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

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The Foolishness Of The Universal Church

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This is the theory that the "true church" is not any local church, but is the invisible, universal "Body" of all believers. According to this theory all believers are mystically "baptized" into "the Body of Christ" when they become believers. This "Body" is deemed to be the important thing—the TRUE CHURCH.

This theory is heresy as heretical as the theories of Adventism, Jehovah's Witnessism, or those held by the so-called Church of Christ. It is less plausible than the heresies of many of the false sects of this day. They DO have some Scriptures which interpreted apart from other

Scriptures, seem to bolster up the claims that are made. This universal church theory lacks ANY proof. It is a colossal assumption. Let us set forth a few reasons as to why there is no such thing as a universal, invisible church.

1. The Word "Church" Does Not Admit Of Such A Church Conception.

Liddell and Scott's Greek Lexicon defines the meaning of "ec-

clesia" (translated church) as follows: "An assembly of citizens summoned by the crier—the legislative assembly." Locality and organization inhere in the word ecclesia. The term is never used in classic or New Testament Greek to signify something that is invisible, universal, unassembled and unassembling.

However, according to the laws of language, the term "church" is sometimes used in a GENERIC sense, ABSTRACT SENSE, and PROSPECTIVE sense. But whenever the abstract or generic finds concrete expression, a particular

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1. Where in the Bible can I find the Trinity?

Trinity means tri-unity or three-oneness. The divine nature consists of one essence, and thus there is unity. But in that one essence there are three eternal distinctions, which distinctions are presented to us under the figure of persons. Thus there is tri-unity. God is not three in the sense that He is one, and He is not one in the sense that He is three. Thus there is no contradiction. The Trinity of God is incomprehensible to the human mind. It cannot be reasoned out or fully explained. It cannot be illustrated. The Trinity does not mean tri-theism. God is not three persons in the sense that three human beings are persons, for in the case of three human beings there is division of essence. That is the reason for the statement that the three eternal distinctions in the Godhead are presented under the figure of persons. The above definition is as near as we can approach to a meaning of the Trinity. The Trinity is a revealed fact, to be accepted by faith; and then defined and described as best we can, knowing that any definition or description

must utterly fail to eliminate the mystery of the Godhead. The three persons of the Godhead can be found associated together in the following passages: Matt. 3:16,17; 28:19; II Cor. 13:14. In many passages each member of the Trinity is distinguished from one or both of the others.

2. Will all denominations be in the rapture?

The New Testament teaches a total rapture of all the saved at the appearance of Christ in the air. I Thess. 4:14-17.

3. What do you think of the use of robes for members of a church choir?

Personally, while I am not a believer in formalism, yet I think there are instances where some good may result from the use of choir robes. For instance, it gives a poor girl who can't afford clothes as nice as those of other members of the choir an opportunity to sing without the least embarrassment. It may also serve to keep the minds of the congregation entirely off of what members of the choir are wearing. Aside from these considerations,

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THE LOVE OF GOD

By RUTH GILPIN

"But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

—Rom. 5:8.

"And without shedding of blood is no remission."—Heb. 9:22.

Friends, God's love towards us is so great and so wonderful that it is with much difficulty our little finite minds even begin to grasp its full meaning. In fact, none of us within this human, fleshly body will ever comprehend the whole content of the love of our Lord God. After this mortal body has put on immortality, though, then shall we have a body and mind like unto our Lord and shall be able to fully realize and understand His great love. There are several aspects, though, of God's love and mercy, that even now we as Christians, who have trusted in His blood for remission of sins, can appreciate and enjoy in our souls. Let us discuss a few examples of His love.

First, He perfected and gave His plan of salvation to all who would trust in Him.

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Truly, the Son of God did manifest His love and mercy toward us on the Cross of Calvary by offering Himself a sacrifice for the remission of sins. The Lord Jesus was no martyr, friends; He was not compelled to die to pay for man's sin debt. Rather, He "gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from all iniquity." (Titus 2:14). Yes, He died that I might live!

Someone has well said that "the Lord Jesus Christ stoops to the

guttermost to save to the uttermost." He can save the most illiterate, backward, uneducated, unrefined man or woman as well as the most educated, skilled, intelligent, and brilliant person, if He so wills! He will save all that the Father gives Him regardless of color, race, creed, or tongue.

The Lord Jesus Christ was without sin, a perfect Being who took upon Himself our sins to save us from eternal Hell. We read in II Cor. 5:21:

"For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him."

And Rom. 8:3,4 tells us:

"For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit."

In these two Scriptures we can readily see the Lord's great love for us in that He, who was entirely perfect, wanting in nothing, took our filthy, sinful, unpaid-for sins and blotted them beneath His blood, giving us a coat of righteousness with which to adorn our souls.

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

Oh, the great love of my Redeemer! He loved me even before I had knowledge of Him and died for my sins that I might live! Christian friends, in what mortal could such love be personified? In no one, friends, none

other than the Lord Jesus Christ.

At the same time I became a possessor of salvation, I also obtained another great example of the Lord's love, namely eternal life. Now, friends, this everlasting life is not simply a promise of such that I may become the inheritor of when the Lord calls me to glory; rather, I immediately acquire eternal life the very moment that I trust the Lord Jesus as my Saviour. We read in John's Gospel, 10:28:

"And I GIVE unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish."

And in John 3:36:

"He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life."

We see from the foregoing two verses that 'eternal life' is written in the present tense and that it is the present, immediate possession of the born-again one after he has trusted the Lord Jesus. Oh, what assurance is ours as God's own to know within our hearts that our souls will live throughout an endless eternity in perfect love and happiness with the Lord Jesus Christ.

After having been saved, we Christians will and do sin many, many times each day, and this leads to our next manifestation of the love of our Lord toward us: forgiveness of sins. Ofttimes I am asked by some unbelieving friend, "Since becoming saved, do you live perfectly and never sin?" Of course I always heartily reply negatively, but I also rejoicingly

testify of my Heavenly High Priest, the Lord Jesus, who is my mediator between God the Father and myself. The Lord does continually act as my high priest each moment, always interceding to the Father in my behalf to forgive me of my sins. We read in I John 2:1,2:

"And if any man sin, we have an advocate (that which mediates or propitiates) with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for our's only, but also for the sins of the whole world."

By a continual confessing of our sins to the Lord, we thereby maintain our fellowship with Him. What sweet fellowship a child of God can experience knowing that his sins are forgiven and that he is in perfect accord with the Lord's will for his life! The Apostle John tells us concerning this in I John 1:9:

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

I have much pity and sympathy within my heart for my Catholic friends who must confess their sins to their earthly priest ("Father" so-and-so) who serves as a mediator between them and God, but who has no more authority or credentials for intercession to the Father God, than I possess. How can a mortal, human, depraved man such as each person who lives and has yet ever lived even dare to claim authority to ascend unto our Lord God with the sins of his congregation and descend presently with complete forgiveness! The Lord says in Matthew 23:9 that we are to:

"Call NO man your father up-

on the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven."

Yes, friends, that is the first imperfection in a Catholic's mediatorship in that he calls an earthly human, Father. And the book of Hebrews tells us that we have no need of an earthly high priest such as Aaron because the Lord Jesus is the high priest for all of God's own. We read in Heb. 6:20:

"Jesus, made an high priest FOR EVER after the order of Melchisedec."

Oh, that all Catholics might awaken as to the fallacy and dictatorship of Catholicism in its entirety! Might each child of God fully realize his priceless gift by way of the Lord's mediatorship in forgiveness of sins! What a wonderful Lord God we serve!

I might add before further proceeding that we have many "Holiness" friends who speak and boast of their so-called 'sinless perfection,' which IS a lie in the light of God's Word. We read from I John 1:8:

"If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us."

Dear friends, awaken and realize the sinful nature that every one of Adam's fallen descendants is possessor of and begin today to advantageously use your privilege of prayer to the Lord for forgiveness of your daily sins!

The love of our Lord God is illustrated to us in that he not only forgives us our sins, but He also forgets all sins committed in the past. Heb. 8:12 tells us:

"For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I REMEMBER NO MORE."

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ANGER IN STORED BLOOD

In the English scientific journal, NATURE, Dr. Merwin Moskowitz of Purdue University, says he sees a potential new danger in blood transfusions.

The danger concerns stored blood. Such blood, if stored for a long time, may sensitize a person getting it so that he would have a reaction if a transfusion of other stored blood were given.

The danger would come, Dr. Moskowitz points out, if a way was found to preserve blood for two or three months, longer than is now possible.

Red blood cells that have been stored, he found are changed so that they will sensitize a person to his own stored red cells.

This item caused us to recall

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"WHAT WILL HAPPEN WHEN JESUS COMES AGAIN?"

"But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? Nevertheless we, according

to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness. Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless."

—II Pet. 3:10-14.

No one in all this world believes more definitely in the second coming of Jesus Christ than the man who is speaking to you. From the very depths of my soul, I believe that Jesus Christ is coming back to this world. I don't know when He is coming. No man

living knows when He is coming. In fact, beloved, we are warned in the Word of God lest any man should set a date as to His coming. Listen:

"Watch therefore; for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come."—Matt. 24:42.

I say, beloved, I don't know when He is coming, nor does anyone else know when He is coming, but I do know that He is coming. There isn't a doubt in my mind about the return of Jesus Christ back to this world

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WATER VS. WEALTH

There are times when a cup of cold water may be worth more than a coffer full of jewels or a bank bursting with gold.

Years ago a traveler in Asia found the bodies of two men stretched out on the desert beside the carcass of a camel. Evidently they had died of thirst. But each of them had around his waist a large store of jewels which doubtless was designed for the markets of Persia.

Even in our material world we learn now and then that there are some things which money cannot secure. And we ought to learn that we can store a richer wealth in the vaults of Heaven where moth and rust do not corrupt nor thieves break through and steal.

It is sad that our troubles try us more than our transgressions.

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I Should Like To Know

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I think it is a matter of taste or preference — a thing that is neither right nor wrong within itself. It should be judged wholly from the general effect that it has on the choir, the congregation, and the worship. If the use of robes seems to promote worship and glorify God, let them be used. If they do otherwise, let them not be used. Let churches who feel led to use robes use them. Let those who do not care for robes not use them. And let not either group presume to judge the other. Let us learn to distinguish between things that involve a principle and those that merely involve taste or preference.

4. Are the non-elect sinners? If so, Christ died for them (I Tim. 1:15).

Yes, the non-elect are sinners. But I Tim. 1:15 does not prove that Christ died for the non-elect. It says He came to save sinners. If that meant all sinners, then no one would go to Hell.

5. Does not Heb. 2:9 teach that Jesus tasted death for every man?

No. The word man is not in the Greek, and we are not bound to understand that this refers to every descendent of Adam. Jesus tasted death for every one, but every one of whom? The context answers: Every one of the many sons that God brings to glory, of whose salvation Christ is the captain or author.

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We read also in Psa. 103:12: "As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us."

And in Heb. 10:17: "And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more."

Isn't it wonderful to know that our Lord forgives our sins, removes them millions of miles away from us, and then forgets them and will never call them again to remembrance! Therefore, friends, if you perhaps have the ghost of some would-be besetting sin haunting your mind, ask the Lord to give you grace in removing all thoughts concerning it; then go about in the Lord's service with greater zeal and determination for His glory.

