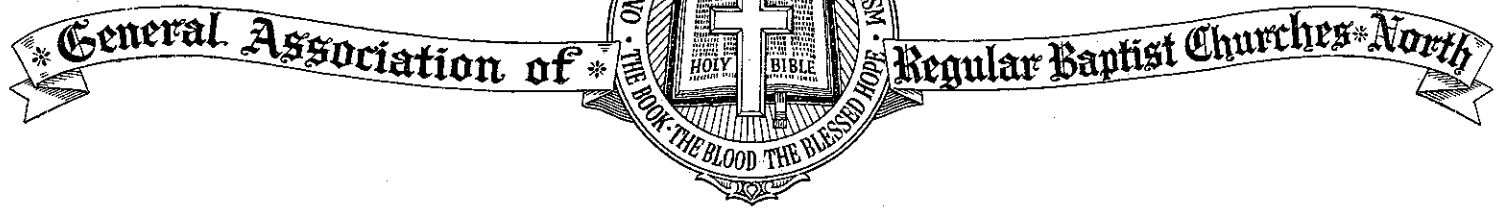


# The Baptist Bulletin



## THE WILL OF GOD FOR YOUR LIFE

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Romans 12:1, 2; Ephesians 5:17

There are those who deny that there is any discoverable purpose which relates itself to the universe of matter or of man. But here, as in other things, it is true that "there are none so blind as those who will not see." Scientists, however, who are not ready to acknowledge that purpose and design are written everywhere on the face of nature, do see, in all things, what they call "purposeful tendency." But to the Spirit taught student of the revelations of God, both in the world and in the Word, there is sufficient ground for agreement with the inspired statement of Ephesians 1:11—"Who worketh all things after the counsel of His own will."

There are a number of implications in the theme which we have selected for our consideration. The will of God for your life implies, first of all, the fact of God. This is the method frequently used in Scripture itself,—that is, the method of implication. The Bible begins with the assumption of the fact of God. No lengthy arguments are used to preface the description of His doings. It commences with the immediate declaration "in the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." This is not because there is a lack of evidence of His existence, for God has not left Himself without witness. All nature gives a continuous testimony to the fact and reality of deity. "The heavens declare the glory of God and the firmament sheweth His handiwork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge."

Furthermore, if one admits the axiomatic truth that every effect must have an adequate cause, and that every cause must contain in itself, actually or potentially, the elements and properties found in the effect, then every man is a living proof of the fact of God, whether he believes in Him or not. Man, as an effect, is a personal, intelligent, emotional and moral being. The ultimate cause, therefore that produced him must have been the same, and as no finite being has the power of creation, the Being who produced him must have been Infinite.

There is also the assumption, not only of the fact of God, but of man's universal belief in that fact. Belief in God is a first truth, or intuitive knowledge, coming out into the stream of his consciousness through observation and reflection. The idea of God is written into the very fibre and fabric of all normal human nature and always finds some form of expression. This is true unless man has educated himself away from that innate idea of God with which he is naturally endowed. "The fool hath said in his heart, 'There is no God'" But God does not make men fools, they make fools of themselves.

The second implication of our topic is the fact of God's will. This fact is substantiated by the same evidence which proves His existence. Personality in man demands and proves personality in God, and this necessarily embraces the power of volition or will, which together with intellect, emotion and moral sense constitute personality. The unceasing movement within the universe, the constant action and reaction of all of its parts and elements intimate and indicate a great all-embracing, all-pervading will. While we have only the indication and manifestation of a supreme will in the universe, in the Bible we have a positive declaration and exposition of that will.

### I. *The Will of God In General*

There are several general considerations which should be made before we deal with the subject as it relates to the individual life of the believer. God's will may be viewed first of all in the absolute sense as embracing the entire scheme of the universe and all that is included in it. This was the plan that was adopted by the Divine Mind in eternity past, which involves and includes everything that has ever or will ever come to pass. Some have said they want to live out their lives in the absolute will of God. This is inevitable and unavoidable, for God's absolute will includes all that He allows as well as all that He causes or sanctions. There are, therefore, two aspects of God's will

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# P. B. CHENAULT — AT HOME WITH THE LORD

By REV. R. T. KETCHAM

The entire fellowship of Independent and Regular Baptists, together with thousands of other friends, were shocked and stunned by the announcement of the tragic death of Rev. P. B. Chenault, pastor of the Walnut Street Baptist Church, Waterloo, Iowa, which occurred on a public highway in an automobile collision near Dallas, Texas, Saturday morning, April 1.

On Friday night, Pastor Chenault had just closed a ten day meeting with Dr. John R. Rice, in his Baptist Tabernacle at Dallas, Texas. Together with his wife, and baby daughter, Virginia, two years of age, he had started on the homeward trip leaving Dallas shortly after midnight. About thirty miles out of Dallas, Pastor Chenault's machine was crowded off the road by another car, the driver of which was intoxicated, as was also the man who was riding with him. The offending car was driving south; Brother Chenault was driving north. The drunken driver kept crowding over the black line in the middle of the highway, and Bro. Chenault kept crowding to the right to miss him, but the rear bumper of the south bound car caught the rear fender of Pastor Chenault's car, and both of them were thrown from the highway. The car carrying the drunken men went across into a plowed field for about 150 yards, came to a stop with no more damage than a blown-out tire. Neither one of the drunken men was injured.

Pastor Chenault's car was thrown off the highway on the opposite side into a deep ditch and a pile of rocks. Pastor Chenault was thrown 75 feet, striking his head amidst the rocks, and was killed instantly. Mrs. Chenault was also thrown out of the car, but landed in soft dirt, and suffered a fractured collar bone and a badly lacerated foot. Baby Virginia received hardly a scratch.

Dr. John R. Rice accompanied Pastor Chenault's body home later, and Mrs. William Kuhnle, wife of the assistant pastor of the Walnut Street Church, flew to Dallas to be with Mrs. Chenault and accompany her home in time for the funeral.

The funeral was held in the Walnut Street Church in Waterloo, on Tuesday, April 4. The assistant pastor, William Kuhnle, was in charge; Rev. Harold Street read the scripture. Dr. R. T. Ketcham brought greetings and tribute from the General Association of Regular Baptist

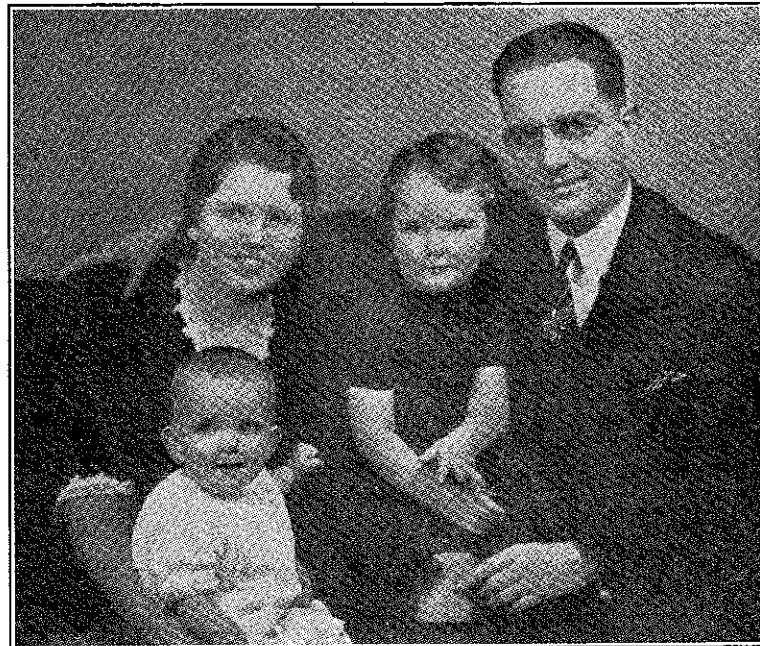
Churches, of which Pastor Chenault was a member of the council of fourteen, and chairman of its missionary committee. Dr. Will H. Houghton, president of Moody Bible Institute, delivered a short address, and the funeral sermon was preached by Dr. Rice.

Between 2800 and 3000 people were packed into the Walnut Street Church to pay their last tribute to this beloved brother in the Lord. More than fifty young people dedicated their lives to full time Christian service at the close of the service, and twenty-five unsaved confessed the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord, as the invitation was extended.

