

The best temperance lecture is to see a fellow hunting a job with booze on his breath.

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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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## New "Southern Baptist Seminary" Begins Classes September 26

Churches And Individuals Interested In Supporting It And Prospective Students Should Write For Catalogue And Declaration Of Faith

A brand new, sound Bible school is all set to open its classes on Tuesday, September 26. Its name is "Southern Baptist Bible Seminary." It is located at Columbus, Ga. It is sponsored by the Baptist Tabernacle of that city. But this church is appealing to other sound Baptist churches to join it in backing this school.

T. P. Simmons has been elected Dean of this school and (D. V.) will teach Theology, Greek and Church History.

This is a school that the readers of The Baptist Examiner can truly appreciate. They should hail its establishment as a significant event. Its Declaration of Faith is the one published in The Baptist Examiner a

number of months ago. The school is independent, Biblical, Baptist, Calvinistic, premillennial, evangelistic and missionary.

Baptists that are sick of the Modernism, Arminianism, and Unionism of most denominationally controlled schools and some independent ones ought to get squarely back of this school. Preachers who are contemplating going to school and who want sound training, should plan to enter this school. Any preacher, regardless of previous schooling, may be admitted.

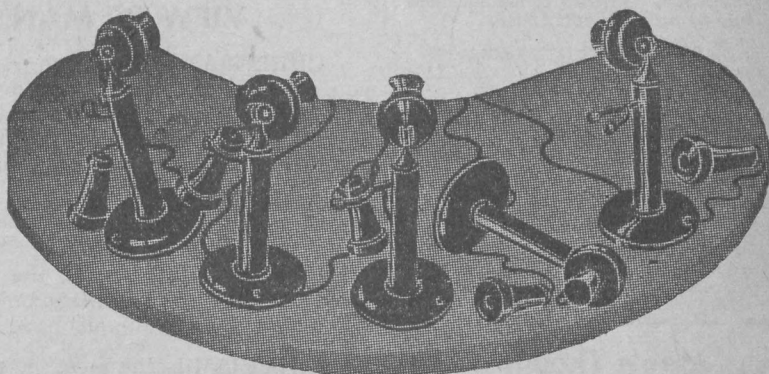
The following, which is quoted from the school catalogue, shows the basis for this school's appeal to sound Baptists:

### "A DISTINCTIVE BAPTIST INSTITUTION"

"This seminary is not merely a Christian school. It is more than that. It is a Baptist school. Nor is it just Baptist in name as are some of our denominational schools. It is distinctively Baptist. Our Declaration of Faith, which we mail out with this catalogue or on request, is sufficient proof of this. To be a Christian school we should need emphasize only the first third of the Great Commission—the making of disciples. Because we accept the whole commission, ours in a Baptist school. A man becomes a Christian by receiving Christ as his Saviour.

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## EVERYBODY IS ASKING . . . . .



1. Is it right for a Baptist preacher to call on a Methodist or Campbellite preacher to pray in a Baptist service?

No. Unionism is an abomination in the sight of God wherever it is found. Paul said, "Mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned, and AVOID them."—Rom. 16:17. I can't imagine John the Baptist calling on one of the religious heretics of his day to pray, nor can I conceive of Elijah asking one of the priests of Baal to thus assist him. Baptists today had better follow their example.

2. Shouldn't we call on a Methodist or Campbellite just as a matter of ministerial courtesy?

I do not think for one moment that God ever called any

of the Arminian heretics to preach. Therefore, the question of ministerial courtesy is beside the point.

3. Do you think any Arminian preachers are called of God?

I'll answer this question by asking one, "Do you think God wrote the Bible?" Well, if God wrote it, do you think He would call some heretic to preach contrary to it? I can't believe God would inspire any man to write a portion of the Bible teaching salvation by grace and the security of the saved, and then later calling an heretical preacher who would preach salvation by works and falling from grace. A finite man wouldn't make such a blunder. Surely an infinite God would not.

4. Has Christ failed in the

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## Gum Chewing, While Not Necessarily A Sin, Is A Terribly Bad Habit In God's House

By Keith L. Brooks  
In Prophecy Monthly

Far be it from this editor to imply that chewing gum is necessarily a sin. It is just another of those foolish habits on which people spend their money as a result of clever advertising. People say they chew to steady their nerves. It gives them fortitude to endure under trying circumstances. Perhaps so!

If so, a lot of preachers need not feel complimented, for we have been noticing that in certain churches out our way a good part of the congregation, particularly members of the choir, flap their jaws incessantly throughout the services—even through the Communion service.

### CATHOLICS AGAIN!

All Protestant schools in Spain are closed and the children (7000) compelled to take Roman Catholic instruction. Protestants may not bury their dead with the rites of the church, print hymn books or Bibles, or denote by signs, places of worship. They have been jailed for holding Bible study meetings or prayer in their homes. The Archbishop of Seville denounced the Protestants and demanded the abolition of "these centers of false religions in Spain."

### WE THANK YOU!

Please keep the Baptist Examiner coming our way. To lose it would be like losing a "best friend." Each issue brings a new blessing and knowledge of the true word of God.

Paul E. Lindsay  
Monaca, Pa.

## ANOTHER CHURCH WITHDRAWS FROM THE S. B. C.

We the Brown Gap Baptist church being in regular conference this the 9th day of April, adopted the following resolution without a dissenting vote.

Since we believe that the Missionary Baptist Churches existed over 1800 years before the Southern Baptist Convention was organized;

And since we the Missionary Baptist Church at Brown Gap take the New Testament as our rule of Faith and Practice;

And since we accepted the Articles of Faith expressed in the New Hampshire Confession of Faith, in the organization of

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### Mused Uncle Mose

Seem lak w'en dat twelve 'clock wh'istle blow on Sunday, hit make a awful clash wid de Holy Spirit.

## Just What Work Has The Bible Outlined For Genuine Christians To Do?

By ROY MASON  
Tampa, Florida

Many persons, ignoring the task outlined for them in the Bible, want to be busy doing the things they have never been authorized to do. They want to be up making talks, officiating in public, getting up amusements, or taking over the leadership of the church for which God has called a man. Most church troubles come over this sort of thing. If members would serve in the capacity to which God has called them, and co-operate with the pastor in the forwarding of the things to which the Lord has called him, churches would be prosperous and peaceful. Instead, often members take a notion to promote some pet idea of their own, and they will lead a fight to obtain that thing, even if it means trouble and division, and

even if it means to take over the function of leadership committed to the man called of God into the pastorate. The truth is, the average church member professes to believe in a God-called ministry, but ACTUALLY DOESN'T BELIEVE ANYTHING OF THE SORT. If he did, he would not be forever fighting the ministry of the pastor—either secretly or openly. We say this, because such is practiced in most churches of this day, to their great confusion. But, let us consider now the question—

"What Is The Ordinary Christian Called To Do?"

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### A FREE GIFT

When Mrs. Madeline Sauder of Pasadena, answered her door bell, a magazine salesman said: "Good morning, Madam. Did you receive your free cook book yet?"

Mrs. Sauder answered in the negative, so Marvin Hersh, the salesman offered her one.

