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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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The Preacher And The Use Of Tobacco

The following reasons I give why it is wrong for a preacher to use tobacco; neither am I saying that any other child of God has the right to use it.

I IT IS OFFENSIVE

A. Tobacco is offensive to a man's appearance. By looking at a group of men, nine times out of ten the tobacco users can be told merely by observation. It discolors the teeth, discolors and thickens the skin, leaves big yellow nicotine spots on the fingers, and usually there is a plug in the man's front shirt pocket where he keeps his pack. As a man of God, he should be a credit to the church house after appealing for men to put their all on the altar for God, with a cigarette, cigar,

pipe, chew, or dip of tobacco in his mouth, it shows that he hasn't put his all on the altar for God. God did not lead him to use the filthy stuff and the preacher—of all people—should be an example whether anyone else lives right or not. I Tim. 4:12 I Peter 2:21.

B. Tobacco is offensive to a man's breath. A preacher who is on the job for the Lord like he should be, cannot use tobacco and please the ones with whom he comes in contact. As he approaches a sinner, a preacher brother, or a church member to have a close confidential talk, if his breath is saturated with the foul odor of nicotine (in any form), it is repulsive to the one with whom he is speaking and NO MATTER WHAT ONE SAYS, there is a gap between the two, especially if the other

party does not use tobacco. Preacher brother, would you let tobacco possibly be the cause of standing in a sinner's path since he did not care to get that close to your offensive breath?

C. Tobacco is offensive to a man's ability. No preacher who uses tobacco can preach as hard and hold out as long as he could if he were an abstainer. Nicotine naturally takes one's wind or breath and you'll find that no prize fighter would dare take nicotine into his system. Paul's writings assure us that we are fighters for Christ so shouldn't the fighters of Christ be at full strength for the great fight which lies at hand and ahead? Not long ago, I heard a tobacco user who got up and started preaching like a cyclone, but before long he began to tire and (Continued on page four)

GOD HOLDS THE KEY

God holds the key of all unknown, and I am glad.
If other hands should hold the key,
Of if He trusted it to me,
I should be sad.

What if tomorrow's cares were here without its rest?
I'd rather He'd unlock the day,
And as the hours swing open, say,
Thy will is best.

The very dimness of my sight makes me secure;
For groping in my misty way,
I feel His hand, I hear Him say,
My help is sure.

I cannot read His future plan, but this I know;
I have the smiling of His face,
And all the refuge of His grace,
While here below.

Enough. This covers all my wants, and so I rest.
For when I cannot He can see,
And in His care I safe shall be,
Forever blest.

—David Roberts.

HINTS TO PREACHERS LEST THE HEARERS BECOME WEARY

The Westover Hills Methodist Church, Richmond, Va., had a new pulpit last week. A Richmond lawyer, R. Westwood Winfree, whose hobby is wood-carving, made it himself and donated it to the church. Not until after it was installed did the pastor, M. J. Gray, discover what was carved on the back, where no preacher could miss it: "Blessed is he who knoweth when to stop talking and sits down."

This reminds us of a report coming from a missionary concerning a South African tribe which has a unique way of limiting speeches that might become boring to the audience. There is an unwritten law that every public speaker must stand on one leg while addressing an audience. As soon as his other (Continued on page four)

Church Government In The N. T. — And Today



ELDER ROY MASON
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What sort of church government was designed to obtain in the churches of the Lord Jesus down through this present age? What sort of governments are in existence in the different church organizations today?

The New Testament Plan

Separateness and autonomy of each local church.
We don't read about "the church of Judea," or the church

of such and such a region. In instances where more than one group was spoken of the term "churches" was used. (Examples, Acts 9:31; 15:41; I Cor. 14:34; Rev. 22:16). Often we see the term "The Southern Baptist Church." There "hain't no sich animal." When the brethren talk about "or bee-loved denomination" they have that big church idea. All of the New Testament churches were self-governing bodies.

Abuses: The modern Baptist attempt to "build a denomination" with the chain store as a model, is an abuse. We have developed an ecclesiastical system with standards, manuals for run-

Mused Uncle Mose

Dey's some brudders dat say dey don't tithe 'cause dey cain' figger out how much dey makes. But Law', dey don't fool Uncle Sam dat way.

ning the auxiliaries, etc. The aim is to make the local church into a "chain store unit" that is really governed at "headquarters." Proof of this is found in the fact that if a church deviates from the denomination plan to any extent, a howl is raised and church and pastor are branded "disloyal."

Representatives of local church were termed messengers (not delegates). A church does not delegate its authority — it sends representatives to sit in council with those of other like churches. (See II Cor. 8:23).

Each church was a pure democracy. A case in point is Acts 6:5.

Contributions were not levied or "quoted" but Paul solicited voluntary contributions to a benevolent fund. See II Cor. 8:8-14. When this contribution had been gathered from the churches, messengers went with (Continued on page four)

T. P. SIMMONS TO GIVE "TRAIL OF BLOOD" AT TABORS CREEK SOON

For the benefit of our readers in the vicinity of Ft. Gay, W. Va., and Louisa, Ky., we wish to announce that Eld. T. P. Simmons will give his lectures on "The Trail of Blood" at Tabors Creek Baptist Church, near Ft. Gay, on April 2nd and 3rd.

The first lecture will be given Saturday night at 7:30. Other lectures will be heard on Sunday morning, Sunday afternoon, and Sunday night.

These lectures show the perpetuity of Baptist churches from New Testament days down to the present. They vindicate the distinctive principles held by Baptists. They emphasize especially the local nature, independence, and democracy of New Testament churches, the nature and place of the two church ordinances, and the doctrine of (Continued on page four)

Biblical Answers

A little girl was asked by a priest to attend his church, and she refused, saying that it was against her father's wishes. The priest said she should obey him and not her father. Immediately the girl replied that the Bible taught "Honour thy father and thy mother." "But," said the priest, "you have no business to read the Bible." The girl replied: "But the Saviour said, 'Search the Scriptures.'" Said the priest: "That was to the Jews, not to children." "But not Paul say to Timothy, 'From a child thou hast known the Scriptures?'" answered the girl. Said the priest: "Timothy was being trained to be a bishop of the church." "Oh, sir," said the girl, "he was taught by his mother and grandmother!" The priest turned away discomfited, saying that the girl had "enough Bible to poison a whole parish." —Gospel Witness.

The First Baptist Pulpit

"CAN THE POPE CONSIGN A SOUL TO HELL?"

"I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death." —Rev. 1:18.

I am sure there is not a person here but what has read something of the Mindzenty trial. Regardless of your opinions concerning that trial I want to speak to you tonight from one angle of it.

After this Catholic Cardinal Mindzenty had been sentenced, all over America and the whole world as well, went up a cry from the Catholics of persecution. The magazines — partic-

ularly the pictorial magazines — carried pictures of Catholics in their cathedrals interceding in prayer in behalf of this condemned cardinal.