We have been in many a service where the presence and power of God was manifestly present, but we remember no service in all our Christian life where we saw the power of God at work, as we did at the funeral service of our friend and brother, P. B. Chenault, on Tuesday afternoon, April 4.

those of us on the platform heard a deep and heartfelt "Amen" coming from the lips of Mrs. Chenault throughout the service. The closing vocal number of the service was a duet by Mrs. William Kuhnle and Mr. George Edstrom, taking the soprano and tenor parts in the well known and loved number, "God's Way Is the Best Way." Those of us on the platform were suddenly conscious of another voice joining in this hymn, and there on the cot back of the screen at the foot of the pulpit stairs, was Mrs. Chenault with tears streaming down her cheeks, and her rich, deep, alto voice joining with the singers, taking the alto refrain, singing "God's way is the best way, though I may not see why trials and shadows oft gather round me."

Later in the evening, it was the privilege of a number of us to stand around the bedside of Mrs. Chenault in her home, and hear her testimony of the keeping, comforting grace of God. Again and again she would



REV. AND MRS. CHENAULT, VIRGINIA, AND BETTY MAE

Mrs. Chenault attended the funeral service, being brought to the church on a hospital cot and placed behind a screen at the foot of the pulpit stairs. What a testimony to the reality of Christ, this dear soul is during these days of stress and grief. Not once has she questioned the wisdom and goodness of God in all this tragic affair. Frequently,

lead out in some chorus that would come to her mind, and we would all join with her in the singing thereof.

To us the sudden homegoing of "P. B.," as he was affectionately called by all who knew him, is nothing short of a tragedy, and yet our Heavenly Father is too wise to make mistakes, and too good to be unkind. It looks to us as though we

needed Pastor Chenault so badly during these days and the days yet to come before the Lord returns, but in our more sober moments, we know that if God had needed him here, he would have left him here. After all, Pastor Chenault had crowded into his thirty-five years of living, far more downright Christian service than most people crowd into twice that number of years. He lived fast and hard and self-sacrificingly for the Lord whom he so ardently loved. He had been pastor of Walnut Street Church only a little over three years, but in that time, more than 400 people had united with the church under his ministry. The local financial budget had

increased from \$9,000 a year to more than \$15,000; and missions had risen from \$2,000 a year to \$12,000 a year.

It is more than passingly strange and significant that Pastor Chenault's last text in the Dallas, Texas, meeting preached the night he left for home, was Proverbs 27:1: "Boast not thyself of tomorrow for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth."

The love and sympathy and prayers of thousands of Baptists across this continent go out to the Walnut Street Church and to the bereaved family with a sincere hope and trust that God will lead and guide in no unmistakable way during these days of crisis.

## THE WILL OF GOD FOR YOUR LIFE

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which more intimately relate themselves to the lives of men, which come within the scope of the absolute.

There is the directive will of God, which includes God's highest thought, wish or desire for man. It is that holy, wise and loving purpose which God fulfills in and through and for the lives of men who give Him their full submission and obedience.

There is also the permissive will of God, which represents that aspect of God's will in which He allows that which He does not sanction, permits that which He does not approve. The majority of men and women are included in this classification. They live their lives merely by the divine permission and not by divine direction. They have rejected or neglected all of God's highest thoughts and purposes for their lives until at last they can serve but one purpose, so far as God is concerned, and that is to be a warning to others. Like derelict ships, broken on the rocks and reefs, they serve only to warn others against coming to such a disastrous end. These largely constitute the flotsam and jetsam of society, the driftwood of humanity who become reprobate for time and eternity.

### II. The Will of God in Particular

This relates to the directive aspect of God's will, as it is to be known and done by the individual believer in Jesus Christ. It is concerning this that Paul gives the exhortation in the texts cited. He addresses himself to the brethren who have been the recipients of the mercies of God, and who have been quickened out of spiritual death and are capable of self-dedication. The Holy Spirit, through the Apostle Paul, takes the part and place of a suppliant, and gives voice to a most earnest entreaty. The basis of this exhortation is the past mercies of God which have been bestowed upon those to whom he is writing. He calls upon them to present their bodies, a living sacrifice, which he describes as being holy, acceptable unto God, and a reasonable service. This involves, as a consequence, that they "be not conformed to this world," but that they be "transformed by the renewing of their minds." And the purpose of all this is stated to be "that ye may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God." This passage of Scripture teaches plainly and posi-

## WELCOME TO THREE NEW CHURCHES

### First Baptist, Yarmouth, Iowa, Rev. John Kastelein, Pastor

Dr. R. T. Ketcham,  
Gary, Indiana.

Dear Brother Ketcham:

Thanks for your good letter of March 30. I have proceeded as you advised me to do. I called my congregation together and brought the matter before them.

I explained to them the necessity of joining ourselves to a fundamental group of Bible believing Baptists instead of staying independent. We proceeded to vote, and I am very happy to inform you that we, as the First Baptist Church of Yarmouth, have unanimously voted to enter into the fellowship of the G. A. R. B.

We cannot do anything else than accept the Articles of Faith as printed in your March issue of the Bulletin, because they are Scriptural and sound, and we as a church believe exactly the same.

Yours in Him,

Pastor John Kastelein.

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### First Baptist Church, Ceres, Calif., Rev. Paul Jackson, Pastor

The General Association of  
Regular Baptist Churches:  
c/o Pastor D. O. Fuller, Sec'y,  
Grand Rapids, Michigan

Dear Brethren:

The First Baptist Church of Ceres in regular business session, March 29, 1939, voted to ask for fellowship in the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches.

This church is in full accord with the statement of faith, and the new constitution. We have no fellowship whatsoever with the Convention, and have not had for about twenty years. We are active in the Association of Regular Baptist Churches of California.

We pray that His richest blessing may rest upon the Association this year at Paterson. We do not expect to be able to send messengers to the meeting this year.

Yours in our living Lord,

(Signed) Mrs. Florence Richards,  
Clerk

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### Custer Park Baptist Church, Rev. John Schimmel, Pastor

General Association of  
Regular Baptists,  
Rev. David O. Fuller, Sec'y,  
1318 Sigsbee St., S. E.,  
Grand Rapids, Michigan  
Gentlemen:

Since we are no longer in fellowship or cooperation with the Northern Baptist Convention or its auxiliaries, the Custer Park, Ill., Baptist Church, at a regularly assembled business meeting on April 1, 1939, voted to express itself as wholeheartedly subscribing to the Constitution and Articles of Faith of the General Association of Regular Baptists and desires to be considered in fellowship with the above Association and the Illinois Association of Regular Baptist Churches.

Yours truly,

Custer Park Baptist Church.

(Signed) Frances Trainer,

Clerk

Wilmington, Ill.

tively that there is the directive aspect of God's will for the life of every believer in Jesus Christ. This teaching is in harmony with the very nature of things. As previously suggested, even those who do not accept Biblical truth recognize what they call purposeful tendency prevailing in the universe. And those who do see things from the Biblical viewpoint recognize that purpose and design permeate its entire structure. Now if this be true concerning everything animate and inanimate, sentient and non-sentient, it must be emphatically and specifically true concerning believers, whom God describes as those "who are called according to His purpose." To open-minded intelligence, the conclusion that this is true is inevitable. The law of adaptation is everywhere in operation. The purpose of God is seen to involve and include every mountain and valley, every ocean and river, every spring and brooklet, every drop of water and every grain of sand, every mineral and chemical element which is found in earth or sea or sky. And surely man, whom Pope says is "the noblest work of God," is not omitted from it, and especially, man as redeemed by blood, saved by grace, indwelt and led by the Holy Spirit of God.

God does have a purpose, my fellow believer, *in* your life, and *for* your life, and *through* your life. It is not only true that there is this directive aspect of God's will for your life, but it is also true that you may come to know that will, if you are desirous of knowing it, and willing to do it.

(1) The first pre-requisite of knowing God's will for the life, according to Romans 12:1, 2, is the presentation of the body as a living sacrifice. This, of course, simply means the dedication to God, of all that one is, and has, and can do. It simply means the placing of one's life at God's disposal, and taking one's hands off, refusing to have any choice in the direction of one's life, accepting once and for all, without reservation or qualification, God's choice and direction for the life. It means the recognition, not only of God's ownership of one, but also the right of proprietorship, that is, to give Him the right of control, and leadership in one's life.