"There's usually a catch to this sort of thing," the woman said. "Oh no," the salesman assured her. "It's absolutely free."

Whereupon Mrs. Sauder kept the book and closed the door, without hearing the sales talk.

Hersh rapped vigorously at front and rear doors, but all to no avail. Mrs. Sauder called the police.

The salesman told Sergeant Gerald Wilson: "The cook book is free only when one subscribes for a magazine."

The sergeant was unimpressed. He decided that Mrs. Sauder was entitled to keep the cook book.

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## The First Baptist Pulpit.

### "MAN'S THOUGHTS vs. GOD'S THOUGHTS"

"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts."—Isaiah 55:8, 9.

A few weeks ago, out in the state of Washington, a woman was driving across a railroad track in front of a high school and her motor stalled on a track in the path of a fast freight that was bearing swiftly down upon her. Afterwards the woman said

that she had had half a notion to stay in the car, for she said, "I thought the train crew had seen my plight and would stop in time." However, at the last moment, using the better part of good judgment, she leaped from the car just as a fast freight of seventy-four cars in length demolished her automobile and scattered parts of it for a quarter of a mile through the town.

When I read that incident in the paper, it came to my mind how fortunate for that woman that she changed her thoughts, for she had wrong thoughts

when she had half a notion to stay in the car. Likewise, people have wrong thoughts about many, many things in this life. Especially is this true about salvation. In view of this fact I want to help you analyze some of these wrong thoughts. Listen carefully for these may be your own thoughts.

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THERE ARE DOUBTLESSLY SOME OF YOU WHO SAY, "I THOUGHT IF I DID THE BEST

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## "Man's Thoughts"

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I KNEW HOW, I WOULD BE SAVED." I wouldn't be a bit surprised but what there are people right here within the sound of my voice who, if they would be honest, would say, "Yes, that is exactly what I believe." Let me tell you tonight, it would be a good thing for you to change your thoughts right now. Let's turn to the Word of God and see what God says in this respect:

"But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags — Isa. 64:6.

The New Testament shows us the same truth, for we read:

"BUT TO HIM THAT WORKETH NOT, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness."—Rom. 4:5.

"Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith WITHOUT THE DEEDS of the law."—Rom. 3:28.

I tell you, beloved, God saves you not by what you do, but in spite of what you do. The only way you can be saved is by what Jesus Christ has done for you.

Listen again:

"Knowing that a man is NOT JUSTIFIED BY THE WORKS OF THE LAW, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified."—Gal. 2:16.

"Who hath saved us, and called us with a holy calling, NOT ACCORDING TO OUR WORKS, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began."—II Tim. 1:9.

Beloved, you just can't find any place in the Bible where God ever saved any man on the basis of his works. It isn't your works, it isn't church works, it isn't preacher works, it isn't anybody's works, — it is the finished work of Jesus Christ at Calvary which saves your soul. Listen, brother, sister, before your soul goes into Hell and ere the shades of life close about you, forsake your thoughts and take God's thoughts on the matter of salvation.

## II

THERE ARE SOME WHO SAY, "I THOUGHT IF I JOINED THE LODGE I WOULD BE SAVED." You say, "Brother Gilpin, do you think that anyone would be foolish enough to believe that if he joined some secret fraternal order that he would be saved?" I will give you a personal experience.

When I was just a boy my father was an unsaved man. He

## CHRISTIANITY AND NON-CHRISTIAN RELIGIONS COMPARED

### VIEW OF MAN'S DUTY TO MAN

CHRISTIANITY. "Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you."—Matt. 5:44. "Love thy neighbor as thyself." Matt. 19:19. "Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them."—Matt. 7:12.

MORE SOLDIERS WENT TO THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS FROM THE UNITED STATES IN SIX MONTHS THAN HAVE EVER GONE AS MISSIONARIES TO ALL LANDS FROM ALL AMERICA.

BRAHMANISM denies the unity of the human race. Brahmans are the gods, while women and the outcasts do not even have souls. The Brahmans have no responsibility to care for others.

HINDUISM is the most cruelly neglectful of all religious systems. Its caste system prohibits anyone from even touching those of an alien caste. Its treatment of the dying is shocking and barbarous.

DO YOU DESIRE TO BE RICH?—THEN WIN SOULS. EVERY ONE IS WORTH MORE THAN A WORLD.

BUDDHISTS are very careful to be kind to insect and beast, but are neglectful and often cruel to their own kindred, for fear they may encounter the wrath of the spirits which are punishing them for sin.

TAOISM says: "Do not expose the faults nor conceal the virtues of others. Feed the hungry, clothe the naked. Do not overthrow others that you may take their place."

GOD KNOWS YOUR EXCUSES FOR NOT GOING AS A MISSIONARY. HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT OF LETTING HIM ANSWER THEM INSTEAD OF ANSWERING THEM YOURSELF?

CONFUCIUS gave a splendid principle for saving oneself trouble. "Do not do unto others what you would not have others do to you." He taught peaceable relations between all classes.

ZOROASTER said: "Devote your life to good works and eschew evil." This is the sum of Zoroaster's teaching concerning man's duty to man. Their system of living is communistic.

MANY OF THE TRUE HEROES OF THE WORLD ARE NOT IN ATHLETICS, OR IN BATTLE'S CARNAGE, BUT PLODDING AWAY IN OBSCURE MISSION FIELDS.

PARSEES. No sect of non-Christian people have a higher standard of duty to man than the Parsees. Honesty, fidelity to one's promise, and charity, are cardinal virtues. None are beggars. One man gave \$1,500,000 to charity.

SHINTOISM. "Follow your natural impulses and obey the laws of the state" is the gist of Shinto teaching. The ethical teaching is very crude and some statements are even bad.

"THAT LAND IS HENCEFORTH MY COUNTRY WHICH MOST NEEDS THE GOSPEL."

MOHAMMEDANS profess and often practice great loyalty to those of their own religious faith, but more often are jealous, suspicious and revengeful. From all others, they keep separate and show hatred.

was a member of the Odd Fellows order and I have heard him say again and again when I was just a wee lad, that if a man were to live up to the teachings of the Odd Fellows Lodge, he didn't need to go to church.

I will give you a second personal experience: I was making a call here in Russell several years ago and the man in the home said, "Brother Gilpin, I am not so sure that I need to go to church." When I asked him why, he said, "I am a member of the Masonic order and if a man lives up to his teachings as a Mason, he doesn't need the church." I knew the fellow did not know what he was talking about. The fact of the matter is, it is a statement of ignorance for any man to speak that way. But wanting to convince him and let him convince himself, I said, "Tell me, what does the Masonic order teach?" I think I know a few things as to what they teach. In fact, I expect I know more of what they teach than any Mason in this town, but I wanted to ask him that he might commit himself. He said, "The very first principle of the Masonic order is the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. All Christians believe that." I said, "Wait a minute." That is exactly what we do not believe.

Beloved, the Devil is the father of every unsaved person within this world. You say, "Brother Gilpin, that is a strong statement. Can you prove it?" Listen:

"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.