The last example of God's love toward us is that He is an ever-present Refuge to provide protection for His children. We read concerning this in Deut. 33:27:

"The eternal God is thy REFUGE, and underneath are the everlasting arms: and he shall thrust out the enemy from before thee; and shall say, Destroy them."

Also, in Psa. 62:7,8:

"In God is my salvation and my glory: the rock of my strength, and my REFUGE, is in God. Trust in him at all times; ye people, pour out your heart before him: God is a refuge for us. Selah."

What a marvelous consolation to be assured of that His protecting hand hovers over us continually!

And as the Lord daily guides us along life's pathway, He also directs, leads, and blesses us in

our service to Him as we witness for Him. Yes, Christian friends, He certainly will be our Leader if we wholly submit ourselves to Him for His complete control. We now read in II Pet. 2:9:

"The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations."

He will assist us in overcoming temptations and in bearing trials that oftentimes seem unnecessarily laden with heavy burdens. As we witness for Him, we must at all times hold in remembrance that even as Christ was persecuted, so shall we also be.

"If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you. If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you."—John 15:18-20.

Christian friends, from this brief study of the love of our wonderful Lord, I pray that each of us may truly realize our responsibility as a witness to tell lost and dying sinners of our risen Saviour and Lord. Oh, that we each might fully comprehend the great need that exists for the Gospel being witnessed and told to all mankind! The vast majority of people today are following "a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death" (Prov. 14:12). Christian friends, may we each be more wholly submitted to the Lord's service in daily witnessing to lost souls because of the manifestations shown to us that are produced by the love of God!

"The love of God is greater far Than tongue or pen ever tell; It goes beyond the highest star, And reaches to the lowest hell. The guilty pair, bowed down with care,

God gave His Son to win; His erring child He reconciled, And pardoned from his sin. Could we with ink the ocean fill, (Continued on page four)

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again. Let us notice just a few verses that you might see that there is no thought in the Scripture more fully proclaimed than that of the return of Jesus Christ.

"So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him SHALL HE APPEAR THE SECOND TIME without sin unto salvation."

—Heb. 9:28.

"For our conversation is in heaven: FROM WHENCE ALSO WE LOOK FOR THE SAVIOUR, the Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself."

—Phil. 3:20,21.

Notice these words: "From whence also we look for the Saviour."

"For the LORD HIMSELF SHALL DESCEND FROM HEAVEN with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the air; and so shall we ever be with the Lord."

—I Thess. 4:16,17.

"Behold, HE COMETH WITH CLOUDS: and every eye shall see him, and they also which

THE DELIVERANCE AT THE RED SEA

Memory Verse. "I cried unto thee, O Lord: I said, Thou art my refuge and my portion in the land of the living."—Psa. 142:5.

I. Israel Pursued. Exodus 14:1-9 (Note Vs. 9).

Verses two and three show that it was God's strategem to lead Israel out into the wilderness, that Pharaoh might follow to gain back his army of slaves. The plan worked just as God knew it would, and Pharaoh with more than 600 chariots, pursued after Israel.

What a striking analogy to the experience of God's child. The Christian today finds himself entangled in the land (v. 3), and with a greater than Pharaoh, Satan himself, in deadly pursuit. Many of God's children know the meaning of the pursuit of the Egyptians (v. 9). They have experienced that pursuit daily since their conversion. We have each seen Satan rally his forces and pursue as we have endeavored to walk with the Saviour.

II. Man's Extremity Is God's Opportunity. Exodus 14:10-12.

At the banks of the Red Sea, Israel was in distress. An impassable gulf was before them, Pharaoh's army was coming behind; they were no match for Pharaoh. Truly they were at their wits end. Israel's extremity was just God's opportunity. He knew all about Pharaoh's host, the iron chariots, and the helplessness of His people. He wanted to teach Israel a lesson of dependence. It was His opportunity to do so.

So with us today; He wishes to teach us the same lesson. Many times when we can go no farther, it is His time to hold our hand and lead us out. When the outlook is dark, try the uplook.

III. God And The Egyptians. Exodus 14:13,14.

1. Moses said, "Fear not" (v. 13). What if the stars go out, or the sun never shines, or the darkness hovers about us, or sorrows roll as billows of the sea, or we see the shining helmets and glittering spears of all the hosts of Hell? FEAR NOT!

2. Moses said, "Stand still" (v. 13). In the camp there was confusion, murmuring, criticism, rebellion, and a wail of turmoil. Above the din of strife, Moses said, "Stand still."

About all God's children can do sometimes is stand still and wait on God. About 98 per cent of the discord in homes and churches and between individuals can be settled if only the parties involved would stand still and wait.

Our churches, religious assemblies, and conventions need this message. Instead of planning and organizing, we need to stand still and listen to God.

3. Moses said, "See the salvation of the Lord" (v. 13). I'm glad that God didn't lead His people out half-way and say, "Now, I've gotten you out, you'll have to look after yourself." Instead, God says, "I'll keep you all the way." Cf. John 10:28,

pierced him; and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen."

—Rev. 1:7.

"And if I go and prepare a place for you, I WILL COME AGAIN, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."—John 14:3.

Beloved, He went away—He is sure to return, for He said, "If I go . . . I will come again." He went—He has to return.

"And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, SHALL SO COME IN LIKE MANNER AS YE HAVE SEEN HIM GO INTO HEAVEN."—Acts 1:10,11.

Beloved, the same Jesus that ascended to the Father on Mt. Olivet is coming back in the clouds some day.

Once again:

"For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death TILL HE COME."—I Cor. 11:26.

We observed the memorial supper here within the Lord's house. I didn't say one word about the second coming of Jesus Christ, as I recall. I don't remember that I mentioned it, and yet, beloved, one of the most powerful sermons on the return of Jesus Christ that could ever have been preached, was preached in the breaking of the bread and in the pouring of the wine. Our Lord said that as often as you do this, you do show the Lord's death till He come. Every observance of the memorial supper is a prophecy of the return of Jesus Christ back to this world again.

"But as the days of Noah were so shall also the coming of the

Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark. And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Watch therefore; for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come. But know this, that if the Goodman of the house had known in what hour the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up. Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not, the Son of Man cometh."—Matt. 24:37-44.

Among all the verses of this last passage, would you notice carefully that last one which says: "In such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh." Let me ask you a simple question: Do you think that Jesus Christ is coming back to this earth in this hour? Doubtlessly there isn't a person within this house who expects His return in this hour. My Lord said, "In such an hour as ye think not" He is coming.

Now, beloved, what is going to happen when Jesus comes again? In the course of this message it would be impossible for me in any wise at all to tell you everything that shall take place when Jesus comes. Yet, we can very simply and very easily note a few of the things that will happen when Jesus comes again.

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EXODUS 14-15

29; Jude 1:24; I Pet. 1:5. Thank God for a salvation that is not only present, but eternal.

4. Moses said, "God will take care of the Egyptians" (v. 13,14). The Egyptians represent the world. When the world and all its cares threaten us, God says, "Stand still; fear not; I'll take care of the Egyptians."

IV. Step Forward, Please. Exodus 14:15-18.

The command which God gave unto Moses is His command to us today. May God help us to go forward.

V. A Path Through The Sea. Exodus 14:19-25.

During the night when God was preparing a path (v. 21) through the sea for His own, He cast His protecting arm about Israel. A cloud (v. 20) divided Israel from Egypt, being darkness unto Egypt but light unto Israel. The next morning Israel marched dry-shod over the Red Sea. Moses, Mariam, Aaron, the old and young, cattle, sheep, goats, jewelry, and bracelets—all pass over. Just as surely no soul will be lost which Jesus has redeemed. Cf. John 17:9-12,15,20,24. The Egyptians in attempting to follow, were destroyed. (v. 26-31).

VI. Baptism By Immersion. Exodus 14:29.

Cf. I Cor. 10:1,2.

VII. Song Of The Redeemed. Exodus 15:1-21.

After the Egyptians were destroyed, Moses said, "Let's sing a hymn." Perhaps he used his shepherd's staff for a baton.

Is not this a prophecy how God's children shall come out of great tribulation to sing the song of Moses and the Lamb? Cf. Rev. 5:9-13. I think it is.

This one hour of singing was worth all the trials which Moses passed through. Then in the face of our trials, we should press on, not looking for the joy now, but for the glory which shall be ours when we join the heavenly choir composed of the spotless bride of the Lamb.

VIII. Marah. Exodus 15:22-26.

After three days of thirst, Israel came to Marah, but even there, the waters were bitter. When the tree was cast into the waters, they were made sweet. Surely none can fail to see that this tree represents the cross of Jesus (I Pet. 2:24). Each of us have our bitter experiences in life, but by applying the principles of Christ to our everyday action, the bitter can be made sweet.

IX. Elim. Exodus 15:27.

To Israel, Elim meant rest after trial. Egypt's cruel task-masters, Pharaoh, brick, slavery, and sorrows were all left behind. In the midst of our wilderness wanderings, the Lord graciously and tenderly provides a few green spots where His journeying people can rest. These at best are but an oasis, yet they refresh the soul and encourage the heart. But Elim wasn't Canaan. It was but a fore-taste of that happy land. So our periods of resting and refreshing are only prophetic of what shall be by and by.

90 miles an hour down the track. There will be a Christian engineer and fireman in the cab. There will be some Christian men and women riding on that train. There will also be some babies who have not reached the age of accountability that will be on that train. Without any warning that engineer's hand is going to drop from the throttle, and that engineer's clothes are going to be found when the wreckage of that train is finally cleared up, but there will be no sign of the engineer. All back through the cars, wherever there is a child of God, they will find the clothing, but the Christian will silently and quietly slip out of the garments of civilization to be with his Lord, when Jesus comes. Every babe on that train that has not reached the age of accountability, every child of God that is riding on that train, whether in the cab or in the baggage car or in the coaches—every child of God is going up when Jesus comes. What is going to happen to that train? You say, "Why I think God is going to work a miracle to stop it." Do you mean to tell me that God will save a crowd of rebellious devils that have been in rebellion against Him since the day of Adam down to this time? Nay, beloved, that train will wreck because God has taken His own from it.