This seems to be a great demand, but when one considers to Whom and to what this committal and submittal is being made, the privilege is seen to far exceed the obligation.

a. It is to the God of infinite wisdom that this dedication is being made, and it is His will, which is in-

initely wise, that is being accepted. God knows you as you cannot possibly know yourself. He knows your weak points and your strong points, your capabilities, and your aptitudes. He knows the way which lies before you, and all that time holds for you in the future. You do not know that which lies ahead, even for 10 minutes of time. You cannot see what awaits you even around the first corner of human experience,—but God knows the whole pathway of your future life and all that lies beyond, whether of weal or woe. It is therefore obviously true that "It is not in man that walketh to direct his steps." But it is also potentially true that "the steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord."

"I know not what awaits me,  
God kindly veils my eyes,  
And o'er each step of the onward  
way,  
He causes new scenes to rise."

Because God's will is a will of infinite wisdom, because He knows what is best for our lives, we can well afford to commit and submit ourselves unhesitatingly to Him.

b. It is to the God of infinite love that this dedication is being made. God not only knows what is best for our lives, but He *desires* that which is best for them—it is the will of infinite love. Children are not hesitant to give submission to parents in whom they have confidence as to their wisdom, and whom they feel have in them a loving interest. Young men and young women link their lives with each other in the marital relation in which they give a real committal and submittal, because they have confidence in the love of the one for the other. Listen, young men and young women, the heart of God yearns over you with a love of which no human heart is capable. It is the unsparing love expressed in the gift of Christ on Calvary,—“He that spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?”

c. It is to the God of infinite power that this dedication is being made. God's omnipotence finds expression in the carrying out of His plan. His power flows along the line of His purpose. The will of God for your life, therefore is the will of infinite Power, which will be placed at your disposal as you live out your life in His will, and render the service which He has planned for you.

(2) The second pre-requisite for knowing the will of God for your

life is the reception and exercise of wisdom from God concerning the manner and place of service. In order to be practical in our consideration, let us assume that we have fulfilled the first pre-requisite of knowing God's will. The question then presents itself, "How am I to obtain the detailed information as to where and in what capacity I am to serve?" The fulfilling of the divine purpose does not necessarily mean all-time Christian service as a minister or missionary, either home or foreign. It is perfectly plausible to believe that God's directive will may include in its scope any legitimate vocation or calling. The crucial question is, "What is God's particular plan for my life,—in what capacity is my life's service to be given to Him, and for Him?" The answer to this question determines whether or not I am to be a round peg in a square hole, a fit or a misfit. The proper answer to this question may be found by availing oneself of the privilege suggested in James 1:5-7, that of asking and receiving wisdom from God. When one has completely placed his or her life at the divine disposal without reservation, and yet lacks definite guidance, he is here instructed to ask wisdom from God. He is to ask without fear of upbraiding or chiding, with the assurance that it "shall be given him." He is, however, to ask in faith, that is, with the assurance that as he asks for wisdom, God gives it to him. As wisdom is of value only as it is used, the next responsibility for the one seeking guidance is to proceed to exercise the wisdom for which he has asked, and which God has assuredly given him.

The exercise of this God-given wisdom involves the careful consideration of all that life holds for him. Thought should be given to oneself, as to one's capabilities and aptitudes. Take an inventory of what you have on hand, as to what you can do, and what you can do best. Consider the responsibilities which are yours in relation to anyone that may have any claim upon you for support. Think of the needs of men and women, their physical needs, mental needs, moral and spiritual needs. Consider carefully the opportunities which are offered you today for a life investment, the various professions, callings, and vocations. You can afford to be deliberate, remembering that you are making the choice of your life work. Then seek light and guidance from every legitimate source. Go to the Bible and read those passages which pertain to guidance. Let God speak

to you through His Word Look directly to the Holy Spirit for His leadership Be open to receive any inward impressions upon your conscious mind that He might care to make. Do not, however, be guided by inward impressions alone Advise and counsel with friends in whom you have confidence as to their integrity and wisdom, such as your pastor, your parents, or others Do not, however, let them decide for you It is you to whom God has given wisdom, and upon whom rests the responsibility of the decision It is necessary, therefore, to go forward to a definite decision exercising the wisdom for which you have asked, and which you have received by faith from God. This is to be done with an eye single to His glory, no matter what the decision may be, or the sphere of service chosen.

**III. The Directive Will of God Made Certain**

We may again, in order to be practical, assume that these steps just mentioned have been taken, and a decision has been reached The question then presents itself, "How are we to know that we have made the right decision?" The element of assurance which will be attendant upon a decision in harmony with the will of God will be the corroborating, substantiating peace of God In Colossians 3:15 there is an exhortation which I believe, is applicable here,—“Let the peace of God rule in your hearts” The Greek word, “brabeuo” translated “rule,” which means to act as president or judge, might be translated “arbitrate” It might also be legitimately paraphrased by the more familiar term “umpire.” It is the function of the umpire to render the final decision, at least in the immediate game. If there is to be any appeal, it must be to the league authority, after the game is finished. “Let the peace of God act as umpire in your hearts, rendering the final decision in this matter of guidance.” If, after you have made a complete dedication of your life to God, and have asked, received and exercised divine wisdom, you have come to a definite decision as to what your life’s work is to be, and have the assurance of God’s peace in your heart, you may safely conclude that you have found His will for your life

With the assurance of God’s peace there will also come the assurance of a deep conviction that you have found God’s plan for your life. This will be a conviction that will enable you to overcome every difficulty, and surmount all the obstacles that

oppose you in fulfilling the divine purpose. It will be a conviction of such strength that will enable you to trust God for the funds necessary to equip you for that sphere of service into which God is leading you.

This conviction will become an irresistible urge sending you out and on in the fulfillment of your divine ordination to service. After Isaiah had received the vision of God in His sovereignty, supremacy and sanctity, which gave to him the reflective vision of himself, in his sinfulness, and after he had passed through the experience of contrition for sin, and cleansing from sin, he received his commission. He heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Go.” And the “Go” of God got into the very heart of Isaiah, and became the irresistible urge of his life, and sent him out to face some of the most discouraging conditions and circumstances that ever confronted a messenger of God. It is this divine urge that has made every servant of God possessing it, outstanding in his life and service. It was this that characterized the life and ministry of David Brainerd, whose prayer was “Here I am, Lord, send me; send me to the ends of the earth; send me to the rough and savage pagans of the wilderness; send me from all that is called comfort in the earth; send me even to death itself if it be but in thy service, and to promote thy kingdom.” His supreme passion was the glory of God. The following is found in his diary: “With what reluctance did I feel myself obliged to consume time in sleep! I longed to be a flame of fire, continually glowing in the divine service, and building up Christ’s kingdom to my latest, my dying moment”

“Wherefore, be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is”

**ANOTHER CHURCH WITHDRAWS**

The Memorial Baptist Church of Altoona, Pennsylvania, has severed its connection and affiliation with the Center Baptist Association, the Pennsylvania Baptist State Convention, and the Northern Baptist Convention. By the unanimous vote of its members, the church has become an independent Baptist church, and is no longer associated with any ecclesiastical organization.

The pastor of the Memorial Church is Rev S. J. Haik.

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# TO THE REGIONS BEYOND

## PERILS, THRILLS AND VICTORIES ON THE RIO NEGRO

### CHAPTER X

Readers of the Baptist Bulletin will recall in former chapters of this story, the account of the tragic collapse and prolonged illness of Mrs Lois Ketcham Moffat, while serving at the base station of Mid-Missions in Manaus, Brazil.