Beloved, can you imagine any individual who would believe that all he needed was to join some fraternal organization and that would be sufficient to take care of his salvation? Listen to me tonight, I want you to see this truth, that it takes the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ to save every man. There never was a man in this world who was saved on any basis other than the fact that Jesus Christ, God's beloved Son, died for his sins on the Cross of Calvary. If you believe that by joining a lodge you can be saved, I say to you, Hell is gapping for you, and it is wide open, and you are on the road toward it as fast as any man could ever travel.

## III

HERE IS SOMEONE ELSE WHO SAYS, "I THOUGHT GOD LOVED US TOO MUCH TO ALLOW ANYONE TO GO TO HELL." Several days ago I talked to a man who said that very thing to me. He was what we would call a Universalist. He believed that everybody is going to be saved, and he tried to convince me, in a lengthy conversation, that God loved this world too much to allow anyone to go to Hell. He said that the idea of Hell was a misnomer, that there wasn't any

Hell for any man to go to. It is true that the Lord Jesus Christ said a lot about love, for we read:

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."—John 3:16.

It is also true that Jesus said a lot about Hell. Listen:

"But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire."—Mt. 5:22.

"But the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth."—Mt. 8:12.

"And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell."—Mt. 10:28.

"And thou, Capernaum, which art exalted unto heaven, shalt be brought down to hell: for if the mighty works, which have been done in thee, had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day."—Mt. 11:23.

"Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell?"—Mt. 23:33.

Beloved, if you think that God loves this world too much to allow a man to go to Hell, you had better change your thoughts and begin to think God's thoughts. I am glad that God does love us and I am glad that I can preach the love of God. It is true that God loved us enough that He gave His Son to die for His elect, the chosen ones of God, before the foundation of the world. While that is true, I am glad, beloved, that at the same time God warns us of a Devil's Hell. Brother, sister, if you believe that God loves you too much to let you go to Hell, you had better change your thoughts and go to thinking God's thoughts.

## IV

HERE IS ANOTHER WHO SAYS, "I THOUGHT IF I JOINED THE CHURCH I WOULD BE SAVED." There are many people that think that today. Lots of folk in Russell think the same thing. A woman here in Russell told a member of our church a few days ago that a Methodist pastor came to her home to get her husband to join the church. She said that he visited them four or five times and that he never prayed one time nor read one verse of Scripture. He never asked him if he were saved, but asked him to join the church.

Listen, beloved, that isn't soul-winning; that is soul-damning. That is the best way in the world to fill the church with ecclesiastical corpses. I say to you tonight, joining a church isn't going to save any man. The church isn't the Saviour. Jesus Christ, beloved, is the Saviour.

Our Lord tells us about unsaved men coming to the judgment.

"Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity."—Mt. 7:22, 23.

This tells us that there are going to be unsaved preachers

coming up to the judgment bar of God, religious but lost — church members but unsaved. Just because a man joins a church is no sign that the grace of God has begun to work within his heart.

A few years ago I began to read this Bible just to see if there were any instances in the Bible of unsaved church members, and I read the New Testament through with that thought in mind. I was impressed particularly with the number of Scriptures that tell us about unsaved members. Take for example that first Baptist church of which Jesus was pastor, with the twelve charter members — the apostles themselves. Jesus said that one of them was unsaved (John 6:70). He spake of Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon. Here was a church of which the Lord Jesus Christ was pastor and the treasurer of that church was a devil. Jesus said so. He was unsaved and lost, though religious and a member of a church.

Listen, beloved, you don't need churchnity, you need Christianity. You don't need to have your name on a church record book, you need to have your name in the Lamb's Book of Life. You don't need to have an experience with the church, you need an experience with the Lord Jesus Christ.

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

Somebody may say, "I thought if I joined the church that is all that I need." How foolish! Paul said:

"Examine yourself, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?"—II Cor. 13:5.

Listen, brother, sister, joining the church is to a lot of people like joining a club, or a lodge, or some kind of organization. You ought to examine your heart and see whether or not you are right in the sight of God.

I used to know an evangelist by the name of J. B. DeGarmo. He was a great preacher of grace. I remember when I was just a boy preacher that I heard him preach and he said that he had been in the ministry probably twenty-five years at that time and up to that time as a Baptist evangelist he had led eleven Baptist preachers to know Jesus Christ as Saviour. In other words, he had been invited by churches to hold revival meetings and the pastor himself in eleven instances had been saved.

I was holding a revival meeting in the state of Virginia sometime ago and there were fourteen professions of faith. All fourteen of them were members of the church and everyone professed to the fact that up to that time he had never seen the truth that Jesus Christ died for all his sins. When one of the women, whom I took to be one of the finest women in the church, came forward to make a profession, I said to her, "Sister, why did you come forward?" She said, "Brother Gilpin, all my life I have thought that if I did the best I could I would be saved. I joined the church and was baptized and lived the best I knew how, but never before did I see the truth that Jesus Christ died for all my sins." All fourteen of those church members, all adults, had been depending upon their religion. They were religious but lost.

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MISSIONARIES  
IN BRAZIL

J. F. Brandon  
Mr. L. M. Smith  
Mrs. L. M. Smith  
Miguel Ibernou  
Cicero Bicipo  
Maio Dutro  
Eufrazo Soraes  
Francisco Santiago  
John Dias  
Zacharias Nunes de Abriu  
Gabriel Seraphin  
(Portuguese Language)

## Missionary Department

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A NEW TESTAMENT BAPTIST FAITH MISSION WORK JUST LIKE THE  
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Go - Make Disciples - Baptize Them - Indoctinate Them. Mt. 28:19, 20

MISSIONARIES  
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R. P. Hallum  
Mrs. R. P. Hallum  
Miss Marguerite Hallum  
Don Simon Guima  
(Spanish Language)  
IN COLUMBIA  
Jose Tomas del Castillo  
(Spanish Language)

## J. F. Brandon In Leprosarium Recalls Past Experiences

MISSIONARY LAWRENCE SMITH PROVES HE IS A  
BAPTIST BY CONTENDING AGAINST HERETICS

Manaos, Brazil

Regarding the trip to Cruzeiro do Sul:

There is another reason for my going there as soon as possible, and that is, one of the missionaries of Mid-Missions has been proselyting there while Brother Brandon was in the States before he returned with Billy. (I would not have known this but I read a letter at Miguel sent to Brother Santiago in a report of the work). I talked to Al about this. This particular missionary, he says, worked with Brother Brandon some and when Bro. Brandon left because of sickness this missionary went to Cr. do Sul and began working with Miguel. I'll find out the straight of this when I get there and talk to Miguel myself. I see right now that I am going to have more trouble with the Baptists here than any other group, because they would like to steal our work. They will

go to more trouble to make trouble than any other religious group. We need the never ceasing prayers of the saints of the churches for the Lord to give us wisdom and understanding how to deal with these trouble makers. The Southern Baptists have said nothing or done anything. That was the way the Mid-Missions were until they saw that I wasn't knuckling to their desires and demands. We are still friendly and I don't think Al is taking an active part or will. But the pastor of their church here wants to stop our building of the church on the lot (if this were possible) and take over our work. The other day he practically ordered me to attend a special meeting that they were going to have to tell me what we could do about building the new church building and what they wanted done with our work here, as if they could stop it or do anything to hinder. To be certain

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Pastor Santiago and his daughters and two boys with Mrs. Smith and Barbara Jean on a river boat whose skipper is lost but attends the church services.



