

It is far easier to speak of the Bible than to obey the Bible.

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The Right Of The Individual To Read And Interpret The Bible



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creeds, disciplines, dogmas, etc. And it excludes the authority of "manuals," and denominational "literature."

If the New Testament is to be out sole rule of faith and practice, how necessary it is that the common people—the whole body of Christians—know what the New Testament says. (Let us explain that we do not disparage the Old Testament. We merely mean to say that the doctrines of the church are not laid down in the Old Testament).

Catholics believe that the Bible is a "dangerous" book. It is dangerous to those who would hold people in ignorance; play on their credulity; and bind

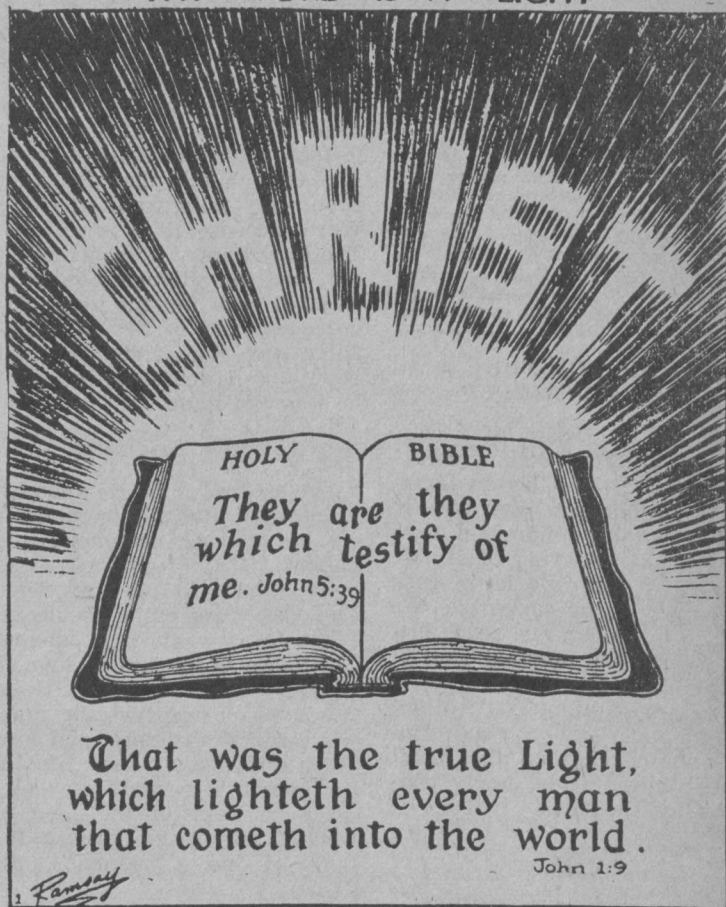
them in thralldom to priestcraft. It is dangerous to Catholicism—indeed fatal to it. Catholics take 2 Peter 1:20 and warp it into proving that individuals are not to interpret the Scriptures, but that the "church" must do that. But such is not the meaning of the passage, and such is plainly taught against by such passages as these:

John 5:39—"Search the Scriptures."

2 Timothy 2:15—"Study..."

Acts 17:11 (Here the Bereans are commended for the very thing that the Catholic Church condemns).

Since Baptists believe so (Continued on page four)



Some Facts As To Masonry As Revealed By The Few Presidents Being Masons

Following the exposure of the first three degrees of Masonry by Captain William Morgan and his subsequent abduction and murder in 1826, fifteen hundred lodges surrendered their charters, and 45,000 Masons of the Order, seceded from the Order. It is interesting to note the record of the Presidents of the United States and their candid opinion with relation to Mason-

George Washington, 1st President, was a Mason but an in-ferent one. He declined to use his aid-de-camp to join the styled Masonry, "For the most part, child's play," and declared it "Might be used for the worst of purposes."

John Adams, 2nd President, was not a Mason. He told his

son, "There is nothing in the Masonic institution worthy of seeking to be associated with it. Thomas Jefferson, 3rd President; James Madison, 4th President; and James Monroe, 5th President; were not Masons.

John Quincy Adams, 6th President, was not a Mason. In one of his letters he wrote, "I am prepared to complete the demonstration before God and man, that the Masonic oath, obligation and penalties cannot by any possibility be reconciled to the laws of morality, of Christianity, or of the land."

Andrew Jackson, 7th President, was a Mason. Martin Van Buren, 8th President; William H. Harrison, 9th President; and John Tyler, 10th President; were not Masons. James K. Polk, 11th President, was a Mason. Zachary Taylor, 12th President; and Millard Fillmore, 13th President; were not Masons. Fillmore made the testimony, "The Masonic fraternity tramples upon our rights, defeats the (Continued on page three)

FINAL STANDARD

Mother was trying to get eight-year-old Mary to learn her Sunday School lesson. At length she took her Bible from the bureau and said, "Come, Mary, I will help you learn your lesson and then you may go back to your play."

"All right, Mother, but let's study it out of Grandfather's Bible. It is much more interesting than yours."

"Oh, no, Mary! They are exactly alike."

"Well, I think Grandfather's must be more interesting than yours; he reads it so much more." —Little Christian

"I have received your paper for some time. I like to read it and I am thankful that the Lord has blessed His people with a paper that will publish the truth without fear and favor."

Hubert Montgomery
Lancaster, Ky.

Mused Uncle Mose

Dey ain' nobody gwine git cawnverted listenin' to de tessimony ob a cussin' chu'ch mem-bah.

The Baptist Program As Revealed In The Bible: Go, Disciple, Baptize, Indoctrinate

Eld. H. B. Taylor
(Asleep In Him)

From "Why Be A Baptist"

"Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you" (Matt. 28:20).

"Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven; but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven" (Matt. 5:19).

The Baptist program includes all the commands of the Lord Jesus. "One is your Master: all ye are brethren." This program may be epitomized in four words: "Go: Disciple: Baptize: Indoctrinate," and we cannot put too much emphasis upon them. They are vital, essential, fundamental. The Great Commission is the Baptist Magna Charta. "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you" is just as

truly the command of the Lord Jesus as any other part of that commission. But who pays any attention to it? The average Baptist preacher or Baptist church not only does not pay any attention to this command of his Lord, but openly and flagrantly disavows all obligations to pay any attention to it. So obsessed have we become with pleasing men and so little regard do we have for the Lord Jesus and His Word that multitudes of pastors and churches have whittled out of our Lord's commission the part that tells us to observe all things whatsoever He has commanded. A common saying of what Samuel Johnson calls "the bigots of laxness" is: "In essentials unity, in non-essentials liberty, in all (Continued on page two)

ELEANOR DRINKS

A picture of Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt and U. S. Secretary of State Marshall, taken in a drinking pose, appeared in the newspaper's several months ago. Evidently some members of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union took exception and wrote a protest. Mrs. R's reply was given prominence in the Rocky Mountain News customary for this type of stuff. In a disgusting patronizing manner she says: "... it would be much worse if one refused to follow traditional customs in foreign countries and made a scene about sipping a glass of champagne. I want to assure my WCTU friends that if their children never took more wine or more strong liquor than I do they will be entirely safe from overindulgence. Not to be able to drink a toast to your own country or to another country in the way that meets the customs of any people would seem to me an admission of weakness and of good manners." — R. M. News (Denver) 10-26-48.

Comment: It is a well known fact that drinking is very common and extensive among United Nations delegates and at (Continued on page three)

The First Baptist Pulpit

"ABSALOM'S REBELLION - AND SATAN'S"

"And with Absalom went two hundred men out of Jerusalem that were called; and they went in their simplicity and they they knew not anything."