II

Along the highway a car is traveling. Another car is meeting it. Seated behind the wheel of one of those cars is a man who loves the Lord Jesus Christ. Without any reason so far as the driver of the other car is concerned, the first car swerves and strikes him squarely. When the wreck is investigated, there are

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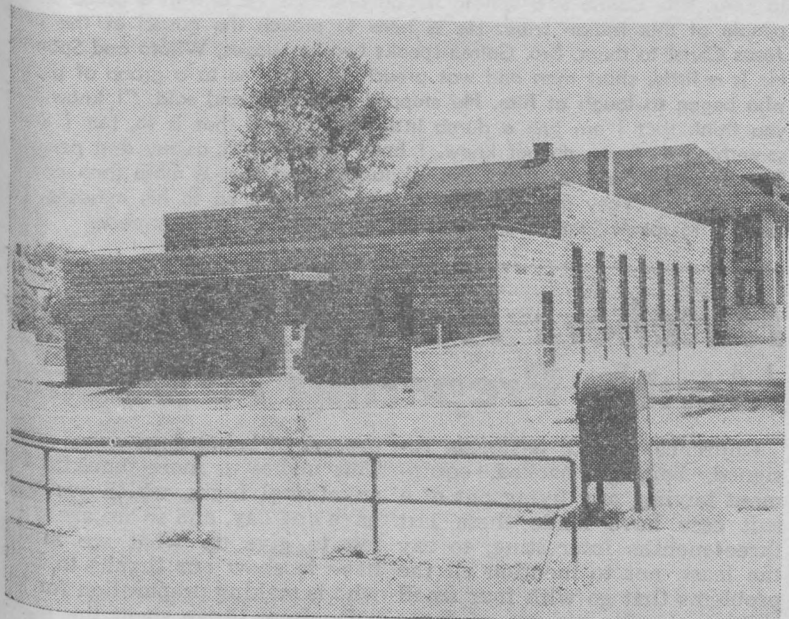
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(Spanish Language)

MISSIONARY CONFERENCE AT CANFIELD AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH NOVEMBER 21 THROUGH 24



CANFIELD AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH



HAFFORD H. OVERBEY



INSIDE CANFIELD AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH

This is where the Nationwide Missionary Bible Conference is to be held November 21 through 24, 1955. To the left of this building is the large parking lot. The location of this church building is on the corner of East Canfield and Helen Avenues, on the east side of Detroit, near the intersection of Gratiot Avenue and East Grand Blvd., about three miles from downtown Detroit.

Pastor of Canfield Avenue Baptist Church, Detroit, Michigan. Pastor and people invite you to attend the Nationwide Missionary Bible Conference. Write today and let us know how many are coming and if husband, and wife and number of children, their ages and number of boys and girls so that we can make reservations for you in a home.

This is a recent picture of the Sunday morning service. The people moved from the left and the right into the center section so that all could get into the picture. This picture was taken by Missionary Mitchell E. Lewis just before he preached. This auditorium seats exactly 419 people with room for three more rows of seats to make the seating capacity exactly 480. The nursery is in the center under the clock in the rear and mothers can hold their babies, or put them to bed, and both see and hear the speaker. The soundproof thermopane glass is all that separates the nursery from the auditorium. This auditorium has both a grand piano and electric organ and also a baptistry back of the pulpit platform. Underneath the auditorium are two assembly rooms, eighteen class rooms, boiler room, storage room and two toilet rooms.

Paul Calley Tells Of New Church Organized At Parana dos Mouras

Dear Brethren in Christ:

After a good journey we arrived back in Cruzeiro do Sul on the 20th of June from our visit to Manaus which we enjoyed very much with the Brethren there, but we are happy to be back in our Acre Territory. The Lord is blessing the work in Manaus and Codajas, and we returned feeling assured that the work there will

continue to prosper in the Lord. The Brethren there as a whole, are grounded in the truth and we are thankful for the way Brother Royal has taught them.

Since our return to Cruzeiro do Sul, we are happy to give you the good news that there has been one profession of faith in the mission hall and the church at Parana dos Mouras has been organized. We were only in Cruzeiro do Sul three days after our arrival when we left on Friday, the 24th of June with Bro. Cido and Bro. Mario, two of our native preachers, to organize the church at Parana dos Mouras.

We were about half way there and on the second day of our journey when the propeller worked loose from the propeller shaft and we lost it in the middle of the Jurua River and could not retrieve it. I had an extra propeller, but it needed a new bushing, so we used the small Archimedes motor that the Brethren had authorized me to buy on my recent trip to Manaus to be used as a spare on occasions like this and to travel in creeks with a small boat, where the Penta is too deep in the water to be used. I now have the propeller repaired that I have left and have taken precaution by boring a hole through the shaft for a cotter pin, securing the propeller so that this won't happen again. With the small motor we traveled very slow and did not arrive there until the third day, on Sunday afternoon June the 27th, but we preached the gospel in different homes along the way.

That night we had a good crowd at the service and made plans

with the Brethren there to organize the church the following Sunday. Most of the next day was spent reading and studying the Bible with the "old patriarch" who can read very little, but has a greater knowledge of the Bible than many Christians who can. It is easy to understand why, because he kept me busy answering the many questions he wanted to know. In answering him I would read and explain the Scriptures that I thought best would explain to him what he wanted to know. In my way of thinking this is the way to teach. It leaves no room to doubt, but only a question of what God says about it. That night Bro. Cido preached on the duty of loving one another, from the 4th chapter of I John.

On Tuesday the 29th we left for a two-day visit at Tatajuba, but on our way there we stopped at the mouth of the Parana dos Mouras River and made arrangements to hold service Thursday night in an Indian home that is friendly to the gospel. We arrived at Tatajuba late that evening, but I preached to a

good crowd that night. At Tatajuba most of the people live near each other and just about everybody knows you are there when you arrive. Although it was Wednesday, we had service at ten o'clock the next morning and about 35 people heard Brother Mario, who is the pastor at Japiim, preach the gospel to them. That night Bro. Cido and I both preached and people who were lost heard the gospel, but there was no visible result. Before leaving on Thursday, the 30th we made plans with the Brethren there to organize a church some time in August, the Lord willing. We also talked to them about a church building and they were all for it and we hope in the near future that this will be accomplished.

Thursday evening we arrived at the mouth of the Parana dos Mouras River to hold service in the Indian home as planned, but it rained very hard that night and I preached the gospel to only 8 people. This village has about 10 houses and a Catholic church and 60 to 70 people. It was the first time that a Baptist has preached there in many years. Friday morning we arrived back at Parana dos Mouras and had service there Friday and Saturday nights and organized the church on Sunday, July the 3rd.

Sunday at 9 o'clock the church building was filled for the organization service that we had announced ahead of time. The service opened with a song and after several hymns and prayer by Bro. Mario, I announced at the dismissal of this service the believers at Parana dos Mouras would be a

New Testament Baptist church founded upon the Rock, the Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord willing. Also that all listen closely to each speaker, that we would all preach on the articles of faith that makes a Baptist church, and that they would be asked to vote upon. Then Bro. Mario read a letter from the Baptist church in Cruzeiro do Sul.

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HALLUM FAMILY TO RETURN HOME

The Lord willing, Bro. R. P. Hallum, wife and daughter, Miss Marguerite Hallum, will be returning to the U. S. as soon as Bro. Lewis and family get back to Iquitos, Peru. Bro. Hallum is now past seventy years of age and his health is such that he has been able to preach only once on Sunday and once in the middle of the week for the most of the time. He returned to Peru to take care of the work, keep it going and to protect it (from those who like to steal other people's mission work), while Bro. Lewis and family were in the U. S. on furlough. We do not have words to describe this sound, faithful and hard working family. They have spent 20 years on the mission field in Peru. Iquitos is a city of about 65,000 people and Brother Hallum has taken the city, block by block, and has called at every house in the city several times, witnessing to the people of every house. That is preaching the gospel to every creature as commanded. May the Lord bless them

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CORRECTION

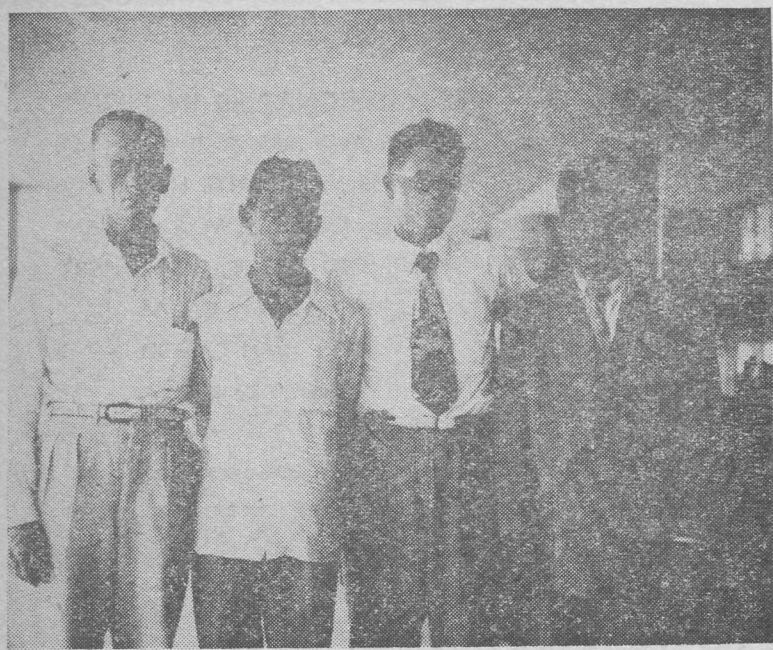
In the last issue of MISSION SHEETS in the letter by Brother Royal Calley it said: "It makes me happy to know that I have Bro. Hatcher to work for me in Brazil." This is a typographical error and should have read: "It makes me happy to know that I have Bro. Hatcher to work with me in Brazil."

CONCERNING BOAT FOR MITCHELL LEWIS

By H. H. OVERBEY

We announced several months ago that as soon as we raised the money to pay for the houseboat and equipment for Paul Calley in Brazil that we would do the same for a boat for Mitchell Lewis in Peru. Bro. Lewis has advised us that since Bro. Hallum will soon be coming home, because of his health, and since it will be some time before Bro. Hunter will have learned the language and be able to do mission work, that he cannot work both the city of Iquitos and the rivers also, and to buy a boat now would mean that it would rot out before it could be used. Also the trips made in Peru by boat are near enough to Iquitos, that a houseboat is not so necessary as it is in the work in Brazil where Bro. Paul Calley has to make long journeys and be away from home for weeks at a time. So when, and if, the need arises we will by the grace of the Lord try to raise the funds for a boat for use in Peru.

AT THE AIRPORT IN MANAOS



Left to right: Paul Calley, John Bentes, Royal Calley, and John Dias. Brother Royal and family are at the airport in Manaus, Brazil ready to leave for the U. S. on furlough. Brother Paul and family have flown down from Cruzeiro do Sul to see them off. This was a sad parting for all. Royal Calley has endeared himself with the believers in Brazil, and they were sad when he left.

New Missioary Needed In Cruzeiro do Sul, Brazil

By H. H. OVERBEY

With Bro. Royal Calley and Bro. John Hatcher both in Manaus, the work there will be well manned. That will leave one there all the time when necessary for the other to be away on journeys or on furlough. Now we need a good missionary and wife to go to Cruzeiro do Sul to work with Bro. Paul Calley, so that someone will be there and know the language and be ready to carry on when Bro. Paul and family come home in January, 1957, which is less than a year and a half away. If the Lord has called you, and you agree with the doctrinal statement that was run in the July 1955 issue of MISSION SHEETS, and are willing to go and stay and endure the hardships, then make application. If you are not called of God, do not apply. If you do not agree with the doctrinal statement, do not apply. If you are not willing to go and stay until furlough time (which is after 3 years, first time out) and endure the persecution and hardships, do not apply.

If you are considering going to Brazil, read the letter from Bro. Paul Calley elsewhere in this issue how they were caught at dark on the Japiim River among alligators, in a small open canoe, with no houses on the bank to stop at, and still two hours away from the village of Japiim, then make your decision. Bro. Paul Calley, wife Florence, and son Leslie Paul had this experience and it is worse than he described. You have to be there and see and experience it to know exactly what it is like.