Mrs. Lawrence Smith and daughter Barbara Jean, Brother Smith's helpers in the Lord.



This is the Sunday School with the Superintendent and Brother Smith standing on the sides.



Missionary Lawrence Smith baptizing the old man whose picture was in last month's paper.

By J. F. BRANDON

I arrived in Cruzeiro do Sul on the afternoon of May 10, 1949 and was met at the boat by the elders of the church. They were happy to receive me and I equally happy to have arrived in peace and to have found the work in prosperity. I was so worn out from the 35 day journey aboard a small tramp river steamer that I was glad when the pastor said "we will go to your home tonight instead of going to the meeting house; we are all anxious to see you and that way you will not have to go to the church house." He had a wonderful meeting and all were happy. The next night was the regular prayer meeting services in the meeting house, which was well attended, with a blessing to all. The next day was May 12th which was the anniversary of the organization of the church. I attended a wedding in the afternoon and had a special service at night in our mission building on the street. I was impressed with the humbleness of the brethren and with the power of God that accompanied the serv-

ices. It was not until the following Monday that one of the brethren brought me word from the doctor that I must submit to an examination for leprosy. I find it impossible to properly express my feelings on this occasion. I do not understand why, but it had not entered my head once that I had leprosy. Yet there was no reason why I should not have it, because I had contacted many who were victims of it always with precaution when it was a known case. I must have felt like one who is caught under a falling house, everything seemed to cave in upon me at once and I lay beneath the wreckage with no one to help me. This happened on the 16th of May and not until the 17th of the following month was I able to get out of the place. The doctor did not examine me for if he had found me positive it would have been difficult for me to have gotten away, perhaps not at all. I think this was providential, so the Lord provided me the passage on a government plane to Rio Branco the Capitol

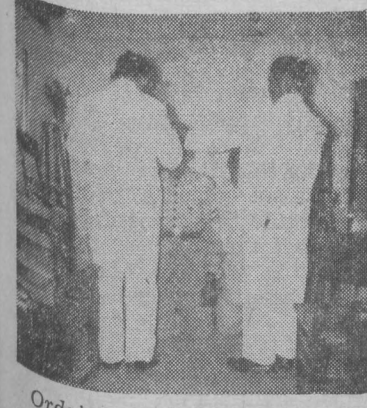
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Your Heart Will Burn Within You When  
You Read This Letter From Brother Hallum

Iquitos, Peru  
July 6, 1950

Dear Brother:

Greetings in His name. We sent the checks for July yesterday. Thanks for same. The lost checks have not appeared as yet. As to the work, we have not been making trips to points on the Nanay river often of late, having been hindered by various causes. Last week Don Simon and I went to Mapa on the Nanay preaching two nights to them. The first night the attendance was regular. The second night at the hour of the service the rain was pouring down so the attendance was limited to the people that sleep



Ordaining three deacons. The one in the center is a policeman. Brother Smith helped in the service but had to take the picture.

in the house where the services are held, with three or four girls from other houses. It was the time of the fiesta of Saint Peter and Paul. In one of the houses there was an altar with the images of Peter and Paul. They danced before this altar all night, at least I heard the drum all through the night till day break. We went both afternoons to invite the people to hear us preach. In the house where the altar was set up there were 6 or 7 women and a man. I used the opportunity to explain the way of salvation and the evil images. These fiestas are used as an excuse or time for corrupt practices. I should say that there were 5 or 6 men with their women in the house where we had the services. I am now teaching a class of four to five men two nights a week. The notes received in the West Kentucky Bible School by H. B. Taylor on the New Testament on Monday nights and the Old Testament on Saturday nights. In this way it does not interfere with other work. All are young men except Don Simon Gaima. One is not a member of the church. He comes once and awhile. I hope you included these in your prayer list. A few days ago I noticed that someone had written on the wall (window) "The gospel does not amount to anything." I was moved to have made on the out-

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Two Brief Letters From Brother  
Hallum, Our Faithful Worker In Peru

Iquitos, Peru  
July 18, 1950

Dear Brother:

Greetings in the name of Jesus. I am writing to advise that the checks sent by Edward Overbey (while we were away in a meeting Ed.) dated July 12th came to hand, the checks in place of those that were lost in June. Thanks for same. The check for Don Tomas was forwarded to him. One thing I am confident has escaped your notice—I noticed in the Mission Sheets of April last, four contributions for the building of Don Tomas as follows: Mrs. A. N. Tiffin, Portales, N. M., \$5.00; Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Bilberry, Portales, N. M., \$5.00; Mrs. L. W. Bilberry, Portales, N. M., \$1.00; West Side W.M.U., Portales, N. M., \$4.00; Pearl L. Hendley, Farmington, Ky., \$1. Mrs. Tiffin is my sister, through her influence the other persons at Portales, N. M. made contributions. I have just received a letter from her, she asked if Don Tomas had ever gotten the roof on his building. My prayers have been for you in the meeting at Lancaster, Ky. A Brother Ayres was in the West Kentucky Bible School at the same time I was there. I have been wondering if it is the same Brother at Lancaster, Kentucky. (The same Brother, Ed.).

As ever in the Lord,  
R. P. Hallum

Iquitos, Peru  
July 19, 1950

Dear Brother:

Your communication dated July 14th came yesterday. We have a consul agent here and I thought it would be better to have him acknowledge the affidavits of the stolen checks. I went to him this morning to get them fixed up, he was not sure under what head he should indicate that the papers would be, so he suggested that we wait for him to write to Lima for this information. He thinks he will hear from the American Embassy by next Tuesday. I con-

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This is the Sunday School Superintendent and the man who has answered the call to preach. He wants to work with Brother Smith.



NOTICE

Anyone desiring more information about this mission work write to the Secretary of the Mission. Address your letter to:

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

J. F. Brandon

(Preceding page, Column five) city of the Territory of Acre in which I lived. My departure was on the 17th of June. I was undergoing the greatest trial of my life, crossing the valley of the "shadow" of death. This was only the shadow of death, but too often the shadow of a thing has an uglier appearance than the thing itself, thus death fled from me, and I refused to usher myself into the presence of God by taking my own life; the only thing was to endure. The sorrows of hell took hold upon me, and I believe I was carried as deep into mysteries of darkness as a man can go and then return to the land of light.