Apparently standing the rigors of the tropical climate with its heat, fog and dampness, as well if not better than any missionary on the station, Mrs. Moffat suddenly collapsed on the 10th day of July. While it was not known at the time, and it was not discovered until Mrs Moffat had reached American shores and had been examined by American doctors, it was discovered that the base of her trouble was what is known as beriberi, a condition set up in the body due to the lack of vitamin B-1. This, coupled with the complications of expectant motherhood, made her case extremely difficult to handle. It was finally decided by the Brazilian doctors that she must be gotten home in order to save her life. The only means of transportation out of Brazil was by the way of freight steamer, with no doctors or nurses on board. The long and perilous journey was undertaken, and Mr and Mrs. Moffat expected to arrive in New York harbor about the 5th or 6th of September. On the long trip home, Mrs. Moffat became so much worse that the ship's officers radioed to the ship agent at Norfolk, Virginia, that it would be necessary to send an airplane out to sea carrying a doctor, to give Mrs. Moffat aid. This was attempted but such a disturbance of static suddenly arose, that it made it impossible to locate the ship at sea. After an all-night battle with the static, the Norfolk coastguard station finally gave up the struggle and turned the job over to the United States Navy base. On Saturday morning, August 27, two powerful Navy planes carrying the head doctor and surgeon of the United States Naval base at Norfolk, set out in search of the Steamship Sheridan, on which Mr. and Mrs. Moffat were passengers. The Sheridan was finally located, but a storm at sea made it dangerous to attempt to transfer the patient from the ship to the plane, but instead the doctor boarded the ship and the plane was returned to



JOHN WENDELL MOFFAT

20 DAYS OLD

the Navy base. At eight o'clock that evening, as the ship came into Hampton Roads, Mrs. Moffat and her husband, together with the doctor, were taken off the Sheridan, put on board a coastguard cutter, and rushed to the Navy pier, where an ambulance was waiting to take them

at once to the General Hospital at Norfolk. The physicians there told us that Mrs. Moffat had reached medical aid not more than three hours before the dead line.

We will never forget, as long as we live, the sight upon which we looked when the blankets were

thrown back from the face of our precious daughter. Dehydration had been so complete that the body had wasted away until there was practically nothing left of it but skin and bones. Lois stands 5 feet 9½ inches tall, but she was reduced to about 75 pounds in weight.

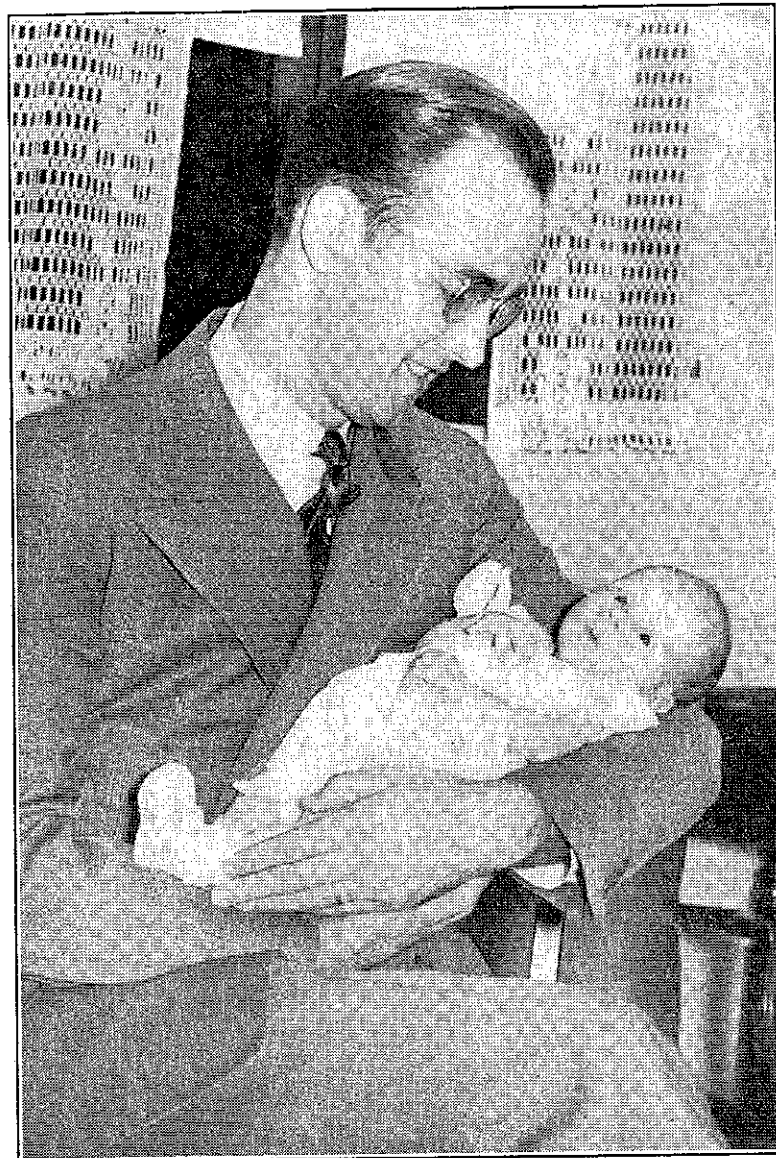
After two weeks in the hospital in Norfolk, she was brought home by hospital cot on board a pullman, and through all the weary weeks and months has been confined to her bed, unable to sit up or to have visitors.

Through all these weeks and months, thousands of friends across the United States and in foreign lands, have been holding on to God in prayer for the recovery of Mrs. Moffat and also for God's special providence over her in the birth of her baby. Thousands were also concerned about the baby itself. Humanly speaking, there was absolutely no possible way for this baby to be born physically perfect. But there are no impossibilities with God. The result of that proposition is that on the 10th day of March, by Caesarian delivery, a baby boy weighing 7 pounds 12½ ounces, was presented to the Moffats, and the attending physicians said, they had never seen a more perfect specimen of babyhood.

The pictures shown with this article certainly bear out the physicians' judgment. Of course, as the grandfather of this miracle baby, we feel that the physicians were a bit modest in their statement. The little fellow, John Wendell by name, was exactly twenty days old when these pictures were taken, and at this present writing is thirty-two days. He is gaining approximately an ounce a day. Seldom, if ever, cries; just sleeps, eats and coos. It has not yet been determined in the Ketcham household where he gets these last three traits, whether from his grandfather or his grandmother. Of course, one look at the proud father in the accompanying picture, will indicate that he thinks Jackie gets all these traits from him.

Great praise has been going up from the hearts of all of us in the immediate family for the loving kindness of our Heavenly Father, and we know that many thousands will join us in this praise to God for this thing which is nothing short of a miracle.

Mrs. Moffat, of course, was greatly weakened by the operation, and it will be several weeks yet before she will be able to sit up, but we are confidently looking forward to a great improvement within the next three months.



THE MIRACLE BABY WITH HIS  
DADDY, A DONALD MOFFAT

# THE PREMINANCE OF CHRIST

By REV. ROBERT T. KETCHAM

Colossians 1:18.

"That in all things He might have the preeminence"

We wish to discuss with you the subject of the book of Colossians, namely, the preeminence of Christ. What does it mean to give Jesus Christ the preeminence? Well, it certainly means giving Him *first* place. Not second, third, or fourth—but first. It means to have no mind of my own but His mind. No will of my own but His will. No plan of my own but His plan.

In the ninth verse of Colossians 1, I think we have the Holy Spirit's own definition of what it means to give Jesus Christ the preeminence. Paul, speaking by the Spirit, says, "I have not ceased to pray for you that ye might be filled with a knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding." To give Jesus Christ the preeminence is to know God's will, and to do it. I find a great many people who say that they do not believe it possible for any individual Christian to positively know the will of God for his life. The idea that, aided by the Divine Spirit, a child of God may search the mind of his Father, and there discover what the will of God is, is to them a wild idea. This group under discussion declares that the best that can be done is to do what we think is the will of God, and we can never know until we get to Heaven whether we have hit it or missed it.

There are still others who say they believe it is possible for a certain group to know the will of God. When we inquire as to who this favored group is, they tell us that it is the preachers who are thus favored.

The fact is, these people do not mean they *cannot* know the will of God, but that they *dare not* know the will of God. Most of them have sense enough to know that if the will of God, in all of its free sweep, ever got into their lives, a lot of things would have to be eliminated, and some things added; and because they don't want certain things eliminated, and because they don't want certain things added, they seek to set up an alibi for their conscience by saying, "We cannot know the will of God," when honesty would dictate, "We dare not know the will of God."

To give the Lord Jesus Christ preeminence is to give Him the place of a Benevolent Despot. That the

Lord Jesus Christ has a right to such a place in our lives, the Scriptures everywhere announce. For our consideration we shall present three reasons why the Lord Jesus Christ has a right to the preeminence in the life of every believer. First, He already has the preeminence with God the Father. Second, He already has the preeminence with God the Holy Spirit. Third, He already has the preeminence in the Word of God.

