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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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Spurgeon's Comments On Psalm 119

Many are of the earth earthy, and never lament it. Only the heaven-born and heaven-soaring spirit pines at the thought of being fastened to this world, and bird-limed by its sorrows or its pleasures.

Grace and truth are ever linked together, and a belief of the doctrines of grace is a grand preservative from deadly error.

Those whom God has chosen in due time choose His way. There is a doctrinal way of truth which we ought to choose, rejecting every dogma of man's devising; there is a ceremonial way of truth which we should follow, detesting all the forms which apostate

churches have invented; and then there is a practical way of truth, the way of holiness, to which we must adhere, whatever may be our temptation to forsake it.

Natural life without spiritual life is mere existence.

A hermit may escape into solitude that he may do no iniquity, but a saint lives in society that he may serve his God by walking in His ways.

No one who loves holiness has the slightest cause to envy the prosperity of the worldling.

We need not so much that God should give us more benefits, as the ability to see what He has

given.

A broken heart need not be distressed, for no heart is so whole in its seeking after God as a heart which is broken.

When slander drives us to more resolute and careful obedience they work our lasting good: falsehood hurled against us may be made to promote our fidelity to the truth, and the malice of men may increase our love to God. A holy life is an unanswerable refutation of all calumnies.

It is the nature of the son of the bondwoman to mock the child of promise.

—Spurgeon on Psa. 119.

Jesus, Differing From Man, Fine Young Preacher Was Truly The God-Man Available To Serve His Lord Anywhere

By Roy Mason
Tampa, Fla.

Modernism holds that Jesus is different from other men merely in degree and not in kind. So with all others who deny the virgin birth and the essential deity of Jesus Christ. To the contrary, the Scriptures make clear that Jesus differed from other men in kind. What are some of those differences?

He differed in His conception and birth. It was predicted that He would be virgin born (Isa. 7:14), and He was born as foretold (Matt. 1:22-23). No other person ever had a group of angels to announce his birth.

He was different in his pre-existence (John 1:1-2). All of us started life in this world, but Jesus existed before there was any world.

He was different in His nature, which partook both of the human and the divine. We were all born "children of wrath, even as others." Through supernatural conception and virgin birth, Jesus escaped the fallen nature that we all possess, hence he was able to live without sin.

His death was different from all other deaths. He died sacrificially (I Cor. 15:3). No man can bear another man's sins, for he has his own sins to look out for. Jesus died for us, bearing our sins (II Peter 2:24). Like-

wise his death was different in that when He had finished His atoning work, He "dismissed His Spirit." None of us can do that. No matter how much one in pain may want to die, he can't will to die, and turn up his toes and pass out.

He was different in His resurrection. "I have power to lay down my life, and power to take it up again," Jesus said. We have no such power. We are helpless, and must depend wholly on God to raise us from the dead.

He was different in His ascension. We who believe, shall be caught up at the call of Christ, but Jesus voluntarily and of His own will ascended.

These are some of the main differences between Jesus and others, and they are differences of the most tremendous kind. When men ignore these differences, and try to class Jesus with other men, they must needs throw the Bible clear out. Bald atheism is more sensible and more rational than modernism which seeks to hold onto some of the Bible, and some of Jesus, while repudiating the most foundational truths that relate to both.

The Offices Of Jesus

The differences mentioned above are essential to the offices that Jesus is set forth in the Scriptures as filling. Unless He was and is super-human He could not possibly fill these positions. What are they?

The office of prophet. Read (Continued on page four)



ELD. PAUL KIRKMAN

Here is a lad whom the editor has known since he was a boy in his teens, and it is with joy that I commend him to our readers.

Bro. Kirkman grew up at nearby Catlettsburg and from the time of his conversion has been a remarkable Christian character.

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OUR RADIO MINISTRY

WWKO—1420 ON THE DIAL
ASHLAND, KENTUCKY
Sunday—8:30-9:00 A. M.

1. Can an evolutionist be saved?

God's grace can save the vilest of sinners. None can be too low for His grace to reach. Cf. Is. 1:18; Heb. 7:25.

One thing to remember: no one is saved who fails to honor Jesus. No modernist nor evolutionist can be saved who rejects the divinity and deity of Jesus. Cf. John 5:23.

Everyone who gets to Heaven will reject evolution. Cf. Rev. 4:11. In the light of this Scripture, all who reach Heaven will believe that God only is the Creator.

2. Do you recommend "Pilgrim's Progress" for a babe in Jesus?

I recommend this book to anyone who can read, irrespective of how long he has been saved. Next to the Bible, I know of no better book to put into the hands of a new convert.

3. Explain Eph. 1:4.

This verse doesn't need explanation particularly — it just needs acceptance. It teaches us that all who will ever be saved were chosen or elected in Christ before the world began. I don't know how old the world is, but

I know that I am older than creation. Before the angels ever shouted for joy over the original creation of the world, God had already chosen or elected me in Christ unto salvation. Yes, before the wing of a seraph ever fanned the unnavigated ether, I was already chosen in Christ.

4. Did the Hardshells and Missionary Baptists split over election?

No, in no respect was this true. Both groups at that time strongly believed in the great doctrine of unconditional election. The split was on the basis of education, missions, and God's use of means. All historians that deal with the separation show that both groups were strong defenders of election.

5. Explain election in the light of I Cor. 15:22.

This verse doesn't touch the doctrine of election in any manner. It speaks of the physical death we inherited in Adam and the resurrection life we shall receive in Christ. The context plainly shows that it is the life of the body, and not that of the soul which is in question.

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A Brief Tribute As To The Value Of The Bible

This Book contains: The mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, the doom of sinners and the happiness of believers. Its doctrine is holy, its precepts are binding, its histories are true and its decisions are immutable. Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe and practice it to be holy.

It contains light to direct you, food to support you, and comfort to cheer you. It is the traveller's map, the pilgrim's staff, the pilot's compass, the soldier's sword and the Christian's charter.

Here, Heaven is opened, and the gates of Hell disclosed. Christ is its grand subject, our good its design, and the glory of God its end. It should fill the memory, rule the heart, and guide the feet.

Read it slowly, frequently, prayerfully. It is a mine of wealth, a paradise of glory, and a river of pleasure. It is given you in life, will be opened at the Judgment, and be remembered forever. It involves the highest responsibility, will reward faithful labor, and condone all who trifle with its sacred contents.

'Tis the Book that has for ages, Lifted man from sin and shame, That great message on its pages, Will forever be the same.

Never compare the Bible with other books. Comparisons are dangerous. Books speak from earth; the Bible speaks from Heaven. Never think or say that the Bible contains the Word of God. It IS the Word of God. Supernatural in origin, Eternal in duration, inexpressible in value, infinite in

scope, divine in authorship, infallible in authority, inspired in personal application, inspired in totality. Read it through. Write it down. Pray it in. Work it out. Pass it on. It is the Word of God. —Selected

COMPANIONSHIP

By Maltbie Davenport Babcock

No distant Lord have I,
Loving afar to be;
Made flesh for me, he cannot rest
Until He rests in me.
Brother in joy and pain,
Bone of my bone was he,
Now—intimacy, closer still—
He dwells himself in me.
I need not journey far
This dearest friend to see,
Companionship is always mine,
He makes his home with me.
I envy not the twelve;
Nearer to me is he;
The life he once lived here on earth,
He lives again in me.
Ascended now to God,
My witness there to be,
His witness here am I, because
His Spirit dwells in me.
O glorious Son of God,
Incarnate Deity,
I shall forever be with thee
Because thou art with me.

HE ALMOST MADE "KINGDOM COME"

A magician told his audience in Sandwich, Illinois, that he was going to step into a casket and blow himself to "kingdom come" and almost did!

The seven sticks of dynamite surrounding the casket were only designed to blow the lid off the box. The magician was to step out in triumph at the Saturday night exposition.

Instead, casket, magician and all went up, and the magician suffered a concussion and injuries to the vertebrae.

Evidently, what the magician meant by "kingdom come" was eternity. He used the wrong type of dynamite to put him into the kingdom of Heaven, or the kingdom of God.

The gospel of Christ is the "power" or dynamite, of God, unto salvation to everyone that believeth (Romans 1:16). That dynamite does not blow one up, although it does break one up, as he is made to think that his sins

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APPRECIATED COMMENTS

"I know the many friends that have written you have been a blessing to you. I honestly believe there have been more prayers offered in your behalf since your resignation than ever before. Personally, I believe that God has a greater field of work for you. I thank God for THE BAPTIST EXAMINER and look forward to its coming each week."

—E. H. Craft, Dille, W. Va.

"We were sorry to hear of your resignation and your sickness. You have given the best years of your life to build up the church and THE BAPTIST EXAMINER, but the responsibility of carrying both is too great for one man. Your efforts have not been in vain and God is not through with you yet. He can use you to strengthen more people through TBE than one small group (your church)."

—Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Stephenson
Springfield, Ohio

The Baptist Examiner Pulpit

"THE HEAD OR THE TAIL"

"And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the Lord thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth: And the Lord shall make thee the head, and not the tail. But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes which I command thee this day; that all these curses shall come upon thee, and overtake thee. The stranger that is within thee shall get up above thee very high; and thou shalt come down very low. He shall lend to thee, and thou shalt not lend to him: he shall be the head, and thou shalt be the tail."—Deut. 28: 1, 13, 15, 43, 44.

This is the first Sunday of a new year. What a greeting this new year has already received in the hands of the world! When the new year was ushered in, a few were in church services. Yes, in comparison with earth's pop-

ulation there were very, very few.

In contrast many were in pleasure resorts, road houses, and hotels. Dancing, drinking, carousing and forgetfulness of God characterized better than 90 per cent of this country's population. Truly it could be said that the majority were on the road to Hell with the throttle wide open and the machine in high gear.

The world at large greeted the new year being in the grip of war and bloodshed. In Japan, China, and Spain, it was not a

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\$ A-MONTH-CLUB \$

The Dollar-A-Month Club for the retirement of our debt against our new press shows a little growth each week. Within the past seven days we have heard from the following friends, who by their contributions show their interest in the truth for which this paper stands.

Those writing us thus this week are:

- A friend, Sylacauga, Ala., \$1.00.
- Mrs. Robert Randazzo, Kansas City, Mo., \$1.00.
- Bro. B. R. Matheney, Clendenin, W. Va., \$2.00.
- Bro. Elmo Woodson, Little Rock, Ark., \$3.00.
- Mrs. Laura La Vigne, Mansfield, La., \$1.00.
- Eld. Paul Rust, Holmes, Iowa, \$1.00.

As a little reminder, may I say that we are about \$800.00 short of our \$1200 goal as of June 27. As the Lord leads you, we'll be happy to hear from you.



"Head Or Tail"

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new year which began, but a bloody gruesome experience of death and sorrow. Standing near by these nations which are already in war were Italy, Germany, and Russia, with their respective dictators, Mussolini, Hitler, and Stalin, ready to enter the bloody turbulence should even half a pretext arise.

Thus the world in such chaotic state entered the new year threatened with Communism and Fascism, both of which leave God out completely.

In the portal of the historic church of San Jose in Madrid, Spain, stood a statue of the Christ Child. This statue had been transformed into a child Communist. This new representation has a pistol in his up-lifted right hand. In its left hand is a red banner held aloft; cartridges are in the belt. And this is Communism! Communism seeks to banish from the minds of the people all thought of Christ and God.

Thus the world in such chaotic state entered the new year. Surely, in view of this, we need to turn to the Old Book as we begin the new year.