Growing out of all this comes the anathematization and excommunication on the part of the Catholic Church against those who have taken part in the trial against Mindzenty. The papers said that the Pope assisted by twelve priests who stood with lighted candles about him made this statement:

"Wherefore in the name of God the all powerful Father, Son, and

Holy Ghost of the blessed Peter, prince of apostles and of the saints in virtue of the power which has been given us of binding and loosing in heaven and earth we deprive (Then they put in the names of each and every one of the individuals who had taken part in the trial against Mindzenty.) and all his accomplices and all his abettors of the communion of the body and blood of our Lord, we separate him from the society of all Christians, we exclude him from the bosom of our holy mother the church in heaven and on earth, we declare him excommunicated and (Continued on page two)

The Farmer's Horse

A farmer owned a delivery horse who had considerable speed. When a customer came out of the house and called "milk" the horse was trained to stop. The old man decided to enter the horse in the horse race at the country fair. He brushed him very carefully; clipped his tail and practiced him on the race track. The day of the race came and for a time it seemed that the horse would win. Another old farmer who had also entered a horse had a sudden idea. He stood up in his seat and called loudly "milk." The horse stopped and another horse won the race. What was the trouble? The horse looked like a race horse — he had been associated with race horses and treated like one, but in his heart he was still a delivery horse. He had not changed inside and when the old call came he listened to it. It is just that (Continued on page four)

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anathematized and we judge him condemned to eternal fire with Satan and his angels and all the reprobates as long as he will not burst the fetters of the demons, do penance, and satisfy the church, we deliver him to Satan to mortify his body that his soul may be saved on the last day of judgment."

Then the priests cried, "Fiat, fiat, fiat," meaning, "Thus be it," and hurled their candles to the ground as if to say by that act as the light of the candles went out, "We consign this soul to the darkness of the pit of hell fire."

I

THIS IS ABSOLUTELY FALSE SINCE JESUS CHRIST ALONE HAS THE KEYS TO HELL. My text says, "I am he that liveth and was dead and buried, I am alive forever more, Amen, and HAVE THE KEYS OF HELL AND OF DEATH." Brother, sister, the keys to Hell are in the hands of Jesus Christ who is alive, resurrected from the grave and not in the hands of the pope nor any other earthly human being. If that were the only scripture in all the Word of God thus to teach, I would thereby know that the Catholic Church cannot consign a soul to Hell. Yet, beloved, that is not the only scripture and as I shall proceed with this message, I shall present to you many other scriptures of the same

Job learned things about God in his adversity that he never dreamed of in his prosperity.

precious truth — that Jesus Christ only has the keys to Hell and no one can act in His place. I recognize the fact that our Catholic friends say that the pope acts today with delegated authority from God and that he serves in Christ's stead in this world. They even go so far as to say that Jesus Christ passed His own priesthood down to the pope. Yet, beloved, this is absolutely false. Listen:

"But this man, because he continueth ever, hath an UNCHANGEABLE priesthood." — Heb. 7:24.

This text is a reference to the Lord Jesus Christ. It says that He continues ever. It thus declares that the Son of God lives forever. And, therefore, he hath "an unchangeable priesthood." Now, the King James version does not fully bring out the meaning of the Greek word that is translated "unchangeable." Actually, beloved, that Greek word which is thus translated "unchangeable" means a priesthood that cannot pass to someone else. It thus says that the priesthood of Jesus Christ is so unending and so unchangeable and so continuing and so abiding that it cannot pass from Him to anyone else. Therefore, beloved, when the pope would consign those whom he says have persecuted Mindzenty into eternal damnation and the darkness of Hell, he is acting upon an usurped authority for the Word of God says that the priesthood of Jesus Christ is an unchangeable, unalterable priesthood that remains the same with Jesus Christ forever.

II

However, beloved, THIS IS JUST LIKE MUCH OF THE TEACHINGS OF CATHOLICISM in that it is without scriptural support. I say, beloved, it is like much, if not the majority of the teachings of Catholicism; it is without scriptural support.

Take for example that teaching of Catholicism that the priest can come between the soul of man and God. It, beloved, is without one scintilla of scriptural evidence for its support. In fact, it is flatly and definitely contradicted by many, many scriptures in God's Word.

"For there is one God, and

ONE MEDIATOR between God and men, the man Christ Jesus." — I Tim. 2:5.

This verse declares that up in Heaven is God, down here on earth is man and there is just one mediator to come between God and man and that is the man Christ Jesus.

Twenty years ago and better I sat up one night in the city of Cincinnati until two o'clock in the morning talking to a young Catholic girl. I read to her scripture on top of scripture and finally came to this verse. I read it. I explained it. I tried to clinch all the argument that I had put to her that night with this one verse of scripture. She asked me if I had a Catholic Bible, and I did not have such with me at that time. She said she would like to see a Catholic Bible — that she would like to see if that verse were in the Catholic Bible. Then she said, "If it is, the whole system of Catholicism fails." Brethren, her logic is one hundred per cent right. What does it say? One God in Heaven, man on earth, and one mediator between God and man and that mediator is the Lord Jesus Christ. That, beloved, is just a sample of the teachings of Catholicism. How contradictory to the Word of God they are!

There is their teaching of the infallibility of the pope, — namely that he can't make a mistake. They did not even know that themselves until the latter part of the 19th century and it is less than one hundred years ago that they found out themselves that when he had his scarlet robe on that he was infallible and that he couldn't make a mistake. But brethren, long, long ago this Word of God declared that whether he had on a scarlet robe or whether he was wearing his birthday pajamas that every man, pope included, was a sinner in the sight of God.

"For there is not a just man upon the earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not." — Ecc. 7:20.

Paul declared the same thing in the Book of Romans:

"For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." — Romans 3:23.

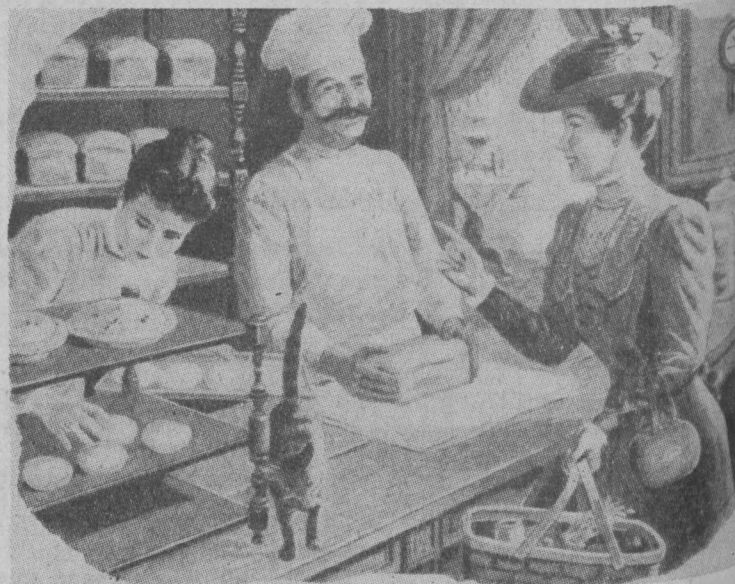
So brethren, when the Catholics say that their pope is infallible, it is another teaching of Catholicism that is without one particle of scriptural support.