I

## *He Has The Preeminence With God The Father*

Jesus Christ fills the eye of God the Father. There is nothing in this universe, in the vision of the Father, but His beloved Son. All His plans and purposes center in that beloved Son. God the Father has reached out into His limitless universe and gathered together all of His riches of grace, and poured them into that Son of His; so that we read of Him "They marveled at His words of grace." He has gathered all His riches of power and deposited them in that Son of His; so that we read of Him, "All power is given unto me." He has gathered all His riches of wisdom and poured them into that Son of His, so that of Him we read, "He hath been made unto us wisdom." He has gathered all His riches of love, and poured them into that Son of His; so that of Him we read that He is the height, depth, length and breadth of the love of God. He has gathered together all His riches of judgment, and turned them over to that Son of His; so that of Him we read, "The Father hath committed all judgment unto me." Jesus Christ fills the eye of God the Father.

All of the Father's plans and purposes He has turned over to that Son of His for their accomplishment. The Father has many great and wonderful plans and purposes for the universe, for this poor little world, and for the sinners who reside in it. But not one of them will ever be brought to its accomplishment by any other person than the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Father planned *creation* in all of its marvelous complexity, and then He turned the plans over to His Son, and according to the first chapter of John's gospel, it was the Son who wrought the perfection of those plans. The Father planned this glorious thing called *Redemption*, and

then He turned those plans over to His Son, and committed them to Him to work out. The Father has very definite plans concerning *judgment* in that day to come, but all this work of judgment He has committed to His Son. Jesus Christ fills the eye of God the Father.

It is an interesting thing to note that so far as the mere *plans* are concerned, that sinful man and a Holy God have very much in common. By this we mean, taking things as a whole, we can pretty generally say that what man hopes for on this earth, as an ultimate paradise, is also involved in the announced plan and purpose of God the Father. For instance, we hear a great deal of talk these days in certain circles, of a warless world, of universal peace, of universal brotherhood, of distribution of wealth so that every man may own his own home, and no one shall molest or destroy. We hear a great deal about the industries of war being turned into industries of peace. Strangely enough in such passages as Isaiah 2:4 and Micah 4:4 we read that God the Father has planned exactly that for this old world. When I ask these "reformers" how they are going to produce this blessed condition upon the earth, they reply, "By the application of a set of political principles." When I ask my Heavenly Father how He proposes to bring to pass this blessed condition He replies, "By the personal enthronement of My Son, upon the throne of His father, David."

It is true that God the Father, and man desire pretty much the same thing for this earth. *Man wants what God wants him to have, but he wants it apart from Christ.* God says, "When you get it, you will get it in Christ, or you will get it not at all." Jesus Christ fills the eye of God the Father.

This principle is illustrated again in the realm of salvation. I have never yet met a man who deliberately said that he wanted to go to Hell. Every man hopes eventually to be saved. We know it is the Father's plan to save lost men, therefore, the Father and lost men are agreed, so far as the mere idea of salvation is concerned. I say to a man, "You desire and expect to be saved. Would you mind telling me how?" Whereupon he begins to present to me the record of his goodness, his righteousness, his morality,



the fact that he is a good lodge member, or that he lives right, votes right, and does right in his community. I say to my Heavenly Father, "How do you propose that this man shall be saved?" And He replies, "Only by faith in that Son of mine."

Here again we see fallen man's desire to possess what God wants him to have, but he will not have God's Son. Therefore, God says, "Very well, you will have it not at all." Jesus Christ fills the eye of God the Father.

Now, if God the Father sees sufficient in that dear Son of His, to cause Him to make Him the repository of all His riches, grace, wisdom, love, power and mercy; and if He sees enough in that Son of His to cause Him to put into His hands all His plans and purposes, ought not there be enough then in that same blessed Son of God to cause you and me to do likewise? Jesus Christ fills the eye of God the Father. Does He fill yours? Does He occupy all your vision, or is it Jesus Christ plus something else? If this is the case, then He is not a preeminent Christ, for He must occupy the first place, and all the place. As someone has said, "Jesus Christ is Lord of all, or He is not Lord at all"

## II

### *He Has The Preeminence With God The Holy Ghost*

Jesus Christ fills the lips of the Holy Ghost. The one great theme of the Holy Spirit, as he speaks to the hearts of believers, is Jesus Christ. We have a beautiful illustration of this in the 24th chapter of Genesis. Abraham has sent Eliezer down into the land to bring back a bride for Isaac, whom he has just received back in a figure from the dead in chapter 22. Eliezer is a beautiful type of the Holy Spirit whom the Father has sent down into this world to take out a bride for His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, whom He received from the dead. On the way back to the father's house I can well imagine that the lips of Eliezer were filled with stories of Isaac. It was a long, tedious journey, under the scorching sun by day, and through robber-infested paths by night, and no doubt, more than once Rebecca's shoulders drooped, and a look of doubt and discouragement came to her face, and when it did, it was then that Eliezer would urge his camel up along side that of Rebecca, and say, "Let me tell you something more about Isaac." And then he would tell her again of this wonderful lad, obedient unto death, and because he had been thus obedient unto death, his father had giv-

en him all his riches, and that all of Isaac's riches were to be hers. The drooping shoulders would become erect, the tired face would light up, and with new and fresh eagerness she would press on toward the end of the journey, the reward of which was to be a vision of him, whom having not seen, she loved.

So it is with us, as accompanied by the Holy Spirit, we move over this tedious journey, on our way to the Father's house. How hot the sun becomes sometimes as we stand at the side of an open grave receiving a loved one. Our shoulders may droop a bit, and the question mark may dance before our spiritual vision, and then suddenly we find the Holy Spirit speaking to our hearts about the One who is the Resurrection and the Life, and who will raise our loved dead at His coming, and unite us with them again. We turn away from the grave side, with our tears of despair turned into diamonds of hope, and we press eagerly on to meet Him. Or, it may be that in the dark hours of the night time of this world, some circumstance has robbed us of all that we once possessed. Then it is that the Holy Spirit cheers our hearts by speaking to us of Him. Jesus Christ fills the lips of the Holy Spirit.

If the infinite Holy Spirit can make Jesus Christ the topic of His constant conversation; if He can constantly fill His lips with the stories of the Son of God, then cannot you and I do the same? Does He fill your lips? Did that caller in your home this morning go away with a bit of comfort because of something you said to him about Christ, or did he leave your home, carrying with him the picture of someone's ruined reputation, after you had finished your operation of "gossip," and had left someone cut and bleeding by the use of your sharp tongue?

## III

### *He Has The Preeminence In The Word of God*

Jesus Christ fills the pages of the Book. The one great theme of all the Scriptures is Jesus Christ. No matter what the form of the text may be, somewhere in it will be found the picture of the altogether lovely One.

How many of you have started to read the Bible through, and got along fairly well until you came to the fifth chapter of Genesis, and then gave up in despair? Or, perhaps you worried on in the task of reading until you came to Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy, where you decided that there was very little of interest for you in piles of ashes, peculiarly dressed priests, brazen al-

tars, so many cubits wide and high, various sprinklings of blood here and there, all of which seemed so utterly meaningless. At last, however, you reached Matthew, and with a great sigh of relief you said, "Now I can read about Christ." Had you but known it, while you were racing through the Old Testament, you were crushing beneath your feet the fairest and most fragrant flowers of Christology to be found anywhere in the Bible. While you were leaping from mountain top to mountain top in your hurry through the Old Testament, you were pressing beneath your feet the richest golden nuggets of the revelation of Christ to be found anywhere in the infinite mine of truth. I make bold to say that so far as detail of person and work is concerned, the Lord Jesus Christ can be seen a thousand times more clearly in the Old Testament than in the New. It is true that did we not have the New Testament, we would not see Christ in the Old, but reading the Old in the light of the New, it in turn throws a battery of flood-lights upon the New.

Take, for instance, the priestly ministry of Christ. This is one of the outstanding New Testament doctrines concerning Christ, and yet the sum total of what is said about it in the New Testament could be crowded into the compass of two or three ordinary chapters. But if I want to know the blessed and infinite detail of all that is involved in His priestly ministry for me, in the presence of the Father, I go back to the book of Leviticus, and there in all of that detail I find the blessed truth concerning my Lord's high-priestly intercession for me in the glory tonight. Jesus Christ fills the pages of the Book.

For several years I have been compiling a record of how the Lord Jesus Christ is revealed at least once in every book of the Bible. A volume could be written on Jesus Christ in every book of the Book of books, but we confine ourselves to one picture of Christ, and one only, in each of the books.