Our text takes us back to the days when Moses was preaching in the plains of Moab just before Israel entered the land of Canaan. The entire book of Deuteronomy from which our text comes, consists of the parting words of Moses delivered to Israel in view of their impending entrance into Canaan. The entire book required just 37 days for the deliverance of this message. Throughout the entirety of the book and especially in our text, Moses urged upon the Jews their duty to obedience, and even promised that if they were obedient that God would make them the head and not the tail. He likewise declared the converse of this truth that God would make them the tail instead of the head, if they were disobedient.

dient.

Throughout the ages this has always been true. For a great while after entering Canaan, the Jews were obedient to God and thus they were the head. Later, especially beginning with the days of King Saul, they became disobedient and God has made them from that time the tail. The country of France offers a good example. From 800 when it was formed by Charlemagne, to 1800 France was a dominant world power. Then infidelity arose in the land. The country itself spent millions yearly for the printing, publication, and distribution of infidel literature. Since then France has been the tail.

This is likewise true of churches. In the days of the Apostle Paul there was no church that was the equal of the church at Rome. Listen to Paul's own words spoken to that church: "First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, that your faith is spoken of throughout the whole world" (Rom. 1: 8). In those days when this church was obedient to the teachings of the Lord, it was the head. However about the year 251, this church adopted the dogma of baptismal regeneration, namely, that one must be baptized to be saved. This was the beginning of the papacy. From that time, though they possessed the patronage of the world, that church has in God's sight been the tail, for Roman Catholicism which this church developed into, is miles removed from obedience to the Word of God. In contrast with the church of Rome, look at the church at Philadelphia. The Apostle John said of this church: "I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and has kept my word, and hast not denied my name. Behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee. Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth" (Rev. 3:8-20). That church has been obedient to the teachings of Jesus through the ages. With God's promise resting upon it, it has continued to be the head and not the tail. From it comes all Baptist principles which we hold today.

What is true of nations and churches is likewise true of individuals. King Saul of the Old Testament intruded into the priest's office and offered sacrifices which was contrary to the Word of God. He thus incompletely obeyed the Lord and God through Samuel said to him: "Hath the Lord as great delight in burnt-offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams" (I Sam. 15:22). From that time Saul became the tail. Much in contrast was the Saul of the New Testament who became the great Apostle Paul. Obedience to the Divine will of God characterized his life from beginning to end. As he made his final defense to King Agrippa he said: "Whereupon, O King Agrippa, I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision" (Acts 26:19). All through his life he was obedient to God, and thus was the head and not the tail.

Joseph though tempted by a wicked woman to enter into sin with her obeyed God even though it cost him at least two full years' experience in prison. Because of his experience, God caused him to be the head ruler over Egypt. When the king of Babylon gave a command that no one should pray to any God other than to himself, Daniel spurned the king's commandment and obeyed God even though he spent the night in a lion's den. God protected him and made him the head because of his obedience, even lifting him up to a most exalted position in the court of Babylon.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

LESSON FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 6, 1955

THE RICH MAN AND LAZARUS

LUKE 16:19-31

I. Hades. Luke 16:23.

The word translated Hell is "hades," the place of departed spirits in the unseen world. It had two apartments, separated by an impassible gulf until after the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. After that the righteous at death go directly into the presence of our Lord.

The wicked go to hades. Matt. 11:23; 16:18; Luke 10:15; Acts 2:27,31; Rev. 1:18; 6:8; 20:13,14. They are kept there until the judgment. Then their bodies are raised and they are judged and go into gehenna. Hades sustains the same relationship to gehenna that a county jail does to a penitentiary.

Only the wicked go to hades. Matt. 11:23; Luke 16:23; 10:15.

Jesus did not go to hades. The word translated "leave" in Acts 2:31 literally means forsake. What that passage really says is that God did not forsake Christ's soul and let it go to hades. We know that because the Master said to the thief on the cross: "Today shalt thou be with Me in Paradise." Compare translations by Broadus, Rotherham and Emphatic Diaglott.

Hades itself is to be cast into Hell or gehenna. Rev. 20:13,14.

The Lord Jesus has the keys of death and hades. Nobody can go there until He unlocks the door and lets them in. Neither can they return from hades except by His will and power. Rev. 1:18.

Gehenna is the final abode of the wicked in conscious torment after the final judgment.

II. Where Did Lazarus Go?

Certainly not to Heaven, for no one went there until Jesus ascended. Cf. John 3:13; Heb. 8:23,24; Mark 16:19. Lazarus went to Paradise. Cf. Luke 23:43.

The righteous now at death go to be where Jesus is which is in Heaven. Cf. Phil. 1:23; II Cor. 5:8.

III. Suffering Is Our Lot. Vs. 25.

The Scriptures throughout make it clear that suffering is the Christian's lot. Read Rom. 8:18; Phil 3:10; John 16:33; Acts 14:22; I Pet. 5:10; John 15:18.

IV. An Answer To Christian Science. Vs. 21.

This shows that disease and sickness are real and not imaginary. These are not delusions of the mortal mind.

V. "Faith Cure" Contradicted. Vs. 20.

This Scripture contradicts the "Faith Cure" folk who say that sickness is a lack of faith. The experience of Trophimus (II Tim 4:20), Timothy (I Tim. 5:23), Paul (II Cor. 12:7-10), and Lazarus prove that sickness does not necessarily show sin in the life, or a lack of faith.

VI. A Prayer Meeting In Hell. Vs. 23, 24.

The word translated "rich man" in the Greek is Dives. The first thing Dives did in torment was to pray. He prayed for himself and his brothers. This shows that there is no need to pray to saints. The only prayer to a saint, recorded in the Bible, is this one, and every request of it was denied. This contradicts the Catholics in their praying to saints. All praying must be to Jesus. Cf. John 14:14.

VII. No Mercy In Hell. Vs. 24.

VIII. Righteous Are Comforted After Death. Vs. 25.

IX. The Two Funerals. Vs. 22.

If a modern newspaper reporter had been writing this story, there would be a vast difference in the account of the two funerals.

A big funeral, with lots of flowers, does not necessarily mean a big welcome over there. Cf. II Pet. 1:5-11.

Folk who live in luxury ("purple and fine linen") generally go to Hell—though not always.

X. Ministry Of Angels. Vs. 22. Cf. Heb. 1:4.

XI. Punishment Is Unending. Vs. 26.

It is impossible for one's punishment to come to an end. The Catholic's Purgatory and Russellism's doctrine of a second chance are delusions. Cf. Eccl. 11:3; Heb. 9:27.

XII. Hell-fire.

Both Hades and Gehenna are sure-enough hell fire. Cf. Mark 9:43-48; Rev. 14:11; Rev. 19:1-3; Rev. 20:15.

XIII. "Torment" Is Plural.

It couldn't be otherwise with conscience on the inside and fire on the outside.

XIV. No Soul-Sleeping. Vs. 24.

This is true of both Hades and Gehenna. Cf. Rev. 14:11.

XV. No Return. Vs. 27-31.

The unsaved never come back to earth from Hades. Cf. Rev. 1:18.

XVI. No Passage. Vs. 26.

There is no passage from Hell to Heaven, not from Hades to Paradise. This contradicts spiritism which teaches that the righteous minister to the wicked. The Catholics say that everyone of their followers, including the Pope, go to Purgatory. They are right about them going to Hell, but they are wrong in thinking they can ever get out. When in, they are in, once-for-all.

XVII. Warning. Vs. 27, 28.

From this, we see what our attitude toward the lost should be. It is our duty to warn them of Hell. Even the damned would warn their impatient kin not to come to Hell. This rich man wanted his brothers warned, but it was too late then.

XVIII. Memory. Vs. 25.

One torment of the damned is an unending memory.

XIX. Heresies Refuted.

The Scripture denies the teaching of annihilation, for the lost is seen to live on after death. Fire does not consume the unsaved. Cf. II Thess. 1:7-9. God's fire is miraculous. Cf. Dan. 3:25.

It likewise denies Universalism, which teaches that all will ultimately be saved.

XX. A Rich, But Sad Home.

It was a rich home. Read verse 19. It was sad because the death angel had already called. It was sad because one was already in torment. It was sad because five others were on the same road.

XXI. Unsatisfied Appetites. Vs. 24-26.

This rich man carried an appetite into eternity, which continued, but which could not be satisfied. Woe to the drunkard on whore-monger, who develops an appetite throughout life, which will remain unsatisfied throughout eternity.

XXII. The Old Testament Tells How To Be Saved. Vs. 23-31.

The Campbellites and Mormons make baptism a condition of salvation. This is hereby proven to be false, for baptism is not found in the Old Testament. Cf. Gal. 3:8; John 5:39; Acts 10:43; II Tim. 3:15.

XXIII. Word Of God Sufficient. Vs. 29.

The return of Moses and the prophets would be of no value in salvation. "Dead Men Tell No Tales"—the Bible is sufficient.

This lost soul in Hell wanted something besides the Bible (Moses and the prophets). The unsaved are still like that—rebellious against the Bible.

XXIV. Spiritual Blessings Are Not Inherited.

Dives was the seed of Abraham, but he went to Hell. This is mighty hard on the Presbyterians with their doctrine of inherited grace.

XXV. Christ Or Hell.

This shows that it is either repent or perish—turn or burn.

Sometimes over-enthusiastic folk pray God to try some untried means to save hardened sinners. That type praying is but wasted breath.

Sinners who will not hear the Word will not be saved. This refutes Hardshellism, which says men can be saved without the Word. The Master hereby says that no one can be saved but by the Word. No heathen are saved without the Gospel. It is either Jesus or Hell.

Questions For Discussion Of Sunday School Lesson

1. Show how this Scripture answers Christian Science.
2. Is there any value to come from praying to saints?
3. What ministry do the angels perform for the righteous?
4. If a pope goes to Hell, will he ever get out?
5. Is the fire of Hell sure-enough literal fire?
6. Will the unsaved have memory throughout eternity?

What has been true of nations, churches, and individuals is likewise true of you. On the basis of your obedience, what were you in 1938—the head or the tail? Were you obedient or disobedient? Regardless of what you were last year, what do you intend to be in this new year of 1939?

7. Why was Dives' home sad, even though it was rich?
8. Will a drunkard still want his drink in Hell?
9. How does this passage refute Annihilationism, Universalism, and Hardshellism?
10. Does the O. T. tell folk how to be saved?
11. Does the sinner need anything else but the Word of God in order to know how to be saved?
12. Can one inherit grace or other spiritual blessings from his parents?

I've spoiled this one. I took the sheet so stained and blotted And gave him a new one all unspotted And into his tired eyes smiled, 'Do better, now, my child.'

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ELD. H. H. OVERBEY

Canfield Avenue Baptist Church and Pastor Hafford H. Overbey invite you to come. A place to sleep and meals to eat will be furnished all out of town guests. We welcome you. You will have a great spiritual time of fellowship and feasting upon the Word as America's soundest preachers expound the Scriptures to us. Remember that it is only 9 months away!

Join With B. F. M. Work If You Want A Blessing

Bro. Royal H. Calley and family went to Brazil in June, 1952. Their three years will be up in five more months and they will be coming home on their first furlough, the Lord willing. In the two and one-half years that Bro. Royal has been in Brazil, he has accomplished what is almost unbelievable. He has learned to speak the Portuguese language perhaps as well as any one has ever learned it in that length of time. He had four years of Latin in school which helped him very much. He has also learned Greek, the language that the New Testament was written in. He has made five trips into the far interior of the Acre Territory and kept the work together there when others were trying to take it away from us. We now have nine National Brazilian preachers that are very good. Other missionaries have tried to take them from us on several occasions, but were not able to get one of them.