In my distress I called upon the Lord and He comforted as He alone can; I sought Him and His will in the matter, and as I waited on my knees before Him, I recalled the prayer of the servant Abraham. Then I took courage and said in my prayer, "Now let me open the Bible, and let it be that it will fall open at the place where thou wilt instruct me how to proceed." This I did and the place where the Bible fell open was at the 31st chapter of Genesis and I began to read at the first verse. When I had finished the third verse I knew what to do and was ready to obey, for I felt that it was His will. When I related this to the church, they were happy and all agreed that I should not delay but get under treatment as soon as possible. The morning I left them was the saddest of my life. I cannot discuss it. I felt as I do now that we were all equally broken hearted. I preached to them every night as long as I remained with them. The last Sunday services being the climax. So blessed it was to be with them in the presence of the Lord, perhaps for the last time on earth. The profoundest joys of life accompany the preaching of the gospel, together with sorrows deepest caverns which only too often must be explored. In leaving them I recalled John 17:12-18, and thus did I deliver them over to the Lord for safe keeping. Arriving in Rio Branco the same afternoon I went to a cheap hotel, with the intention of waiting a few days for a plane that would be going to Manaus. I was in company with a friend who was not a believer, and after we had supper, we were resting in our hammocks when one of the missionaries who was living there came for me, to go to his home. I excused myself by telling him that I was afflicted with leprosy, but he assured me that they had a place prepared for me where there would be no danger. Yet he thought it better to remain there that night and to go to his home the next morning, so we did. How did he know we were there? There was a believer standing by when we sat down to supper, and observed that I offered thanks for the food. He went to his home and told him that I was there and sick. I remained in the home of the missionary until Wednesday morning and then flew to Porto Velho where I was obliged to wait two days for another plane that was going direct to

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Macedonia Baptist Church, Ripley, Tenn. ....	\$ 8.75
Micanopy Baptist Church, Micanopy, Fla. ....	5.00
South Side Baptist Church, Winter Haven, Fla. ....	55.00
Tabernacle Baptist Church, Lewisburg, Ky. ....	50.00
Liberty Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio ....	20.89
Port Norris Baptist Church, Port Norris, N. J. ....	20.00
Raiford Baptist Church, Raiford, Fla. ....	5.00
Good Will Baptist Church, Tampa, Fla. ....	69.42
Shady Grove Baptist Church, Wickliff, Ky. ....	25.00
Ahava Baptist Church, Plant City, Fla. ....	45.00
Kirbyton Baptist Church, Bardwell, Ky. ....	147.61
Bellview Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky. ....	50.23
Oak Baptist Church, Royal Oak, Mich. ....	73.70
Oak Baptist Church, Royal Oak, Mich., Ladies Bible Class	10.00
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn, Mich. ....	20.31
Buffalo Avenue Baptist Church, Tampa, Fla. ....	39.20
Buffalo Avenue Baptist Church, Tampa, Fla., (Hope Bible Class) ....	50.00
North Side Baptist Church, Mayfield, Ky., (Ladies Bible Class) ....	5.00
Park Hill Baptist Church, Pueblo, Colorado ....	75.00
Big Creek Baptist Church, Wayne, W. Va. ....	7.50
Big Creek Baptist Church, Wayne W. Va. (Junior Class)	1.00
United Baptist Church, Muncie, Ind. ....	10.00
East Main Baptist Church, Des Plains, Ill. ....	5.00
Little Obion Baptist Church, Wingo, Ky. ....	19.00
Seventh Street Baptist Church, Cannelton, Ind. ....	29.39
Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Hickory, Ky. ....	12.94
Liberty Baptist Church, Central City, Ky. ....	8.21
First Baptist Church, White Plains, Ky. ....	15.00
Faith Baptist Church, Santa Rosa, Calif., (Ladies Bible Class) ....	6.00
Ball Creek Baptist Church, Bee Log, Tenn. ....	31.00
Fenton Road Baptist Church, Flint, Mich., (B.Y.P.U.) ..	7.00
South Union Baptist Church, Cadiz, Ky. ....	11.60
First Baptist Church, Russell, Ky. ....	118.88
Maranatha Baptist Church, Grand Rapids, Mich. ....	16.36
Harmony Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich. ....	89.50
Elizabeth Jarrell Baptist Church, Louisa, Ky. ....	19.35
Second Baptist Church, Marion, Ky. ....	11.83
Friendship Baptist Church, Lincoln Park, Mich. ....	25.14
Grace Baptist Church, Base Line, Mich., (B.Y.P.U.) ....	4.85
Grace Baptist Church, Base Line, Mich. ....	63.50
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Mrs. M. A. Ailstock, Mansfield, La. ....	1.00
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B. R. Matheny, Clendenin, W. Va. ....	5.00
A Friend, Ashland, Ky. ....	50.00

TOTAL ..... \$1,597.93

As the Lord leads you, send all offerings for mission work to the Treasurer of this Mission. It is best to send by check or money order. It is not safe to send cash in envelope. Place your return address on the corner of the envelope. Address:

Z. E. CLARK, Box 215, Cannelton, Indiana

Manaos. On Friday morning I embarked for Manaos and arrived there about 10 a.m. Arriving in Manaos I went to the meeting house, for we have sleeping quarters there for me in a small room behind the church building. I did not go to the homes of any of the brethren, but preached to them every night while there. The fourth of July was the anniversary of the organization of the church. We had a nice service on that night. The house was overfilled with many on the outside. We enjoyed a wonderful meeting before the Lord. It was interesting to see the growth of the church. I took passage on a plane to Belem, Para, leaving on Thursday morning, arriving there in the afternoon. I went to the hotel and on Saturday morning very early I was aboard a Constellation plane headed for Miami. We enjoyed a good journey across, arriving in Miami the same afternoon, less than 18 hours flight. I arrived there too late to change money and was forced to spend Sunday there because I had no American

money. Then I was delayed until Tuesday morning but the journey was pleasant and I arrived here at 3 p.m., July 12th, coming by New Orleans and Baton Rouge. A few days ago while walking about the place I stopped and looked at the engraving on a monument in one of the courts. To my astonishment this place was first begun as a retreat for lepers in July 1895, which is the year and month of my birth. Then it was taken over by the Federal Government, remodeled and beautified in February 1922 the year and month of my conversion. Just why the dates should have fallen as they did is hard to believe.

Lawrence Smith

(Preceding page, Column two) I didn't attend and will not attend. They have a public address system and here of late they have been turning it on so loud with a speaker outside that it bothers our services in the church. They have been



The old man is leaving the water and the old lady who threw down her crucifix when she got saved is entering the water. Pastor Santiago is standing on the bank with his Bible in hand.

having only one service on Wednesday night but now they have one on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday the same as us.

Also they are proselyting. I just found out recently that the pastor of their church was not ordained, that they believe that when a man is called to preach that the Lord ordains him in his call. I know now what you said was true about alien immersion. Our church is really doing things. This month I believe has been the greatest in the history. The average attendance was up about one-third in spite of rain and sickness. We have ordained three deacons. This is the first ordination the church has had for the ordaining of deacons. One man the church excluded, came back and apologized to the church and promised to live more for the Lord. He mended one of the walls of the church building which was broken. The new Evangelist that has recently answered the call to full service of the Lord, says that he wants to work with me. He is a native of Cruzeiro do Sul and says that he worked for an oil company and knows all the rivers and creeks in Acre and between here and there. After I have prayed some more and sought the will of the Lord more I have a matter to put before the brethren regarding the work here. I feel that He is leading (definitely) me to begin a special work which is about the only way to work the field that is already here and to contact new ones. I believe the Lord has a way, where even one person can service the points now established and also to establish new ones. I will be able to know more definitely after returning from Cruzeiro do Sul. My heart is burdened for the mission points that are now abandoned and are not being worked at all. I am including under separate cover a message to the churches of the mission to be put in the MISSION SHEETS as a special message. I would like for Brother Gilpin to print it as a tract. Take the cost out of the money I receive from the tax return or from my salary. (We won't take any money of yours Bro. Ed.). I am going to translate Edward's New Testament Doctrines and distribute them here in the other churches. I am including a sample copy of our S. S. lesson as an example of the work on the mimeograph machine. I can now see how it is going to be a great help. May the Lord bless all the churches that are in His will. Pray for us continually as we do for you.