#### *In Genesis*

He is the Creator and Seed of the woman. 1: 1; 3: 15

#### *In Exodus*

He is the Lamb of God for Sinners Slain. Chapter 12

#### *In Leviticus*

He is our High Priest. Entire Book

#### *In Numbers*

He is the Star out of Jacob. 24: 17.

#### *In Deuteronomy*

He is the Prophet like unto Moses. 18: 15

*In Joshua*  
He is the Captain of the Lord's Hosts 5:13-15.

*In Judges*  
He is the Messenger of Jehovah 3:15-30.

*In Ruth*  
He is our Kinsman Redeemer. Chapter 3.

*In Samuel*  
He is the Despised and Rejected King. I Samuel 16 to 19

*In Kings and Chronicles*  
He is the Lord of Lords and King of Kings. I Chronicles 12:38-40

*In Ezra and Nehemiah*  
He is the Lord of Heaven and Earth. Entire Books.

*In Esther*  
He is our Mordecai. Chapter 10.

*In Job*  
He is our Risen and Returning Redeemer. 19:25.

*In Psalms*  
He is the Blessed man of 1.  
He is the Son of God of 2.  
He is the Son of Man of 8.  
He is the Crucified One of 22.  
He is the Risen One of 23.  
He is the Coming One of 24.  
He is the Reigning One of 72.  
He is the Leader of Praise of 150.

*In Proverbs*  
He is our Wisdom. Chapter 4.

*In Ecclesiastes*  
He is the Forgotten Wise Man. 9:14-15.

*In Song of Solomon*  
He is my Beloved. 2:16

*In Isaiah*  
He is Our Suffering Substitute. Ch 53.

*In Jeremiah*  
He is the Lord of our Righteousness. 23:6

*In Lamentations*  
He is the Man of Sorrows. 1:12-18.

*In Ezekiel*  
He is the Throne Sitter. 1:26.

*In Daniel*  
He is the Smiting Stone. 2:34.

*In Hosea*  
He is David's Greater King 3:5.

*In Joel*  
He is the Lord of Bounty. 2:18, 19.

*In Amos*  
He is the Rescuer of Israel 3:12.

*In Obadiah*  
He is the Deliverer upon Mount Zion. Verse 17.

*In Jonah*  
He is the Buried and Risen Saviour. Entire Book.

*In Micah*  
He is the Everlasting God. 5:2.

*In Nahum*  
He is our Stronghold in the Day of Wrath 1:7.

*In Habakkuk*  
He is the Anchor of our Faith 2:4.

*In Zephaniah*  
He is in the Midst for Judgment and Cleansing. 3:5 and 15.

*In Haggai*  
He is the Lord of Presence and Power 1:13

*In Zechariah*  
He is the Smitten Shepherd 13:7.

*In Malachi*  
He is the Sun of Righteousness. 4:2.

*In Matthew*  
He is the King of the Jews 2:1

*In Mark*  
He is the Servant of Jehovah. Entire Book.

*In Luke*  
He is the Perfect Son of Man 3:38; 4:1-13

*In John*  
He is the Son of God. 1:1.

*In Acts*  
He is the Ascended Lord 1:8, 9.

*In Romans*  
He is our Righteousness. 3:22.

*In I Corinthians*  
He is the First Fruits from among the Dead. 15:20.

*In II Corinthians*  
He is made Sin for Us 5:21

*In Galatians*  
He is the End of the Law. 3:10 and 3:13

*In Ephesians*  
He is our Armor. 6:11-18.

*In Philippians*  
He is the Supplier of Every Need. 4:19

*In Colossians*  
He is the Preeminent One 1:18.

*In I Thessalonians*  
He is our Returning Lord 4:15-18.

*In II Thessalonians*  
He is the World's Returning Judge. 1:7-9.

*In I Timothy*  
He is the Mediator. 2:5  
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## GLEANINGS

by the Assistant Editor

### READY FOR PROMOTION

There's going to be a vacancy above you later on,  
Some day you'll find the foreman or the superintendent gone,  
And are you growing big enough when this shall be the case,  
To quit the post you're holding now and step into his place?

You do the work you have to do with ease from day to day,  
But are you getting ready to deserve the larger pay?  
If there should come a vacancy with bigger tasks to do,  
Could you step in and fill the place if it were offered you?

Tomorrow's not so far away, nor is the goal you seek,  
Today you should be training for the work you'll do next week,  
The bigger job is just ahead, each day some new change brings—  
Suppose that post were vacant now, could you take charge of things?

It's not enough to know enough to hold your place today,  
It's not enough to do enough to earn your weekly pay,  
Some day there'll be a vacancy with greater tasks to do—  
Will you be ready for the place when it shall fall to you?

—Edgar A. Guest.

### MUMMY OF ROBBER KING OF EGYPT FOUND

By Tom M. Olson

Surrounded by stolen treasures of King Solomon, the mummified remains of Shishak, robber king of Egypt, were uncovered by King Farouk who took personal charge of a tomb discovered by Professor Pierre Montet of Strasborough University in the delta of the Nile.

Because Solomon's treasures had been placed with him, the mummy was at first thought to be that of King Psou-Sen-Nes, a father-in-law of Solomon, but the evidence that it was really that of Shishak was indisputable in the light of further discoveries.

The tomb was that of Psou-Sen-Nes but hieroglyphics covering the gold sarcophagus indicated that the mummy was undoubtedly that of Shishak.

The first book of Kings 14:25 and 26 records: "And it came to pass in the fifth year of King Rehoboam, that Shishak, king of Egypt, came up against Jerusalem.

"And he took away the treasures of the house of the Lord, and the treasures of the King's house; he even took away all; and he took away all the shields of gold which Solomon had made."

History records that Shishak attacked Jerusalem with a huge army and sacked Solomon's temple.

Discovery of the tomb was regarded as the most important find since the tomb of King Tut-Ankh-Amen was opened near Luxor in 1922.

Importance of the find was emphasized by the fact that Shishak's mummy rested in a silver sarcophagus—the first silver ever found in Egypt.

The silver sarcophagus rested within a gold coffin in the center of a white limestone burial chamber.

There never was and there never will be a valid reason for disbelieving the Bible, for "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God." II Timothy 3:16.

About 950 B C King Shishak went up to Jerusalem and took away the treasures of the house of the Lord, and the treasures of King Rehoboam's house and all the shields of gold which King Solomon had made.

Now, after the lapse of almost 2900 years his mummy is found surrounded by the stolen treasures! What a powerful rebuke to skepticism and infidelity!

To disbelieve the Bible is consume folly—and if persisted in spells sure and certain ruin. But to believe and act upon the Word of God is man's highest wisdom; it results in light, life, peace, joy and satisfaction for time and eternity. Which is it in your case—faith or unbelief?

—from NOW,

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### THE MEETING WAS OLD TIMEY

You have heard of them haven't you? Those "old timey" meetings? Well, they used to have them in the good old days, before folks became "high-fallutin'" and otherwise. Well, last Sunday evening at the Tabernacle we had one of those good old-time meetings. Such singing, such witnessing and the blessing of the Lord was upon the congregation and at the close, two men yielded their hearts to Christ for cleansing in His precious blood; and when the pastor asked, "How many of you folks really want a Heaven-sent Revival to sweep this part of the city?" It appeared that every hand went up. Then the pastor said, "Then will you meet me right here at the front for a season of prayer. Within less than a minute, everyone, visitors and all, (with very few exceptions) were at the front and kneeling in prayer. Two men were saved and confessed Christ at once and went out to live for Him. The congregation was happy before the Lord, and such a fellowship meeting as we have not seen in months followed, with everyone trying to shake hands with every-

body else. The meeting was "old timey."—Carl W. Sweazy, Los Angeles, Calif

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### TOBACCO

The annual tobacco expense in the U. S. A would build four Panama Canals.

The tobacco habit was begun in America and has extended to practically every nation on the earth.

2,000 American boys begin the habit every day, it is estimated.

1,901,000 acres of American land are used to produce tobacco.

Prussic acid is the only substance more poisonous than nicotine.

During nine years of study of students at Yale it was found that the lung capacity of non-smokers developed 77 per cent more than that of smokers.

A leech is instantly killed by sucking the blood of an habitual smoker.

Insurance companies estimate one-third of all loss by fire to be due to tobacco.

Babies have been killed by breathing the tobacco smoke with which a smoker filled an unventilated room.