He has taught the preachers in Manaos personally, until some of them are well indoctrinated, in fact there are none that are sounder and better indoctrinated. He has all of them working every day and they are satisfied and happy. He has taught the Calvary Baptist Church until she is sound and grounded in doctrine. Two churches, Tabernacle Baptist, and Codajaz Baptist, which a former missionary was responsible for them leaving us, have both come

back and Codajaz has already put the property in the name of the Mission for protection and the new church building will now be completed. Tabernacle Baptist is now being taught two nights a week by Bro. Royal, and she too will be soundly indoctrinated in time. Codajaz now has a good sound pastor in Bro. Miguel Ibernnon, who has moved on the field with his family, this is 300 miles up the Amazon above Manaos. About two years ago John Bentes was saved under the preaching of Bro. Royal Calley, and now he can speak English well and knows Greek also, and is a mighty young preacher at 22 years of age. Recently two brilliant young men have been saved under Bro. Royal's preaching and both have surrendered to preach. One is the son of a dentist and is a newspaper reporter and copywriter, and the other reads and speaks Portuguese, French and English. At present Bro. Royal is teaching six preachers one night a week and they are really learning the Bible. These six are not any of the nine preachers that are missionaries. Bro. Royal wants a good large lot in a good location with a good brick church building with classrooms and an office. This building will be both a church and a school for training preachers. Good, sound, well indoctrinated, National preachers that are faithful, are the hope of building a large and sound work in Brazil. These preachers already know their own language and customs of the people, and they are used to the hot climate and the Brazilians see the change in their lives after they are saved, and they can be supported for only a fraction of what it takes to support a missionary family from the United States. After a year of furlough in the United States, Bro. Royal Calley expects to buy a lot and build a good church and school building, and train many young Brazilian preachers. And you can rest assured that they

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DID YOU GET YOUR POSTERS?

Did you get your posters? In January we mailed out to all who support this mission work two posters in a mailing tube. One of these posters shows the pictures and the location of our mission work. The other poster shows the pictures of all the missionaries. If you did not receive a tube of these posters, or if you would like to have a set, or if you would like to have an extra set, we shall be happy to mail them to you.

Write to H. H. Overbey, 1210 E. Grand Blvd., Detroit 11, Michigan and ask for a set of the posters.

Royal Calley Pleads For More Help In Brazil

Dear Friends:
I should like first to say that we have a new baby in our home. Her name is Sally Ann. She was born the 23rd of December.

We should like to take this opportunity to thank all for the hundred dollars that was sent to help with the expenses of the childbirth. It was very thoughtful of all concerned and very much appreciated by us.

We are very sorry to hear that Bro. Sims was so seriously injured in our church. Although we do not know Bro. Bethel, we sympathize deeply with his wife and children.

We have had four conversions within the last two months at Calvary Baptist Church. Two members have been baptized, or I should say, two candidates have been baptized into the church, and two are awaiting baptism. The Tabernacle Church is really

beginning to grow now. It will be the largest church in the city if it keeps up. It is already getting too large for the building that they have. The other night when I preached there they had to bring in chairs and benches.

One of the members of the Tabernacle Baptist Church died (Page two, Column two)

READ MISSION SHEETS FOR INFORMATION

A lot of the questions that we are asked from time to time are answered in this paper over and over again. Just recently a young man was in our home and he went into detail about information regarding the missionaries and what they were doing. He did not ask about one thing that had not been in this paper for all to read. Recently we had a preacher call us long distance to ask about something, and what he wanted to know had been in MISSION SHEETS several different times in detail. So before you say, "We don't know what is going on," or "We wish that they would tell us about this or that," be sure that you have read MISSION SHEETS completely each month. Anyone who will read MISSION SHEETS for one year in full and use the map showing the location of the work, and study the pictures, will have a good knowledge of the work and will get a blessing and be more interested in missions. We repeat, there is no mission anywhere that keeps its supporters better informed than BAPTIST FAITH MISSIONS. (Page two, Column two)

How B. F. M. Work Is Carried On And Finances Are Spent

For sometime now we have had a school in Manaos, Brazil for teaching the children of the believers and all others who want to come until the room is full. These children are taught like any other children in the grade school, and also they are taught the Bible every day.

Without this school these children of Baptist parents, and others, would not get any schooling. It is true that they have public schools in Manaos, Brazil, but they do not have enough to even begin to take care of all, and they require that all children attending the public schools to wear uniforms, which limits the schooling to those who are able to buy uniforms.

It costs \$30.00 a month to pay the teacher for this school. This money is designated by Canfield Avenue Baptist Church. We mention this so that all will know that the cost for this school does come out of the mission offerings sent in by others.

Up the Amazon River, 300 miles above Manaos, is a small town by the name of Codajaz. We have a Baptist Church in Codajaz, and the pastor, Bro. Miguel Ibernnon, has seven children. There is no public school in Codajaz. The only school there is a Catholic school run by priests and nuns. That means that the children of

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REMEMBER B. F. M. IN YOUR WILL

Many people will be making their wills in 1955. Why not remember BAPTIST FAITH MISSIONS, Detroit, Michigan in your will? Your money will be supporting missionaries and doing good sound mission work, long after you are gone to Immanuel's Land. Just recently the owner of a large chain of drug stores gave a half million dollars for a nurses home for a hospital. Also we have read several instances where millions have been left to foundations and great universities and colleges. This is all well and good and we have nothing to say against it. But to get a greater blessing, and to get rewards in Heaven, remember BAPTIST FAITH MISSIONS in your will. And if you want a great blessing while you live, give enough to buy the lot in Manaos, Brazil, and build a nice brick church and school for preachers combined. The property will be in the name of BAPTIST FAITH MISSIONS, and will be used for preaching the Gospel and teaching Brazilian preachers till Jesus comes. Why not make this your goal for 1955? Want a blessing? Try it and see.

BRO. JAMES SIMS IS IMPROVING

The specialist operated on Bro. James H. Sims in January and set the bones in his arm and leg, and put plates in his leg. We are happy to report at this time that he is gradually improving. The cast on his leg is from his ankle to his waist and must remain on for several months. He cannot sit up or turn over, but must lie flat on his back at all time. Mrs. Sims has rented a small house and Bro. Sims. Continue to remember them in prayer, and don't forget (Page three, Column five)

Newest And Oldest Brazilian Preacher



Brother Hermogenes. This Bro. is 72 years old (maybe 73 by now). He has recently answered the call to preach and preached his first sermon early in January. He is the third Brazilian to answer the call to preach under the preaching of Missionary Royal H. Calley in the last three months. This elderly Brother is the 72 year old man that Bro. Overbey mentioned so many times in his diary last summer as being at the services almost every night in the week. He lives in Manaos, Brazil.

Want A Blessing?

(Page one, Column five) will be soundly indoctrinated, and Baptists without compromise.

Bro. Royal has a service or class somewhere every night in the week in the city of Manaos. While he is carrying on here in Manaos, his older brother, Paul, will be carrying on in the country in the back side of the jungle in the Acre Territory. These two brothers in the flesh, make a great pair in the spirit as well. We continue to marvel when we see what they have done in so short a time. All who love and support this work will join with us in praying for them more and more and thanking God for them. Get this lot (in a good location) and a new church and school building on your heart and be praying for it and God will bring it to pass. You will recall that we looked for such a lot last summer when we were in Manaos. Bro. Royal has a lot in mind and the price is 100,000 cruzeiros if bought now. That is about \$1800.00. If you have the money and want a blessing, you can give the money to buy this lot. It will be in the name of the Mission as a corporation and will be safe from anyone taking it away from us in the future. Then we can build a good brick church and school building on it. Want a great blessing? This is your opportunity to get it. Then you too will be planning for the future and you will have great rewards when you reach Immanuel's Land and hear Him say, "Well done thou good and faithful servant." Want a blessing?

B. F. M. Work

(Page one, Column three) Baptist parents do not get any schooling unless they get it from the hands of Catholic priests and nuns.

Bro. Royal Calley plans to start a school in Codajaz like the one in Manaos, so that the children there can get at least a grade school education, and in addition, be taught the Bible every day. At present we do not know what it will cost for a teacher, but rest assured that the cost for the school will not be taken out of

the mission money that you send in.

The secretary of the mission has a used adding machine and a used check protector, and the treasurer of the mission has a used adding machine, a file cabinet and safe for use in the mission work. These items were purchased by funds designated by Canfield Avenue Baptist Church. We mention this so that all may know that they were not purchased out of offerings sent in by others.

We believe that Baptist Faith Missions has the lowest overhead of any mission in existence. We do not have any paid officers or secretaries and we do not have any office rent, and we do not have any traveling expenses for the secretary and treasurer of the mission. When they travel on mission business they do so at their own expense. Mission money is used to pay the salaries of the missionaries, the cost to get them on the field with their equipment, and the cost to bring them home on furlough, and the cost to carry on the work on the foreign field. The only overhead is the cost to print and mail out the MISSION SHEETS once each month and the cost for paper, postage, post office box rent, long distance calls and telegrams, etc. We mention this from time to time so that all may know.

Remember that we support 15 missionaries each month and 14 of them are married and have families, also we support Mrs. J. F. Brandon. As soon as Bro. Hunter gets his entry permit to go to Peru, we will have another missionary family to support each month.

The missionaries we now have are all faithful and are doing a great work, so don't let anyone's gossip influence you to quit your support. Remember that only the missionaries get paid, not us.

Read Mission Sheets

(Page one, Column two) And there are none with lower overhead expenses. Remember, BAPTIST FAITH MISSIONS does not have any paid secretaries or officers or office rent. Mission money is used for missions. That is why people like it, and more and more churches and people are supporting it. Tell others about it.

Royal Calley Letter

(Page one, Column two) the other day. She was one of the most faithful, as is her husband. It was very sad to hear of her death. Since Bro. Santiago knew that Helen was bad sick, he did not send for me, so I did not attend the funeral. There was a great many people there. I am told she was well known. Bro. Santiago said that there was one confession of faith at the funeral.

I have recently had two debates with an Adventist here. We were to debate three times, but he didn't care to continue. They came around visiting our members again, so I challenged them to debate. They have a new missionary here now, and I debated with him. He knows the language very well though as he was born here of missionary parents. Now he is here as a missionary. He is a very pleasant man, but also very much of a heretic as far as the Bible is concerned. We debated over the Sabbath and Hell. He affirmed that we must worship on Saturday. I denied. I affirmed that Hell is eternal. He denied. We were to debate over Mrs. White. He affirmed that her writings were inspired and I denied. But when we got through with our last debate over Hell, he didn't want to continue under any circumstances. If I may be permitted to say so, he was badly defeated. I am to have a debate in the future with the Jehovah's Witnesses.

I have been teaching music every Friday night and the Bible every Tuesday night at the Tabernacle Baptist Church. There is much interest in all concerned. I

or someone else from Calvary Baptist Church preach at the Tabernacle every Wednesday night, and one of their preachers does the same for us on the same night.

One of Bro. Newton's sons has tuberculosis. Bro. Newton entertained me wonderfully in Cruzeiro do Sul when I made my visits there. He is now living in Manaos with his family, and without work and now this misfortune has come upon them. I wish that all would pray for the boy's health, and his soul, for he is not saved.

Things are going very well in Codajaz. I hope to have a letter for the paper from the pastor in the near future. Bro. Santiago also said that he would write a letter, giving the news more in detail about his church. They are trying very hard at the moment to arrange to build a new church building.

The rains have come again and it has rained every night for awhile now, but so far it has always stopped just before we have services and began again just after, so the attendance is still holding up. We hope to buy a new organ soon for the church. It should help the services greatly. We also have a chorus now, that sings quite well. We will be using them much in our services, the Lord willing.