Yours in the service of the Lord.

L. M. Smith

R. P. Hallum

(Preceding page, Column five) sented to wait until them. If he does not hear by then I will get one of the Notary Publics here to do it and send the affidavits and photostat checks right on without delay. All the folks are well. I sent you a letter yesterday acknowledging receipt of checks for June.

Yours truly,  
R. P. Hallum

R. P. Hallum

(Preceding page, Column two) side wall of the church near the top with cement these words: "Jesus says 'Repent and believe the gospel.'" Mark 1:15. The Priests and Nuns have made many of the people believe that the gospel is a deceit. With these words I close asking God's richest blessings on all. As ever in the service of the Lord.

R. P. Hallum

ROME AND MONEY

The year of 1950 will be a great year for the Catholics. It will be what they call the "Holy Year." Millions of people will pour in from the four corners of the earth. Millions of dollars will remain in Italy after the year is over. These people will come to receive special blessings from the "saints," many of them will confess to the priests in the world renowned St. Peter's Cathedral. Every good Catholic will pass by the statue of the Apostle Peter and kiss his foot. Think of how many times the hand of the Pope will be kissed, and all the blessings that he will place upon them. There is always a catch to something like that, and in this case it is money. Everything that you do will cost you something. The auricular confession will cost the special blessings of the Pope is bound to cost something although it might be indirect. To my notion the only thing that it does is to pour money in to the Catholics. After living here for about a year it is not so hard to understand why the people in Italy do such things because they have been taught Catholicism since birth. They hear about it when they go to school, because it is taught in every school. They learn about it on the streets, in the picture shows, and on the sign boards, and all they know about it is what the priests have told them. They know nothing of God and His Word and very little about His Son. They pray to the "Virgin Mary" and to the saints. They confess their sins to a common man. They do this because they have no Bibles, because their parents and friends do it, because they have heard it and been taught it from infancy.

Yes, these are some of the millions that fall for the teachings of "The Apostasy." They will pay their last lire to get a blessing from "The Pope in Rome." Many of you who are reading this think to yourselves what a sin indeed to think that Italy could be so stupid. I might add that they are not the only ones that will do these things but thousands of our own countrymen will be doing the same things. Americans who are the most educated people in the world will fall at the hand of the Pope and worship.—Copied

Remember, it is Catholicism that our missionaries face in South America.



Some men let 1000 gallons of beer drain through them in order to get the value of one and three-fourths pounds of beefsteak.

## "Man's Thoughts"

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SOMEBODY ELSE MAY SAY, "I THOUGHT I'D HAVE A SECOND CHANCE." You know there are a lot of folk that think that. The Russellites are running all over the country with their pernicious literature, asking you to buy it, and when you won't buy it they will give it to you. Their literature says that all you need to do is just to go on living your life and after a while God is going to raise you up and preach the Gospel to you a second time. If you believe, you will be saved, and if not, you will be shoveled into Hell and will be burned up and that will be the end of you.

The Russellites are not the only folk that believe you will have a second chance. Every Catholic priest in the world has taught his people that when a man dies, if he isn't saved, he will pass into Limbo, and out of Limbo into Purgatory, and eventually out of Purgatory into Heaven. Listen, beloved, that makes Purgatory a great and a successful reform school for all of the incorrigibles of this earth who wouldn't be corrected and changed in time by the voice of God. Let me show you how foolish this is. Listen:

"If the clouds be full of rain, they empty themselves upon the earth: and if the tree fall toward the south, or toward the north, in the place where the tree falleth, there it shall be."—Eccl. 11:3.

You may say, "I thought the priest told me the truth." It doesn't make any difference what he told you, God says something different, and you had better take what God says.

Notice the Word of God doesn't say that after you die you will have a second chance:

"And as it is appointed unto even once to die, but after this judgment."—Heb. 9:27.

"And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame. But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivest thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented."—Luke 16: 24,25.

Notice, beloved, that the Lord Jesus says that there is a gulf fixed and when a man goes to Hell, he goes there to stay. There is no second chance. It doesn't make any difference what man says to you, you had better take what God says.

## CONCLUSION

The text which I have read to you tonight is a very forceful one, but the verse just preceding it is just as forceful, for it says:

"Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon."—Isa. 55:7.

Beloved, what you need is to lay down your thoughts and cast aside all your preconceived notions and discard all the philosophies of religion that you have—lay them all aside and take finally and conclusively what God says in His Word. Let me give you an example to show you why you ought to take God's thoughts.

The daily paper this last week told of an experience in a hospital in the state of New York that was tragic. A patient had come into the hospital for a minor operation. The patient had been taken to the operating room and the man who was giving the anesthesia was mixing it with oxygen. As he was giving it, it happened that the oxygen tank ran empty and they pushed it aside and put another tank, which was labeled "Oxygen," in its place. They connected it and the man who was giving the anesthesia looked down a moment later and the patient was dying. In less than a minute's time this man who had come into the hospital for a minor operation, was a dead man on the operating table. When the coroner was called and the examination was made, it was found that the second tank instead of being filled with oxygen, was actually filled with carbon dioxide.

Now listen, beloved, the patient died instantly. Why? Because a tank had been mislabeled. The manufacturer was sincere; the hospital authorities were sincere; the surgeon was sincere; the man who gave the anesthesia was sincere; and the patient was sincere; but it didn't make a bit of difference. The man died just the same.

Proverbs 14:12 says: "There

# Ideas For The Hell Box

The Hell Box is where all discarded metal—printer's mistakes and errors—is thrown, to be melted and remolded.



Popular misconceptions of religion that are deadlier than yesterday's type.

## "EVERYBODY THAT IS SAVED HAD A MOURNER'S BENCH EXPERIENCE"

"EVERY BODY THAT IS SAVED HAD A MOURNER'S BENCH EXPERIENCE SOMEWHERE." This is a very popular misconception with some preachers. Most of the preachers, who say it, have copied the statements from some older preacher who has been repeating it for years. There is not one verse in the Bible to substantiate such a claim.

In favor of this heresy, many misquote Acts 16:29-31. They leave the impression that the jailer was down on his knees before Paul and Silas mourning and saying what must I do to be saved. But this is not true. The Scripture says that the jailer, after he had done obeisance, (see II Samuel 14:4) BROUGHT PAUL AND SILAS OUT AND THEN ASKED THEM WHAT HE MUST DO TO BE SAVED. There is nothing in this Scripture that even hints at a mourner's bench.

Many who advocate the mourner's bench say that mourning is godly sorrow. They quote II Cor. 9:10: "For godly

sorrow worketh repentance to (unto R. V.) salvation . . ." Note that the Scripture says that godly sorrow worketh repentance unto salvation. Every person who has godly sorrow repents and has salvation, because godly sorrow worketh repentance unto salvation. The same verse says that, "the sorrow of the world worketh death." Mourning is not godly sorrow, because lots of people who mourn die lost and go to hell. If mourning were godly sorrow, then all who mourn would repent and be saved. A person under real conviction who has godly sorrow which leads to repentance, may weep, cry, or mourn, but the weeping, or mourning is not godly sorrow. Many like the writer wept many tears when they were saved, but many are saved who do not shed a tear.