— II Sam. 15:11

One of the greatest rebellions in history was that to which our text relates. David was reigning as king of Israel. He had a son named Absalom who wished to wear his father's crown and sit upon his father's throne. Since he had murdered his brother Ammon, he had been compelled to spend a period of time in exile. However, by his father's grace he had been permitted to return home. Instead of doing

all that he might to show his appreciation for his father's kindness, he fomented this revolution. Rising early each morning, he sat at the gate of the city to turn away the hearts of the people as they came to the king. While the king and his counselors slept, Absalom met the people from all over his father's kingdom who came to see the king. He would tell each that his cause was right and just, but that there was not anyone deputed of the king to hear him. He always ended with the suggestive exclamation, "Oh that I were king of Israel."

After he had scattered the seeds of rebellion sufficiently

he sent forth spies telling them that when the trumpet sounded that they were to proclaim, "Absalom reigneth in Hebron!" There went out after him two hundred men as a part of his rebellious mob, which soon grew into a tremendous army. When Absalom was thus anointed as king, David was driven from the city. He went up Mt. Olivet, weeping as he went. Thus as Absalom took the throne, David went into the wilderness, an outcast from the people whose rightful king he was.

I believe that in this we have a picture of the rebellion which was raised against Christ and (Continued on page two)

FIRM FOUNDATION

A skeptic standing on a street corner sneered at a Christian man who carried a Bible.

"It never dawned upon his little mind that if he were on an island where there was no Bible, he could not conduct a profitable business. On the other hand, he would probably get a warm reception from the cannibal natives who relish the meat of a traveling man. The Bible is the foundation of everything worthwhile in the world of business and education. If God blessed America above all other major nations because our fathers trusted God and founded this nation on Christian principles.

When Benjamin Franklin suggested to the Constitutional convention (in 1787) that it be opened with prayer, he quoted

127:1— "Except the Lord build the house they labour in vain that build it."

We are not going to have a revival as long as the woman goes to church and shouts her head off and then goes home and smashes her husband's head off.

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THE BAPTIST PROGRAM

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things charity." A more traitorous utterance to the authority of the Lord Jesus was never spoken. Who are you and who am I to say that any command of the Lord Jesus is non-essential? If He thought it of sufficient worth to command it, how dare you insult Him and treat His Word with contempt by calling it a non-essential and refusing to obey it? There are no non-essential commands in God's Word. The Master's commands are like the members of my body. The members of my body are not all essential to life. You may lose a leg or an arm or an eye or an ear or your tongue or even your reason and still live. But what would you be worth to your family or friends or anybody else if you were eyeless, legless, armless, brainless and tongueless? So with the commands of the Word of God. The commands to repent and believe on the Lord Jesus Christ are the only two that are essential to life: but there are no non-essential commands. Every command of the Lord Jesus is essential for the purpose for which He gave it. Our usefulness, happiness, activity, fruitfulness, growth and power all depend upon our obedience to all the things that our Lord commanded. And we sin to our own detriment and hurt and the hurt and pain of others, if we count any command of His of so little importance that we think we can disobey it with impunity. There are no non-essential commands. There are no non-vital commands, because some of them are not essential to life. But there are no non-essential commands. They are all essential for what the Lord gave them for: and He expects us to obey every one of them. But note what He commanded.

1. Teach All His Commands

He commanded His preachers and His churches to teach all things whatsoever He commanded. No choice was left to us. Whether it suited us or suited our members or suited our auditors or not, He commanded

His churches and those who teach them to teach all that He commanded. We are under just as much obligation to teach what the Bible says about bobbed hair or immodest dressing as we are to teach what it says about the incarnation of Jesus, the resurrection of the body. The judgment will not be a very comfortable place for any man or for any church that is silent about any command of God's Word, because it is unpopular. The First Baptist preacher spoke out on the divorce question when it cost him his head. Divorce was one of the all things John was commanded to talk about and he fearlessly did what he was told to do.

2. Teach To Observe

We are not only commanded to teach all things He commanded; but we are commanded to observe them ourselves and teach others to observe them. The observance is the obedience. What Jesus wants is obedience. Obedience is the test of love to Him (John 14:15, 15:14). John the beloved said that the man, who professes to know and love Jesus and doesn't obey Him, is a common liar and is wholly destitute both of the love of Christ and of the love of the truth (I Jno. 2:3, John 14:23-24).

Because John loved much, he talked very plainly about the hypocrite, who claims to love the Lord Jesus and yet refuses to obey Him.

3. Observe All Things

There's the rub. Not only teach all things: but observe all things He commanded. A missionary was reading the sermon on the Mount to a lot of new converts just barely escaped from the blindness and superstition of heathenism. He came to this passage: "Give to Him, that asketh thee and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away" (Matt. 5:42). They had already borrowed everything out of his home that he could well spare. So he skipped that verse. Then the Spirit rebuked him for "shunning to declare the whole counsel of God." When the rebukes of the Spirit became unbearable, he came back to it one morning and read it. To his surprise, instead of wanting to borrow more, they began to return what they had borrowed. God is able to take care of His Word and of all who obey it. The word translated "observe" means to guard, to stand firmly in, to observe. It has all three of those ideas in it. Baptists are the guardians of the truth. Some Baptists sneer at the denominational watchdog. Yet that is the very first meaning of this word, to guard. We badly need more Baptist watch-dogs today. That is a part of the Baptist commission. Then it also means to stand firmly in. That smites all Unionists, hip and thigh. And this word also has the idea of observing or doing the thing commanded yourself. That has been the weakness of the denominational watch-dog too often. They say and do not. They are strict on closed communion and disobedient about tithing and missions. The Master's orders to all His churches and servants are to observe to do all things He has commanded. And the emphasis is more on the doing, if possible, than on teaching others to do or guarding the commandments and ordinances. Obedience is one of the big words of Jesus to His children. Obedience is a lifetime job. The new birth is instantaneous. Baptism is done once for all. "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you" is what pastors and teachers were given

"ABSALOM'S REBELLION"

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which has continued down to this day. Just as David is a type of Christ, so is Absalom a type of Satan. Absalom's rebellion at David's leadership is nothing less than a picture of Satan's rebellion at Jesus' kingship. The army which followed Absalom compares favorably to that which follows Satan today.

I

THE LEADER OF THIS REBELLION WAS A REAL PERSON — ABSALOM. He was David's third son born at Hebron. His mother was a princess of a wild Bedouin tribe whom David had borne away to be his bride. From this ancestry, Absalom had been born. As a full grown man, he slew his half brother Ammon, for which he lived in exile with his mother's people for three years. I mention these facts that you might see that he was not a fictitious personality but a very real person.

All of which leads me to say that there is a real Devil. In spite of the fact that there is much teaching to the contrary, I believe that Satan is as real a personality as was Absalom. The majority of folk believe that Satan is a fictitious allegorical fantasm about on the par with Rip Van Winkle or some character of the Aesop's Fables. Sermons exposing him and his work have just about passed away.

However, I contend that he is a real personality. He is just as real to me as the Lord Jesus — the only difference is that Jesus is real for good whereas Satan is real for evil.

"Men don't believe in a Devil now,
As our fathers used to do;
They have forced the door of the broadest creed,
To let his form pass through.

There isn't a print of his cloven hoof,
Nor a fiery dart from his bow
To be found in earth or air to-day,
For the world has voted so.

But who is mixing this fatal draught,
That palsies both heart and brain
And leads the bier of each passing year
With ten hundred thousand slain?

Who clogs the steps of the toiling saint
And digs the pit for his feet?
Who sows the tares in the field of time
Wherever God sows the wheat?

Ah, the Devil is voted not to be
And of course the thing is true;
But who is doing the kind of work
The Devil alone should do?