One year ago, in June 1954, I was in Brazil and was on a journey on this same Japiim River. We were coming down stream and the river was narrow and very swift. We came around a sharp bend in the river and a tree had fallen across the stream and we did not have time to stop. Bro. Paul Calley yelled at me to duck and I fell flat in the boat as he did, but the log knocked Bro. Miguel Ibernon into the river and the mortorista (the man we hired with the outboard motor) held onto his motor and his back was scratched up as he went under the log. Bro. Miguel climbed back into the boat and the brethren worked to get the motor under the log. Bro. Miguel was laughing by the time he got back into the boat, and finally the rest of us laughed with him, but it was not funny a few seconds before. We were all scared

and scared plenty.

A few weeks later I was on a journey in Peru with Missionary Mitchell E. Lewis going up Polis, a small river that flows into the Momon River. We went over logs, under logs, between logs, and pulled the boat through narrow swift places. Bro. Lewis fell in the stream, and we were standing in water in the boat above our shoe tops. Later we hit a log and it knocked a hole in the side of the boat, and the boat was soon half full of water before we knew it. With one end of the boat on the bank and the other on a log, Bro. Simon Gaima then went to a house to see if he could find some nails and a piece of board, and we were soon on our way again.

Had this happened in the wide Nanay River that we first entered on this journey, things would have been different. Bro. Lewis and I both can swim, but we both wondered if we could have made it to the bank in the wide river with the swift current. Then we wondered what we would have done had we made it to the bank which was all jungle. We both agreed that Bro. Simon Gaima could have made it to shore. Through all this the missionaries did not complain nor give up, nor take out and start for home in the U. S. They kept on keeping on, because God called them and they love lost souls. We need this kind of a missionary to go to Cruzeiro do Sul in the far off Acre Territory of Brazil to work with Bro. Paul Calley. The future dividends are great.

LAUNCH NEEDED FOR ROYAL CALLEY

By H. H. OVERBEY

Bro. Royal Calley works in Manaus, Brazil which is about 2638 miles by river boat from where his brother Paul Calley works. Bro. Paul Calley works on the Jurua River which is small, and the still smaller rivers that flow into the Jurua and he has the size boat that is suitable for his trips on these smaller streams. But Manaus is on the Rio Negro River about 7 miles from the mouth of the Amazon River. Both these rivers are the largest in the world and many other large ones empty into these rivers. A small houseboat like the one Bro. Paul Calley uses would not be suitable for these large rivers. The large rivers are very treacherous at all times and a small boat would be unsafe for a missionary and family. So for the work on the Rio Negro and Amazon rivers, Bro. Royal Calley needs a launch or

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Bro. Royal Calley Longs To Return To Manaus, Brazil

Dear Friends:

I have received several letters from the Brethren in Brazil. They report that all is going well with them. They have opened several new places to preach. Bro. John Dias tells me that the church building in Petropolis is completed. This is a place that will be heavily populated some day, and we hope to have a church organized there sometime in the future. It is only a mission preaching point now. Bro. Miguel Ibernon is now in Manaus for awhile. He is the pastor of the church in Codajaz (300 miles up the Amazon River above Manaus), but had to come to Manaus due to the illness of his wife. It seems that she was hemorrhaging very badly after giving birth to her last child, a baby girl. She would most certainly have died had she arrived in Manaus any later than they did, I am told. We thank God that He has spared her, that she might continue with her husband and children. This makes them eight living children, six girls and two boys. They have five children dead. She is a very faithful wife and mother, and has helped Bro. Miguel greatly in his ministry. Bro. Francisco Santiago is now visiting in Cerea. Bro. Francisco Cabral is pastoring Tabernacle Baptist Church while Bro. Santiago is away. Pray that Bro. Santiago will have a safe journey. He is a pillar of the work there.

As for ourselves, we have been preaching in several churches during the past month here in the U. S. We supplied for Bro. Harry Hille at New Hope Baptist Church in Dearborn at both services one Sunday, while Brother Hille was away in a meeting in Tennessee. We also preached for Pastor Homer Crain and the Gethsemane Baptist Church one Sunday. We know many of the members there from a long way back and it was good to see them again. Then we preached three times at Canfield Avenue Baptist Church, Detroit, Michigan. One service while Bro. Overbey was ill and twice while he and family were away in Kentucky on vacation. We are looking forward to the Nationwide Missionary Conference at Canfield Ave. Baptist Church, Thanksgiving week. This is my home church. Our church is trying to raise \$5000 toward the building of the church and school building combined in Manaus, Brazil. This building is greatly needed. It makes me proud to be a member of such a church, and I feel that we will make our goal, the Lord willing. Canfield Avenue is one of the greatest churches in the world today. We are planning on being with Pastor Louis Maple and the East Maine Baptist Church, Des Plaines, Illinois (near Chicago) this fall.

The first Sunday in September I am to be with Pastor Eugene Hensley and the Grace Missionary Baptist Church in Tiffin, Ohio. Then I am to be with Pastor John A. Keltie and the Peoples Baptist Church, Alton, Ill., and several other churches in that part of Illinois. (The Peoples Baptist Church was formerly pastored by Bro. John A. Hatcher who is soon going to Brazil). Other than this we do not have any other engagements at present, except to speak at the Conference Thanksgiving week. We are already anxious to return to Brazil. Sometimes I wonder why there are so many preachers here and so few there. Perhaps it is because some preachers love their Country better than they should. Anywhere is wonderful if Christ is leading you there. You do not need to worry, if God has called you to go some place, He will make you love the people and be satisfied and happy in your surroundings. Thank you all for your offerings that support us. I can truthfully say that we have never wanted because of your kindness. I thank God for you.

SIMON GAIMA — A WITOTO INDIAN



The arrow in this picture points to Bro. Simon Gaima, our missionary in Peru. Bro. Gaima is a Witoto Indian and here he is with a group of his people of this Indian tribe. He is here to preach the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ to them. Bro. Gaima speaks two languages, Witoto and Spanish. He is a little, short man and was preaching one time to a group of people who began to laugh at him. He stopped preaching and said, "I know that you think that I am just a dumb little Indian, and that is so, but I know something that you do not know. I know Jesus Christ as my own personal Saviour and I can also speak two languages, and that is more than any of you can do." They quit laughing at him and listened to his message. He learned to speak Spanish after he was saved and called to preach.

Hatchers Have Three Busy Months Preparing To Depart

Churches visited, pastorate resigned, baggage packed, equipment buying, and living out of a suit case have made these last three months interesting, to say the least, not to mention all the problems that go with four small children in the process of three months without a home. But we thank God for all His blessings and the way that He has so marvelously provided our needs.

I left Alton, Illinois on June 2 and went to Liberty, Indiana, where I visited Bro. Hubert Spicer and met Pastor Earlie Gully of the Liberty Baptist Church. We were invited to preach at this church and did so on June 19. We certainly enjoyed the fine fellowship of the pastor and people. On June 5, I preached at the Alexandria Baptist Church where Bro. James K. Gardener is pastor. This is my home church where I was saved, baptized and called to preach, and it was a blessing to be here.

On June 6 I went to Lexington and spent the night with Brother and Sister J. R. Masterson. On Wednesday, June 8 I spoke at the mid-week service at Bryan Station Baptist Church, and also preached here on Sunday, June 12, at both services. It was a real joy to be back with these people and with the Mastersons again. At this time my family was still back in Alton. On June 13, I called Alta and found out that our electric stove, refrigerator, and freezer had been sold and so our home in America had started the

Please pray that we may be able to take our car to Brazil when we return after our furlough. We have a four-door, three-seat Ford station wagon to use in the work in Manaus, Brazil. At the present time they will not allow a car to be brought into Brazil. Pray with us that this will be changed by the time we are to return. Remember myself and my family in your prayers. May God bless you.

Your Brother in Christ,
Royal H. Calley

(Editor's note: Bro. Royal Calley is having all his children checked over at Ford Hospital in Detroit. The doctors think that Mary, their third child may have a brain tumor and extensive tests are being run on her. Also Mrs. Calley has been examined and will have minor surgery, the Lord willing. It takes all the time of furlough to get back in good health and ready to return to the mission field for another term, which will be four years the next time.)

process of being done away with. This makes us more thankful for an eternal home which we will have one day, and so we are willing to give up what we might have to show our thanks to Him who is making preparation for us.

On June 15 we spent the night with Bro. Harvey Ayres after preaching at the Mt. Hebron Baptist Church. We had known Bro. Ayres for a few years and were thankful for this opportunity of visiting with him and his family.

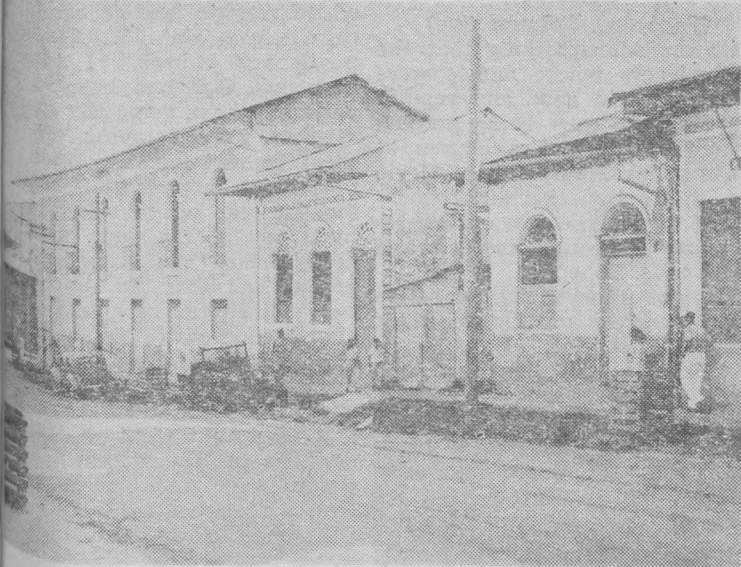
We Begin Our Packing

June 21-23 found us back in Alton for the job of packing our things for shipment. We bought steel drums with clamps on lids which we cleaned, painted and packed. On Wednesday, June 22, the Peoples Baptist Church called Bro. John A. Keltie as their pastor to succeed me. We thank God for Bro. Keltie. He is a faithful man of God who loves His Word. He is missionary. He is in sympathy with our kind of mission work. Already he has a car load that he is planning to bring to the Missionary Conference at Canfield Avenue Baptist Church. Also he is making plans to have Bro. Royal Calley to come and be with the church and with as many other churches as possible in the Alton and St. Louis area. On the evening of June 23 the Peoples Baptist Church gave us a going away supper and shower. We love this church because of their faithfulness to the Word of God in spite of all the opposition that they have had.

On July 1 my family and I drove to my parent's home at Alexandria, Kentucky. On July 3 I preached at the Ashland Avenue Baptist Church. Bro. Clarence Walker was absent due to the fact that he was in the hospital awaiting to undergo surgery. That night I preached at the New Testament Baptist Church where Bro. Paul Trautner is pastor near Mt. Vernon, Kentucky.

On July 6, we drove to Detroit for the purpose of seeing Brother Royal Calley and making plans for the time to go to Brazil. We met with Brothers Hille, Clark, Overbey, and Calley, and it was decided that the sooner that we could go the better it would be. The tentative date of September 14 was set. We were happy to meet Bro. Royal Calley and to fellowship with these brethren again. On July 10, I preached at Canfield Avenue Baptist Church in the morning service and in the evening I preached at the Gethsemane Baptist Church in Detroit where Bro. Homer Crain is pastor. (Page four, Column one)

STREET SCENE IN IQUITOS, PERU



This is a street scene in Iquitos, Peru. Note Bro. Lewis' Jeep in center of picture. The streets are all dirt, none paved, windows all open, no sidewalks. Iquitos is on the Amazon River, up river above Brazil and about 3000 miles from the mouth of the Amazon at the Atlantic Ocean. Between this and the Pacific Ocean are the high Andes mountains. Iquitos is a city in the jungle, about 65,000 in population. No roads or railroad to this place. You get there by boat or plane.