We have another member called to preach. His name is Bro. Hermogenes. He is 71 I think, or perhaps a little older. He has led me to more lost than any other member of our church. He is always coming to my house, wanting me to visit some one that he has talked to, and I am always glad to go. Several of them have been converted and are now members of the church. He preached last Sunday and did a very good job. Everyone enjoyed his sermon immensely.

I have one more lesson to go and then I will be finished with Revelation. What a lot of good we have gotten out of the study of this book. We are on chapter 9 of Numbers now on Sunday mornings. We started out with Genesis and have gone through Exodus, and Leviticus. We have not missed a verse, and everybody has profited, I think. I teach at the Tabernacle every Tuesday night, and we have begun studying Genesis there also. We are on chapter 6 there.

I plan to be making some trips on the river as soon as Helen's health allows. I am very anxious to be off to Codajaz, then I would like to visit Zacarias in Ceara and preach there, and then if necessary, I plan to go to Cruzeiro do Sul to preach once more before coming home. I am also very interested in making a trip up the Cobia River to see what I can do there, and then the Madera River, and then I would like to get to Faro to see what is happening there. I don't think that I will ever get to all the places that I would like to go. Really there should be another missionary here to help out. If we have this school here when I come back, someone is going to have to be here all the time to teach it. Helen's only complaint about me traveling is that she can't go with me. I suggest to you all that if some time in the future it be necessary for a missionary to make all these trips that a way be arranged to send his family with him, for he will be on the rivers at least six months out of the year, and where is the wife that wants to be separated from her husband six months of the year, or the husband that wants to leave his wife and children behind that long. The only other solution is to have a single man, and sometimes that doesn't work out right either.

I do wish that another missionary would come here. It grieves me when I see all of the heretics that come out here under Mid-Missions and New Tribes (they are very nice people, but nevertheless heretics as far as the church, or grace is concerned), and we who have the truth only have this pitiful handful. And what is lacking? The way is open, God has proved that He will supply everyone that comes out with

Bro. Paul Calley Tells Interesting River Experience

Dear Brethren:

On our arrival December 7th in Manaos from Cruzeiro do Sul, we found two happy preachers at the airport to greet us. Before we could reveal how the Lord had blessed our journey, Bro. Royal and Bro. John Dias began relating the good news of the work here. That in the last two months there had been nine professions of faith and seven already baptized into the church. There were two additions to Calvary Baptist Church and five at Tabernacle.

Bro. Royal has been dividing his time between the two churches, who work in close harmony with one another. At present, he is teaching the young preachers of both churches on Bible doctrines. They are being grounded in the truth and will be prepared and qualified to pastor churches in the future.

Because we only returned nine days ago to Manaos, I will leave it to Bro. Royal to give you the news in more detail of the work here. Instead I will tell you a little more about our journey in the Acre Territory, and the experiences and decisions that sometimes are necessary for a missionary to make. Let me say now that we have no set rule in helping our fellow man in time of trouble and sickness, but look to the Lord for guidance in each individual case.

Early one morning while in Japiim, Bro. Mario and I were in a small canoe, traveling in a shallow canal when we came upon a man, about 30 years old, sitting in his loaded canoe, holding his foot which he had cut very badly. Because of the shallow water he had been pushing his loaded canoe and had stepped on a broken bottle, cutting the bottom of his foot in a long gash and very deep. Bro. Mario and I took him in our canoe to the house where I was staying and had my medicine case. The man was very weak from loss of blood. I told him the wound was so large it should be sewed, but he said do the best I could. There was no doctor in Japiim. He asked me to sew it for him if I would.

After putting myself in this man's place and considering his weaken condition, and knowing that it would take all day to get to Cruzeiro do Sul, I made the decision to stitch the wound, although I had never done anything like this before. I sewed the wound, leaving room for it to drain and gave him some medicine to guard against infection. Then some one brought a horse and took him home.

This man was a Catholic, but I did not neglect to tell him of the great Physician that could heal his soul. For the next week I went to see this man in his one room and porch home to dress his

us. We have the authority to go from the very churches that Christ established. There is only one thing lacking, the man, and nothing else. How many preachers at home are looking for churches waiting and burning for an opportunity to preach and here is a place where there is never enough preachers for the places, never enough to preach at the places available. Men go to the ends of the world to seek fame and fortune, and that only for the comforts that last in this life, but only a few of the preachers have a desire to treasure up for themselves treasures in Heaven by seeking the precious souls of the lost in the hard to reach places on this earth. I for one, am not satisfied to be the least in the Kingdom of Heaven. I don't think Christ taught us in that manner. Oh, that I might have some crowns to cast at my Saviour's feet. Why don't you pray and ask God if perhaps He would have you come here? There is plenty of treasure to share, and I think that the nuggets here are larger than they are at home.

May God bless you all.

Royal H. Calley.

foot and also had the opportunity to witness to his wife and father.

Three weeks later when I returned to Japiim to hold services, this man's foot was completely healed. Before I left for the first visit I took the stitches out and gave him medicine for his foot. He tried to pay me chickens and vegetables, but told him that I was interested in his soul, that the opportunity to preach the Gospel of my Saviour to him was big pay to me. When I got up to preach that first night that I returned to Japiim, I was happy to see this man in the congregation. That night I detoured from my prepared sermon bringing out the worldliness of the Catholic organization and condemned it with the Word of God. After the service this man came up to me and shook my hand. He looked bewildered and said He said he would be back to hear more of the Gospel.

I do not make it a practice to give medical aid to the extent that I gave this man. Everywhere I go I make it plain that I know a little about medicine, that I am not a doctor. That I am here by the grace of God to bring the Gospel of my Saviour. We pray that the Lord has brought this all about, that this man and family might hear the Gospel and be saved.

This man had started out on a long journey that would take him away from home for several days. God stopped him, and it was by accident that two Baptist preachers were traveling in the canal that morning and the first to come along. We know that God in His infinite wisdom had a purpose. We know by reading in Isaiah 55:11 that God's Word shall not return void, but will accomplish what it is sent out to do. It is good for us to keep in mind 1 Cor. 2:14-17. If we do, we will be asking God, "for what purpose," when we see no visible results.

The Lord willing, we will be returning to Cruzeiro do Sul in the near future to live. The next few weeks will be busy ones for us. We are making arrangements to ship our furniture, and I am looking for a larger motor boat and other things that we need. We thank the Lord for the way He has provided. May the Lord give us grace to be worthy of your liberal support and use us for the honor and glory of God.

Paul M. Calley

P. S. We received word that my oldest son, Carl, married the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Allen of Detroit. Bro. Allen is a deacon in the Canfield Avenue Baptist Church, and a better one would be hard to find. We are very pleased with our new daughter-in-law and thank the Lord that He has given our son a Christian girl out of a Christian home. May the Lord bless them in abundance and give them a useful life together in His service.

PRAY FOR HUNTERS

Bro. C. W. Hunter and family live in Dale, Indiana. He has a Mission in the town of Chrismy, Indiana, where he preaches regularly and does mission work. The Hunters have a son, born recently, which makes them four boys, three girls and one boy. The Hunters have had their physical examinations, and have been X-rayed and vaccinated and given the necessary and required shots except for yellow fever which is given just before leaving the country. The new baby is now taking shots so as to be ready. For over a year the Hunters have been ready to go to Peru but we have not been able to get an "Entry Permit" from the Peruvian government. The Hallums are working on this through the proper channels, and we hope that the permit will soon be granted. Remember to pray for the Hunters.

R. Calley Gives Present News Bro. Mitchell Lewis And Future Plans For Work Available To Visit Wherever Invited

Dear Brethren:

I am writing this letter just before embarking for Codajaz. I have been wanting to re-visit there for sometime now, but this is the first time that I have had the opportunity to do so. Now that we have the new baby and Helen is better and the children are better from a sickness that they have had, I guess that there is nothing to hinder.

I do not feel too well. I took another injection against typhus. My immunity is out now, and there is much of it in Codajaz now. John Dias received a letter from Bro. Miguel asking the church to send him some Chloromycin. Many people there are dying with typhus. The church did so and Bro. Miguel can pay the church later on. As yet his family has not been taken ill with the typhus, but they are afraid that they will or that some member of the church will. All of us who are going to Codajaz went down and got our shots against the disease, but it has left us all with a little fever.

We are going there on a ship called the Uruguiana. It is an old paddle steamer, like the ones that used to travel on the Mississippi river. As a matter of fact, the ship that we are going on once used to churn up and down the Mississippi. All of these old ships were brought over from the United States when they could not make any more money due to the railroads, etc. They still are giving good service here.

We were supposed to leave the 14th, and then the trip was cancelled until the 15th, and then until the 18th, and then until today. I hope that it leaves today. It looks as if there will be no more cancellations. It seems that nothing leaves or gets done on schedule here, but the people don't seem to mind.

I have also found out that there is better service by air to Codajaz now. A plane leaves every Friday and returns the next day. That ought to be very handy for future trips. The boats are very tedious and the food is very poor, but the fares are cheaper.

Bro. Santiago is going with Bro. John Dias and me. I asked him to go with us to look over the building that is being built in Codajaz. He is a master carpenter, and ought to be a great help. He also preaches very well and we all intend to do some preaching while we are there.

It is possible that Bro. John Dias will stay over a while and make a trip up the Copiar River with Bro. Miguel to see how things are there to start a work. It just depends on whether or not we have enough money to do so.

We still exchange preachers every Wednesday night with the Tabernacle Baptist Church. It has aroused interest in both Calvary and Tabernacle. What is more, it has raised attendance, and there are new faces in the services every so often. The other night the preacher from Tabernacle could not come so Bro. John Dias preached. It was a real sugar stick sermon on John 8:29-32. Everyone enjoyed it.

I have been looking over some

7 BAPTIST CHURCHES

As we begin 1955, this Mission has 7 Baptist churches in Brazil: two in Manaus, one in Codajaz, one in Morapirango, one in Japiim, and one in Campo de Santano, and one in Amonho. Also there are 40 or more believers and a building in Parana dos Mouros. A new church is to be organized here as soon as Bro. Paul Calley moves to the Acre Territory and has time to visit the place again. We will then have 8 churches. We hope to announce that there will be at least one more organized in 1955, the Lord willing.

diesel motors for a launch sometime in the distant future. They have some very nice ones from Sweden and Germany, but they also have some very nice prices.

I have received another letter from Bro. Zacharias. He says that he is preaching all the time, but as yet there have been no confessions since those four false ones. He also says that those who promised to kick him out of town were elected to office. He is still praying about settling on the Copiar River. I sort of hope that he does go there for the people are begging for a preacher. There are some Christians there from Bro. Santiago's preaching, and since he left, no other preacher ever went up there. Every now and then they get into Codajaz and always attend the meetings.

One more thing. Awhile back I said that Zacharias' daughter had died. That is what Bro. Zacharias thought too, and wrote me so, but the telegram was sent in error. It was his son-in-law who died, and now his daughter is up there alone. He seems to be worried about her. He has reason to, she is mentally retarded, but not badly. However she does some foolish things sometimes. I suppose that he will have to take a long boat trip up there to get her. Zacharias is a man that has had much sorrow in his life, but it has not hindered in his faith, on the contrary he seems to be stronger. I think that it is that way with all true believers in God.

We have a fence around the church now. It was the only way that we could have peace in the services. It got to where we couldn't have one service in the church building without stones sailing through the windows. It is better now. The fence is high, and hard to climb. They still gather to make noise once in awhile but nothing can be done about that. It is a free country even for demons, and I wouldn't have it any other way.