They say he does not go about.
Like a roaring lion now,
But whom shall we hold responsible
For the everlasting row,

To be heard in home, in church,
in state,
To earth's remotest bound,
If the Devil, by unanimous vote,
Is nowhere to be found?

to the churches for by the Master (Eph. 4:11-16). Paul classes as crafty deceivers all Unionists and modernists, who, instead of teaching all things commanded by Christ, are hucksters of the Word, trading the truth for popularity or pay.

4. All Things Commanded You

Put the emphasis on you. He commanded you to observe all (Continued on page four)

Won't somebody step to the front forthwith
And make his bow and show
How the frauds and crimes of a single day spring up,
We want to know?

Ah, the Devil is fairly voted out,
And of course the Devil's gone—
But simple folk would like to know
Who carries his business on!"

The Word of God in a most emphatic manner declares Satan to be a real person.

"And supper being ended, the DEVIL having now put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him."—John 13:2.

"But Peter said, Ananias, Why hath SATAN filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land?"—Acts 5:3.

"Be sober, be vigilant; because YOUR ADVERSARY THE DEVIL, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour."—I Peter 5:8.

No man can read these scriptures with an unbiased mind without realizing that Satan is thus described to be a living personality.

In noticing the leader of this rebellion, it is interesting to see that he was a prince. Absalom's father was a king and thus he was a prince of Palestine. In like manner, the Bible speaks of Satan as a prince.

"Wherein in time passed ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the PRINCE OF THE POWER OF THE AIR, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience."—Ephesians 2:2.

"Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the PRINCE OF THIS WORLD be cast out."—John 12:31.

The leader of this rebellion—Absalom—was very attractive. He was physically perfect—in fact a regular shiek. The Bible even says that he was beautiful.

"But in all of Israel there was none to be so much praised as Absalom, for his body from the sole of his foot even to the crown of his head there was not blemish in him."—II Sam. 14:25.

It is thus that the Devil comes to us. He doesn't come with cloven hoofs, horns on his head,

a forked tail, a pitch fork in hand and blowing brimstone from his nostrils. Such a person would never bring a temptation to any of us. Instead, the Devil comes as an angel of light—far more attractive to each of us than even Absalom was to his conspirators.

God's Word even describes Satan as being thus attractive: "Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyre and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord God; thou sealest up thy sum, full of wisdom, and PERFECT IN BEAUTY."—Ezekiel 28:12.

"For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be open and ye shall be as gods knowing good and evil. And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was pleasant to the eyes and a tree to be desired to make one wise she took of the fruit thereof and did eat and gave also unto her husband with her and he did eat."—Genesis 3:5-6.

From that time on he has continued to make sin most attractive to everyone of us.

It is highly conspicuous that it invariably comes to us in an attractive form. Even the Devil's preachers are most attractive.

"For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ and no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore, it is a great thing if his ministers shall be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works."—II Cor. 11:13-15.

Since all modernists are usually most attractive as to their physical personality, I guess they will have to stay orthodox.

The leader of this rebellion—his work primarily under the guise of religion.

"And it came to pass after forty years, that Absalom said unto the king, I pray thee, let me go and pay my vow, which I have vowed unto the Lord, in Hebron. For thy servant vowed a VOW while I abode in Geshur in Syria, saying, if the Lord shall bring me again to Jerusalem, then I will serve the Lord."—II Sam. 15:7.

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"A SYSTEMATIC STUDY OF BIBLE DOCTRINE"

By T. P. SIMMONS, Ashland, Kentucky

"I WOULD NOT BE WITHOUT A COPY OF IT."

So says Pastor E. Pratt, of Anawalt, W. Va., for 54 years a Roman Catholic, but now a Baptist preacher.

Here is his testimony in full:

"Recently a brother preacher loaned me a copy of A SYSTEMATIC STUDY OF BIBLE DOCTRINE. I have read and re-read it. If there was ever a book that Baptists in this day and age need to read to open their eyes to Bible truths, it is this book. I would not be without a copy of it. What I got out of it on the doctrine of election alone, no amount of money could buy. Enclosed find three dollars for which send me a copy and a year's subscription to THE BAPTIST EXAMINER."

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The Parrotts To Leave New York About
March First For Mission Field In Brazil

The Lord willing the Parrotts sail from New York for about the first of March. kerosene operated refrigerator has been ordered for delivery to the Neptune Forward-Company in New York. The sewing organ has been ordered in received. We were able to a good used treadle model sewing machine. The line operated washing machine and the wood burning stove are on their way to New York also. The numerous other items are ordered and will be here by the first of January. The dentist has finished working on their teeth for a three-year stay in Brazil. The Parrotts have sent them to the hospital for chest X-rays. They have been vaccinated for smallpox and have taken shots for typhoid fever and tetanus. As soon as the passport they must go to the Brazilian Consulate office to ap-

pear in person and apply for a visa. When the visa is received then they will be ready to leave for New York City to sail on the steamer "Jutahy" for Belem, Para, a city of about 400,000 people at the mouth of the Amazon River. About the time they leave New York, Brother Brandon is to leave Miami, Fla., by Pan American Airways plane and be in Belem when the boat arrives to help them through the customs and to get registered with proper authorities. Then as soon as possible they are to take another boat for about ten days up the Amazon River to the city of Manaus, the capital city of the State of Amazonas. Here they are to live until they learn the language well, which probably will be for six months to a year. Then they are to go up the Amazon River 500 miles more to the mouth of the Jurua River then up this river to Cruzeiro do Sul. Here they are to

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A glimpse of the most beautiful building in Cruzeiro do Sul, the meeting house of the Church of the Lord Jesus, the Cruzeiro do Sul Baptist Church.

To get the story of the journey, picture in your mind the Sunday morning service at the Church in Cruzeiro do Sul. Then the group leaves for the preaching point, passing through the business section of the town and then they get into a canoe in the Jurua River and go five miles down stream where the pastor preaches to the group shown in the picture. Now read Brother Brandon's letter and get the story.

Brandon, Sends News Of Work In Brazil
As It Is Sent To Him By Native Workers

Two letters have been received from the native workers that might be of some interest to the brethren and I will try to give you an account of them. A letter from Miguel Ibernón (the pastor at Cruzeiro do Sul) dated October 28, in which he expresses the happiness felt by the church there in the expectation of another missionary (Brother Parrott). When Miguel is there they have services every night. You might think one would become weary, but a goodly number of them have not through these twenty years there has been a church. Not long ago one of them said, "It just takes our nightly worship to complete the day."

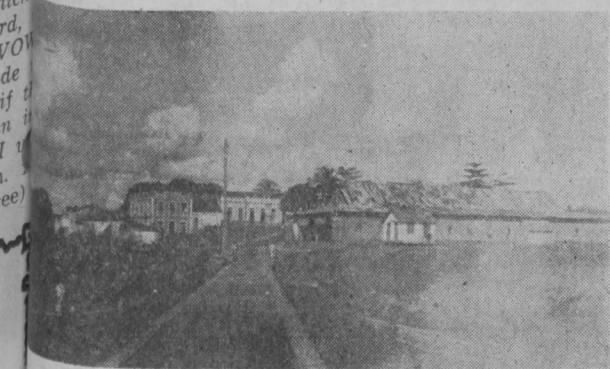
Mission Point Five Miles
Away

If you recall, in a former letter I told of a brother who was very sick and the church had special prayer for him and the

Lord restored him, and his vow to God was to evangelize the community in which he lives. He lives about five miles below Cruzeiro do Sul and they have regular services in his home. They go down there on Sunday afternoons in canoes and return in time for church at night in Cruzeiro do Sul. He sent another picture of the congregation, all of them sinners. Then he sends another picture of the brethren who went with him. On the occasion of this picture one of the older men was saved and his boy thought to be deeply convicted.