The existence of purgatory into which poor souls are consigned when they die and from which later they may emerge purified into Heaven, is another Catholic heresy. I grant you, beloved, that this would be a comforting truth if it were the truth. I am ready to grant you it would be mighty pleasant, most precious and wonderfully sweet to the majority of this audience tonight who have had loved ones die to go to Hell because they died without Christ Jesus. It would be mighty precious if purgatory were a reality. If, beloved, an individual could go to Hell and suffer awhile for his sins and then finally get into Heaven, that would be exceedingly precious to the hearts of everyone of us. Of course, that would make purgatory to be a great and successful reform school where all the incorrigible of this earth who wouldn't be corrected in time would be corrected in eternity. But, brethren, like much of Catholicism, it is not only without scriptural foundation, but contrary to the Word of God in every particular. Listen:

"And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom; the rich man also died, and was buried." — Luke 16:22.

This is the story of the rich man and Lazarus. Two men lived, two men died. Two men lived on after death. The rich

AMERICA HAS COME A LONG WAY IN THE PAST FIFTY YEARS



"PICK ME OUT A NICE BROWN LOAF, CHRIS!"

He picked it out—by the touch system! One loaf after another he handled, pinched, poked, put back. And he did the same for all his good customers!

"The bake shop" has grown up! How that housewife of the 1890's would envy the housewife of 1940's—who has a nice brown loaf often delivered right to her door, yet untouched by human hands.

However, the Bread of Life remains the same.

"I am that bread of life." — John 6:48.

"Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever." — Heb. 13:8.

"For I am the Lord, I change not." — Mal. 3:6.

III

MEN ARE NOT TO FEAR EXCOMMUNICATION BUT A HELL WITHOUT JESUS CHRIST. I don't care if tomorrow the pope consigns my soul to Hell. It will not make one particle of difference to me. The fact of the matter is, beloved, I would count it an honor for him to consign my soul to Hell. Brethren, you don't need to fear any church's excommunicating you and anathematizing you into Hell. The thing you need to fear, sinner friend, is the Word of the Bible that God says, awaiting every unbelieving reprobate who has rejected Jesus Christ as Saviour. Listen:

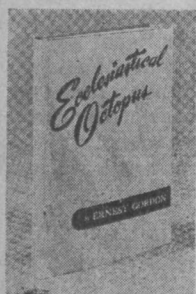
"The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God." — Psalms 9:17.

"And if thy hand offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter into life maimed, than having two hands to go into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched; where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched. And if thy foot offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter into life, than having two feet to be cast into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched: where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched. And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out: it is better for thee to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire: Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched. For every one that shall be salted with fire, and every sacrifice shall be salted with salt."

Brother, you'd be better to go around with a black patch over one eye, with an artificial hand protruding from the stub of an arm and with a peg leg that you might get into Heaven than to carry a whole body into the fires of Hell. These are drastic operations of which Lord speaks. Say to you tonight, you don't have to worry about a pope consigning you to Hell.

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Brandon And Parrotts Leave For Brazil

R. P. Hallum Tells Of New Difficulties In
Getting New Missionaries Into Peru

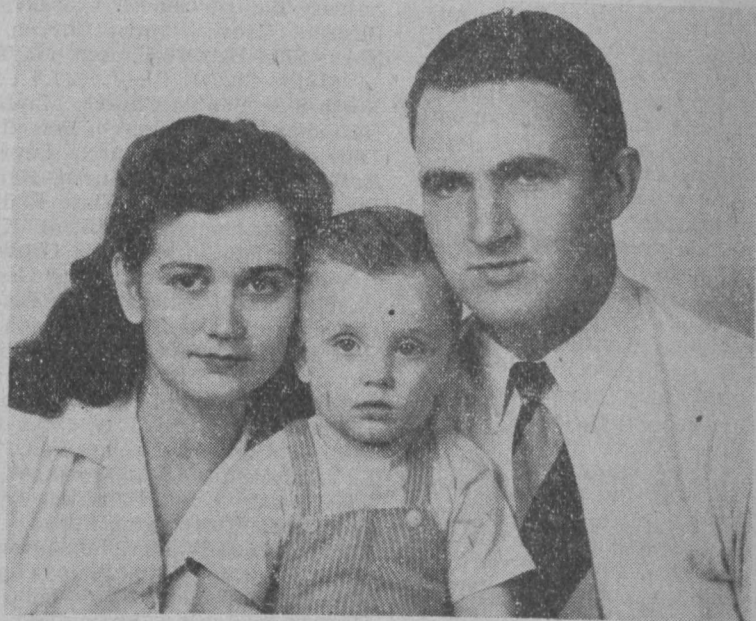
I am writing to acknowledge receipt of checks. Don Thomas' check was signed and forwarded on to him immediately. We always appreciate your letters of news, or current events of the work. Glad for the favorable report about Brother Brandon and the prospect of his returning to the mission field, also that Brother Parrott and wife and baby expect to sail soon. It seems much easier for new missionaries to enter Brazil than to enter Peru. For the last few years there has been a ruling of the State Department of Peru to allow only old established missionaries to re-enter or new ones to take their places while they are out of the country, but of late (last two years) some few new ones have entered some way. This is the work of Rome. They are trying to put an end to the evangelical work in Peru. I know of no country where it is more difficult to get new missionaries into than Peru, that is those who are recognized as missionaries. Many have entered the country as interpreters of Indian dialects and are doing missionary work.

Change In Government

The government was over-
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LOTS OF WORK IN
GETTING MISSIONARY
READY TO LEAVE U. S.

It is a hard job to get ready to go to the mission field. Lots of work and red tape. For several months we have been working with Brother Parrott to get things ready for the Parrotts to go to Brazil. Missionaries need some things for their health and to enable them to better carry on their work. One of the most needed things is a kerosene operated refrigerator because the climate is so hot under the equator. Then they need a portable typewriter and a folding organ, and a treadle model sewing machine, and a gasoline operated washing machine, and a small portable all wave radio and clothes for the hot weather and medicines and a stove to cook on, and a mattress and many other items. To get all this requires lots of work and time. Then it must be shipped to New York City to a forwarding company to properly crate and mark and to get the proper papers, etc. Then there is the matter of getting passage on a boat then the passport must ap-
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Missionary Billy E. Parrott, Mrs. Parrott and son, Jerry. Bro. Parrott sent a telegram from Hoboken, New Jersey Friday afternoon, March 4, advising, "Now aboard M. S. JUTAHY. Will sail 7:30 a. m. tomorrow."

May He who called you from this land to those dark lands afar,
Prepare the way, and guide each step, and may His sovereign power
Subdue the forces of the night, that hold men in their sway,
And give you souls, yea many souls, that at the crowning day
We shall rejoice, yea, you and us, for you can go and we can pray.