Here is something to think about. In Codajaz there is no public school now, because the state is bankrupt. The only school that the Baptist children can go to is a Catholic school run by the Redemptionists. That means that Baptist children will be in the hands of Catholic priests six hours a day, or that they will grow up in ignorance. A Baptist school is needed there very badly. If there is some church that would like to take on the responsibility of paying the teachers' salary, I can't think of a better time to do so, or of a greater need. One thing sure, they will be taught the Bible daily there as they are in the school here.

There have been two conversions in Tabernacle this month. The church is growing now, and things look better for them now than it has been in years. I have great fellowship with Bro. Santiago, the pastor.

He was over to my house the other day, and we both went to see a member of his church who was in the hospital. A girl named Hossana is the member. She had an operation for appendicitis. The operation was performed with only a local anesthetic, which hardly dulled the pain at all. They put a sponge in her mouth so she wouldn't bite her tongue, tied her to the table and operated. She didn't have any money to pay a private doctor, and so she had the wonderful benefits of glorious socialized medicine. You can have it as far as I am concerned.

There is a young preacher at Tabernacle Baptist Church that is very bright. He is a newspaper reporter, and was over to visit me the other day, wanting to know if I had any announcement that I wanted to put in the paper. We get all of our announcements free. While he was in my home I had a long talk with him over the Bible. He is very attentive and learns very fast.

I bought a small wooden trunk to take on the trip this time.

Bro. Mitchell Lewis who is at home on furlough for one year is available to speak in the churches that invite him. This is not debatement work. Bro. Lewis is not on a trip to beg or raise money. He visits the churches who invite him to give them first hand information about the mission work in Peru. All the churches will want to give him a love offering to help in the traveling and living expenses. Any offerings given to him are his, just like an offering in a meeting belongs to the preacher who does the preaching. Your offering can be large, small or none at all, and Bro. Lewis will come if you invite him. He has already spoken in several churches and has several other invitations. He needs to have the invitations in as soon as possible so that he can visit the churches in one area without having to

ARE YOU COMING TO THE MISSIONARY CONFERENCE IN NOVEMBER?

travel so far. Bro. Lewis was in Indianapolis, Indiana for a missionary conference with Pastor Taylor and the Pleasant Heights Baptist Church from Sunday, December 12 to 19. He spoke six times, I believe, and he reports a good time of fellowship. From Indianapolis he and family went to Fort Scott, Kansas to visit Mrs. Lewis' folk whom she had not seen in three and a half years. Write Bro. Lewis at: 1210 East Grand Blvd., Detroit 11, Mich., and the mail will be forwarded to him.

Suitcases just aren't to good for boat trips. The trunks can take a beating. I can use it when I come home to bring a few choice books with me. I will have to leave the vast majority of my books here. Bro. John Dias is having all his teeth pulled except a few in front on the lower gum. He whistles out his words now, but that has not slowed down his preaching any. He has not missed a time. He always makes sure that he gets a tooth pulled on one of the days that he is not preaching.

Our chorus that I have been teaching is singing very well. They sing "Christ Receiveth Sinful Men," "Mid-night," "It Is Well With My Soul," and "Heavenly Sunshine," with real polish. They are going to be a great help in the outdoor services.

I still teach at Tabernacle Baptist Church every Tuesday night. We are studying Genesis. Last night I taught chapter 7. They all like the study very much.

I have finished the book of Revelation. Our church has gone through it verse by verse. It is the third time that I have made a study of the book. Everytime I have learned much that I did not know before. I have no doubt that if I made another study I would learn something more. The Word of God is inexhaustible. We plan to study the book of Daniel next.

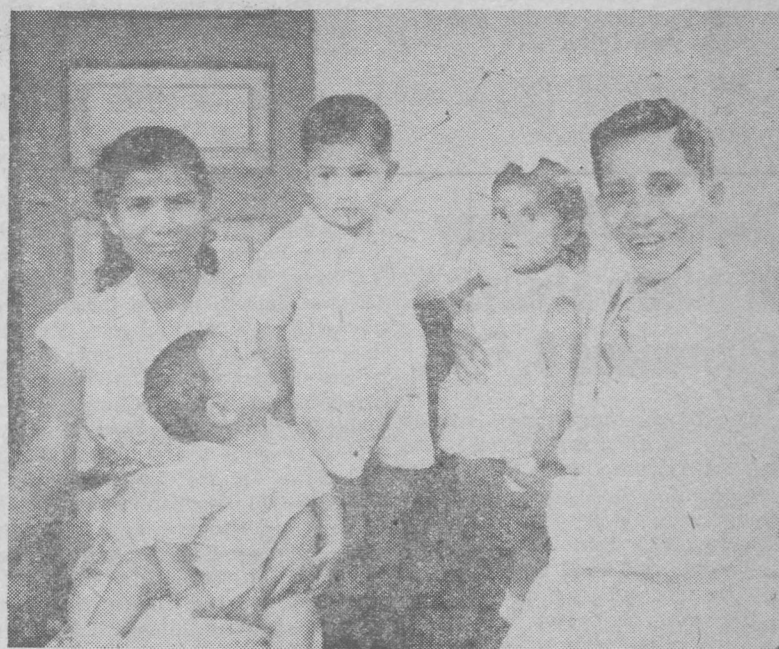
Bro. Paul has all of his things on the same boat that I am taking. It is going all the way to Cruzeiro do Sul. I don't guess that it will be long before Paul will be taking his family to the Acre Territory. We hate to see him go, but we know that they do need a missionary there.

I guess that is all the news up to now. I hope to have some pictures to put in the paper when I come back. Remember to pray for us. May God bless you.

Royal H. Calley

P. S. When I get home I should like to tell you of my plans to have a preachers school. There is a real need of one here. I will write you about it later on. I don't have time now.

FAITHFUL PERUVIAN MISSIONARY



Juan Castro and family. This is a recent picture and it shows Brother Castro in his new suit of clothes. This is the first suit of clothes that he has ever had. While in Brazil and Peru, Brother Overbey bought cloth and had suits made for all of the National preachers in Brazil and Peru so that they would look presentable while preaching. It was the first suit of clothes for most of the workers. Brother Castro works in Iquitos, Peru with Brother Hallum.

P. Calley Moving To Cruzeiro To Begin His Work There

Dear Brethren:

With sadness we received the news of Bro. Bethel's death and Bro. Sims being seriously injured. In recent letters to some of the Brethren, I wrote that I did not know Bro. Bethel personally, but would meet him some day in Heaven. True, I will meet him some day in Heaven again, but after reading the January 15th issue of THE BAPTIST EXAMINER, I realized that I knew Bro. Bethel in this life, and had fellowship with him in the Bible Conference of 1952-1953. I met so many Brethren at the Conference that I had misplaced Bro. Bethel's name in my mind. I remember him as one of the finest and most consecrated young men that has been my privilege to meet. To his family and Mrs. Bethel, my wife and I extend our deepest sympathy. May the Lord sustain them in bountiful grace in this time of sorrow.

Our heart goes out also to that good soldier, Bro. Sims and his good wife. We urge God's people to pray with us that God raise His servant up and rally behind him in your prayers and support. How true, so many times we cannot understand with our finite minds the infinite wisdom of God when He chooses that our burdens be great, and sometimes almost unbearable, but thank God we can say with Job, "He knoweth the way that I take, when He hath tried me I shall come forth as gold."

I am happy to give you the good news of two more professions of faith here in Manaus this month at Tabernacle Baptist Church. Also I received a letter from Bro. Cidro Francisco Lima at Mourapirango in the Acre Territory saying that the church there was in a revival and that two backsliders came back into fellowship with the church.

I received a letter also from Bro. Mario in Japiim, saying that the Lord was blessing the work there, but he didn't go into detail. We were happy to hear from these Brethren and to know they are looking forward to our early return.

We returned to Manaus to ship our furniture and to buy a new penta motor that the Brethren authorized me to buy for our new boat. We have bought the motor and it is already on a boat along with our furniture on its way to Cruzeiro do Sul. The Lord willing, we will be there when it arrives.

This month has been a busy one packing and crating our furniture and attending to everything necessary for a long move, and at the same time find time

to study and prepare sermons in Portuguese. We are now in the process of negotiating with the owner of the house that we have rented, for the termination of our contract, which does not run out for thirteen more months. He is a hard man to deal with, but we hope to end our contract with reasonable cost.

We have sold our car because it would be useless in Cruzeiro do Sul, with no roads and Bro. Royal preferred that we sell it now because he will soon be coming home on furlough. With no one to look after it, it would soon be torn up and rusted, and do no one any good.

By selling the car it has enabled us to buy many things that we need in the work in Cruzeiro do Sul, and return to the mission the cost of shipping the car here. We now have a new accordion that has a beautiful tone and my son Leslie Paul has already learned to play a few songs. This will be very good in the work on the rivers. Also I bought a much needed new camera to give you better pictures and I have a good supply of Bibles and song books, etc.

Bro. Royal, Bro. John Dias and Bro. Santiago are now on a journey to Codajaz to do some preaching in that territory and to see about building the new church building there. We received a letter from Bro. Miguel, who is pastor there now, and he said the church was in good spiritual condition, although there was much sickness with typhus fever and some had died. Remember them in your prayers and also Bro. Royal and the Brethren on this journey.

There has been much sickness also among our number here in Manaus this month, but every one seems to be recovering, for which we are thankful. I had a case of the flu that kept me in bed for a few days and my wife has had trouble with her stomach, but we are on the mend and feel much better now.

We covet your prayers in His service here and may the Lord bless all of you there.

Paul M. Calley

James Sims

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to remember them with a love offering, be it large or small. Expenses are great and will be for many months to come. The address is: Elder James H. Sims, 407 Shumaker, Carmi, Illinois.

MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT

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Tarry at a promise until God meets you there. He always returns by that road.

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.

Some Of The Many Problems Always Confronting B. F. M.

One of our biggest problems on the mission field is the proselyting by others who call themselves missionaries and some of them wear the name Baptist. These fellows want to come in while you are away and steal the hearts of the people and then get them to call a man as pastor from their mission school and vote to work with their mission.

And it is surprising that some who were formerly our missionaries encourage the churches to do so, when they can. Then there are at times, when former missionaries of ours, try to get our National missionaries to leave us and work for them, promising them things if they will.

About two years ago a former missionary of ours persuaded a missionary in Manaos to leave us and work for him. Now the man is no longer with him, and has tried several times to get on as a missionary with us again. All the others (National preachers) have stayed with us and proved faithful thus far, and we now have nine Brazilian missionaries and two Peruvian missionaries, and several Brazilian preachers in training.

Bro. Royal Calley got the missionaries together in Manaos and then in the Acre Territory and told them that if they wanted to leave Baptist Faith Missions and work for some other mission or missionary, to say so now, and go ahead if they wanted to, but not to come back later crying to get back with us. They all said, "We don't want to leave this mission. We are satisfied and never had it so good as since Bro. Calley came here two years ago. We now not only get our salary every month, but we get it on time." I was present at the meeting when he told the ones in the Acre Territory. Some hate our work so much that they would give it away to others if they could.

Missionaries from at least two other missions and also two independent missionaries have tried to hurt, hinder, and take work from us, or turn it over to others. This is just plain spite on the part of some. So far the Lord has blocked their efforts. We are still waiting to see the outcome in one place where one is doing his best to get the church to call a pastor from another mission. This other mission goes by the name Baptist, but they believe in open communion, alien immersion, invisible church, unionism, women speaking in public mixed assembly and other heresies.