Backsliders Return

Also there was a couple there who were baptized 18 years ago and did not walk well for a time, but were lured away from the word and fell into sin. This is not the first time they have attended, however. Recently they have been interested. (Next page, Column one)



A view of Cruzeiro do Sul showing the market on the right and other commercial houses in the rear.



Pastor Miguel Ibernón (with pole in hand) and a group from the church in a canoe ready for a journey to the Sunday afternoon preaching point five miles down river.



This is the group that the pastor found to preach to. One of these was saved and two other backsliders were restored to fellowship.

UPS AND DOWNS IN
OUR MISSION WORK

Many are the ups and downs in the Lord's work and how in this mission work. There have been times over the years when we have wondered what would be the outcome of our efforts and the work. Only a few years ago the pastor who was in charge of the work gave it up and left Brother Brandon without support. From a human standpoint it seemed that the work at last had come to an end and many were grieved about it. But the Lord was testing as he did Abraham old. The Lord did not test Abraham before he was ready to be tested. The same is true in this mission work. We often thought what if Brother Brandon should die, what about the work in Peru came in with and then Brother Hallum opened a work in Columbia which was carried on by the native missionary Don Thomas. Brother

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Inspiring Letter From R. P. Hallum Gives Cause For Rejoicing

Iquitos, Peru.
January 4, 1949.

Christian and New Year's Greetings:

Your letter to Marguerite and also the LIGHT AND SHIELD for December in separate cover came yesterday. The December issue of the MISSION SHEETS came a few days ago, all of which reminds me of my procrastination in not replying to your letter received the first of December with enclosed checks. For the last month I have been occupied during the daytime attending to the finishing of the Sunday School rooms which we had constructed. Now they are plastered both outside and inside and the entire house painted outside and inside. We completed the work the twenty-fourth of December. The work was done during one of the hottest periods of weather that I have experienced since I have been here. This hot weather ex-

tended through Christmas week but it has been raining for the last few days and it is much cooler.

Makes a Journey With Noe

On Wednesday of last week the boy and I went up the Nanay River, returning on Friday. We went to Tipischa, the place farthest up the river which we had formerly visited. It is the settlement where the rubber workers live except when the water is very high. We were informed before arriving there that several families were there but upon arriving we found only one family, man, wife and some children, and a young man who was keeping the house of the owner of the business. Some people who were going up the river stopped there for the night and we had a service. I preached to a half dozen or more. The next day, Thursday, we went further up the river, stopping at some houses, con-

versing with the people on the gospel and the question of preparing to meet God. We arrived at a place called Ninarrumi, a settlement of 8 or 10 families and stayed there over night. We had a service. I think most of the people who lived there attended. I felt that the Lord was with us and that some good will result because of our effort. They were very kind to us. The men were most of all helping one of their neighbors clear land for a new chacra (farm). They were drinking masata, I think it was pretty strong for some of them manifested that they were almost drunk, but did not hinder us in the service. The following day we returned. Hope to make a trip to another part the last of the week.

Surrenders to Preach

Last night I began teaching a class of young men Bible lessons. I plan to teach two nights (Next page, Column four)

WE NOW SUPPORT
13 MISSIONARIES

Brother Brandon, the three Hallums, the two Parrotts, Don Thomas in Columbia and the six native missionaries in Brazil makes thirteen missionaries. The salaries for these 13 missionaries amount to about \$1155.00 a month counting the cost for transfer of funds. Then there is the cost to print and send out this paper and the cost for trips to and from the mission fields and then the journeys on the fields and the needed things that we have already mentioned. Surely this is a glorious work. You read in almost every issue of the paper of several souls saved and baptized. All this without any paid secretaries or office rent or bosses to interfere with pastors and churches. There are many who would like to join in the support of this work, but they are afraid of the powers to be. There is not anything to be afraid of. Just send in your offerings and then you

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NEWS FROM BRAZIL

(Preceding page, Column 3) ested, but that Sunday the man came in tears and his wife following after the invitation was given. It so happens that he is the oldest son of the man who was sick and restored. Don't you know that was a happy meeting? How I would have loved to have been there.

Conversion in the Jail

The following Sunday he tells of the conversion of a prisoner in the jail and the interest of others. The services there have been better attended recently and with more interest, so he says. Perhaps I have said already but for fear not, let me say that there is an excluded member of our church in the jail now, a woman. She gives every sign of a believer and she has six boys, all of them young men and all of them are lost. I hope we will pray for the reconciliation of this woman and the salvation of her boys.

Parana Dos Mouros

Brother Maio, the native worker at Parana dos Mouros had written and said there has been another conversion there, —a young woman, and all were very happy. He also spoke of another profession of faith among the lepers. That makes me happy for I somehow love to see or hear of a leper being saved more than anyone else. I know they are not better, but their need seems greater. How-be-it, it is not, for leprosy is just a type of sin.

Plans a Journey

The pastor (Miguel) had his plans made to go up the Jurua River on the tenth of November and if things worked out right he has made the journey ere this. I do hope the Lord will prosper him in his journey. He says that from the interior points all is well. Praise the Lord Jesus.

Eight Saved In Manaos

Another letter from Pastor Santiago who is working in Manaos says the work is prospering in a most satisfactory way. They are preaching on the streets four times a week and have not lost a night since I left there. They have worship two nights a week in the church building and another is a night dedicated to prayer in the home of one of the brethren. (That takes care of all seven nights in the week). He reports eight professions of faith, three of which have been baptized and the other five expecting to be soon. He also says that there was a couple that he had won to the Lord some years ago, and who were members of the Second Church, came for membership with us. Now they have opened a preaching point in their home, or better to say in the street near their home. That is the best place that I know of to preach, that is more people come together. The man has a little store and has a good influence with the people. They expect good results from there.

An Adventist Gets Enough

On one occasion an adventist who is a neighbor entered in a discussion with the brethren,