And may His Spirit fill your hearts, and filling overflow,
Till all around shall feel the power; and may you daily know
That what He's written He'll fulfill; His promises are yea.
He's promised fruit, He'll give it sure, and on that crowning day
We shall rejoice, yea, you and us, for you can go and we can pray.

And be assured that when we stand before our Lord above,
He'll not forget the times we prayed, nor yet your work of love;
Together the rewards we'll share; seems now we hear Him say,
Rejoice together, ye who went and ye who stayed to pray,
Your work is done, the sheaves are here, this is the crowning day.
—Copied

Brandon To Start His
26th Year In Brazil
As Missionary

J. F. Brandon went to Brazil in 1923. In these 25 years he has led hundreds to Christ and has organized 11 Baptist churches. He has broken the brush as it were, going places where others had not been and preaching to people who had never heard the gospel. The Lord has greatly blessed his work. The native missionaries were saved under his preaching and answered the call to preach and are now doing missionary work among their own people in the Acre Territory and at Manaus in the State of Amazonas. When one considers that these men have received their Bible training under Brother Brandon and the good work they are doing, it makes the work he has done shine all the more. There have been many good missionaries in the past and there are many good ones now, but considering the length of time and the conditions under which each have worked we know of none who have done a greater work than J. F. Brandon. A few months ago he returned home a very sick man. He went to the Baptist Hospital in Memphis for medical examination and treatment. After a few days there he returned home and then went back again later for another examination and then returned home for treatments. He has advised us that the doctors have said that he would be better off in Brazil than here as the climate there would suit him better. He is not in good health.
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Brandon Sends News Of An 800 Mile Trip
By Missionary Miguel Ibernion In Brazil

This afternoon came a letter from Miguel Ibernion. I have not heard from him in so long that I was discouraged, but this is the best report that I ever saw from a native. He left Cruzeiro do Sul on the tenth of November and returned the fifth of January. Traveled 800 miles, preached in 18 centrally located places to a counted attendance of 2546 adults and many children who were estimated as being too small to understand.

Most All Lost

There were but few believers among them and the most of them had never heard the gospel. That is the biggest thing I have heard of in many a moon and it does fill my heart with joy to read about it. He travelled on a river that had never had the gospel, the Teja. It is a tributary of the Jurua 250 miles up stream from Cruzeiro do Sul. Not far from the headwaters of that river is the largest tribe of wild Indians we have in our part of the country. He said that he was able to speak to some of them but saw

no results. When he arrived in Cruzeiro do Sul he found that they were in very great need of him, and all were so happy.

Work Started At Quatrozi

One of the brethren at Morapirango has begun a work at Quatrozi and is having good results. There have been three converted recently at Quatrozi and one in Morapirango. He said he had received letters from the other brethren that he would read and then write me what the news is as soon as he can. He said there were some other conversions but did not know how many. He would be going to baptize them soon and then he would write.

News From Manaus

Another good letter from the pastor in Manaus says they are getting ready to receive the new missionary, Brother Parrott, and that all are very happy over the thought of his coming. There have been three conversions in Manaus recently and five baptisms. They have received the money for January and February.
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Missionary Billy Parrott And Wife Sailed
For Brazil On March 5 On M. S. Jutahy

Brother Billy Parrott preached at Harmony Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich., on Sunday night, February 27, before leaving the next morning by train for New York where they sailed on the steamer JUTAHY for Brazil on March 5. The largest night crowd in the history of Harmony Church was present for the service. Brother Parrott preached with power and then they were given the right hand of fellowship at the close of the service. There were no promises of what he would do or not do and no stories for sympathy. He read his scripture and then preached. The service was recorded on the pastor's new wire recorder. They left Detroit Monday morning at 8:30 and arrived in New York about 10:30 the same night. Hotel for the first night was \$11.00, then the forwarding company found a place for them to stay at the

National Bible Institute for \$5.00 a night until the boat left. They are to embark at Belem a city at the mouth of the Amazon River and as soon as possible go up the Amazon River 1000 miles to the city of Manaus where they are to stay until they learn the language and get acclimated, then they are to go up the Amazon River 500 miles to the mouth of the Jurua River and then up the Jurua for 200 miles to Cruzeiro do Sul, a town of about 6000 people in the Acre Territory. Here they are to live and preach the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ to the lost. We tried to get passage for them all the way to Manaus on the same boat. This boat after getting to Belem makes a trip along the coast and then comes back to Belem again before going up the river. The passenger agent in New York wrote to the
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LOTS OF WORK

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plied for within 30 days of the time the boat is to leave and then when the passport is received the missionaries, all of them, have to go to the office of the nearest Brazilian Consul, which for the Parrotts was Chicago, and appear before him in person for a visa with the passport in hand together with police certificates, health certificates, vaccination certificates, four pictures of each person, and a certified letter from the Mission stating that they are assigned as missionaries and for how long a period and that the Mission assumes their support. Also they must have a letter from the one in charge of the Mission work in Brazil telling of the need for new missionaries there and requesting that they be allowed to come. To apply for the passport the missionary must appear in person with certified birth certificates and with a witness before the clerk of a Federal Court before the application can be mailed to Washington. After weeks of hard work and many long distance phone calls and air mail special delivery letters and personal trips, the passport with the Brazilian Visa was received only three days before the Parrotts had to leave for New York to catch their boat. Many have given special offerings that all these needed things could be purchased and the new missionaries sent out. Brother John Gilpin got the new typewriter and sent it to us. A family of Friendship Baptist Church, Lincoln Park, Michigan, gave a large trunk, a family of Grace Baptist Church, Baseline, Michigan, gave a large trunk, and two families of Harmony Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich., gave trunks. This was a saving of at least \$100.00. Brother Jack Huchel and one of his laymen took the Parrotts in a car to Chicago to the Brazilian Consulate office. While in Chicago they called in person at the radio factory and got a tropically treated radio made for all types of currents and wave lengths as for battery and the radio company gave a large discount. Two people gave blood for a transfusion that Mrs. Parrotts might be in the best of health before leaving. And now we are ready to go through the same thing for other new missionaries. They are needed in Brazil and Peru badly. They must go on faith, depending on the Lord to lead the people to support them. The toils of the road will seem nothing when we get to the end of the way.

BRANDON SENDS NEWS

(Preceding page, Column 3)
ary, so he said in the letter today. He said that they told him at the bank that they had sent the other on to Cruzeiro do Sul for the workers there. That is all for now. I want to get this in the mail in time for the MISSION SHEETS.

Best wishes for the work,
J. F. BRANDON.