New Church Building And School Needed In Manaus, Brazil

For sometime we have been telling you about the need for a new church building and preachers school combined, in Manaus, Brazil. Native preachers make good missionaries and preachers, but they must be taught the Word of God. At present there is a seminary in Manaus run by another mission, but they are far from the doctrines that we believe and hold dear. We need a school to train preachers to be sound preachers and to be preachers who know the Word of God. In Bro. Royal Calley and Bro. John Hatcher we have the teachers. Now we need the building. Canfield Avenue Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich., has set Thanksgiving morning as the time for a special offering for new buildings in Brazil. East Maine Baptist Church, Des Plaines, Illinois has set the third Sunday in November as the time for such a special offering. We trust that the Lord will lead many other pastors and churches to set their own time and have a special offering also.

When a preacher comes to our churches to help in a revival meeting, we have a special offering for him. Why not do the same for this new building in Brazil? If each church would set a date and have a special offering we would soon have enough for the new building. We hope to have the money raised so that Brother Royal Calley can begin to build the building as soon as he returns to Brazil in June 1956. We estimate that it will take from ten to fifteen thousand dollars to build a church and school building combined. We have the large lot clear and ready for the building to be built on. We had the picture of this lot in the last issue of this paper. May the Lord lead many to have a part in this.

HUNTER'S GOODS ARRIVE IN PERU

By H. H. OVERBEY

The household goods, clothing and other things of the Hunter family that were shipped by boat from New York direct up the Amazon River to Iquitos, Peru have finally arrived in Iquitos and they have them through customs and in their home, although they have not yet been billed for the custom charge. They expected a long and drawn out experience in getting these things through customs. Instead, and as is unusual, they were given the things right away, for which we thank the Lord. Bro. Hunter is still studying the language and is anxious to begin preaching. They have had some unusual weather in Iquitos, which is only a few degrees south of the equator. The temperature dropped to about 60 degrees (cooler than in Detroit, Michigan by about 30 degrees, and more some of the time). The people do not have the clothes for weather this cool, nor are their houses built for same, and many have been sick. The Hunters have been sick, but are better at this time.

was used for the first time for the body of the sister that died. We had had a word battle with the people of one of the members who had died, about those candles and image of Mary, and did not want to have another one. The body lay in state in the church through the night. The funeral was held at the usual hour that we have service at night.

Bro. Ricardo has also been sick but is up now. We and the church helped this Brother financially. It is a good thing for a person to have a home to stay in after they get old and helpless. With these words I close by asking your prayers for this work and wishing God's blessing for all.

As ever,
R. P. Hallum

A PREACHING POINT ON THE AMAZON



These seven houses make up a village called Astoria, on the Amazon River down stream from Iquitos, Peru. On the bank of this river, short distances apart, are other houses. Down river to the right of this picture, the Peruvian government is building an oil refinery. To the left is the mouth of the Nanay River and on the Nanay a short distance up stream is the Astoria Lumber Company that saws lumber and ships it to New York by boat. Further up the Nanay is the Peruvian dry docks for repairing their naval boats. The homes are visited and the people invited to come to the services and then the missionary preaches in the largest house in this picture.

Final Financial Report As To Paul Calley Boat Fund

By H. H. OVERBEY

The houseboat, Penta outboard motor, small Archimedes outboard motor for a spare, loudspeaker equipment, spare parts, etc., for Bro. Paul Calley to use on his missionary journeys in the Acre Territory of Brazil are now paid for. Bro. Calley has been using this new houseboat for several months now and has made several missionary journeys in it. The Lord has blessed each journey by saving souls. Bro. Calley wants it made clear to all that this boat is the property of the mission and is his to use as long as it lasts. If it becomes necessary to sell the boat when it gets old, or for any other reason, the money will be used towards a new one or returned to the mission. The following is a list of those who gave towards the cost of the boat and equipment:

Canfield Ave. Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich.	\$ 717.36
A Friend, Sweetwater, Tenn.	250.00
Grace Baptist Church, Baseline, Mich.	202.00
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn, Mich.	140.00
Liberty Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio	100.00
Faith Mission, Chicago	81.19
Pedigo Lumber Co., Sweetwater, Tenn.	50.00
Bobby Mack, Opelika, Alabama	45.00
East Maine Baptist Church, Des Plaines, Illinois	44.00
W. B. Snell, Chesapeake, Ohio	25.00
Grace Baptist Church, Cincinnati, Ohio	15.00
W. E. Kennedy, Memphis, Tenn.	15.00
Comer Warren, Detroit, Mich.	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. J. W. Schmidt, San Bernardino, Calif.	5.00

BRIEF LETTER FROM MARGUERITE

Dear Bro. Overbey:

I am enclosing the reports for the month of July for Don Simon and Don Juan, also the receipts for the month of August. I meant to get these off to you Tuesday, but had to go to the Customs House with the Hunters at 8:00 a. m., so didn't get it done. They got everything through without any trouble and had it in their house by 11:00 a. m. As yet we have not learned the amount of the duty.

We've been having some cold weather lately — thermometer went down to 60 a few mornings. It's been hard on the people, as most of them do not have adequate clothing or houses for this kind of weather. Lots of sickness (Page four, Column five)

Mrs. Martin C. Leonard, Worthington, Minn.	5.00
Frank Parrish, Carville, Virginia	1.00
TOTAL	\$1705.55

May the Lord bless all who had a part in the purchase of this houseboat and equipment, and may many souls be saved by the use of it to carry the gospel to the lost. We have already had many instances to rejoice as a result of the use of it, and we trust that by the grace of the Lord that we will have many more.

LEWIS READY TO LEAVE FOR PERU

By H. H. OVERBEY

As this is being written Brother Mitchell Lewis, wife and two sons are in New Orleans, La., getting ready to leave for Peru. Brother Lewis loaded his equipment on a trailer in Detroit and pulled it behind a small truck to New Orleans where it will be loaded on a boat and shipped to Lima, Peru. The Lewises have changed their plans and instead of taking a plane to Lima and waiting for their equipment to arrive by boat, they have decided to go by boat with their things, to save expense and to better get their things through customs. After their things are out of customs in Lima, they will fly over the Andes mountains to their mission field in Iquitos, for a stay of four years before another furlough. Here they will join the Hunters and the Hallums in a happy reunion. (Page four, Column one)

Launch Needed

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large houseboat so that he can take his family and make long journeys and live on the boat for months at a time. Such a launch equipped with a diesel engine and fully equipped will cost about \$8500. This is only an estimate. While in Brazil a year ago we learned that suitable launches cost from \$6500 up. We need one large enough so that the missionary and family can live on it like a house and have their kerosene refrigerator, kerosene stove and other things needed for their health. The Lord willing we hope to have the money for the launch for Brother Royal Calley and family when they return to Brazil from their furlough. Pray with us about this.

MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT

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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.

Hallums To Return

(Page one, Column five) and give them a safe journey to the U. S. and many more years to live and serve their Lord. Pray for them.

Three Busy Months

(Page two, Column five) the pastor. We were glad to see Bro. Crain again and to fellowship with his church. On Monday we visited with Bro. Royal Calley and his family at the home of the H. H. Overbeys in Detroit, Michigan.

On July 13 we were with the New Testament Baptist Church in St. Louis where Brother Bill Beeny is pastor. We thank God for His blessings on this people and pastor. Bro. Beeny and I worked together in Alton, Illinois for two years.

From Detroit we went back to Alton, Illinois to finish our packing and to take care of shipping it to New York. From here we went to Kentucky where we finished getting all of our inoculations. By this time our children have had so many shots that when they go into the doctors office they roll up their sleeves and each begs to be first. I was in a revival meeting at the Kings Baptist Church at Mt. Washington, Ky., where Bro. Floyd Collins is pastor, and then in a revival meeting at Alexandria, Ky., my home church, where Brother J. K. Gardener is pastor. On Aug. 20 we were with the Chaplain Baptist Church where Brother Dwight Kern is pastor. We were in a Young Peoples meeting on Saturday night and at both services on Sunday.

On August 28, we were in our last service at Peoples Baptist Church where we had pastored for three years. We thank God for this church from the depths of our heart. The Peoples Baptist Church voted to send us out under their authority as missionaries through Baptist Faith Missions. It was a happy hour and yet a sad one as we met with these people for the last time before we go to Brazil. On August 30, we went to Chicago where we secured our Brazilian visas and our yellow fever shots. On Aug. 31, we were at the East Maine Baptist Church in Des Plaines, Illinois, where Brother Louis Maples is pastor. We were glad to see Bro. Nichols, their mission pastor and Bro. Coney, whom we have known for some time. While in Chicago we were entertained by Brother Edward Overbey and family. At the present time we are in Detroit at the home of Bro. H. H. Overbey making final plans for our leaving which necessitated changes at the last minute. When you hear from us next time we shall be in Brazil, the Lord willing.

The Hatchers

Ready To Leave

(Page three, Column five) union. Bro. Lewis is a sound, faithful and hard working servant of the Lord. The Lewises are to return to Peru on the same ship that they came home on last year which is also the same ship they went out on four years ago. While in New Orleans Mrs. Lewis is going through the clinic again for another check-up. It was in this clinic that she was operated upon last year when they arrived in the U. S. Pray for them.