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Liberty Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio.....	\$ 18.15
Bellview Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky.....	14.51
Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Cadiz, Ky.....	70.00
Buffalo Avenue Baptist Church, Tampa, Fla.....	106.70
Buffalo Ave. Baptist Church, Tampa, Fla. (Hope Bible Class)	35.00
Buffalo Ave. Baptist Church, Tampa, Fla., Hope Bible Class (Parrotts)	3.00
Liberty Baptist Church, Central City, Ky.....	10.87
South Side Baptist Church, Winter Haven, Fla.....	55.00
Big Creek Baptist Church, Wayne, West Va.....	5.00
Ahava Baptist Church, Plant City, Fla.....	45.00
Ahava Baptist Church, Plant City, Fla. (Special for Peru) ..	42.60
Micanopy Baptist Church, Micanopy, Fla.....	5.00
Bible Missionary Baptist Church, DeQuency, La.....	10.41
Seven Springs Baptist Church, Dycusburg, Ky.....	34.37
North Ballard Baptist Church, Wickliffe, Ky.....	69.00
Little Obion Baptist Church, Wingo, Ky.....	5.00
Friendship Baptist Church, Lincoln Park, Mich.....	51.92
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn, Mich.....	14.95
Bethel Baptist Church, Roseville, Mich.....	18.00
Zoar Baptist Church, Bardwell, Ky.....	22.49
Zoar Baptist Church, Bardwell, Ky.....	22.39
Ryan Road Baptist Church, Van Dyke, Michigan.....	9.89
Little Sewell Baptist Church, Rainelle, West Va.....	50.00
Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, Ky.....	19.78
Raiford Baptist Church, Raiford, Fla.....	5.00
Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Hickory, Ky.....	13.27
Grace Baptist Church, Owensboro, Ky.....	5.00
South Side Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky. (B. Y. P. U.) ..	6.43
South Side Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky.....	54.00
Harbor View Baptist Church, Harbor View, Ohio.....	10.66
Second Baptist Church, Marion, Ky.....	14.45
South Union Baptist Church, Cadiz, Ky.....	31.00
Tabernacle Baptist Church, Lewisburg, Ky.....	105.00
United Baptist Church, Muncie, Ind.....	10.00
North Side Baptist Church, Mayfield, Ky.....	36.22
Beech Grove Baptist Church, Bardwell, Ky.....	14.16
First Baptist Church, White Plains, Ky.....	12.00
Maranatha Baptist Church, Grand Rapids, Mich.....	9.68
Boyd's Hill Baptist Church, Cadiz, Ky.....	35.00
First Baptist Church, Russell, Ky.....	95.65
Harmony Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich.....	130.00
Harmony Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich. (for Parrotts' trip)	5.00
Grace Baptist Church, Base Line, Mich.....	60.66
Seventh Street Baptist Church, Cannelton, Ind. (for Parrotts)	20.00
Danelyton Missionary Baptist Church, Flatwoods, Ky.....	23.00
Charles Farris, San Angelo, Texas.....	5.00
Mrs. Rose Bolle, Cincinnati, Ohio.....	5.00
Miss Georgia Brandon, Benton, Ky.....	10.00
Mrs. Lillian Barker, Covington, Ky.....	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Hoag, Detroit, Mich.....	25.00
Ferrell Kennedy, Grafton, Ohio.....	1.00
John H. Kain, West Cape May, N. J.....	5.00
Miss Maude Hunt, Franklin, Ky.....	5.00
L. R. Reynolds, Yuma, Colorado.....	20.00
Wade Daugherty, Monticello, Ky., for the Parrotts' trip....	30.00
C. B. Massey, Providence, Ky., for Parrotts' trip.....	20.00
Mr. VanAtter, Detroit, Michigan.....	5.00
Mrs. E. H. Purdom, Elmhurst, Ill.....	5.00
Miss Vorise Kirk, Kermit, West Va.....	20.00
Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Lewis, Stilwell, Okla.....	100.00
Mrs. C. E. Stewart, Stockdale, Ohio.....	1.00
Mrs. Nellie Frazee, Stockdale, Ohio.....	1.00
Charles W. Lester, Baden, Pa.....	20.00
Dr. D. J. Dunn, Worthington, Minn.....	5.00
Joseph I. Sproles, Benhams, Va.....	2.00
TOTAL.....	\$1725.21

Z. E. CLARK, Treasurer

As the Lord leads you, send all offerings for 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 in envelope. Address to:

Elder Z. E. Clark
Box No. 215
Cannelton, Indiana

P. S. Note the change in my box number from 202 to 215. I rented a larger box.

but was glad for the opportunity to get away and he has not returned for more. This couple has three children of Sunday School age that will help to build up our children's class. When I lived in Coary this pastor cooperated with me there. His daughter was converted and I baptized her. Years later she married a Pentecostist who obliged her to go with him. She did not have that faith but he was so hard to get along with that she went with him. Now he is dead and she returned to the church asking for reconciliation and forgiveness. The church accepted her. She also has two children of Sunday School age.

House Sold

The house where we were having services was sold and they were obliged to move. They now occupy one a bit smaller, but houses are hard to find there now. He reports the

church with a membership of 45 and five waiting for baptism. Also there are others who are interested in hearing the gospel, and those who hear may believe. May the Lord direct and bless you in the work and make you a blessing to the brethren and prosper you in His way. Remember me to your family and church, the grace of the Lord Jesus be with you all. Amen.

Sincerely,

J. F. BRANDON.

THE PARROTTS TO LEAVE

(Preceding page, Column two) stay for two years which will complete three years and then they will come home for a year's rest and visit to the churches. Every person who reads this, and every church and pastor who supports the work should pray earnestly for this young couple.

Many others should have a part in sending them out. When we first announced their plans to go we said that it would cost a minimum of \$3000.00 and perhaps much more for the needed things to take along with them and the cost of travel by train and boat and the hotel expense while waiting between trains and boats and between boats and boats. Many have responded to help in this great expense. Surely others who read this will want to have a part in the work also.



THIRTEEN MISSIONARIES

(Preceding page, Column five) are one of those who have a part in the work of these thirteen missionaries. When you read about the work you can say, "I help to support these missionaries and my mission offerings help to carry the gospel to the lost in Brazil, Peru and Columbia." Every Baptist ought to be missionary and if you want to support a real New Testament mission work, then you need to look no further.



HALLUM'S LETTER

(Preceding page, Column 4) a week. I am following the notes given in the first year of the Bible School at Murray by Brother H. B. Taylor. There were two in the class last night but I think there will be more later on. One of the men in the class, a Negro from Columbia near where Don Thomas works, stood up last Saturday night and stated that he felt called of the Holy Spirit to preach. He appeared to be sincere. I ask your prayers that the Lord may direct all this to the furtherance of His Gospel and for His glory. Many things I could mention that are not so encouraging but I will leave that out.

Your Imagination

Your imagination about our starting out on trips is very good. I suggest that while you are exercising your imagination that you imagine a high steep bank where we embark and the missionary is in a hurry and he grabs up the motor and starts down the steep bank and his feet go out from under him and he and the motor are stretched out on the ground. The missionary gets a sprained knee. Then imagine on another occasion the boy laying the motor on the end of the boat and then getting in and rocking the boat and the motor going overboard into the water. The motor is rescued but it takes about two hours to get the motor going so that we can go around the bend and disappear. Ha, ha. Then imagine on another occasion on arriving at our destination the boy before taking the motor out of the boat closes the valves so that the fuel won't run out but closes the carburetor valve so tight that when I get ready to start home the knob on the valve turns on the needle instead of the needle turning, but I did not notice this, thinking I was opening the valve. I worked until I was completely exhausted trying to start the motor when there was no fuel entering. At last I noticed the trouble and corrected it.

Yours truly,

R. P. HALLUM.

WHAT HAVE YOU DONE FOR MISSIONS THIS PAST MONTH? ARE YOU PROUD OR ASHAMED OF IT?

UPS AND DOWNS

(Preceding page, Column one) ther Brandon had to return to the States because of very serious illness and many thought that he would not live long. Many asked what about the five churches and the mission points in the Acre Territory and the one church in Manaos? What about preaching points where there are a few believers scattered up and down the streams? How will the native missionaries carry on without Brother Brandon? We could not answer the questions, but they are being answered in this paper from month to month. Brother Brandon made arrangements with the Bank of Manaos to pay the natives and the bank reports that they have been paid out of the account there every month. Brother Brandon receives letters from the workers and translates them and sends the news to you through this paper in letters and pictures. And now it looks as if the man who many thought had come home to die will soon return to his mission field again. If he just goes to receive the new missionaries and gets them settled and then has to come back it will be worth the cost of the trip. Truly there are ups and downs, but we recall that the Apostle Paul had a few also. He planted some churches and wrote to them from a jail and they carried on.

HALLUM WRITES OF PERSECUTIONS IN C. A.

Iquitos, Peru
January 10, 1949

Christian Greetings—

Your letter of January third with enclosed check for Don Thomas was received the eighth which was signed and sent to him. I received a letter from Don Thomas recently acknowledging receipt of check for December and telling of the death of one of the believers that lived in Cisneros. He had not been baptized but was intending to be baptized soon. Don Thomas speaks of persecutions received by the congregation of the C. A. because of what he had said about baptism. As rule persecution comes from religious sects mainly.