Another problem is the falsifying and slandering by the enemies of this mission. This is done for spite, hoping that those who now support this mission will quit their support and help in their own plans. Thank God that He has been pleased to cause this to fail also. There are always new problems coming up. We never know when a National missionary will prove to be unfaithful to his high calling to be a preacher. Then sometimes a church changes pastors and the new pastor is not interested in this mission work and leads them to quit their support, for the "Co-operative Program" or something else. But God leads other churches to support the work and the work goes on.

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FINANCIAL REPORT FOR JANUARY 1955

Liberty Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio	\$ 26.10
Bible Missionary Baptist Church, Marietta, Ohio	20.00
Faith Missionary Baptist Church, Royal Oak, Mich.	4.68
Seven Springs Baptist Church, Dycusburg, Ky.	32.84
Southside Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky.	41.85
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn, Mich.	100.35
Southside Baptist Church, Winter Haven, Fla.	25.00
Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Chesapeake, Ohio	26.61
Mt. View Baptist Church, Watauga, Tenn.	60.71
Tabernacle Baptist Church, Lewisburg, Ky.	50.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Richmond, Ky.	11.37
Bellview Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky.	35.20
Chattaroy Baptist Church, Chattaroy, W. Va.	15.00
Cleaton Baptist Church, Cleaton, Ky.	50.00
Bethel Bible Baptist Church, Mansfield, La.	11.50
Liberty Baptist Church, Flint, Mich.	10.83
Hopewell Baptist Church, McLeansboro, Ill.	42.50
Faith Baptist Mission, Chicago, Ill.	65.87
Faith Baptist Mission, Chicago, Ill. (For Bro. Calley's Boat)	49.41
Buffalo Avenue Baptist Church, Tampa, Fla. (Hope Bible Class)	50.00
Woodlawn Terrace Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn.	20.00
East Sligh Avenue Baptist Church, Tampa, Fla.	7.00
Little Obion Baptist Church, Wingo, Ky.	14.92
Seventh Street Baptist Church, Cannelton, Ind.	13.02
Peoples Baptist Church, Alton, Ill.	30.00
Westwood Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio	24.75
Southside Baptist Church, Sanford, Fla.	10.00
Second Baptist Church, Marion, Ky.	32.83
Appalachian Mountain Missionary Baptist Fellowship, Bristol, Tenn.	13.50
Bald Creek Baptist Church, Bee Log, N. C. (Intermediate Sunday School Class)	10.00
Hopewell Baptist Church Arlington, Ky.	12.36
Salem Baptist Church, Samaria, Ky.	11.00
Faith Baptist Church, Lawtey, Fla.	8.26
Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Hickory, Ky.	7.39
Cedar Creek Baptist Church, Cedarville, W. Va.	5.00
Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Buchanan, Ky.	7.97
Hampton Baptist Church, Hampton, Fla.	25.00
Shady Grove Baptist Church, Wickliffe, Ky.	24.00
Rosedale Baptist Church, Rosedale, W. Va.	5.00
Zoar Baptist Church, Fancy Farm, Ky.	7.75
First Baptist Church, Iquitos, Peru	10.00
Newby Baptist Church, Richmond, Ky.	8.88
Upper Steer Run Baptist Church, Normantown, W. Va.	5.00
New Hope Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill.	30.53
First Baptist Church, White Plains, Ky.	15.00
Kirbyton Baptist Church, Bardwell, Ky.	28.54
Harmony Baptist Church, Pine Bluff, Ark.	50.00
East Maine Baptist Church, Des Plains, Ill.	15.00
Grace Baptist Church, Ellaville, Ga.	9.00
Appalachian Mountain Missionary Baptist Fellowship, Bristol, Tenn.	10.00
Mt. Hebron Baptist Church, Lancaster, Ky.	98.75
Upper Tug Mission of Elizabeth Jarrell Baptist Church, Louisa, Ky.	10.00
Repton Baptist Church, Repton, Ky.	24.00
First Baptist Church, Arabia, Ohio	41.22
Emmaus Baptist Church, Fancy Farm, Ky.	14.41
Bryan Station Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	15.00
Canfield Avenue Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich.	613.00
Canfield Avenue Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich. (For Bro. Overbey's Trip)	50.00
Canfield Avenue Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich. (For Paul Calley's Boat)	88.52
First Baptist Church, Greenup, Ky.	26.00
Grace Baptist Church, Base Line, Mich.	300.00
Grace Baptist Church, Base Line, Mich. (B.Y.P.U.)	3.86
Grace Baptist Church, Base Line, Mich. (Ladies Bible Class)	10.00
Ocoonita Baptist Church, Ocoonita, Va.	29.91
Leavenworth Baptist Bible Class, Leavenworth, Kan.	5.00
First Baptist Church, Russell, Ky.	178.35
Temple Baptist Church, Evansville, Ind.	15.20
Grace Baptist Church, Cincinnati, Ohio	61.27
Grace Baptist Church, Cincinnati, Ohio (For Calley Boat)	15.00
Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church, Boaz, Ky.	29.60
A Baptist in Philadelphia, Penna.	3.00
Miss Maude Hunt, Franklin, Ky.	5.00
Clifford McTaggart, Melbourne, Fla.	50.00
J. H. Kain, West Cape May, N. J.	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Robbins, Port Norris, N. J.	20.00
Mrs. Mertie Gupton, Warm Springs, Ark.	1.00
W. B. Snell, Chesapeake, Ohio (For Calley Boat)	25.00
A Friend in Worthington, Minn.	5.00
D. Dickerson, St. Louis, Mo.	5.00
R. E. Murphey, Dayline, La.	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Heaster, Clintonville, W. Va.	10.00
Bobby Mack, Opelika, Ala. (For Calley Boat)	20.00
A Friend in Brooklyn, N. Y.	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Stephenson, Springfield, Ohio	5.00
A Baptist in Philadelphia, Penna.	3.00
Carey E. Witt, Franklin, Ky.	50.00
Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Lewis, Stilwell, Okla.	60.00
Mrs. Glenn Ray, Lesage, W. Va.	5.00
Elder Charles Souder, Elizabethton, Tenn.	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bayless, Macedonia, Ill.	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. W. E. McKinney, Memphis, Tenn.	20.00
Bruce Eakle, Clay, W. Va.	3.00
Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Bursleson, Knoxville, Tenn.	2.00
Bona Ollie Keith, Borger, Texas	25.00
R. R. McTaggart, Melbourne, Fla.	5.00
Miss Kitty Bullington, Atwood, Tenn.	4.00
H. L. Purkey, Richmond, Ky.	2.00
Mrs. A. B. Harris, Jr., Texarkanna, Ark.	7.00
C. H. Craig, Robertsburg, W. Va.	15.00
Mr. and Mrs. Lawson Patrick, Greenup, Ky.	30.00
A Baptist in Philadelphia, Penna.	3.00
Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Hall, Noblesville, Ind.	2.00
Mrs. Edith Baker, Lincoln Park, Mich.	1.00
A Russellite	10.00
Mrs. W. F. Ferguson, Carlisle, Ark.	5.00
Members of Port Norris Baptist Church, Port Norris, N. J.	50.00

TOTAL \$3316.61

As the Lord leads you, send all offerings for mission work to the treasurer of this mission. Address to:

BAPTIST FAITH MISSIONS
Z. E. Clark, Treasurer
P. O. Box 551
Evansville, Indiana

Welcome to the ones that contributed this time for the first time.

Are You Thankful For Everything?

Did it ever occur to you that Jesus had a habit of giving thanks to God, His Father? Paul was quite in accord with Jesus when he said we should make our supplications "with thanksgiving." Thanksgiving, except in the most formal, casual way, is not common. Ten lepers were cleansed and only one returned to give thanks. The proportion has not changed much. During a long ministry in which many prayers to raise the sick were plainly given a favorable answer, only once have we had the recovered patient suggest a thanksgiving to God for granting our request. Once a lawyer, a man of wealth and high position, was at the point where physicians said, "No hope." He was not forty. He did not want to die. He requested all to leave while his pastor prayed by the bedside. Almost immediately health began to return, and in a few weeks he was pronounced well. On the last visit to the hospital, as his pastor left, he said: "You prayed for my recovery when all said I must die, and I did not want to. I believe God heard our prayer. I am well. Do you not think we should kneel together in my room to thank God?" That man lives in health today in Philadelphia. Few have been as grateful as he.

Jesus did not omit thanks. "He took the loaves and gave thanks." He expressed gratitude for so common a thing as a hard-baked loaf. He had loaves every day and was thankful every day. It is said that "Stonewall" Jackson never drank a cup of water without a word of thanks to God for it. When we learn to thank God for common, every-day things, our pathway will be brighter and better. How much we snatch with never a word of praise! In well-ordered homes, children would be rebuked for grabbing without "thank you." Yet we older ones do it. Jesus sets such a beautiful example in an expression of thanks for loaves as a fine-spirited person should.

Another time it is recorded that Jesus said, "I thank Thee, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that Thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent and has revealed them unto babies." Jesus was glad that the secret things were open to the simple-hearted people who can lay no claim to culture. One need not have academic education to know the deep things of God or the blessings of His grace. Indeed often these very cultivated people are totally blind to the high realities which a little child sees clearly. All cannot be learned in the worldly sense, but the willing, trustful heart can be wise in the things of the kingdom. Jesus thanked God that in His love and wisdom He did not shut any human heart out of the privilege of knowing. Out of every six persons, only one is said to have educational advantages, but all six have access to the highest,

deepest, most glorious truths of God Himself.

Once again we read, "Jesus lifted up His eyes and said, Father, I thank Thee that Thou hast heard Me." Then He called Lazarus from the tomb with a loud voice. O, for the assurance that the Father hears! It is wonderful to be assured that "before they call I will answer." But do we thank Him as we pray? "I thank Thee that Thou hast heard Me." It is wonderful to be able to say this in faith before the answer is visible. Jesus knew God the Father so well that He knew He was heard before He started to do anything. How confidently we can go forward if we have thanked God for hearing us even before we start.

Mission Sec. Tells How To Learn More About Work

By H. H. OVERBEY

The pictures in this issue of the MISSION SHEETS were taken while Bro. Paul Calley, wife, Florence, and son, Leslie Paul, were on a missionary journey in the Acre Territory of Brazil. To better understand the mission work that you help to make possible, we suggest that you read the two letters in this issue by Bro. Paul Calley at least a couple of times and then see the places spoken about in the pictures. Then take the map on the front page of the October MS and locate the places. If you will do this you will soon have the different places fixed in your mind. It was our happy privilege to visit all these places that Bro. Paul mentions in his letters, except two, while we were on our journey last summer. We recognize the places and many of the people in the pictures. Where is there a mission work so sound in doctrine and that reports the work of the missionaries so much in detail with pictures for all to read and see what their offerings for missions are accomplishing? Faithful missionaries, working hard, with a great zeal for the lost, and then truthfully reporting to you who support them. Bro. Calley had been in Brazil only about nine months when these pictures were taken. In that time he has learned the Portuguese language, so as to speak it, and preach in it, by preparing his messages and then checking them for correct grammar and then almost memorizing them. He has much to learn about the language and will be learning more about it for years to come. But we marvel at what he has done in so short a time. The Lord has blessed him and his family with the best health, thus far, of any missionaries we have sent out. We remember his zeal in Detroit, when he and his wife would go from house to house witnessing and inviting people to come to church. Thank God for all our faithful missionaries.