This short letter from Missionary Brandon has so much good news in it that it requires another reading. Think of it, while Brother Brandon is away from the field, a native preacher

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 1949

South Side Baptist Church, Winter Haven, Fla.	\$ 55.00
Friendship Baptist Church, Lincoln Park, Mich.	25.90
Liberty Baptist Church, Central City, Ky.	9.74
Buffalo Avenue Baptist Church, Tampa, Fla.	27.00
Buffalo Avenue Baptist Church, Tampa, Fla. (Hope Bible Class)	34.24
Bethel Baptist Church, Roseville, Mich.	21.00
Liberty Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio	25.64
Bellview Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky.	22.35
Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, Ky.	25.41
Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, Ky.	17.51
Bible Missionary Baptist Church, DeQuincy, La.	11.55
Micanopy Baptist Church, Micanopy, Fla.	5.00
Ahava Baptist Church, Plant City, Fla.	45.00
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn, Mich.	27.58
Big Creek Baptist Church, Wayne, W. Va.	5.00
Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, North Kenova, Ohio	12.00
Grace Baptist Church, Owensboro, Ky.	5.00
Ryan Road Baptist Church, Van Dyke, Mich.	12.42
United Baptist Church, Muncie, Ind.	10.00
Second Baptist Church, Marion, Ky.	17.02
Willisburg Baptist Church, Willisburg, Ky.	30.00
Little Obion Baptist Church, Wingo, Ky.	5.00
South Union Baptist Church, Cadiz, Ky.	32.00
South Side Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky.	4.86
Calvary Baptist Church, Clarksville, Tenn.	2.00
Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Hickory, Ky.	26.27
North Side Baptist Church, Mayfield, Ky. (Ladies Bible Class)	5.00
North Side Baptist Church, Mayfield, Ky.	41.95
Harmony Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich.	78.00
Tabernacle Baptist Church, Lewisburg, Ky.	80.00
Harborview Baptist Church, Harborview, Ohio	10.31
First Baptist Church, White Plains, Ky.	12.00
First Baptist Church, Russell, Ky.	121.78
First Baptist Church, Coal Grove, Ohio	13.00
Bethel Baptist Church, Sugar Grove, N. Carolina	25.00
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Mountain Home Baptist Church, Johnson City, Tenn.	5.00
Beech Grove Baptist Church, Bardwell, Ky.	15.19
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makes an 800-mile journey and preaches in 18 places to 2456 adult people. Souls saved at Morapirango and Quatrizi and Manaos with several baptized and others waiting baptism. We join with Brother Brandon in saying that this is the best report that we have ever seen from a native missionary and surely it thrills our heart.

THEY WILL KEEP

The ones who are really born again will keep. Many times we have heard Brother Brandon tell of natives who were saved while he was on a journey and then he would have leave them, and months or years later he would see them again and find them even stronger in the faith. The ones who are saved endure. The times that the work is down makes the times that the work is up all the more sweeter. It has been our privilege to have a part in this mission work for almost fourteen years. And for the last seven years we have had an active part in it every day. When we get home to glory and see the

Lord Jesus in His resurrected body and then on the morning of the first resurrection when we get our new bodies—"fashioned like unto his glorious body"—we will rejoice for the ups and downs that we had here. Then the toils of the road will seem nothing. Then we will join in with the Brazilians and Peruvians and Columbians who are there as our joy or crown of rejoicing in singing worthy is the Lamb. We once heard a Campbellite preacher bragging in a debate that they numbered 500,000, and he was outlining his five steps to salvation which ended with baptism. We

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Brother Z. E. Clark has had to rent a larger P. O. Box. Please note the new box number on your records. The correct address is:

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Elder Z. E. Clark, the beloved treasurer of Baptist Faith Missions. Brother Clark has been treasurer of the mission work for seven years. He gives his time as a work of love. He is pastor of the Seventh Street Baptist Church, Cannelton, Indiana. He has a regular Sunday morning broadcast from Tell City, Indiana and carries on mission work in two rural communities. Brother Clark and Missionary R. P. Hallum graduated from West Kentucky Bible School in the same class.

HALLUM'S LETTER

(Preceding page, Column two) thrown a few weeks ago and the Military Branch of the government took over. We are now under a dictatorship. It remains to be seen whether there will be more religious tolerance or less. I hope there will be more. Another thing that hinders the gospel is the spirit of nationalism which has been developing for the last few years. The seeds of nationalism have been planted by certain missionaries evidently for selfish reasons. Nationalism has no place in the Gospel and is positively contrary to Baptist doctrine. If this was not true I would not have baptized Jose Tomas del Castillo nor Remigio Ramirez who is a Columbian and seemingly a better Christian than most of the believers here. With this I will close.

Yours in the service of the Lord.
R. P. HALLUM.

P. S. Don Thomas has transferred his membership to the little church in Buenventura. I have not had much news from him recently. I am expecting to hear something from him soon.
—R. P. H.

There are few more fatal mistakes than for a person to get the impression he can think and plan for himself as God would.

It is every Christian's duty to present himself at the Divine registration office and ask God to what life-task He has assigned him.

What we need most is the love of God in our hearts and the power of God in our lives.

are not smart, but we can count 500,000. Then I thought of Revelation 7:9 where John said he beheld a great multitude that no man could number of all nations, and kindreds and peoples and tongues saying with a loud voice Salvation to our God. Then I knew that the Campbellite preacher was wrong on his number of 500,000 as well as on his plan of salvation. Yes, beloved, it will be worth it when the saints from these mission fields come marching in.

WILLS

In many cities we see the name on the library of a man who gave money to erect it. Then we read in the papers from time to time of wealthy men who leave their wealth or a great part of it to various causes such as hospitals, universities and colleges, etc. Also quite often we read of various Catholic institutions being left huge sums. For all this we have no criticism to offer. Much of it is for good causes. Perhaps most of it is left by people who were lost, out of Christ. Then when we do read of some person who was a Christian leaving funds, it is so often such as to give praise to themselves rather than for the honor and glory of the Lord Jesus Christ and the salvation of souls. We pray that the Lord will lead some of his saints to remember Baptist Faith Missions in their wills. The mission is incorporated under the laws of the State of Michigan as a non-profit organization. The funds left would be used as they are now, for the salvation of the lost on foreign fields, which would bring great rewards in glory. Think of being in heaven and meeting new arrivals that the money you left had paid the missionary to take the gospel to them. This is a work of faith with no paid secretaries or bosses. It is free from all isms. It is just a New Testament Mission Work like the Lord commissioned His churches to carry on until He comes.

BRANDON STARTS

(Preceding page, Column One) but is getting better and with continued treatment, the Lord willing he should continue to improve. He was restless and wanted to return to the mission field. The directors of the mission met and voted unanimously that his return was up to him and his doctors and if he felt to return that we were back to him as always. Brother Brandon wanted to be there to receive the new missionaries and get them through the customs and up river to Manaus with a language instructor. It was agreed within even if he had to return within a short time that it would be worth the cost to have him there to receive the Parrotts and get them settled in a strange land with a new language.

Let us pray for Brother Brandon as he begins his twenty-sixth year as a missionary that the Lord will completely heal him and give him many more years of missionary service.