Catholics Imitate Name Baptist

This brings to my mind a notice that I saw the other day in the paper, something about the biggest Roman Catholic church in Iquitos giving as its name "Iglesia Matriz de Juan Bautista" which means First Church of John the Baptist. My impression is that this name has been adopted recently. It is the first I had heard about it. Imagine John the Baptist doing and teaching the things that the Roman Catholics do and teach. Imagine a Roman Catholic priest losing his head for denouncing sin as John the Baptist did. Well to meet someone in this part of the world that would speak the truth always at all cost would be a great encouragement to me. I have yet to meet one that has proved himself to have such conviction, even among the believers. This leaves all well except a cold and other minor ailments.

Yours in the Lord's service,
R. P. HALLUM.

P. S. I did not make a trip as planned last week on account of it being a big Roman Catholic holiday. It is difficult to do anything on one of these holy days. As a rule many of the men are drunk. I hope to make a trip right away.

"ABSALOM'S REBELLION"

(Continued from page two)

When He asked David for permission to leave the city he declared that he had made a vow and that he wanted to keep his promise which he had thus made to God. Instead, he left the city to bring his revolution to pass. He thus did so in the name of religion, professing loyalty to Jehovah.

The devil does likewise for the biggest part of his business is done in the name of religion.

There is the religion of evolution, which is not a science but rather a religion which teaches that man is evolving and does not need salvation.

This reminds me of S. Parks Cadman, a former president of the Federal Council of Churches. I think that the greatest thing that he ever did, he did the last day that he ever lived—namely, he died! Only a little while previously he declared in a radio broadcast, "The only passport to heavenly bliss is character, and character alone." No bigger lie has ever spawned outside of hell!

The great trouble with this religion is that men don't seem to be continuing in their progress. Instead, some resemble the male specie of the cow—very bull headed, others are quite fishy, while some are foxy. Many act considerably like the monkey and not a few resemble the laddy of the mule.

And there is another religion which the Devil pawns off on the world—the religion which denies the supernatural. More than half of the churches preach a religion of this type. Preachers in modernist churches preach no divine Savior but the son of a fallen woman. He preaches from no divine book, but one written by a man. He offers in Jesus no atoning sin but rather an example. He preaches no resurrected Christ, but talks rather of a sealed tomb. He sees no miracles in the Bible but rather describes those who participated in the miracles as being hypnotized.

Let me say that if you want that kind of a religion, then don't come here! I'm very old-fashioned as to the matter of theology. However, why shouldn't I be—I have an old-fashioned Bible and an old-fashioned Savior. And I love to preach a God who is all divine, a Bible which is all of God's revelation, and a living Savior who arose from the grave.

Then there is the religion of evolution by works. Sometime ago in preaching in the local railroad shops a man said, "I am not a Christian, but a good moral man." He said this just as he was going back to work after the lunch hour. Above the noise of the machinery that was just starting, I said, "There isn't a quicker, better, shorter, finer road to hell." Listen:

"For by grace are ye saved, through faith, and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God, not of works, lest any man should boast."—Eph. 2:8-9.

II

IT IS VERY INTERESTING TO NOTICE HOW THE LEADER OF THIS REBELLION WORKED. He worked when others were ignorant of his work. Absalom rose early to pour his poison into the hearts of the people. He worked while his father was asleep. Before any of his father's counsellors had arisen for their day's work, Absalom had already done his.

"Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, the kingdom of Heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his

field: but while MEN SLEPT, HIS ENEMY CAME AND SOWNED TARES among the wheat, and went his way."—Matt. 13:24-25.

"And the Lord commended the unjust steward, because he had done wisely: for the CHILDREN OF THIS WORLD ARE IN THEIR GENERATION WISER than the children of light."—Luke 16:8.

A good example of this is the way the Devil works with children while so-called Christian parents are asleep. I remember a woman who said that she wasn't going to try to make a Christian out of her boy until he reached the age of accountability. She declared that she was going to wait until he was ten or twelve years of age before she began to train him. You can be certain that the devil will not wait that long! He'll use the picture shows, evil minded companions, immodest dress and in a thousand other ways the Devil will sow his seeds in the child's mind. My advice to any Christian parent is to fill the child's mind with prejudice in favor of Jesus.

Absalom lied to bring this rebellion to pass. He lied to the people in making the promises to them which he did. He lied to his father as to his going to Hebron. In other words, his rebellion was built on lies.

This is one of the Devil's own tricks. He lies to unsaved sinners about salvation. He lies to you about men's characters. He lies to you about the Bible. He will lie to you about your Christian duty. He will lie to you about the sermons that you hear.

"Ye are of your father the Devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. WHEN HE SPEAKETH A LIE HE SPEAKETH OF HIS OWN: FOR HE IS A LIAR AND THE FATHER OF IT."—John 8:44.

Not only did Absalom lie to the people—he also flattered them. In this he was a typical politician. He told every man that his cause was just and that he was in the right. It was by this flattery and intrigue that he brought this revolution to pass. This the way the Devil works. He still flatters men and tells them that they are right. However, we are not all right—we are a bad lot, inside, outside, upstairs, and downstairs.

"ALL WE LIKE SHEEP HAVE GONE ASTRAY; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all."—Isaiah 53:6.

It is a sad thing but true that the Devil works through preachers in this manner.

Sometime ago a man said, "When I go to other churches, I go away feeling like a gentleman, but when I drag my carcass out of the First Baptist Church of Russell, I feel like a sheep-killing dog. I go home at night and can't sleep." Beloved, some of you ought to stay awake tonight. In fact, you ought never to close your eyes until you make things right with God.

It is interesting to notice also that Absalom intercepted those who were coming to the king for judgment. Thus he stood between the seeker and the source of wisdom.

This is the way the Devil always works as he stands between every sinner and the Lord Jesus. We have an example of it in the ministry of Jesus Himself.

"And as he was yet coming, THE DEVIL THREW HIM DOWN, and tear him and Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, and healed the child, and delivered him again to his father."

E'er we bring this message to a close, I want you to LOOK AT ABSALOM'S ARMY. They were an army of deceived folk. The word of God declares that "they went in their simplicity." They had been fully deceived by Absalom. The Devil has the whole world deceived today. It is his business to deceive the unsaved and he is doing a mighty good job in the task.

"And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, WHICH DECEIVETH THE WHOLE WORLD: He was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him."—Rev. 12:9.

"In whom the God of this world HATH BLINDED THE MINDS OF THEM WHICH BELIEVE NOT, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ who is the image of God, should shine unto them."—II Cor. 4:4.

"Absalom's army did not know that they were leaving Jerusalem, which was the place of sacrifice and the mercy seat. God had said concerning the mercy seat, 'And I will meet with thee.' Absalom and his army in leaving Jerusalem were thus leaving this place of meeting God.

Dear lost sinner friend, as you follow the Devil, you leave behind the cross of Christ—the only place a sinner can be saved.

Absalom's army did not know that they were going to certain destruction. They thought that with such a leader they could not fail. They were definitely positive of success. However, twenty thousand of them were slain, including Absalom himself.

How similar to the rebellion of Satan and the army which follows him, in which Satan and all those which follow him will be destroyed.

"And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night forever and forever. And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the Heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened; and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them and they were judged every man according to his works and death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire."—Revelation 20:10-15.

In my imagination I can see a man attempting to drive some pigs along the highway. He fails in his efforts for they wish to scatter to either side. Then he changes his tactics. He goes before them and scatters some grains of corn on the ground. They follow eagerly picking up the corn, even following through two wide open gates which close after them. Thus they follow to the slaughter house and to their death. This is a picture of every unsaved person. The Devil, dear sinner friend, is baiting you along. He is throwing down a few figurative kernels of corn in the form of some sin and you are following him to your destruction.