Tobacco has been known to produce a nervous condition similar to delirium tremens. Physicians call it tobacco tremens.

Six Canadian insurance companies find the mortality rate of smokers to increase about the same proportion as that of the drinkers.

Our annual tobacco bill amounts to \$10 per capita in America.—The Evangel, St Petersburg, Fla.

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### PITY THE POOR GERMAN!

Pity the poor German!

If he has heart disease he can't use digitalis, because it was discovered by a Jew, Ludwig Taube.

If his tooth aches he cannot have the comfort of cocaine; for that would be utilizing the work of a Jew, Solomon Stricker.

He will find it hard to avoid typhus unless he takes advantage of what two Jews, Widal and Weill, learned about this disease.

If he has diabetes, the aid of insulin is not for him; for a Jew, Mikowsky, had a hand in its discovery.

If he had a heartache he must shun pyramidon and anti-pyris, discovered by the Jews, Spiro and Eilege.

If his child has convulsions he must avoid chloral hydrate, the discovery of a Jew, Oscar Liebreich.

If he has a mental screw loose he must not attempt to tighten it by psycho-analysis, because the father of that technique is a Jew, Sigmund Freud.

If he has ear trouble he can't go to Heinrich Neumann, the special-

ist who treated the duke of Windsor, Prof. Neumann is a Jew.

If he has cancer he can get no help from the great specialist, Ferdinand Blumenthal. Prof. Blumenthal has been forced to leave Germany.

If his wife needs the services of a gynecologist, she will have to consult somebody besides Drs. Nobl and Oscar Erankl. They have committed suicide. So has Dr. Knopfmacher, of Vienna. Well past 70, this eminent scientist was "treated" with castor oil by patriotic Hitlerites.

He may like music, but can't listen to Toscanini because Toscanini's daughter is married to a Jew, Horowitz.

He may like the music of the past, but there will be no more performances of Goldmark, Mahler, Mendelssohn, Mayerbeer and Offenbach.

Pity the poor German!

The poor German may like to read. But the list of authors whose works must not be read grows constantly longer. To the list of forbidden German writers has now been added a list of Austrian writers.

He may like to travel. The list of available places to visit has now been shortened. Vienna, once one of the favorite cities, no longer exists. The coffee-houses have been closed. Gemuetlichkeit has disappeared. There is no laughter there. Theatres are dark. There is no music in the air.

His world shrinks ever smaller. More and more cramped, he tries to be comfortable in the iron strait-jacket of the psychology that a madman has given him. Each day he cuts himself a little more adrift from everything that we have learned to call civilization.

Pity the poor German!

—Chicago "Daily News."

Recopied from Rev. Coulson Shepherd's Jewish News Broadcast and Gospel Message to Israel, Station WPG, Atlantic City, N. J. Sundays 9:45-10:00 a. m.

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### NO LIQUOR ADVERTISEMENTS

"We congratulate the Curtis Publishing Company, of Philadelphia, for their courage in refusing to accept liquor advertising in their periodicals. No doubt many publishers blush as they accept such stuff, but apparently money to them is more important than sober automobile drivers and properly fed children. The Curtis Company publishes the Ladies' Home Journal, The Country Gentleman, and The Saturday Evening Post. May they live long and prosper." (March Moody Monthly.)

**THE LIQUOR SITUATION**

Exerpts from the January  
"American Issue"

**Radio Broadcasters Protest Hard  
Liquor Advertising**

An Associated Press Dispatch carrying a Washington, D. C., December 13 date line reported that the board of directors of the National Association of Broadcasters adopted a resolution saying "it is the sense of the N. A. B. board of directors that American broadcasting stations should not carry advertising for distilled spirits." The association represents 397 of the country's 700 broadcasting stations, including all the large stations.

The resolution explained that by distilled spirits is meant what is commonly called hard liquor.

**N. B. C. Extends Liquor Ban to  
Include Wine and Beer**

A ban on beer and light wines advertising on the National Broadcasting Company's chains was announced January 5 by Major Lenox R Lohr, NBC president, as the federal communications commission resumed its inquiry into radio monopoly and network operations.

Lohr explained that the company has a long-standing ban against liquor advertising and the new regulation is an extension of that ban.

This policy, Lohr said, "was felt to be in the public interest"

This policy will meet with universal approval. Thousands of fathers and mothers have long resented the announcement of the alleged virtues of beer and wine brought over the radio to the family circle, sandwiched in between programs of merit which they desire to hear. By means of radio, Gambrinus and Bacchus have been uninvited and unwelcome guests for a long time.

Thank you, N.A.B. and N.B.C.

**Barmaids in American Saloons**

According to a survey made by the *Philadelphia Enquirer* in September, 1936, it was conservatively estimated that there were three times as many women employed as social hostesses, waitresses, etc., in liquor establishments as were in attendance in high schools, teachers' normals, and universities.

The estimate was:

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| Employed in taverns                | 1,350,000 |
| Attending educational institutions | 439,640   |

**Governor Arthur H James,  
of Pennsylvania**

Judge Arthur H. James, Pennsylvania's newly-elected governor, is quoted as saying:

"Do you think the liquor situation needs improvement? If you don't

I do. I stand for dealing straight from the shoulder with the liquor question."

The *Dry League Herald* referring to this statement says:

"It is a world of comfort to know that Pennsylvania is to have for our chief executive, during the next four years, a Christian gentleman who is respected and admired by all who know him for what he really is."

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**STAGING SIT-DOWN STRIKES**

*Dr. Charles St John,*

Bowery Mission, New York City

Dr Charles J St John, of the Bowery Mission, New York City, gave a stirring account of conditions "Since Repeal," as seen by a social worker. He said:

"We deal with 150,000 to 250,000 of John Barleycorn's finished products each year, men who started with a social drink, took two or three cocktails, thought they could handle booze. Tonight they are in the gutter. I have been on both sides of this problem.

"I have the ABC Board pledged that every time I close a saloon they will not license another. I have been pulling sit-down strikes and have closed three already. The boys won't go into a saloon when I am there—they know they will come to me. I take out my Testament, lay it on the bar, read portions of God's word and pray, and when I quit praying, every man is on the street and the bartender is in the back washing his bottles.

"On the Bowery, which is a man's street, we seldom see a woman. Today they are beginning to come. They started out in the cocktail hour and trickled down to the Bowery, the most pitiful sights you ever saw in your life.

"During prohibition we got the chronic drunk only on the Bowery, but today we are getting the lawyer, the skilled employee, the professional man, the musician. All kinds are coming to us today, and there is 300 per cent more drunkenness since repeal than before. I have to keep guards on the Bowery Mission night and day to let the sober man get through and keep the drunks out so we can operate our business. That is the finished product of Old John Barleycorn.

"It is not the young men and the young women who are giving me my serious work. It is the middle-aged men and women who are doing the drinking today. Five jitterbugs can make more noise than 200 older people, so we think they are doing all the drinking. Middle age is the destructive age today. Our young peo-

ple are thinking more seriously and soberly on social, political and religious questions than any generation of young people in America's history. They did not bring booze back. They are the ones who are going to see that America becomes dry again."

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**DICKINSON VOICES APPEAL  
FOR RETURN OF OLD-  
TIME RELIGION**

*By William F. Pyper*

Lansing—On his first day of rest from his new executive duties, Gov Luren D. Dickinson Sunday took occasion to bespeak public support for his religious philosophy.

He made public a statement he had written for a church periodical, but which had been rejected, he said.

The essay scored the trend of the church toward modernism — its highly trained leaders, entertainment facilities, vested choirs, accomplished soloists and "ministers meeting increasing demands for perfect grammar, attractive rhetoric, faultless diction and artistic composition."

"But against these studied efforts to pull the human stream inside, we behold a shunning by the outside throngs," wrote the new governor of Michigan.

*Hits Sermons That Puzzle*

"Thousands with names on church rolls are induced with difficulty to come inside to see the newly-tinted decorations, hear the new soloist they can't understand and listen to a labored and masterful typewritten treatise that leaves them puzzled."

He spoke of the old days when people worked more and when the churches always were filled on Sundays.

"With the public conscience dazed, awe-stricken, paralyzed, facing exhibitions of drunkenness by mothers and daughters never before seen—with fathers and sons, maddened by indulgence, committing beastly sex crimes—is there any other cure than continuous hammering from pulpits and elsewhere of obedience to God's laws?" asked the governor.