THE PARROTTS SAIL

(Preceding page, Column five) Belem office and asked them to make arrangements for the baggage to stay on the boat and for the Parrotts to go up river on the same boat, if at all possible. This would save time and expense as well as lots of red tape in unloading and loading on another boat. The Lord willing when the boat arrives in Belem Brother Brandon will be on hand at the dock to meet them and welcome them to Brazil. They are to stay the Lord willing for three years and then return home for a year on furlough for a rest. Now make your prayer list and put on it the names of the Brandons, the Hallums and the Parrotts and pray for them every day. Every church should pray for them at every service.

ELDER S. M. MEADE, EDITOR OF GREENUP BAPTIST NEWS, MAKES A MOST GRIEVOUS HERETICAL ERROR AS TO SALVATION.

In the Greenup Baptist News, Vol. III, No. 1 (Feb. 1949 issue) the following article appeared:

"How to become a Christian?"

ren, you can be baptized in any way you please, you can join any or all churches and die and spend your eternity in Hell. But, brethren, listen, the man who believes that Jesus Christ at Calvary paid for all of his past, present and future sins and who depends upon the finished work of the Son of God, that man is going to Heaven when he dies because there is nothing for him to go to Hell for. Jesus Christ has already suffered his Hell on the cross. I ask you tonight, where is your faith? In your baptism? In your church membership? Where is your faith? In your good life? In your morality? Where's your faith, brother? There is only one place for your faith and that is in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, for He Himself said, "I am the way."

"I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture." — John 10:9.

Oh, sinner friend, don't leave this house of God tonight without trusting Him, and Him alone as your Saviour. May God bless you!

There are three simple steps:
(1) Accept Christ (John 1:12).
(2) Confess Him (Matt. 10:32).
(3) Obey Him (John 14:15)."

This is from the paper edited by Brother S. M. Meade. I don't know whether it is from his pen or not. Usually, unsigned articles are from the editor. Hence I assume that he wrote it. If not, he is editor of the paper which prints it.

Anyhow, his statement is rank nonsense. I don't think Max Meade believes what he published. If he does believe it, he ought to get out of the Baptist ministry and join the Campbellites. If he doesn't believe it, he ought to apologize to his readers for its heretical appearance.

There are several things I'd like to say about the article, but Bro. John Felty of Fairview Baptist Church has given Bro. Meade a good "hide-tanning" in his bulletin, and I shall be content to quote this in full.

Brother Felty's reply:

The author of this little article evidently is more acquainted with Roy L. Smith's ideas than he is with New Testament theology and logic. The article is misleading. To be sure, confession and obedience are characteristic of the Christian life, but they are not the steps to

the Christian life. There is only one step to (into) the Christian life. That step is out of self into Christ. When one steps out of self, he steps into Christ (just one step does it). If he does not step into Christ with the same step with which he steps out of self, then where does he step — into nothingness? "He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life." — I John 5:12.

"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved." — Acts 16:31. "He that believeth on me hath everlasting life." — John 6:47. Many more passages of scripture could be given to this effect if space permitted, showing that trusting Christ is appropriating Christ and His redemptive work, and that such appropriation is salvation; but these are sufficient.

Someone asks, "What about repentance?" I answer: Repentance and faith are inseparable graces wrought in the soul by the spirit of God when He comes to deal with a sinner in His redemptive grace. There is no genuine repentance apart from faith, and no genuine faith apart from repentance. He who tries to put repentance before faith, logically or chronologically, or vice-versa, tries to separate that which is intrinsically inseparable.

Now for a little logic in finding the place for confession and obedience in the Christian life.

As to confession:

Confession comes after salvation, after one has become a Christian, after one has been born from above, after one has accepted Christ and been made a new creature in Christ Jesus. What is confession, anyway? Confession is telling whomsoever it may concern, yea the whole world in so far as possible, that the confessor has trusted Christ, has accepted Him, has been saved. Confession, thus, is not a step to becoming a Christian, but rather a step that the Christian takes after he has become such a person, such a new creature. If confession takes place before one has become a Christian, or occurs as a step to becoming a Christian, then such confession is false, is a lie, because it is a testimony that something has taken place that has not taken place.

Paul in Rom. 10:10 places confession in its proper order when he says, "For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto (because of) salvation."

Now for a word or two concerning obedience.

Obedience, according to the article in the Greenup Baptist News, is the third step to becoming a Christian. I deny that. Obedience is not a step to becoming a Christian, but rather successive steps taken after one has become a Christian, and steps that the Christian will be taking through all eternity.

Obedience flows forth from the saved heart, not from the unsaved heart. How can a soul rejecting Christ, dead in trespasses and sins, talk about obeying Christ. One's relationship to Christ is the main matter, until that is settled the wrath of God abides upon the unbelieving sinner. When one receives Christ at that very moment he becomes a child of God. (John 1:12). That very moment he has life. (I John 5:12). That very moment he passes from death unto life, never to come again into condemnation. (John 5:24).

"Do men gather grapes of thorns or figs of thistles? . . . a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit . . . neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit."

(Matt. 7:16).

Obedience no more makes a person a child of God than Johnny Felty's obedience makes him my child. He became my son before he was able to obey me. Life comes before obedience. This is just as true in the spiritual realm. "Ye must be born again." Until one is born from above, he remains dead in trespasses and sins and finds himself unable to please God, "For without faith it is impossible to please God." (Heb. 11:6).

These few remarks, I am sure, are sufficient to convince every thinking person that the one step to becoming a Christian is that one step out of self into Christ, out of sin into salvation, out of guilt into the Savior.

"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved." Try it and see for yourself. And then after being saved, confess Christ and obey Him.

Ed. Note: Amen, Brother Felty! Spank the heretic, again!