In conclusion may we note that all those who followed David were saved. What a contrast to those who follow Absalom! So it is that all those who follow Christ shall be saved whereas all who follow Satan

CHRISTIAN AND NON-CHRISTIAN RELIGIONS COMPARED

BELIEF CONCERNING HEAVEN

CHRISTIANITY. "He looked up steadfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God."—Acts 7:55. "In my Father's house are many mansions. I go to prepare a place for you."—John 14:2.

"He who loves not, lives not; he who lives by the Life cannot die."—Raymond Lull.

BRAHMANISM. The Brahman who has been true to the vows of his caste and performed the required "good works," is at death reabsorbed into Brahm as a drop of water is reabsorbed into the ocean from which it came.

"If you want to serve your race, go where no one else will go and do what no one else will do."—Mary Lyon.

HINDUISM. The goal of the Hindu is to escape from suffering. Heavenly experiences are attained by merit. Peace comes only by absorption into deity. No one has gone to prepare a place for them as in Christianity.

BUDDHISM. Nirvana is the heaven of Buddhism. There the personality of the Buddhist is absorbed into Buddha through contemplation. It is what they call the "western paradise," full of sensuous enjoyments.

TAOISM. The way to heaven is difficult because the spirits and gods are selfish and hinder one's progress. They can be coerced occasionally, but usually must be won by bribes or gifts.

"Win China to Christ and the most powerful stronghold of Satan upon earth will have fallen."—Mr. Wong.

CONFUCIANISM. Confucius confined his teaching to this world. Man's rewards and punishments for good or evil are received in this life, and there is no reckoning on what may or may not come hereafter.

Do you enjoy the money you spend on yourself and begrudge what you give to missions?

ZORASTER was a firm believer in the hereafter, both of the good and evil. His ethical teaching was of a high order, and it follows that his idea of heaven was less sensual than that of others.

PARSEES believe that after death the soul lingers near the place to the end of the third day and then goes to its long home. Heaven is the "house of hymns," where the angels ever sing praises.

SHINTOISM was absorbed by Buddhism so early in its history that it did not develop a full code of theological beliefs. Heaven seems to be a place where heroes are rewarded and worshipped.

"Now let me burn out for God."—Henry Martyn.

MOHAMMEDANISM teaches that heaven is a place of sensual enjoyments to which only Mohammedans can go. They will rest upon gold couches, be attended by celestial beings and be always eating, and drinking but never satiated.

"Ninety-nine per cent of the Christians in central Africa have been brought to Christ through agents of American churches."—Donald Frazer.

shall be irrevocably lost in hell. What a blessing it is to know that all those who follow the Lord Jesus Christ are eternally secure in Him!

"All that the Father giveth to me shall come to me, and HIM THAT COMETH TO ME I WILL IN NO WISE CAST OUT."—John 6:37.

ELEANOR BOASTS OF HER DRINKING

(Continued from page one)

most gatherings of national and international leaders. If brains foggy with alcohol cause tragedy and death on our streets and highways they are just as incapable of clear thinking and wise decisions at a conference table where the lives and interests of the nations are at stake.

—Allegiance

CANDID OPINION

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administration of justice, and bids defiance to every government which it cannot control."

Franklin Pierce, 14th President, was not a Mason. James Buchanan, 15th President, was a Mason, Abraham Lincoln, 16th President was not a Mason. Andrew Johnson, 17th President, was a Mason. Ulysses S. Grant, 18th President, was not a Mason. In his Memoirs, he stated, "All secret oathbound political parties are dangerous to any nation."

Rutherford B. Hayes, 19th

President, was not a Mason. James A. Garfield, 20th President, was a Mason. Chester A. Arthur, 21st President; Grover Cleveland, 22nd and 24th President; and Benjamin Harrison, 23rd President; were not Masons.

William McKinley, 25th President; Theodore Roosevelt, 26th President; and William H. Taft, 27th President; were Masons. Taft was made a Mason at sight after becoming President. Woodrow Wilson, 28th President, was not a Mason. Warren G. Harding, 29th President, was a Mason. Calvin Coolidge, 30th President; and Herbert C. Hoover, 31st President; were not Masons. Franklin D. Roosevelt, 32nd President, was a Mason. Harry S. Truman, 33rd President, was make a 33rd degree Mason after taking the office as President.

Thus it will be seen that two-thirds of the Presidents have been free from Masonic obligations, concerning which John Quincy Adams declared: "No President of the United States ought ever to be shackled by such obligations or be under the self-assuming burden of such penalties."

Masonry at the close of 1947 had a membership in the United States of 3,284,068 which was approximately three-fourths of the total world membership.

—From "Facts, Fun and Satire" published by St. Luke Bible School.

MODERNISM

By Benj. J. Dotson
Pastor, Immanuel Baptist Church
Elkhart, Indiana

*Modernism is not modern,
It's been here through ages past,
Unbelief in newer garments,
Atheism in new cast;
Parading in garb of Christian,
Speaking softly of the Book,
Casting compliments at Jesus,
Using tactics of the crook.*

*Raising questions on the doctrines,
Virgin birth, inerrant word,
Resurrection and ascension,
Second coming of the Lord;
Salvation by miraculous birth,
Through the blessed Holy Spirit,
Hooting at the great judgment day,
Declare they don't believe it.*

*Unbelief in guise of wisdom,
Hypothesis versus truth;
Affable in presentation,
Not discourteous, uncouth;
Satan appearing as an angel,
With a logic that appeals,
Deceiving the unsuspecting,
Yet, it's what God's word reveals.*

*God's Word teaches separation,
From unbelief to withdraw,
Have no fellowship with darkness,
Age-end struggle God foresaw;
The apostles in epistles
Foretell danger of this age,
When the gospel is rejected,
And "ear ticklers" are the rage.*

*Modernism is not modern,
It's as ancient as the race;
It leads to Hell and the judgment,
With its great white throne to face;
It's a lie so slick and subtle,
Hatched in Hell where demons stay,
It sounds almost like the gospel,
But it veers from Bible way.*

RIGHT OF THE INDIVIDUAL

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heartily (genuine Baptists) in the right of private interpretation of the Scriptures, they have been foremost in the translation and circulation of the Scriptures into the languages of much of the earth's population.

A Dangerous Tendency

But despite the age-long contention of Baptists that every believer ought to have a Bible in his mother tongue, and ought to read and study it, we have today the feeling among many that a Baptist church ought to let the writers of a "Board" furnish them with the proper interpretation of the Bible. Consequently my church is often criticized and the pastor villified because he leads the church into direct study of the Scriptures. "Does he think he knows more than the writers of the Board?" is the question sometimes asked. In answer we might say this: If a pastor isn't competent to lead his people in a study of the Scriptures, then he ought to resign and go to school for a period. No man is fit to preach, if he isn't fit to teach what the

Scriptures mean. It is a fine thing to read the writings of others and to get the ideas of others, but none of us should slavishly take what other people say without an examination of the Bible for ourselves.

Something Wrong

Churches of today—many of them—are poorly indoctrinated. Why? Why indeed? Because the current Sunday school system, and the failure to do doctrinal preaching and teaching, leaves people in ignorance of the great teachings of the Bible. One can go to churches and preach the truth on the simplest doctrines and there will be an explosion. It has happened. Such proves the dearth of Scriptural knowledge. Satan's greatest aid in the ignorance of the Bible is the present denominational Sunday school set up. Call this statement hard if you wish—it is so, and investigation will prove it.

Why the ignorance of the plan of salvation, such that many church members have no idea of how to be saved?

Why the alien immersion, open communion, women speaking in public, unionism, Easter observance, etc., etc.? The answer is DEARTH OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD'S WORD.