Godly sorrow and repentance are accompanied by tears and crying in many cases, but in many cases godly sorrow and repentance are not accompanied by even a tear. Some people

are more emotional than others and cry easily whereas others do not. Some say that mourning is repentance and try to leave the impression that those who oppose the mourner's bench do not believe in repentance. Repentance is not mourning. Repentance is a change of mind. All who repent are saved. But most all who mourn are lost. Some say that the mourner's bench is a mighty good place to get saved. But this is not true, because the mourner's bench is usually a place of confusion (God is not the author of confusion) and it is very hard to talk to the lost and explain the plan of salvation in the midst of such confusion. Some are saved at a mourner's bench (the most are fooled there) and some are saved at other places. Salvation is in Christ, not in the mourner's bench. Most of the people who have been saved, never had a mourner's bench experience because there wasn't any mourner's bench until the last century or two.

is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death."

You may say, "Brother Gilpin, all this seems all right to me." Beloved, it doesn't make a bit of difference how it seems to you. You had better take what God says and be sure about it. You need to take God at His Word.

Jesus said:

"I am THE WAY, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

—John 14:6.

"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.

Brother, sister, if you want salvation, don't depend upon what you have been told in the past. Don't depend upon what you think. Just discard all that and fall back on what God says within His Word and believe that Jesus Christ is the only way of salvation.

Did you notice a few weeks ago that pathetic incident that the Associated Press carried from the pen of a country doctor in the city of Georgia? That doctor, by the name of Bramlett, sixty-three years of age, of Cumming, Georgia, was ill and he appealed to all those who owed him, whom he had helped, to pay him because he himself was sick and needed the money. This was what he said:

"I am now up against a serious problem. Have been in the hospital for three weeks and must undergo a serious operation which I may not survive. I am now asking your aid, like you asked mine thousands of times.

"Do you remember how good you felt when maybe snow covered the ground or in all other kinds of bad weather, when you heard my voice say, 'I will come'?"

"Now, my friends, I am asking you to come and pay me

the small fees charged you for my services.

"You might do better to settle with me than with my administrator. Please don't disappoint me, my friends, for I love every one of you."

Two weeks passed by and the newspaper carried a second story. It said that not one person had responded to the appeal. When I read the first story, it didn't make any impression upon me. It was just another news item. But when I read the second one, I thought of another Physician—the great Physician—and I thought how the Lord Jesus Christ likewise had appealed to lost men. If this country doctor's appeal went unheeded, how many thousands of people pass by the

appeal of the great Physician, the Lord Jesus Christ. He Himself said:

"And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life."

—John 5:40.

The word for "will" there is a past participle. Literally, Jesus said, "Ye have willed not to come to me that you might have life."

Listen, beloved, the great Physician is still appealing to you. Maybe in this hour He is speaking to some soul. Maybe He is saying, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Oh, may you hear His appeal and may you receive Him as your Saviour and may God save your soul. Forget your thoughts and take God's thoughts.

## WHAT ARE YOU DOING ABOUT IT?

DOING ABOUT WHAT? About the apostasy that is prevalent among Baptists today?

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All our heavy burdens to bear?  
Did you speak of faith and courage,  
For the trials we must meet?  
Did you ask that God might keep us  
As you bowed at Jesus' feet?

Someone prayed and strength was given  
For the long and weary road.  
Someone prayed, and faith grew stronger  
As we bent beneath our load.  
Someone prayed, the way grew brighter,  
And we walked all unafraid--  
In our heart a song of gladness--  
Tell us, was it you who prayed?

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## A Free Gift

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If more folks would do like Mrs. Sauder, some salesmen would learn to tell their listeners at once about the "catch" or the "string" attached to their "free" gifts.

When the Lord offers a gift, it is absolutely free. He said to the Samaritan woman at the well: "If thou knewest the gift of God and who it is that saith to thee, 'Give me to drink,' thou wouldst have asked of Him, and He would have given thee living water." (John 4:10)

"He that spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things." (Romans 8:32)

"The wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

Why not accept the gift and thank the Giver, if you have not already done so?



## Everybody's Asking . . .

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work He came to do?

In no sense was Christ an experimenter nor a failure. He came to do God's will. "Lo, I come to do thy will, O God."—Heb. 10:9.

All things were determined in advance by God. "God hath determined the times before appointed."—Acts 17:26. Thus His plans are being worked out today just as God has appointed.

There can be no failure with Christ as He never begins anything without successfully finishing it. "Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will FINISH it."—Phil. 1:6.

5. Is it right to allow a Methodist or Campbellite to preach a baccalaureate sermon in a Baptist church building?

Baptist church houses weren't built to promote heresy. It would be just as right to have such a preacher in a Baptist church as it would be to have a Zulu Hottentot priest to go through his ritual. Both are wrong — badly wrong.

Our Lord said, "Occupy till I come." I don't believe He would think we were occupying very well if He were to return and find a Methodist preacher in a Baptist pulpit.

6. Is it right for a Methodist or Campbellite to preach a funeral in a Baptist church?

No! I've heard some take advantage of their opportunity and preach everything contrary to what Baptists believe. Jesus said to keep heretics out of our homes. "If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house."—II John 1:10. We ought to guard God's house even more than our homes.

7. Explain Heb. 6:4-6.

Paul's letter was directed to babes in Christ who had failed to grow. See Heb. 5:12. He was urging them to go on to perfection. However, even though they hadn't progressed as they ought, he shows them that they are still saved and haven't lost their salvation. He even goes so far as to say that if they could be lost, they could never be saved again. Thus, instead of teaching

"falling from grace" as the Arminians state, this passage actually most strongly argues for the security of the believer. Paul shows that he was merely using a supposition for he says "though we thus speak"—Heb. 6:10. He declares that he is persuaded better things of his hearers — things that accompany salvation. Remember: "falling from grace" doesn't accompany salvation.

8. Is it right to eat in God's house?

No. Feasting and games should be completely excluded. Paul says, "What? have ye not houses to eat and drink in? or despise ye the church of God?"—I Cor. 11:22. Jesus said, "My house shall be called an house of prayer."—Mat. 21:13.



## What To Do

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TO WITNESS FOR CHRIST. (Acts 1:8). This is the big duty — the first duty of every saved person. At work, at school, at play, in the store, in the factory, in the office, everywhere. And this means to witness by your life, words, and manner. This is the neglected thing — and the thing that is utterly lacking from so many lives. Even from the lives of persons who want to be "doing something."