SPECIAL OFFERING FOR PAUL CALLEY'S BOAT

Special offerings for the purchase and equipment of boat for Bro. Paul Calley, in Brazil:

SEPTEMBER 1954

East Maine Baptist Church, Des Plains, Ill. \$ 44.00

OCTOBER 1954

Canfield Avenue Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich. 22.00
Frank Parrish, Carrrville, Va. 1.00

NOVEMBER 1954

Canfield Avenue Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich. 33.88
Comer Warren, Detroit, Mich. 10.00

DECEMBER 1954

Grace Baptist Church, Base Line, Mich. (Ladies Bible Class) 60.00
Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Schmidt, San Bernardino, Calif. 5.00

JANUARY 1955

W. B. Snell, Chesapeake, Ohio 25.00
Bobby Mack, Opelika, Ala. 20.00
Faith Baptist Mission, Chicago, Ill. 49.41
Grace Baptist Church, Cincinnati, Ohio 15.00
Canfield Avenue Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich. 88.52

TOTAL \$ 373.81

MABEL CLEMENT

(Continued from last week)

CHAPTER II.

The first rays of the rising sun were gilding the hill-tops around Sterling and lifting the dense fog that overhung the town, when the horn of the old stage coach sounded; and in a little while it rolled up before the beautiful mansion of Mr. Clement. Mabel and her baggage were soon hustled out and into the vehicle. While taking leave of her friends, some one on the street below saluted her. It was Arthur, who had been standing there for half an hour to get a glimpse of her before her departure.

Although the road to Thornton was anything but smooth, Mabel enjoyed it very much. She was just turned into her nineteenth year, had a lively imagination, was sanguine of everything bright and pleasant, and drank in greedily the rich scenes that appeared successively as they passed through the mountainous region of country that lay between Sterling and Thornton. She seemed to draw near the Almighty through His works. She admired everything that displayed God's handiwork from the least unto the greatest. She saw the glory of God in the tiny, uncultivated flowers that grew modestly on the roadside and loaded the air with fragrant perfume. From the flowers her mind rose to the more bulky objects of nature,—the trees, the mountains and the great world. Then she thought what a little part of God's creation is this world, of the countless worlds that float in the deep blue sky, of the sun a million miles in diameter and a million times larger than our world. Such thoughts filled her mind with a reverential awe of Him who is the Maker and Builder of all things. Thus meditating upon the beautiful and the sublime in nature, the time she was on the road passed by swiftly and did not at all seem tedious. Those that are thoughtful and studious of what can be seen around them seldom find time hard to get rid of; for such the hours are ever too short.

The stage drew up in front of her aunt's country home shortly after noon. Her cousin, Herbert, opened the coach door and gave her a warm welcome. Her smiling and warm-hearted aunt led her in while Herbert, assisted by a servant, followed with her baggage. In a short time they all dined sumptuously on the best dinner aunt Juda (an old servant who had been connected with the family for many years) could get up with the assistance of Mrs. Fields. Mabel soon found herself pleasantly situated in the home of her aunt.

I must now tell you something about the family with which our heroine is to reside some weeks. Norinda Fields, Mabel's aunt, and sister to her mother, was forty-five years of age. She was a genial, kind-hearted, intelligent woman. She was a widow and had been for fourteen years. Her husband at his decease left her two children whom she had raised in a manner that was creditable to her. She had given both a pretty thorough education. Ethel, her daughter, was the older of the two. She was married to a respectable and well-to-do farmer in the neighborhood of Thornton. Herbert was a young man of brilliant intellect and stability of character. Not being content to remain on the farm he had taken up the study of law; but recently he had been impressed with the duty of preaching the Gospel, and the day previous to the arrival of Mabel had told his mother to her great joy that he did not believe he could conscientiously pursue any other calling than that of a minister of Jesus Christ. Mrs. Fields had been praying for this, for she feared the temptations that her noble boy would be exposed to in the practice of law. Her husband, Jacob Fields, had been a pillar, a burden-bearer in the Baptist church at Thornton; and when he died he requested his wife to fill his place as far as she could. From that time she had been a noble worker in the church there. Her heart had become more and more enlisted each year in the Master's service; and she believed no occupation on earth was purer and higher than that to which her son had been called. Herbert had struggled against this call; but his mother had secretly prayed for years that God would call her boy to preach. No wonder then that the mother felt an ecstatic joy when she discovered her son weeping over the text, "Woe is me, if I preach not the gospel," and learned what his tears indicated. Time passed pleasantly at Mrs. Fields'. Mabel found her aunt talkative and agreeable; and Herbert proved to be a very companionable fellow, wearing now and then a sombre countenance as he mused on the great responsibilities of life, but for the most part filling the home with sunshine whenever he entered. Ethel and her husband came over during the week and spent a day and night with them. Their visit proved to be quite a treat. She found Ethel to be one of those sunny beings that always see the bright and sunny side of things and seem blind to everything but hopeful outlooks.

On the next Saturday after Mabel's arrival the regular meeting of the Baptist church convened at Thornton. All attended. There was quite a congregation of intelligent people. Many of them did not dress in an up-to-date style; but Mabel judged their mental capacity was not inferior to that of city people. Besides they seemed to be devoutly interested in the service and sermon.

There seemed to be more of the atmosphere of real worship than Mabel was accustomed to see. The minister was gray with years. His theme was Grace. He showed that sinners are not saved by their works, nor for their works; but by grace. He proved also that salvation is not partly by grace and partly by works, but wholly by grace. He closed by showing how deeply indebted to grace are God's people, exhorting them earnestly to so live that they would show forth the praises of Divine grace. The sermon was warm and earnest, full of love and tenderness; and the congregation was very deeply moved by it.

It was a new doctrine to Mabel. She had heard Baptist sermons when a child; but had not heard any but Campbellites preach since she was old enough to form opinions of her own. She observed that during the sermon Herbert was greatly agitated. At the close of the sermon a young lady with the beams of happiness shining out of her countenance came forward to unite with the church. She related a simple but touching experience: how she was roused to consciousness of her lost condition; how she was troubled day and night with a great sorrow; how she sought the Saviour in prayer for mercy; how she struggled with unbelief, fearing Jesus would not save; and, finally, how she obtained mercy, the sweet assurance of pardon and the peace that passeth understanding. When the pastor had asked her a few questions, and had inquired if the church was satisfied with the evidences she gave of conversion, by a vote of the church she was approved for baptism.

It was all new to Mabel. She trembled to think the young lady had told the truth. She did not have a religion that was obtained in that way, nor that sort of religion. She shuddered at the thought that she was not a Christian. But she quieted her fears and eased her conscience by thinking of the doctrine preached by the learned Dr. Stanly, and the remembering she had done according to parental instruction and example. Of course she was right. And she crushed down her fears.

During the church session Herbert arose, pale and earnest, and told the church how he was exercised about preaching, and how he had resisted these impressions in vain. He wished to know whether the church deemed his impression sufficient evidence of duty to preach the Gospel. The congregation were nearly all moved to tears. Mabel was deeply affected.

"I have been impressed for six months," said old Brother Brown, "that Brother Herbert would preach the Gospel. God be praised."

"Amen!" chimed in several voices.

Herbert was licensed to preach by the church. After some minor matters were attended to the church adjourned.

On Sunday morning a sermon was preached by the pastor on the work of the Holy Spirit.

Mabel's faith in her own Salvation was again shaken. She was growing uneasy. She had lost some sleep Saturday night. Just before the benediction was pronounced the pastor announced that Herbert Fields would preach to the people on the next Sunday.

The short distance home after services was completed in silence. All were thoughtful and felt chained to silence by the events of the day.

In the afternoon Herbert took his Bible and sought for a text to preach on the next Sunday. Mabel walked out under the shade trees in the yard and thought and thought. Mrs. Fields sought her closet to offer thanks and prayer for her son. Aunt Juda, one of the busiest bodies about the house, went out to tell Mabel how happy she was that her young master was going to preach. Her eyes were sparkling and her dark visage shone with happiness.

"What is the matter, Aunt Juda?" inquired Mabel. "Lor' bless you, chile, I've been so happy these two days that this old body can't hardly hold my joyful soul! I've prayed many a prar for that boy tew preach and de gude Lord hab heard my prar—blessed be His holy name foreber! I'll never git done blessen de Lord."

"Aunt Juda, do you think God answers prayers of that nature?"

"Why, yes, chile, ob course Him do. Are you a Chrischum and habn't learnt yit that de Lord answers prar? Lor' bless you, chile, I neber wants nothin' but what I prays for it; and I allers gits what I ax for, if I keep on long enough."

"I never prayed much, Aunt Juda; I do not know whether I ever obtained a blessing in answer to prayer or not."

"Why, chile, how did you git your sins pardoned? Didn't you ax de Lord to forgib yer sins?"

"No, auntie, my sins were pardoned when I was baptized. I was told it was not my duty to pray; that God would not hear me till I obeyed Him in baptism."

"Well, it's mighty strange; our preachers allers tells sinners to pray and repent and believ in Jesus tew git the forgibness ob dere sins. I dunno 'bout that doctern, chile; but I've afeard it won't stand in de judgment. I've been aprayin' dese forty years; and if dars anything I've sartain uv it is dis: De Lord will answer prar. Chile, I neber knowed anybody could be a saint widout prayin' afore. But I mus' go, now; I jes' wanted to tell you how this ole soul is a joyin' over Herbert."

(Continued Next Week, D. V.)

"Head Or Tail"

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I came to God's throne with a quivering soul, The year was done. Hast thou a new sheet, dear Father, I said, 'T've spoiled this one.' In place of the sheet so soiled and blotted He gave me a new one all unspotted And into my tired heart smiled, 'Do better, now, my child.'

In order to assist you in determining whether you shall be the head or the tail in this new year, let me offer a few test questions.

I

What is your attitude relative to world evangelism? There is no duty given in the Scriptures which is clearer and more emphatic than the command for saved ones to give the Gospel to the world. "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit; Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world" (Mt. 28: 19, 20). "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Spirit is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:8). Yet there are those listening to this broadcast who persistently refuse to support foreign missions and who simply say, "I'm agin it." How such a one needs to learn:

"In Christ there is no east or west, In Him no south or north But one great fellowship of love Throughout the whole wide earth."

In Christ now meet both east and west, In Him meet south and north, All Christly souls are one in Him Throughout the whole wide earth."

"How long is it since Christ died for sinful people," asked an old Mohammed woman. She said, "I have given alms, gone to holy shrines, prayed and fasted, but it is useless. Where have I been all this time?" An old Eskimo said, "And you've known this good news since you were a boy and your father knew it. Then why did you not come sooner?" In the snowy heights of the Andes a man said, "How life that all the years of my life that I have never before heard these precious words?" In the white sands of North Africa a native of Morocco said to the Bible seller, "Why have you not run everywhere with this book, and why have you hoarded it to yourself?" Thus it is the cry of the four winds: we've waited for Jesus.

"The great world's heart is aching, aching fiercely in the night, And God alone can heal it, and God alone give light; And the men to bear that message and to speak the living word, Are you and I, my brothers, and the millions that have heard."

Can we close our eyes to duty? Can we fold our hands at ease? While the gates of night stand open to the pathway of the seas? Can we shut up our compassions? Can we leave our prayers unsaid, Till the lands which sin has blasted have been quickened from the dead?

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"Head Or Tail"

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spirits fret and toss,
While above us burns the vision
of the Christ upon the Cross;
And the blood of God is stream-
ing from His broken hands
and side
And the lips of God are saying,
'Tell my brothers I have
died.'

O voice of God, we hear Thee
above the shocks of time,
Thine echoes roll around us, and
the message is sublime;
No power of man shall thwart
us, no stronghold shall dis-
may,
When God commands obedience
and love has led the way."