THE BAPTIST PROGRAM

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things He commanded. That commission was given to His churches and the "you" includes every member of every Baptist church in all the world. That "you" is individual as well as collective. The only limitations to the obedience enjoined therein are the limitations found in the infallible Word of God. God's commands are His enablings. "All things are possible to him that believeth." "I can do all things through Christ, who strengthened me." "As much as in me is" was Paul's limit. For that reason, he could say: "I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me." "My grace is sufficient for thee" is the Master's Word to each of us for any task He puts upon us. The all things He commanded include Baptist baptism as well as repentance and faith: for there was no other baptism but Baptist baptism, when this commission was given. He not only commanded the Lord's Supper, but put it inside of and under the control of the local church and no one has a right to put on the outside what He put on the inside (Acts 2:41-42, I Cor. 11:18-20). It was His ordinance and He had the right to put it where He pleased and it pleased Him to put the Lord's table in the Lord's house, which is the local church, the pillar and ground of the truth (I Tim. 3:15). He endorsed tithing in Matt. 23:23, but He never commanded it. He commanded men to sell all and follow Him. He commanded men not to lay up treasures on earth, but to lay them up in Heaven. He commanded three women who gave their all; but He nowhere commanded anybody for paying only the tithe. He both commanded and commanded giving (Luke 6:38, Acts 20:35): but no man has given anything until he has paid his tithe, which is a debt he owes God. When Jesus said: "Teaching them to observe all things I have commanded you," He meant all things commanded His churches in New Testament days. No command of His is antiquated or out of date. His words are as binding today as the day He spoke them. The truth changes not. "Forever O Lord, Thy Word is settled in heaven." God meant exactly what He said and there isn't a command in the Bible, that was intended for His children to obey, that is not easily understood, if we come to it with open mind and let it mean what it says. The little girl was right, who said: "If God did not mean what He said, why did He not say what He meant?" There is lots of quibbling by the self-willed and disobedient as to what God meant, when the meaning is right on the face of the command, if they were but willing to obey. "If any man wills to do His will, He shall know the doctrine, whether it be of God or whether I speak of Myself" — declared the Son of God Himself. Every man is without excuse for his disobedience, when he stands before God. One other fact from my second text.

5. Obedience The Test Of Rewards

The disappointments at the judgment will be humiliating and embarrassing. We speak

Lack of Home Reading

And many are ignorant because they let the dust cover the Bible at home.

now only of the saved. The test as to salvation will be whether they know Christ. "He that hath the Son hath life: and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life" (I Jno. 5:12). Where you go at death depends wholly on just one thing, namely, whether you have Christ in you, the hope of glory. But the Master was not speaking to sinners in Matt. 5:19. He was talking to His disciples. His words are very clear and simple and plain to them. If you disobey the commands of God's Word and teach others, you will be the least in the kingdom of heaven: if you obey and teach them, you will be great in the heavenly kingdom. How silly the W. M. U. and the B. Y. P. U. and the Seminaries and the Officialdom among Southern Baptists will fare that day. The Bible commands women to keep silence in churches (1 Cor. 14:32-37, 1 Tim. 2:8-15). Suppose that is the very least command in the Bible. I do not think it is. But just suppose it is. What did the Master say about the folks who broke the least command in His Word and taught others to break it? They shall be least in the heavenly kingdom. What humiliation, when practically all the leaders of Southern Baptists are asked to take a back seat and the more honorable, who obeyed the little commands of the Bible, are asked to come up and take a higher seat. Who said it would be that way? The Lord Jesus and He will be the judge that day (Lu. 14:7-11). The Bible says it is a shame for women to speak in the church. Women who thus disobey the Scriptures are honored in nearly all our Baptist assemblies now. But there is one place they will not be honored for their disobedience of God's Word. That will be when they have to take a back seat before Judge Jesus. The only women who will be honored then, will be homebodies, who wore modest apparel, were submissive to their husbands and obeyed the Book. Blessings on them! There are far more than seven thousand of them: but they are a very small remnant among the women of the South.

There are no degrees in sonship in God's family. There are no in-laws and stepchildren. Every one who has received the Lord Jesus is a son and every son is an heir. But there is a vast difference between those who are least in the kingdom, and the great in the kingdom. That is where obedience and loyalty come in. The obedient child will be great: the disobedient child will be least. That is why it not only makes a difference, but makes a lot of difference as to what church you join. If you have been born again you are sure of heaven: but if you belong to a church that Jesus calls a synagogue of satan or a harlot, all your works will be burned up and you will be saved so as by fire. Baptist churches are the only churches of Christ. There are no doubt great multitudes of saved people in the churches founded by Wesley, Calvin, Campbell, Luther, Daniel Parker, Henry the Eighth and others; but in the day of rewards they will be ashamed of all the works they did to build up their human institutions. The founders of these false churches can not reward them for building up what Jesus said He would uproot: and Jesus will not reward them for setting up rival churches to His own. In the day of assizes it will make lots of difference what church you joined. And the Master said that if you love father or mother or the family burying ground or anything else, even life itself, more than you do Him, that you

are not worthy of Him. What difference it will make at the judgment about the years of sinning wasted, when you lived in one place and kept your membership at another or in your trunk. Every believer will be rewarded for what he does for the Lord Jesus: but no man will be rewarded for his work in any church founded by a man. It will make lots of difference that day as to what church you joined. And then one of the supreme tests of that day will be what you did for missions. Jesus was the founder of missions, as well as the founder of the Baptists. I doubt if any opposer of missions will get to heaven: I seriously doubt the genuineness of his love to Christ. If any man does not love Christ, he will be accursed when Jesus comes (1 Cor. 16:22). Be that as may, the man who piddles about missions will want to hide out when he stands before Jesus. Missions are the very thing for which He died. Missions were His last command to His church. Missions is the business of churches. He shows very clearly what His heart is interested in when He said: "There is no man that hath left house or brethren or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands for My sake and the gospel's, but he shall receive an hundredfold more now in this time, houses and brethren and sisters and mothers and children and lands with persecutions: and in the world to come, eternal life" (Mark 10:29-30). No tither will get that blessing. That blessing is promised only to the man or woman who gives all to Christ and the gospel. Christ and the gospel are the very heart of missions. The lover of Jesus and His gospel is the point of distraction about missions, whose one obsession in life is missions, will be the great man in the heavenly kingdom. One other word. Read Matt. 10:40-42. No woman who dabbles in politics or social service or club life or who talks in public will be great in the heavenly kingdom. What they do, they do for show. They have their reward. Jesus said so (Matt. 6:1-7). The lodge and club man will fare just as badly in the day of rewards. Nothing to show for his life's work. Won't it be awful that day? What humiliation and chagrin! But the woman who stays in her place as a worker at home, and in her church; who is given to hospitality and sacrificial giving, will be great in the kingdom. Here is what the Master said: "He that receiveth a prophet in the name of a prophet, shall receive a prophet's reward." The only way a woman can get a preacher's reward is by entertaining him in her home and loyalty supporting him in his work. The Master and His Bible were both very peculiar. We have heard that very often, but never heard it quoted correctly. Jesus did not promise a reward to any Dick, Tom or Harry that gave a cup of water to some child or needy one. Far be it. What Jesus promised was that He would reward anyone who gave even a cup of cold water to one of His least ones, if it was done because they belong to Him (Mt. 9:41). The Red Cross and the "Good Fellows" and the Clubs and the Lodges and all the other worldly orders will look on in humiliation and shame that day, because they not only did not do their giving to those who belong to Jesus and because they were organized from which He received no glory. The Master's program was that all the glory for all our gifts and loving service should either glorify Him or magnify His church.