PERSONAL WORK in winning others to Christ. (See John 1:41-42 and 45, 46). Lots of people who get up "programs and parties" and who like to talk in public, never win anybody else to Christ. We think of the person who was dissatisfied with church because of a lack of opportunity to be "busy" with programs and talks and what not, but who when invited to accompany a member to do some personal work wasn't interested in the slightest. One person who wins others to Christ is worth 25 who like to "officiate." The lack of personal soul-winning on the part of members, is the greatest lack we have. What right has a member to grumble at anything in connection with his church, if he never wins anybody to the Lord? One person can reach more people, actually, than the average church reaches as a whole. We think of a Baptist deacon of Louisville, Ky., who averaged winning 25 or 30 persons a year — himself. Some say a church ought to keep people "busy doing something." Usually is is meant, saying "pieces" — putting on parties — getting up plays, etc. Truth is, people ought to be busy trying to rescue others from hell.

HOLDING UP THE HANDS OF THOSE CALLED OF GOD. (Read Exodus 17:10-13).

God didn't call Aaron or Hur — but Moses. Their hands didn't avail, but they could hold up the hands of the man called of God. God doesn't call the average Christian to preach or to be the leader of the flock of God, but he can help lift up the hands of the pastor and preacher. HOW? By his prayers — by his loyalty — by taking annoyances from him — by supporting him — by defending him — by backing him up. (How pull his hands down? By criticizing him instead of praying for him — by gossiping about him — by complaining about him — by undercutting his ministry or acting the "termite" — by opposing his leadership in church affairs).

REGULAR ATTENDANCE

ON THE PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD. (Read Hebrews 10:25).

We think of a woman who used to come to church when she could pass out parts for the organization program, but otherwise she was absent. The backing of all of public meetings, will give good attendance, will add life and vitality to the services and will give the man called of God to preach, a group to preach to that will encourage and inspire his best effort.



## Church Withdraws

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said Church; and held sacred by all Regular Missionary Baptist Churches;

And since the Southern Baptist Convention and the Sand Mountain Association have departed from the Faith:

Example Number one. By making the test of fellowship. "Loyalty to the Cooperative Program." (A man-made program, which is much younger than the Southern Baptist Convention).

Example Number two. By the Sunday School Board having published and by teaching Sunday School literature which:

(a). Denies the Verbal inspiration of the Scriptures, Jan., Feb., March, Adult Quarterly 1949.

(b). Also teaches that Jesus was an Antagonist faced with two or more alternatives which were equally conclusive against him which ever alternative he chose. See Dilemma; page 35 the same quarterly.

(c). Denies the pre-Millennial return of our Lord Jesus Christ.

(d). Tries to explain away some of the Bible miracles.

Example Number three. The Southern Baptist Convention has instituted an unbiblical retirement system.

Example Number four. The Southern Baptist Convention has permitted affiliation with the ungodly and un-American Federal Council of Churches.

Be It Resolved Therefore:

that Browns Gap Missionary Baptist Church now assembled in Conference declare NON-FELLOWSHIP with the present system known as, "The Southern Baptist Convention," and restate our Eternal Vigilance of Contending for the Faith once delivered to the Saints, praying always for a deeper passion for lost souls.

Be It Further Resolved:

that we hold absolutely NO ill will toward any born again brother or sister, but endeavoring to bear the burden of all who abide by the teachings of the verbally inspired Word of our blessed Lord.

Mrs. I. C. Anderson, C. C.  
Rev. C. L. Morris, Moderator.



## New School

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John 1:12. When he accepts the rest of the truth he becomes a Baptist.

"We believe that Jesus spoke of Baptist churches in a generic sense when He said: 'I will build my church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it' (Matt. 16:18). Consequently we believe that all New Testament churches were Baptist churches, and that such churches have been perpetuated

down through the centuries to the present. In the light of this, we believe that Christ's commission to make disciples, baptize them, and teach them; means, first, make Christians; second, make Baptists; third, make sound Baptists. Hence we shall seek to train God-called men to be sound Baptist missionaries, teachers, evangelists, and pastors so as to encourage the establishing and building up of sound Baptist churches.

"As a distinctive Baptist school, the Southern Baptist Bible Seminary, by positive Bible teaching, will stand militantly, uncompromisingly, and without apology against every vestige of the three great heresies which today constitute the second great historical apostasy of the Christian era. These heresies, one or more of which is present in the majority of Baptist churches and Baptist schools the world over, are as follows:

"1. MODERNISM: The religion of man's depraved reason as opposed to God's perfect revelation; naturalism versus supernaturalism. Hence Modernism denies the verbal and plenary inspiration of the Bible, creation as the immediate act of God, the virgin birth of Christ, His deity, His miracles, His substitutionary death, His victorious resurrection, His triumphant ascension and His glorious second coming. Modernism springs from the pride of the human intellect."

"2. ARMINIANISM: The exaltation of man and dethronement of God; the magnifying of human rights and ability to the disparagement of divine prerogatives and power. Hence Arminianism denies the total depravity of man on the one hand and the absolute sovereignty of God on the other hand. It teaches that God is under obligation to man, and that man, by nature or by a gracious ability universally bestowed of God, is able to turn from sin to God; whereas the Bible teaches that man is under just condemnation and wrath (Rom. 5:12; Gal. 3:10; Rom. 1:18; 3:19; 6:23), and is so utterly impotent in spiritual things that God must turn those He saves by particular, discriminating, efficacious grace. See Jer. 17:9; 13:23; John 6:44,65; 12:37-40; Rom. 8:7,8; 9:13-18; 1 Cor. 2:14. Arminianism springs from the pride of the human will."

"3. UNIONISM: The placing of New Testament churches on a level with man-made churches by involving them in interdenominational organizations, meetings, etc. Hence Unionism promotes the idea that "one church is just as good as another." It magnifies quantity in evangelistic meetings by ignoring two-thirds of the Great Commission. It stresses results at the expense of truth. It tends toward the weakening and destruction of Baptist churches. It puts fellowship with men above fellowship with God through His word. Open communion and alien immersion are corollaries of Unionism. Unionism springs from the pride of the human heart."

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## Gum Chewing

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Two-stick handlers carry the cud at the back of the mouth, giving the impression of an ulcerated tooth. The bubble gum brats down at the front seem to be at the bursting point and is no wonder that they frequently relieve the tension by taking a pull at arm's length, allowing the string to drop back into the cavity as the head rests on the back of the pew.

As one continues to study the picture, he realizes that the thing that makes him feel jittery is the lack of rhythm. There are the goat chewers who keep up a slow and deliberate motion wearing an expression not unlike that of an absent-minded nannygoat. Others periodically break into furious action, the jaws moving at an amazing speed, like a duck that has picked up a choice bug, then follows a period of total inaction, causing one to wonder if the stuff has been swallowed by accident. You soon discover, however, that it is still on hand.

Now frankly . . . what a blessing all this is to a church service! What an inspiration to a pastor! Must we resign ourselves to the idea that we are living in the "Wrigley age" and that the church must accommodate itself to the times . . . or can something be done to show church attendants that the house of God is a place of prayer and meditation which should be as free as possible from all distractions? Eating stuff and chewing gum may have its place in movie theatres — where the majority of Christians do not go — but it seems to us that the eating idea should be dispensed with during the time of religious services. Call it "nuts" if you will!

I am sure the membership guilty of "church chewing" will refrain out of respect to the pastor. Who said, "that's what you think, preacher"? Will you do it out of respect to your Saviour and for the benefit of the unsaved sitting next to you then?