is to turn it on the light. When newspapers accept the ads of Romanism to show their heresy, they will accept ads from Christians to tell the truth. They will not, of course, tolerate any direct accusation against Catholicism, but they will allow us to speak out clearly what the Scriptures do teach. Just so the Catholics are not named, we may present teachings of God's Word that will counteract against Romanism. This means we should daily employ. Quit paying all our money to "located evangelists," and set aside considerable sums for teaching the truth against Catholic falsehood. If we do not do that, Catholicism will soon become America's state religion. The Vindicator.

### THE ROSARY

(Continued from page three) We did not know that it was necessary for real Christians to have a crutch when they pray. Those who really know Him and their personal Saviour and are acquainted with Him as Lord and Master will have little difficulty in talking with Him. Prayer is a conflict, and sometimes it is difficult; but we have the promise that the Holy Spirit will make intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

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