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR AUGUST, 1955

Pleasant View Baptist Church, Morris, W. Va.	\$ 19.10
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn, Mich.	107.15
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn, Mich. (Ladies Bible Class)	
Tabernacle Baptist Church, Lewisburg, Ky.	10.00
First Baptist Church, Iquitos, Peru	50.00
Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church, Hickory, Ky.	10.00
Franklin Road Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn.	5.00
Emmaus Baptist Church, Fancy Farm, Ky.	25.04
Buffalo Avenue Baptist Church, Tampa, Fla.	13.19
Seven Springs Baptist Church, Dycusburg, Ky.	5.00
Missionary Baptist Church, Denver, Colo.	63.27
Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Chesapeake, Ohio	25.00
Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Chesapeake, Ohio	10.00
Bellview Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky.	41.18
Liberty Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio	37.83
Chattaroy Baptist Church, Chattaroy, W. Va.	83.07
Southside Baptist Church, Winter Haven, Fla.	15.00
East Sligh Avenue Baptist Church, Tampa, Fla.	25.00
Second Baptist Church, Marion, Ky.	6.00
Pleasant Heights Baptist Church, Indianapolis, Ind.	27.92
Lucasville Baptist Church, Lucasville, Ohio	42.71
Calvary Baptist Church, Richmond, Ky.	65.00
Oconota Baptist Church, Oconota, Va.	10.38
Madison Street Baptist Church, Rochester, Penna.	18.99
Southside Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky.	9.00
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Bristol, Tenn.	46.92
Little Obion Baptist Church, Wingo, Ky.	15.00
South Side Baptist Church, Sanford, Fla.	18.46
Mt. View Baptist Church, Watauga, Tenn.	10.00
Seventh Street Baptist Church, Cannelton, Ind.	78.66
Faith Baptist Mission, Chicago, Ill.	14.18
Flint Street Baptist Church, Bristol, Tenn.	57.06
Woodlawn Terrace Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn.	5.00
Liberty Baptist Church, Flint, Mich.	20.00
Bethel Bible Baptist Church, Mansfield, La.	18.16
Faith Missionary Baptist Church, Kingsport, Tenn.	12.30
Butler Road Baptist Church, Hopkinsville, Ky.	25.00
Liberty Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio (B. T. U.)	26.33
Bethel Baptist Church, Sugar Grove, N. C.	17.87
Dawson Baptist Church, Greenville, W. Va.	15.00
Hopewell Baptist Church, Mayfield, Ky.	38.46
Grace Baptist Church, Cincinnati, Ohio	50.00
Upper Steer Run Baptist Church, Normantown, W. Va.	33.93
Willisburg Baptist Church, Willisburg, Ky.	10.00
Jordan Baptist Church, Berwyn, Ill.	35.00
Second Baptist Church, Marion, Ky.	100.00
Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Hickory, Ky.	35.41
Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Buchanan, Ky.	8.95
Salem Baptist Church, Samaria, Ky.	7.00
Zoar Baptist Church, Fancy Farm, Ky.	20.00
South Bristol Baptist Church, Bristol, Tenn.	13.02
First Baptist Church, White Plains, Ky.	5.00
Faith Baptist Church, Lawtey, Fla.	15.00
Kirbyton Baptist Church, Bardwell, Ky.	6.75
Shady Grove Baptist Church, Wickliffe, Ky.	55.32
East Main Baptist Church, Des Plaines, Ill.	21.09
Cedar Creek Baptist Church, Cedarville, W. Va.	35.00
Willow Tree Baptist Church, Fairmont, W. Va.	5.00
Peoples Baptist Church, Alton, Ill.	23.68
Appalachian Mountain Missionary Baptist Fellowship, Bristol, Tenn.	29.94
Myrtle Tree Baptist Church, Everman Creek, Ky.	6.00
Hampton Baptist Church, Hampton, Fla.	10.00
Hopewell Baptist Church, Arlington, Ky.	25.00
Liberty Baptist Church, Central City, Ky.	24.77
Bryan Station Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	28.21
Arabia Baptist Mission, Middletown, Ohio	38.50
First Baptist Church, Arabia, Ohio	32.00
New Hope Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill.	67.75
Grace Baptist Church, Base Line, Mich. (Ladies Bible Class)	58.80
Grace Baptist Church, Base Line, Mich. (B. Y. P. U.)	400.00
Rosedale Baptist Church, Rosedale, W. Va.	10.00
First Baptist Church, Russell, Ky.	3.65
Canfield Avenue Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich.	5.00
Caseyville Baptist Mission, St. Louis, Mo.	49.84
Mt. Hebron Baptist Church, Lancaster, Ky.	400.00
Hopewell Baptist Church, McLeansboro, Ill.	2.50
Temple Baptist Church, Evansville, Ind.	71.87
Miss Mirtie Gupton, Warm Springs, Ark.	20.00
Members of Port Norris Baptist Church, Port Norris, N. J.	12.60
J. H. Kain, West Cape May, N. J.	1.00
Eld. Spencer Randolph, Chicago, Ill.	40.00
Miss Maude Hunt, Franklin, Ky.	4.97
Mr. and Mrs. Jesse L. Willis, Monticello, Ark. (For Lewis' Boat)	5.00
Eld. Spencer Randolph, Chicago, Ill.	20.00
A Friend in Worthington, Minn.	10.00
A Baptist in Philadelphia, Penna.	5.50
A Baptist in Philadelphia, Penna.	5.00
A Baptist in Philadelphia, Penna.	3.50
Clinton H. Craig, Robertsburg, W. Va.	2.12
Eld. Spencer Randolph, Chicago, Ill.	1.50
Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Burleson, Knoxville, Tenn.	15.00
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sturn, Buchanan, Ky.	5.41
Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Hall, Noblesville, Ind.	2.00
Eld. Spencer Randolph, Chicago, Ill.	5.00
L. W. Page, Lawtey, Fla.	3.00
R. R. McTaggart, Melbourne, Fla.	6.35
Mrs. Edith Baker, Lincoln Park, Mich.	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bayless, Macedonia, Ill.	10.00
Eld. A. Z. Matthews, Midland, Ga.	1.00
J. R. Billings, Hatfield, Ky.	70.00
C. H. Hughes and Family, Carlsbad, N. M.	5.00
Ernest R. Perdue, Sagola, Mich.	2.00
Bruce Eakle, Clay, W. Va.	3.00
Eld. Spencer Randolph, Chicago, Ill.	6.35
Mrs. D. F. Blalock, Sr., Alexandria, La.	25.00
A Baptist in Philadelphia, Penna.	3.50

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Paul Calley

(Page one, Column five) zeiro do Sul signifying that the 26 believers whose names were listed were in good and regular standing and were being granted letters to organize a church at Parana dos Mouras. Bro. Mario was the first speaker and preached briefly on the two ordinances of a Baptist church: baptism and the Lord's Supper.

He was followed by Bro. Cido who preached on the blood of Jesus Christ that cleanseth us from all sin, and then Bro. Anastacio's oldest son, Sebastion, preached briefly on Heaven and Hell, the only two places where man will spend eternity after death. Then I gave a brief review of what had been preached and preached at length on articles of faith that makes a Baptist church, taken from the Philadelphia Confession of Faith. The baptized believers whose names had been read then voted unanimously to covenant themselves together and adopted the articles of faith that had been preached and to stand on all the Holy inspired Word of God, the Holy Bible. I then announced that by their covenant together and articles of faith they had adopted, and declaration to stand on the Holy Bible, they had showed that they were now a New Testament Baptist church, and a new body of the Lord Jesus Christ. After singing a consecration hymn the church doors were opened and one man came by letter.

The new church voted to make Bro. Subastion Anastacio, oldest son of the old patriarch, a deacon and also treasurer. Bro. Francisco Anastacio a younger son, was voted to be clerk. These two brothers both preach, but the church put off to a later date to call a pastor. It was decided that the ordination of Bro. Subastion as a deacon in the church would be that afternoon at 3 o'clock in the same service when I was to bring a message and charge to the church. At 12:30 Bro. Anastacio led in dismissal prayer. It was a long service that lasted over three hours, but no one seemed to mind. The Lord was in our midst and there were many misty eyes.

A good part of the crowd stayed for dinner at Bro. Anastacio's house and every one had a feast. He had killed a large hog for the occasion and some of the boys had killed a wild deer and pheasants out of the jungle. Bro. Anastacio's wife and daughters work hard in preparing these big dinners, but they never complain, and are about the most pleasant bunch of women folk you will ever meet. They can't do enough for the Lord's servants. Your glass of water will stay full at Bro. Anastacio's table, no matter how big the crowd or how many glasses of water you drink. My wife and I thank the Lord for this consecrated family and the fellowship that we have together.

At 3 o'clock we all gathered once more at the church for the ordination of Bro. Subastion as deacon and the message and charge to the church. Bro. Mario and I being the only two ordained preachers there for a presbytery, it was decided between us how we would proceed. Bro. Mario and I both questioned Bro. Subastion and found him to be a sound and able servant. Then after prayer we laid hands upon him praying God's blessing. Then I preached the charge to him from the third chapter of First Timothy. Then the church sang a hymn and gave him the right hand of fellowship. The presence of the Lord could be felt and

many were shedding tears of joy in their salvation. Then I preached the message and charge to the church from Mat. 28:19,20: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." I recalled how that God had brought salvation to them, using His church that were carrying out great commission. I pointed out the many opportunities, of many creeks where many people lived not too far away who never heard the gospel. I pointed out that the church had two young preachers, and the church needed to be a tithe church to be a missionary church. That they were now an organized church of the Lord Jesus Christ and with that went the responsibilities of His church. I preached the message and charge to the church by exhorting them to contend for the faith and to guard against false teachers, the Epistle of Jude. That Bro. Francisco Anastacio, son of the old patriarch preached "the fruits of a Christian," and was a good practical sermon. so the church voted me as missionary and authority to baptize and to work with Baptist Faith Missions.

I would like for you to keep in mind this day of worship, praise to God and where it took place. With the account I have given it could well be a church back home in America being organized with the same love, praise for our Saviour and glory to God, and with the same hospitality and fellowship with one another, but this took place on a small river in the jungle of Brazil on a farm cut out of the forest. Not so long ago in the past, there was a place of heathenism without Christ, but now, with me, beloved, and see what God has done. True their hearts are different, some have the cheek bone of the Indian, their skins are all different shades from light to dark, and most of them are mixed blood, but their hearts are the same and brethren in Christ.

On Monday, July 4th, we started our journey back to Cruzeiro do Sul and stopped at Colonia do Jurua, a large village on the Jurua, a day journey from Cruzeiro do Sul to have service that night. I preached from the 16th chapter of Luke to a large crowd. I warned them of the Hell that was waiting for all those who rejected Christ, but there was no result. This is the second time that we preached in this place where they are all Catholics. Pentecostal as far as we know, but we have large crowds and many seem interested and asked that we come more often to preach to them, which we will do the Lord willing.

Yours in Christ
Paul M. Calley

Marguerite

(Page three, Column four) is following it. The weather is beautiful now — hot sun in daytime and cool at night. I am home from the hospital in four days, and seems to be getting along OK.

DON SIMON

Places visited: Polis, As Picuro-yacu and Hungurahu. Number of visits made Number of conversations Portions given out Tracts given out N. T. sold Gospels sold Religious books sold Times preached Yours in His service Marguerite Hallum

THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF NEW CHURCHES CONTRIBUTING SINCE MAY, 1955

Myrtle Tree Baptist Church, Everman Creek, Ky.; Emmanuel Baptist Church, Bristol, Tenn.; Pleasant Heights Baptist Church, Indianapolis, Ind.; Faith Missionary Baptist Church, Kingsport, Tenn.; Pleasant View Baptist Church, Morris, W. Va.; Foster Avenue Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky.; First Baptist Church, Fort Gibson, Okla.; Missionary Baptist Church, Denver, Colo.; Lone Oak Baptist Church, Eaton, Ga.; Arabia Baptist Church, Middletown, Ohio; Madison Street Baptist Church, Rochester, Penna.; Mountain Dale Baptist Church, Reese, N. C. Fundamental Missionary Baptist Church, Gallagher, W. Va. Mt. Baptist Church, Hickory, Ky.; Flint Street Baptist Church, Bristol Tenn.; Butler Road Baptist Church, Hopkinsville, Ky.; Willow Tree Baptist Church, Fairmont, W. Va.; Caseyville Baptist Mission, St. Louis, Mo.

Sin deceives, then defiles, then deadens.

MABEL CLEMENT

(Continued from last week)

The sacrifices of the Jewish economy, the prophets, John the Baptist, the writers of gospels, the acts of the apostles, the epistles of the churches and a number of examples scattered through 4,000 years all testify that the way of salvation is and has ever been by trusting in Jesus. Then Peter capped the climax by declaring we are saved like the Jewish fathers were. This is a fact then made out beyond the shadow of a reasonable doubt."