I appeal to you, regardless of
what you have been in the past
in view of Jesus' commission to
evangelize the world, to be the
head and not the tail during 1955.

II

There is a second question
which I offer. What do you
expect to be relative to church
attendance—the head or the tail?
In the past year it has possibly
been true many times that your
pastor on noticing your absence
has said, "Why is the house of
God forsaken?" (Neh. 13:11). To
continue as you have this past
year will cause him to further
say, "Thou shalt be missed be-
cause thy seat will be empty"
(I Sam. 20:18). Do you realize
that God actually commands
church attendance. "Not forsak-
ing the assembling of ourselves
together, as the manner of some
is" (Heb. 10:25).

"Is your father a Baptist?"
asked a good woman of a child.
"No mam," was the answer, "he
is a seventh day absentist be-
cause he never goes to church."
Could this be said of you? There
are so many excuses offered as
to why folk do not go to church.
Some go so far as to say they
are tired of the old preacher and
they need a change.

"You say that a change would
be better;
I grant it—but here let me say
A few solemn words to each
member,
In a brotherly, Christian way.
Are you sure where the change
is most needed,
In the pulpit, or in the pew?
Is the pastor the one who needs
changing,
Or, my friend, let me ask, is it
you?"

Some go so far as to say that
they went to church and their
feelings were injured and thus
they never went back again. To
those may we repeat the saying
of Hambone, "Some folks figuhs
dey's hurtin' de church w'en dey
gits mad and quits, but dey's
wrong 'bout dat—hit don't nvuh
hurt de tree fur de rotten apple
to fall off." Have you ever no-
ticed how the weather hinders
some people relative to church
attendance?

"No dashing rain can make us
stay,
When we have tickets for a play,
But if a drop the walk besmirch,
It is too wet to go to church."

Still again there are others
who are sufferers from Morbus
Sabbaticus which is more pre-
valent in the summer time,
though in a sense, it is a year-
around disease. Morbus Sabbat-
icus, or Sunday sickness, is a
disease peculiar to church mem-
bers. The symptoms vary, but it
never interferes with the appe-
tite. It never lasts more than
twenty-four hours. No physician
is ever called. It always proves
fatal in the end—to the soul. It
is becoming fearfully prevalent
and is destroying thousands
every year. The attack comes on
suddenly every Sunday; no
symptoms are felt on Saturday

night, and the patient sleeps well
and awakes feeling well; eats a
hearty breakfast, but about
church time the attack comes on
and continues until services are
over for the morning. Then the
patient feels better and is able to
take a ride and read the Sunday
papers. He eats a hearty supper,
but about church time he has
another severe attack and stays
home. He awakens Monday
morning refreshed and able to
go to work, and does not have
any symptoms of the disease
until the following Sunday. Dear
ones, do you suffer with this
disease? Again I ask you, irre-
spective of the past, what do you
expect to be in the future—the
head or the tail?

III

Then there is another test
question—that of baptism. There
are many tonight who claim to
be saved who have never yet
followed Jesus in scriptural bap-
tism. "Then cometh Jesus from
Galilee to Jordan unto John, to
be baptized of him. But John
forbade him, saying, I have need
to be baptized of thee, and comest
thou to me? And Jesus answer-
ing said unto him, Suffer it to be
so now: for thus it becometh us
to fulfill all righteousness. Then
he suffered him" (Mt. 3:13-15).
Have you been scripturally bap-
tized? Then if not you are dis-
obedient in this respect; though
you may be a head church man
or church woman, in God's sight
you are just the tail. May God
grant grace to you to leave the
spurious organization of which
you may be a member and like
Jesus seek one who has the au-
thority to baptize, and follow
Jesus' example as to baptism.

IV

How much practical holiness
is there in your life? "For I am
jealous over you with godly
jealousy: for I have espoused
you to one husband, that I may
present you as a chaste virgin
to Christ" (II Cor. 11:2). God
wants us to be pure in our liv-
ing. He actually enjoins purity
and holiness upon us. "That he
might present it to himself a
glorious church, not having spot,
or wrinkle, or any such thing;
but that it should be holy and
without blemish" (Eph. 5:27).
"Wherefore beloved, seeing that
ye look for such things, be dili-
gent that ye may be found of him
in peace, without spot, and
blameless" (II Pet. 3:14). But
instead of living a life of holi-
ness, is your life soiled and
spotted with the world? Do you
find more pleasure in associa-
tion with people of the world?
Does your name appear regularly
in the social register showing
that you have participated in
the things of the world? Do you
find joy in serving God and in
obedience to Him, or must your
life be filled with the world's
chiefest amusements, shows,
dances, cards, and drinking, truly
the Devil's big four. Hear the
Apostle Paul, "Whether there-
fore ye eat, or drink, or what-
soever ye do, do all to the glory
of God" (I Cor. 10:31). In view
of all this I ask you, are you the
head or the tail? Is your life
filled with purity or impurity,
holiness or unholiness? Are you
obedient or disobedient?

V

Another question which comes
close home to many worldly
church members is the question

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of one's relationship to God in
a financial way. God demands
of all, both saint and sinner,
that he give to God a tithe of
his income, namely, one-tenth.
"And all the tithe of the land,
whether of the seed of the land,
or of the fruit of the tree, is the
Lord's: it is holy unto the Lord.
And concerning the tithe of the
herd, or of the flock, even of
whatsoever passeth under the
rod, the tenth shall be holy unto
the Lord" (Lev. 27:30, 32). "Will
a man rob God? Yet ye have
robbed me. But ye are cursed
with a curse: for ye have robbed
me, even this whole nation.
Bring ye all the tithes into the
storehouse, that there may be
meat in mine house, and prove
me now herewith, saith the Lord
of hosts, if I will not open you
the windows of heaven, and pour
you out a blessing, that there
shall not be room enough to
receive it" (Mal. 3:8-10). "Woe
unto you, scribes and Pharisees,
hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of
mint and anise, and cummin, and
have omitted the weightier mat-
ters of the law, judgment, mercy,
and faith: these ought ye to have
done, and not to leave the other
undone" (Mat. 23:23). In this
respect what was your life in
1938? Were you the head or were
you the tail? The old year cannot
be recalled but in this one which
we have already started, you can
begin now by bringing your
tithes to the Lord Jesus. May
God help you to do so, that when
this year has passed into anti-
quity that you who have been a
tail in the past, may look up to
God and realize that in this
respect you are made the head
by the Lord.

Dear lost man, you've never
been anything but a tail. Would
you like to be something differ-
ent? Then listen to the words of
Jesus: "The time is fulfilled, and
the kingdom of God is at hand:
repent ye, and believe the gos-
pel" (Mk. 1:15). May God help
you now to repent of your sins
and to trust the shed blood of
Jesus Christ that your sins may
be blotted out and that you may
begin this new year to walk hand
in hand with the Lord Jesus.

"There is a fountain filled with
blood
Drawn from Immanuel's veins;
And sinners, plunged beneath that
flood,
Lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoiced to see
That fountain in his day,
And there may I, though vile as
he,
Wash all my sins away.

Dear dying Lamb, thy precious
blood
Shall never lose its pow'r,
Till all the ransomed church of
God
Be saved to sin no more."

"Kingdom Come"

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helped to nail the Saviour to the
tree.

It melts one to think that the
love of God toward him was so
great that He gave His beloved
Son to die in one's stead.

Upon believing the glad tidings
that Christ died for our sins and
rose for our justification, one en-
ters the kingdom of God, and is
destined for Heaven.

Magic? No, miracle! Nothing
short of the power of God can
cause a believer to pass from
"darkness to light," and "from the
power of Satan unto God."—Now.

I Should Like To Know

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6. Will the heathen be saved
apart from the Word?

No one will ever be saved apart
from hearing God's Word. Cf.
Rom. 10:17.

Irrespective of whether one
lives in the Orient or the Occi-
dent — whether a college pro-
fessor in America or a savage
in Africa — no one can know
of Jesus except by the Word of

God.

7. I heard a preacher say that
God was disappointed over the
drift of society today. Is this true?

You need not say any more
about your pastor. You've said
enough that I know he is a rank
Arminian. God can not be dis-
appointed. He knew everything
from the beginning, so there is
no way for Him to be disappoint-
ed. In fact, a disappointed God is
no God at all.

8. Is Mark 16:16 a "main stay"
for the Campbellites?

Yes, this is one of the principal
passages they often quote. They
quote it to teach baptismal regen-
eration.

Yet in no sense does it do so.
It does say that "he that believ-
eth and is baptized shall be sav-
ed." I say the same thing. I'll
go further and also say, "He
that believeth and eats his
breakfast shall be saved." Again,
"He that believeth and takes a
bath will be saved." Still again:
"He that believeth and rides in
an automobile will be saved." Eating
breakfast, taking a bath,
and riding in an automobile have
just as much to do with one's
salvation as baptism.

The last part of the verse
shows that it is a lack of faith
that damns. Jesus did not say,
"He that believeth not, and is not
baptized, will be damned." In-
stead He used baptism, show-
ing that it is a lack of faith that
damns, and consequently it is
the presence of faith, and not
baptism which saves.

However, the Campbellites do
not believe this verse, for they,
believing in "falling from grace,"
say that we may be lost after
being saved, whereas Jesus in
this verse says "shall be saved."
Thus they don't even believe the
verse which they depend upon
for the promulgation of their
heresy of baptismal regeneration.

Fine Young Preacher

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He is a thorough-going Baptist
of the old school, despite the fact
of his immaturity of years. He has
no place for the isms of this mod-
ern day and is doctrinally sound
through and through.

Bro. Kirkman is blessed with
a wonderful help-mate, who is
just as fine a woman as he is
a man. In fact, from the stand-
point of doctrine, Christian living,
devotion to the cause of Christ,
and willingness to suffer for His
name sake, I know of no two in-
dividuals who can surpass Paul

and Louise.

Bro. Kirkman has been pastor
in Ohio for sometime, where in
spite of much doctrinal opposi-
tion, he wrought well. He is now
pastorless, having resigned re-
cently. Some church who needs
a good pastor or wishes a Sun-
day supply, or desires a revival
meeting ought to contact Bro.
Kirkman. My pay? You'll thank
me over and over for telling you
about him. Write him in care of
this paper.

God-Man

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Deut. 18:15, 18; Luke 24:18;
Matt. 21:11. He not only ful-
filled what other prophets had
spoken concerning Him, He was
Himself the peer of all the pro-
phets. So true were His words
that "heaven and earth shall
pass away" before His words
shall fail.

The office of priest. (Heb. 3:
1; 5:6; 6:20; 7:11; 8:1-6). The
priesthood ended with Jesus.
Every priest of today is an insti-
tute to Jesus Christ, for He declared
that Jesus is ignored as High
Priest. A priesthood today ig-
nores all that was done in the
fulfilling of the priestly types by
Jesus, and puts us back under
the law. There is a world of
difference between a preacher
and a priest. A preacher is a pro-
claimer of the Word of God. A
priest is a manipulator of
"things" and he is supposed to
be a "go-between" God and
men. The New Testament teaches
the priesthood of all believers.
We are privileged to boldly ap-
proach the throne of grace in
the name of Jesus without the
need of any man.

Jesus now exercises His high
priestly ministry as He intercedes
for us. That is why we do not
"fall from grace" — "He ever
liveth to make intercession for
us."

The office of king. He was re-
jected as King by Israel, and
was crucified as their rejected
King. He shall return as con-
quering king to smash all hu-
man government and to take the
rule over the whole world (see
Luke 1:32-33). The angel prom-
ised it before His birth, and if the
angel didn't know the truth, who
does?

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