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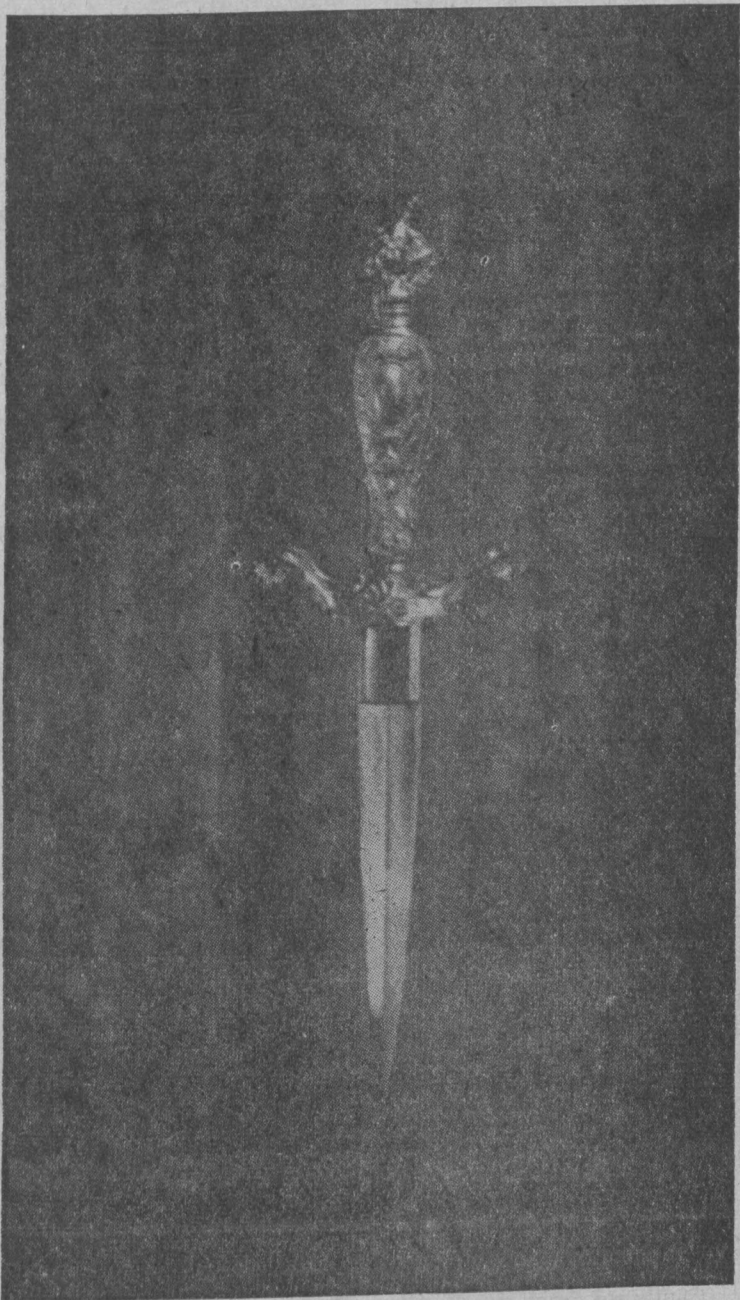
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Damocles of Syracuse was placed beneath a dagger hanging by a single hair—a suggestion, perhaps, of the fragile forces that stood between him and his fate.

"There is but a step between me and death." — I Sam. 20:3.

"For I know that thou wilt bring me to death, and to the house appointed for all living." — Job 30:23.

"It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment." — Heb. 9:27.

"Prepare to meet thy God." — Amos 4:12.

CAN THE POPE CONSIGN A SOUL TO HELL?

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signing you to Hell but you need fear the Hell of the Bible into which every unbelieving individual is sure to go. Listen again:

"The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture unto the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone into the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name." — Rev. 14:10-11.

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

It does not say whosoever was not found written on the church roll of the Catholic Church, but rather, whosoever was not found written in the Lamb's Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire. Let me go farther and say that it doesn't make any difference so far as the church record books of the church, as to the matter of salvation. The question is, brethren, is your name in the Lamb's Book of Life? There are some of you folk who sit here in front of me, pious-looking tonight, who have your names on some church record book, but I would like to ask you if your name is in the Lamb's Book of Life. If not, brethren, there is the Hell of the Bible for you to fear rather than the excommunication and anathematization of the pope.

IV

SALVATION IS NOT IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH BUT IN JESUS CHRIST ALONE.

"For I delivered unto you of all that which I also received, how that CHRIST DIED FOR OUR SINS according to the scriptures." — I Cor. 15:3.

"WHO HIS OWN SELF BORE OUR SINS in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sin, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were redeemed." — I Peter 2:24.

"For Christ also HATH ONCE OFFERED FOR SINS, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit." — I Peter 3:

Brethren, I say tonight salvation is not in the Catholic Church but it is in Jesus and in Jesus Christ alone. Let me go to the brethren and say to you, salvation isn't in any church. Salvation isn't in a Methodist church, nor Campbellite, nor Presbyterian. Salvation isn't to be had in membership in any church. Salvation isn't in the ministry. My brother, salvation is in Jesus and Jesus alone.

I wonder if I speak to some tonight who has been depending on the fact that he is a member of some church, hoping some time, somehow you will go to Heaven, because your name is on some church record book and you have been a contributing member of some church. If I speak to such an individual, let me disillusion you. Let me be fair with you. I will be frank with you, just as you wish I had been, when you were before God. Let me tell you if you are depending on church membership you are already there. Brethren,

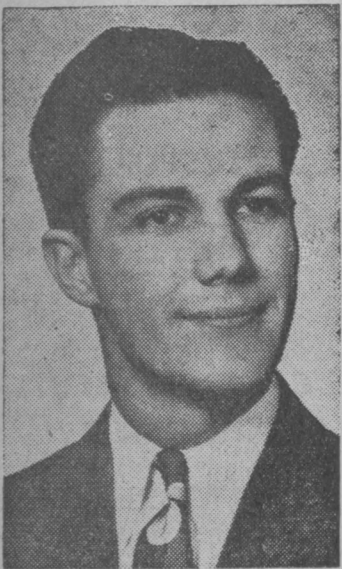
PREACHERS AND TOBACCO

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slow down, and his hard breathing could be heard all over the building. Paul admonished us in Romans 12:1 to present our bodies a sacrifice and an holy vessel to our Lord.

II

IT IS RESTRICTIVE

A. Restricts to certain subjects. Any man who uses tobacco user can not scripturally the whole council of God as the Lord has commanded. A tobacco user cannot scripturally preach against movies because movies are merely a lust of the flesh just like tobacco is. So my brother, if you use tobacco and broadcast around that you don't intend to quit and that you use it because you want to, then quit admonishing people to



By W. B. CARRAWAY,
Sherman, Texas

quit the movies, dance hall, whisky, dope, fornication, etc., because their lustful flesh calls for those things just like your lustful flesh calls for tobacco and they do those things because they want to. Oh, but you are one of those fellows who says, "But my body calls for it and I must have that nicotine or I'll end up a nervous wreck." Well, it has been proven that you won't end up in any such condition so just forget that excuse because we all agree with you as to the fact that your flesh calls for it. My body calls for tobacco also and I still crave cigarettes which I used to consume at the rate of about a score and ten a day, but I intend to just keep on saying, "No" to the old flesh because if I give in to him on one thing, it's almost certain I will on something else. Paul said, "Abstain from the very appearance of evil" and you won't look me in the eye and say that such a habit doesn't appear to be evil.

B. Restricts one from following the Apostle Paul in example. Paul was willing to quit eating meat, but tobacco does offend me so now you know that what you are doing offends your brother in Christ and in the ministry so I know you will quit the lustful habit if you really want to be an example for others. I Cor. 8:12 "But when you sin so against the brethren, and wound their weak conscience, ye sin against Christ."

C. Restricts one from preaching a favorite doctrine. The doctrine of "when in doubt about a thing, then just refrain from doing it," cannot be preached by a tobacco user due to the fact that there is plenty of doubt as to whether the nicotine habit is all right or not.

III

IT IS HARMFUL

A. It is harmful to the temple of God. Our body is the temple of God. "What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?" I Cor. 6:19. Does tobacco harm the body? Let's let some well known medical doctors answer this question:

Doctors Speak

DOCTOR ROLAND J. GUSTAFSON—"Nicotine is a deadly poison and a single drop put on a shaved rabbit will cause instant convulsions and death." A few cigarettes soaked in a water solution and the nicotine removed and placed on the tongue of a grown man, would cause his death in fifteen minutes. "To excessive smoking can be laid the blame of heartburn, indigestion, and acid conditions." "Cigarette smoking stupifies the brain, slows up reflexes, and lowers morale."