While these arguments were being arrayed and piled one on top of another the audience listened with profound attention. Arthur and Mr. Tibbs showed by their beaming faces that they believed Mabel's position was correct. The Doctor appeared confused and chagrined. Mr. and Mrs. Clement were confounded and convinced. And the spectacle man rubbed his hands together till they were almost ready to take fire. The arguments were clear, convincing and irresistible; and the matter seemed settled when Brother Jones said enthusiastically: "That's so, sure; there's not a reasonable doubt. If a body doubts after all this testimony, accordin' to my mind, he's unreasonable and unwilling to take what's plain truth, certain."

At this speech the Doctor colored deeply; but he did not say anything. It was now an undisguised fact, patent to him and to all, that either he was wrong and Mabel was right, or he was unable to cope with this school girl in discussion. He was now sure he had found more than a match in this youthful champion of the Baptist faith. He was heartily sorry he had brought on this discussion and secretly resolved he would not be such a fool again in a hurry. But all could see he was determined to stick to his own doctrine.

"This matter seems to me," said Mr. Tibbs, "to be as clear as a mathematical demonstration. The proof is simply overwhelming. The one argument, viz., that the prophets all thought that persons must believe in Jesus and then receive remission of sins, and that Peter, living in the Christian dispensation, taught the same thing *verbatim et literatim*, satisfies my mind perfectly that the way of salvation has been the same in both ages, and I shall henceforth defend this doctrine."

"I am forever and unwaveringly settled," added Arthur, "in the firm belief of this doctrine; and I flatter myself that I have gathered information and facts enough to confute the arguments of any who do not believe it."

"Are there any other questions involved in the discussion that we should examine?" asked Mr. Tibbs.

"Inasmuch as some have said that I acted unwittingly in being reimmersed by the Baptists, I would like to show why it was done," said Mabel. "I think I can show that Campbellite baptism is unscriptural and hence worthless."

"Well, will the heavens fall next?" exclaimed the Doctor. "Of all the absurdities under the sun those held by the Baptists are the most puerile and ridiculous. Unreasonableness, presumption, bigotry, imbecility, have characterized your positions during the whole of this discussion. There is so little appreciable difference in Baptist and Christian baptism that all magnanimous minds—all save those dwarfed by sinful selfishness and proud prejudice—are agreed both are Scriptural. And I say, and say emphatically, it's the depth of nonsense, the very acme of folly, to dispute it."

The tone of this speech was full of bitterness and sarcasm. The Spirit of Christ was not controlling the Doctor. His mind was beyond doubt swayed by the old Adam nature. This harsh speech, spoken in a very ugly manner, made the blood tingle in the veins of those who heard it. Particularly did the cheeks of Arthur Manly burn with the hot blood of honest indignation; but he checked the cutting reply about to escape his lips. "That is a hard speech," said Mabel, simply and softly.

"If Doctor Stanly was not a minister," added Mr. Tibbs, "I would say his remarks are highly uncivil; and, in my judgment, are not sufficiently courteous to be addressed by a gentleman to a lady. But I have never been willing on any subject to accept mere assertions, however solemn. To the law and the testimony. I want to hear this matter out; and as it is late I propose a postponement till tomorrow night."

Silently the people dispersed, some wounded by the hard sayings, some perplexed that the discussion was planting and nourishing Baptist principles and scattering firebrands in the Campbellite society, and others wondering if it would be proven the next evening that they had not been baptized according to the Scriptures.

Mr. Tibbs and Arthur lingered behind and together bade Mabel good-night after congratulating her on another signal victory. Mr. Tibbs gallantly took Mabel's hand and said with evident heartiness:

"Miss Clement, it affords me pleasure to say that in my opinion you have so far sustained fully every position you have

taken. I at first entertained much prejudice against the views you advocate; but that feeling of opposition has gradually subsided, and, like Saul, I now joyfully embrace and propagate the cause I once persecuted. Dr. Stanly has been beaten badly at every point; and I see in his irritability and sarcasm your wounded victim writhing in agony at your feet. His anger and sarcasm rebound and hurt himself rather than you." He held her plump pretty hand all this while. Arthur stared and studied those faces brought into such close proximity.

"Manly," said Tibbs as they walked down the street arm in arm, "she is the most bewitching little creature I ever met. But let me tell you, fellow—and he stopped and squared himself on the pavement and looked Arthur in the face—"though I have gained during this discussion much useful information, I fear I've lost something irrecoverably."

He wanted to see what Arthur would say. They walked on. Arthur did not ask, but guessed what was lost, and in his soul did not wonder at it. In front of the courthouse Arthur called a halt: "Tibbs, my dear fellow, I am sorry for what you have lost; don't lose it there, my man; don't lose it there; it is too late for you to gain by it." Arthur said: "Good night."

It was what Tibbs suspected. He stood motionless as a statue in the moonlight for five minutes. Then he sighed one of those deep sighs that seem to come up from hearts that are sad and lone.

"Mr. Morgan"—George hesitated, for he did not know just the best way to ply Jeems with questions so as to find what his notions now were, and so to shape his own accordingly—"Mr. Morgan, my mind has been struck."

"How, George, how?" inquired Jeems. "W'y, it's struck with the fac'—that is to say—that things are growin' worse and worse."

"Hang me if they hain't," he replied. Mrs. Morgan clasped her hands as if she was faint almost to swooning. But she didn't swoon.

"Mr. Morgan, do you think they'll ever grow any better?" asked George.

"Hang me if I know, George, and—and—hang me if I kere. I'll be what I'll be, George."

"I don't edzactly understand ye," said George. "Do ye hear me, George?" said Jeems in an imposing and impressive manner.

"Yes, I hear yer, Mr. Morgan," said George with eyes and ears and mouth open and hands reaching out involuntarily, as if to clutch whatever Jeems might say.

"That girl," continued Jeems, "contends that the Bible's a Baptist book out and out; that it was got up by the Baptists and for the Baptists; that every sentence in that book is a Baptist sentence, and every verse a Baptist verse, and every word a Baptist word; and if we unite on the Book we'll all be Baptists. But I don't kere what she contends; it's all child's talk to me and I can't be moved."

George thought this the height of wisdom and believed it upset all the girl's arguments. Mrs. Morgan felt like shouting at her husband's lofty and emphatic peroration.

CHAPTER XVI

"I can't tell what will become of us and our church," said Mrs. Barker to Mrs. Wood, as they walked in the twilight to Mr. Clements. "We've already been proven to be infidels and heathen, and we are to be convinced tonight that Campbellite baptism is unscriptural. Baptists, of course are *the* people; and when they die wisdom will be buried with them. What a blessing to mankind they are!" And she curled up her lip in contempt and defiance of Baptists and Baptist principles.

"I've been mortified nigh to death by the results of this discussion," responded Mrs. Wood; "but I confess I've been almost ready several times to give in and be a Baptist."

"Mrs. Wood!" exclaimed Mrs. Barker. It was a cry of pain and alarm as well as surprise.

"Just think a moment, Susan Barker," continued Mrs. Wood. "Dr. Stanly is a learned man, a man of age and experience; he has studied closely the Bible; and after all this if he cannot defend our suffering cause from the attacks of a young school girl, it can't be defended and deserves to perish!"

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"When Jesus Comes"

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driver's clothes, there is a place where he sat; but there is no driver in that first car—that of God has gone up with

III

Over here at the airport a Christian pilot is just getting ready to take off with another man in his plane. Another plane is just coming in, and as that Christian pilot goes up in the air, suddenly that plane dives, falls into the other spectators wonder what the matter. I can hear someone say, "Why this man was a good pilot—he knew how to control the plane and to handle the plane. What has happened? When the word of by-standers rush out to what has happened, they even find him. The pilot is there. There is his plane, his hat and his flying goggles, but he isn't there—what has happened? He has gone to be with Him."

IV

Over here in a home, a man is to build a fire, and as he lights the match and perhaps a little coal oil on that fire, that very moment his Lord is again. That Christian man thought away and that fire began to burn and blaze, and pretty soon the whole house is in flames. The fire alarm is turned in, and probably will not be enough to respond to the call because some of them likewise the Lord and they too have up with Him.

"You say," "Brother Gil-son just can't believe that the Lord will let such a reign of terror upon this earth." You and see, let's take a moment's time and read from the Word of God:

"Because I have called, and ye have not answered, I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded; But I have set at nought all my counsel, and would none of my advice: I will also LAUGH at calamity; I will mock when fear cometh: When your fear cometh as desolation, and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind when distress and anguish come upon you, Then shall they upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, they shall not find me: For they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the Lord: rov. 1:24-29."

V

Over here in a funeral home a body is being prepared for burial. That individual knew the Lord Jesus all her life. Now her body is being prepared for burial. The undertaker makes some preparation upon that dead body of him—right out of his body, right from beneath his body, that body disappears. He is looking down upon a morose body where the clothes of that individual is left, but the individual herself is gone.

VI

Over here now, sometimes they answer some people when they cry; they never bother me. I am never concerned one particle about the whimper of a babe, but people seemingly sometimes bother me. There won't be a babe to bother anyone when I come. Every babe will be taken from the mother's arms from the crib, from the playpen, from the highchair—every babe will be caught up to be with me in the skies.

VII

Over here in the hospital, a Christian doctor is putting an unconscious man to sleep. Christian nurses are standing beside him, waiting for him in the operation. When Jesus comes, that doctor and those nurses disappear, and that unsaved man, with

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The Love Of God

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And were the skies of parch-
ment made;
Were ev'ry stalk on earth a quill,
And ev'ry man a scribe by
trade;
To write the love of God above,
Would drain the ocean dry;
Nor could the scroll contain the
whole,
Tho' stretched from sky to sky.
Oh, love of God, how rich and
pure!
How measureless and strong!
It shall forever more endure—
The saints' and angels' song.

Stored Blood

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the fact of the unfailing efficacy
of the precious blood of Christ
shed on Calvary's cross—as ex-
pressed in a stanza of an old
hymn.
"Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious
blood
Shall never lose its power;
Till all the ransomed Church of
God,
Be saved to sin no more!"

The Lord said: "For the life of
the flesh is in the blood: and I
have given it to you upon the al-
tar to make an atonement for
your souls: for it is the blood that
maketh an atonement for the
soul" (Lev. 17:11).

We appreciate the words pen-
ned by Robert Chapman in an-
other old song:

"In Heaven His Blood for ever
speaks
In God the Father's ear."
—Now

"When Jesus Comes"

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the operation half finished, is left
there in the hospital. What is
done? What will be the outcome?
There will probably be some
more godless doctors there just
like himself, who will finish the
operation. Whether there are or
not, those Christians are going to
be caught away. All over that
hospital, there will be patients
who will slip out. Every new-born
baby within that hospital, every
child of God, whether a nurse, or
a doctor, or a patient, is going to
disappear. There will not be a
Christian left in that institution.