DOCTOR JOHN HARVEY KELLOG, Battle Creek, Mich.—"Tobacco kills an American every five minutes by causing various diseases."

DOCTOR W. A. EVANS of the Chicago Tribune—"There are several DRUGS which bear hard upon the heart and tobacco is the best known of these."

DOCTOR EARNEST FUCHS—"Tobacco frequently causes blindness."

DOCTOR HEINRICH STERN, New York—"Tobacco favors the development of exophthalmic goiter, and diabetes, by upsetting the fine adjustments of the nervous system."

DOCTOR JESSE MERCER GEHMAN—"One drop of nicotine in a state of concentrated solution is enough to destroy a dog and small birds perish at the approach of a tube containing it." "Eight drops of nicotine will kill a horse in four minutes." "Every one has the choice, but not the right of destroying his health."

DOCTOR WILLIAM MAYO of famous Mayo Clinic—"No good surgeon can afford to smoke." Aren't we surgeons? God said the word would operate (Heb. 4:12) and we're handling that word.

Facts and Figures

Annual consumption of tobacco in the United States is 100 cigarettes, 62 cigars, 3½ pounds of chewing tobacco, and one-half pound of snuff for every person, at a tremendous cost. One year manufacturers spent more than \$30,000,000 advertising tobacco, U. S. citizens bought 162,500,000 cigarettes and paid over a billion dollars for them. The manufacturers cleared a nice profit of \$75,000,000. No wonder they want people to smoke!

B. It is a serious sin to harm the temple (body) of God. — I Cor. 3:16-17, "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man DEFILE THE TEMPLE OF GOD, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple YE ARE." By carefully reading this entire third chapter, we can easily see that Paul was writing to the individual believers in the church at Corinth due to his frequent statements concerning the carnality of the flesh (the temple of God) and his direct address to the men in verses one, twelve, thirteen, fourteen, and fifteen. The word defile means—to make foul or impure, to corrupt, to trample and according to the scriptures and this definition, my brother, you are doing a dangerous thing by corrupting or making impure the temple of God which ye are.

Little by little you are defiling the temple and God says here that he will destroy you.

C. It harms one's spiritual life—I make this statement because God said, "Thou shalt have no other gods before me," Ex. 20:3, and you are letting a cigarette be your god and carry you round under its dominion. Christ has taught us to suffer for Him, and you are not even willing to suffer enough to refuse to yield to the call of the flesh. What would you do if your head was going to be cut off if you didn't yield to some emperor or monarch? We are admonished to do all things for the glory of God and your use of tobacco is certainly not glorifying the Lord. Also you condemn people for supporting the ungodly people in Hollywood by plunking down their quarters and half dollars at the ticket booth, but aren't you doing something just as bad when you spend God's money for tobacco? If everybody would quit the tobacco habit, then they would quit manufacturing it, thus saving thousands of dollars spent for advertising, thousands of dollars taken from the Lord, and thousands of lives shortened by its health-breaking effect. These big tobacco kings live just about as ungodly as movieland.

CONCLUSION

I was talking with two young men recently who use tobacco and they said, that they knew the use of tobacco was a bad and wasteful habit. I've heard many church members who used tobacco say, "It's a filthy habit; I wish I didn't have it." In fact, I've never heard anyone who used it and was not a preacher, defend its use, but many preachers who have the nicotine habit, will defend it to the last ditch. I have facts to back up this statement.

LECTURES AT TABORS CREEK

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salvation by grace and not of baptism or any other kind of works. The names by which New Testament churches have been known will be given.

The historical aspect of all this will be portrayed by a large chart that is easily visible to the whole audience. The chart shows the gradual steps by which New Testament faith was corrupted on the part of many churches, resulting in the formation of the "Catholic" church, which later divided into the Roman and Greek branches. From the Roman branch, as shown on the chart, Protestantism sprang. But the chart shows also that some early churches were not involved in the apostasy. These were given various names, and it is from them that Baptists have descended.

Eld. Chas. R. Boutwell, of Huntington, W. Va., is pastor of Tabors Creek church. All within reach of this church are urged to hear the lectures.

These lectures will be a real blessing to everyone who hears them. The editor knows.

GOVERNMENT OF A CHURCH

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Paul to Jerusalem to take the money. (See II Cor. 8:19-23). Note: That common sense safeguards were not considered as a breach of the faith in the Lord. The churches didn't say, "We'll just trust the Lord to see to it that Paul doesn't lose or steal the money." They took reasonable precautions. And note that Paul wanted to be safeguarded. He said that things

ought to be handled with semblance of honesty before men, as well as before God. Ordinary common sense precautions and wisdom in safeguarding the Lord's property, warrants . . .

Locks and keys — insurance — safe wiring — careful bookkeeping — faithful reports — auditing of books — and even bonding of those who handle money. There isn't the slightest reflection on the honesty of church officials, nor on one's faith in God to adopt these measures. Paul's safeguards furnishes us with a good precedent in such matters.

When disaster comes as a result of carelessness with the Lord's money and property, we are absolutely to blame. And such has happened. (Examples: Loss of Foreign Board, million dollar loss of Home Board, Vamooseing of colored pastors with church funds at Plant City and Tampa, Judas Iscariot. Average of some two or three church buildings a day that burn down every day in the year.)

The ministry was on an equality. (See Matt. 23:8). There were no "secretaries" of this, that and the other. No presiding elders. No bishops in the modern sense. The only big preachers were the ones who became big through serving.

Abuses: The papal system is the biggest example. That's what Baptist overlords gave rise to. The episcopal system is another example. The Baptist "wire pulling" system is another.

THE FARMER'S HORSE

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way with us sometimes. We associate with Christians — we act like one — and we are treated like one, but we have

not had a change of heart and when the old cry of the world comes across our path we listen to it and stop in our Christian walk. If we have had change of heart or a change inside we do not listen to the old call.



HINTS TO PREACHERS

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foot touches the ground, his speech is brought to a close.

We heard of another case which there was inscribed on the pulpit, where the minister could not fail to see it, the words, "If you don't strike in twenty minutes, stop boring."

WANTED: A CHURCH BELIEVER

Is there a church somewhere that has discarded its bell? Would you like to put it to work again for the Lord? If so, if you'll contribute it or sell it reasonably, please contact the editor at your earliest convenience.

THE CONCUBINES HELPED

Word has just arrived of the laying of a corner stone at the Barnes Memorial Baptist Church in Northview, Clarion, Pa. This church has stood many years and is the one pastored by Albert Johnson resigned pastor, because of its affiliation with the Northern Baptist Convention.

The special speaker on Saturday afternoon, September 13, was Hugh Pickett and TWO LODGES ASSISTED IN THE CEREMONY!

—Bible Broadcaster

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