VIII

Go out here to the cemetery
where your dead are buried. You
will find that some of those grav-
es have been molested. We often
think concerning that grave of a
dead one that the grave should
not be decorated. Personally
when I conduct a funeral, I al-
ways try to see to it that I never
even step on the grave where
someone else is buried. Beloved,
in that day, graves are going to
be opened. I can imagine a
funeral in progress, the grave is
still open, the casket has been
lowered to the edge of the
ground, the preacher has pro-
nounced the benediction, and the
funeral director has then spoken
his usual words that the family
may return to the car and the
grave will be properly decorated
and cared for. That body will be
taken and the individual that was
within that casket will be gone.
The empty casket and the empty
grave clothes will be all that is
left for a burial. What a day when
those graves shall be opened.
Listen:

"Behold I shew you a mystery;
We shall not all sleep, but we
shall all be changed. In a mo-
ment, in the twinkling of an eye,
at the last trumpet: for the trum-
pet shall sound, and the dead
shall be raised incorruptible, and
we shall be changed."

—I Cor. 15:51,52.

"For if we believe that Jesus
died and rose again, even so shall
also which sleep in Jesus will God
bring with him."—I Thess. 4:14.

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IX

There will be a lot of factories
that day that will never open —
there will not be enough men left
to man the factory. Every Chris-
tian employee will be gone.

X

There will be a lot of trials at
the courthouse that will be dis-
continued. Maybe a judge will be
taken; probably there will not be
enough jurors; perhaps a lawyer
will be gone, or maybe some of
the witnesses. All over the nation
trials will be disrupted.

XI

Schools won't open that day.
Beloved, all the children that
have not reached the age of ac-
countability will be with Jesus.
Some of the teachers will be with
Him too.

I can imagine that man who
owns and operates a toy factory,
in his unsaved state, he will look
around over his factory the next
morning after the rapture and
will think, "I'm ruined; all these
toys on hand and no children to
sell them to."

The man who manufactures
baby buggies and equipment for
babies will think likewise, "I'm
financially ruined — no children
left."

XII

There will be a lot of religious
broadcasts that will cease that
day. They will be heard no more
because the evangelist or the
preacher who has been conduct-
ing it will be gone to be with
Jesus.

XIII

Go out to the airport, to the bus
station or to the train depot and
you will find those places over-
flowing with broken-hearted peo-
ple—broken hearted because rela-
tives failed to arrive. The train
came in, the bus arrived, and they
were not there. Their clothes may
be there, but they have slipped
out of them to be with Jesus.
Broken-hearted people shall mill
around those places of transpor-
tation, described so aptly in the
Gospel of Luke. Listen:

"Men's hearts failing them for
fear, and for looking after those
things which are coming on the
earth: for the powers of heaven
shall be shaken. And then shall
they see the Son of man coming
in a cloud with power and great
glory. And when these things be-
gin to come to pass, then look up,
and lift up your heads; for your
redemption draweth nigh."

—Luke 21:26-28.

XIV

Bankers will scratch their heads
the next day after rapture. There
will be Christians who had ac-
counts at the bank, laying up
money against old age or plan-
ning for a rainy day—now they
are gone. All that money in the
bank, and the banker scratches
his head. He doesn't know what
to do with the accounts of those
missing Christians. That ought to
be a mighty good reason for every
child of God to keep his money
busy for Jesus instead of having
it in the bank, when Jesus comes.

XV

Do you know who will do the
biggest business in the world the
day Jesus takes away the redeem-
ed? I'll tell you—the fortune tel-
lers, the astrologers, the star gaz-
ers — they will do the biggest
business of anybody in the world,
for every unsaved man and
woman will want to know about
the future. Instead of turning to
God's blessed Book, they will
(just like a lot of folk do today)
go to the fortune teller.

"And they shall turn away
their ears from the truth, and
shall be turned unto fables."

—II Tim. 4:4.

XVI

Elevators will stop mid-way be-
tween floors. In a hotel a Chris-
tian will just be getting ready to
take a bath. He will be taken,
and the water will overflow to
the apartment below where an
unsaved man has been left be-
hind.

Telephone calls will pile up be-

cause operators that knew the
Lord will be gone to be with Him.
Radio broadcasts will be can-
celled to tell the story of the big-
gest news that ever struck the
world—the rapture of the re-
deemed from this earth to be
with Jesus Christ.

XVII

A revival meeting will be in
progress somewhere when Jesus
comes. That preacher, if he knows
the Lord Jesus, is going up. The
singer is going up, the pianist is
going up and every saved person
out of that congregation will go
up. There won't be a single per-
son left in that crowd that can
pray or dismiss that congregation
in prayer.

Don't misunderstand me —
there will be a lot of preachers
left, there will be plenty of
church members, plenty of folk
left who are still affiliated with
some religious organization; but
there will not be a single saved
man or woman in all the world—
God's people will be gone when
Jesus comes.

XVIII

Prisoners who knew the Lord
Jesus Christ will make their es-
cape through the jail without
there being a key to unlock the
door or a monkey wrench slipped
in that they might make a jail
break.

Housing problems will all be
settled then. Enough of God's
people will be gone so that there
will be plenty of houses vacant.
When consternation strikes the
heart of people, houses will be
for sale and rented at a very low
cost.

XIX

The world, after a few days,
will regain its composure and will
go right on. I dare say in less
than a week's time some of these
folk who have been elected to
Congress — who have misrepres-
ented us, rather than represen-
ted us—I have an idea that in less
than a week's time, with the Holy
Spirit no longer here to restrain
them, they will propose changes
in government contrary to every
principle of the Word of God.
Every Communist will still be
here, and the thing the Com-
munist desires—a strangle-hold
upon this government, will be his
opportunity then to get. When
the Holy Spirit is gone, it will be
less than a week until govern-
ment changes will be planned.
Listen:

"For the mystery of iniquity
doth already work; only he who
now hindereth will hinder, until
he be taken out of the way."

—II Thess. 2:7.

The Holy Spirit is holding back
the Devil and his crowd, but
when the Holy Spirit is gone,
the mystery of iniquity will work
in that day. Then, beloved, will
the parable of the leaven be com-
pletely fulfilled. Jesus said:

"The kingdom of heaven is like
unto leaven, which a woman
took, and hid in three measures
of meal, till the whole WAS
LEAVENED."—Matt. 13:33.

Beloved, the leaven represents
falsehood. The woman represents
false religion. The meal repre-
sents Christianity and Christian
truth. Some day the whole thing
is going to be leavened, when the
Holy Spirit is taken away and not
a Christian is left within this
world. Those false preachers will
not only have Christmas, Easter,
falling from grace, salvation by
works, salvation by water, baby
baptizing, sprinkling for baptism
and all the balance of the false-
hoods they have imagined
through the years, but they will
offer to the people. Then will this
parable of the leaven be perfectly
fulfilled, for Jesus said that the
whole has to be leavened. It will
not take place, though, until
Jesus comes.

CONCLUSION

I said in the beginning that it
would be impossible for me to
mention all that will take place
then. Let this be a warning to
you. Sinner friend, if I were you,
I would not ride on a train to-
night unless I asked the engineer
first, "Are you a Christian?" If

he were, I would not ride with
him. Sinner friend, I would not
get into an automobile with a
Christian man at the wheel. I
would not fly in an airplane un-
less I asked the pilot, "Are you
saved?" If he were, I would not
get in that plane with him. Sin-
ner friend, I would not let a
Christian doctor operate on me.
He may be caught away, and be-
fore another doctor can be called
in to finish the operation, you
might bleed to death. I would not
get on an elevator going up into
a skyscraper or a hotel building
without asking the elevator op-
erator if he were a Christian.
That operator may be taken and
that elevator may go out the top
of the building or down in the
bottom of the shaft. Oh, sinner
friend, are you ready if He should
come? Jesus said:

"I tell you, Nay; but, except ye
repent, ye shall all likewise
perish."—Luke 13:5.

Beloved, I hold up this mes-
sage as a warning to every un-
saved man or woman and I say,
"unless you repent, ye shall all
likewise perish."

I don't believe there will be a
person saved after Jesus comes
back, who has ever heard the
Gospel before Jesus came. I be-
lieve the Word of God makes it
clear that there will be folk sav-
ed—even multitudes will be sav-
ed after He comes back. I'm sat-
isfied the Book of Revelation de-
clares there will be a tremendous
multitude saved after Jesus
comes. Everyone of them will be
folk who have never heard the
Gospel. I'm positive, from my
study of the Book of Thessa-
lonians that when Jesus comes,
if you have heard the Word of
God and the witness has been
given to you as to His Book, there
will not be an opportunity for
you then to receive Jesus Christ
as your Saviour.

I bring this message to you as
a warning tonight, and then I
point you to Calvary, to the
Christ who died upon the cross.
There is a way of escape—a way
whereby you can be ready when
Jesus comes—a way whereby you
can go up when He and the
balance of God's children go up
—and that is by being redeemed
by the blood of Jesus Christ and
thus be saved when Jesus comes.
You can't save yourself, but I
have a Redeemer to offer you—
one who can and will save you.
Trust Him tonight and be ready
when Jesus comes.

May God bless you!

The Church

(Continued from page one)
church is always indicated.

2. The Church That Jesus Started Was Designed To Be A Functioning Body.

The functions are indicated in
Matt. 28:18-20. But this universal,
invisible church of the imagina-
tion can not go anywhere or do
anything. It has no function, nor
is it capable of performing any.

3. If the church mentioned in Matt. 16:18 was invisible and uni-

versal—if it consists of all
born-again, then we are forced
to the conclusion that JESUS
DIDN'T REALLY START ANY-
THING! Such a "church" as
wouldn't have to be begun—
would just BE without the ne-
cessity of being started. Think
through—it reduces the univer-
sal invisible church to absurdity.

4. The preponderant use of
word church prohibits the
universal, invisible conception. Je-
sus used the word church for the
time, so far as the record goes
Matt. 16:18. Thereafter He used
the word 21 times, and in
one of these instances, He un-
mistakably referred to the local
assembly. Those 21 times estab-
lishes what He meant in Matt. 16:18.
Therefore Jesus meant local
assembly every time He mention-
ed church. How dare men give to
word church a meaning differ-
ent from that meant by Jesus
every instance that He is re-
ferred as having used the word!

5. The universal, invis-
ible theory is false because it is
long after New Testament times.
Harnack the historian, in
"History of Christian Dogma,"
says, "The expression invis-
ible church is found for the first
time in Hegesippus." Then he goes
on to show that the early Chris-
tian writers never one time speak
such a thing.

6. If it was a universal in-
visible church that Jesus started,
then He didn't start the local
assembly, hence such would be
without Scriptural warrant.
4:4 says, "There is ONE BODY."
If this body is a local church,
there is no invisible, universal
body. If there is a univer-
sal invisible body, then there is
no warrant for the local body.
There is JUST ONE. One
take his choice. Holders of
universal theory admit
bodies—one visible and one in-
visible. They deny that Paul
the truth when he said "the
ONE body."

7. The universal church
puts the kingdom of God on
business. Rather, they take it
and re-name it "church." Je-
sus taught that all who are
born again become members of
God's Kingdom (John 3:3-6).
If the universal theory is true,
then instead of becoming mem-
bers of the Kingdom, they be-
come members of the univer-
sal church. The universal church
leaves no place for the King-
dom—it usurps it.

8. To assume that Jesus started
a universal church rather than
a local assembly is to be forced
further assume that Paul
other believers certainly had
wrong idea, for they spent
time organizing local assem-
blies all down through the
world of that day.

9. The universal church
has come to be a doctrine built
on one proof text whose writer
immediately denies the mean-
ing they attach to it. (I Cor. 12:13)
In verse 27 of this chapter
Paul says that he referred to the
body there at Corinth.

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