"God gave laws to control and guide in spiritual living," Dickinson said.

Church worship, the family altar, prayer meetings and Sunday school, he declared, "are the defenses God has provided against polluting the spiritual life current, and the means for saving the world from crime and war, and industry from the present deplorable conditions."

"Are the churches today abandon-

ing their spiritual work and degenerating into social clubs?" Dickinson asked. "Is that why church attendance is declining?"

"If the millions upon millions invested in attractive edifices, millions more providing for trained ministry, the millions for amusements and recreation can't check the rapid speed of the church's toboggan, why can we not just for a change try out the customs and faith of our fathers?" the governor concluded

The above article appeared in the March 27 issue of the Grand Rapids Press and was passed on to us by one of the Grand Rapids pastors.

How we do praise our Heavenly Father in these days for the godly men who have been elevated to positions of authority in our government. Mr. Dickinson has been Lieutenant Governor of the state of Michigan for many, many years, and was elevated to the governorship upon the recent death of Governor Fitzgerald.

Pray for these men that God will grant them wisdom to guide the affairs of state in these troubled days

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**OPERATIVE 7 TO LEARN HE IS NOT POLICEMAN**

"Everything is O.K., Operative 7 reporting," said a man's voice over the phone to Sheffield Avenue Station, Chicago, promptly at 7 o'clock each morning for three weeks. Although mystified, says *Chicago Daily News*, police paid little heed to the strange call.

But one night Pontius Anderson came to the station and told how his friend, Harvey Cook, patrolman for a private agency, had arranged to get him a job as a special policeman for the city at \$120 a month, at a cost of only \$25, the price of a revolver and a star. To learn his work, Anderson was to patrol his prospective beat with Herman Grau, who also had secured a job through Cook was now to be promoted and replaced by Anderson.

So Grau and Anderson walked the six-mile beat. But Anderson could not understand why they had been cautioned against talking to other policemen, why they didn't try store doors to make certain they were locked and things like that. So to Sheffield Station he went for information and to Cook's home went police. Then they expected to catch up with Grau somewhere along his beat and tell "Operative 7" he had been hoodwinked.

In pulpits, in the mission fields and in various phases of so-called

Christian service are "operatives" who have been appointed, even ordained, to their duty by officials of religious orders that have privately interpreted the Word of God, which plainly declares "no Scripture is by private interpretation," and have added to it their own speculations, imaginations, visions, etc. They are usually careful to warn their appointees against discussing their religion with Christians who take the Bible literally, and against reading the Word of God for themselves, or against admitting there are such things in the world as sin or pain or death, or that after death comes judgment.

Unless they are aroused, as was Anderson, to the fact that they have been deceived into impersonating what they are not in fact—Christians—and are led to take their place as guilty sinners for whom the Son of God died, and receive Him as Lord and Saviour, they are due for a far ruder shock than "Operative 7."

"Not every one that saith unto Me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of My Father which is in heaven," said the Lord Jesus in Matthew 7. "Many will say to Me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Thy name? and in Thy name cast out devils? and in Thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from Me, ye that work iniquity."

—from NOW,

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**THAT DEAD SEA**

I looked upon a sea, and lo, 'twas dead,  
 Although by Hermon's snows and Jordan fed.  
 How came a fate so dire? The tale's soon told.  
 All that it got it kept and fast did hold  
 All tributary streams found here their grave,  
 Because that sea received and never gave.  
 O sea that's dead, teach me to know and feel  
 That selfish grasp and greed my doom will seal.  
 And help me, Lord, my best, myself to give,  
 That I may others bless—and like thee live

—Author unknown

**PASTOR'S FAMILY BROADCAST**

For the first time in his life the pastor of the Calvary Baptist Tabernacle has actually obligated himself to produce 52 Gospel Radio Programs and also to provide the regular broadcast price for the same. This obligation, gladly assumed, added to his faith venture in the publication and distribution of the Challenge for four thousand homes, week after week, plus the fact that he serves the Calvary Baptist Tabernacle without a definite salary contract, but absolutely on a faith basis, is a matter that greatly humbles him and compels him moment by moment to empty himself before the Lord.

This, we are aware, would be a small matter for some who are better furnished with this world's goods. For the tabernacle pastor it is considerable. One may ask why assume such an increased responsibility? My answer, the Lord will not permit me to accept a lesser task, in the face of the present emergency that prevails in human society. The social, domestic, moral and spiritual conditions that obtain throughout the length and breadth of our beloved America make a wide-spread revival of genuine Christianity an imperative necessity.

Beginning this coming Sunday, the Pastor's Family Broadcast will be heard over station KFAC from 8:00 to 8:30 each Sunday morning—Los Angeles, California.

—Carl W. Sweazy.

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**MODESTO, CALIFORNIA**

Evangelist Porter L. Barrington, and his soloist, William G. Stroh, conducted a campaign from January 22 to February 12, in the Grace Baptist Church of Modesto, of which Samuel Post is the pastor. Great blessing was reported from the campaign, with some 55 decisions for Christ. The entire church membership was stirred to a higher life and good results are still issuing from the campaign.

The plain, direct and scriptural messages, combined with the consecrated singing drew overflow audiences to the church building, which necessitated the installation of a public address system.

The people have requested the return of Brother Barrington and his assistant for another campaign.

At the close of the final service, an offering of \$56 10 was taken up for two Baptist young women carrying on missionary work in the Kentucky mountains.

**KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI**

Three weeks of special evangelistic meetings were ended Easter Sunday, in the First Regular Baptist Church of Kansas City. Pastor Stanbrough did his own preaching the first week, and Pastor Fred R. Johnson, of the Faith Baptist Church, continued for the next two weeks.

We have not as yet received word as to the success of these meetings, but we are certain that God's blessing must have rested upon them.

Pastor Stanbrough is an ardent supporter of the Baptist Bulletin. In a recent copy of his church bulletin, we notice the following proposition made to the members of his church: "If you will subscribe for the Baptist Bulletin, and after you have received three issues, if you feel like you have made a poor investment, tell me and I will cheerfully refund your dollar, and you can go on receiving the paper. Do I believe in the Baptist Bulletin?"

This certainly is a practical demonstration of real faith in our publication. How we wish that a host of other pastors would even go so far as to urge their people to subscribe, let alone make such a startling proposition to them as was made by Pastor Stanbrough.

What about it, fellow pastors?

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**BEAUTY PRESCRIPTION**

"Think on these things" Phil. 4:8

A dear old Quaker lady, distinguished for her youthful appearance, was asked what she used to preserve her charms. She replied very sweetly: "I use for the lips, truth; for the voice, prayer; for the eyes, pity; for the hands, charity; for the figure, uprightness; for the heart, love."

This appears to be a choice beauty prescription—*The Expositor*

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**THE EVANGELICAL TEACHER TRAINING ASSOCIATION**

It is of special interest to us to note that the Evangelical Teacher Training Association has a larger number enrolled in its teacher training classes than does the International Council of Religious Education, even though the Evangelical Association has been in existence a much shorter time than the International Council. The operating expense for the Evangelical Teacher Training Association last year amounted to \$1,470.60; while the International Council spent \$119,518.79.

W. B. Riley comments in "The Pilot" saying, "Undoubtedly skepticism can command the money, but

orthodoxy still retains its hold on the people."

At their recent meeting in Chicago, the Evangelical Teacher Training Association employed Dr. Gordon Holdcroft as its full time field secretary. I believe this is the first time that the association has had a full time salaried servant. Heretofore, Professor Clarence H. Bensen has given freely of his time as Secretary to the association, and the Moody Bible Institute has provided headquarters without charge. Since the selection of Dr. Holdcroft as field secretary, plans are being made to move the headquarters of the association to Philadelphia. Dr. Holdcroft has long been engaged in Sunday School work and teacher training in Korea.

The work of the Evangelical Teacher Training Association deserves our heartiest support.

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**EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN**

Brother Harvey Taylor, of the First Baptist Church of Harvey, Illinois, recently completed an evangelistic campaign with Brother Jesse Pratt, of the First Baptist Church of Byron, Michigan.

An evangelistic campaign was started Easter Sunday in Brother Taylor's own church, with Rev. Harry Ketcham as the evangelist.

The monthly Regular Baptist Fellowship of the Chicago area was held in the Harvey church, Monday, April 10th.

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**SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE**

We were delighted to know in other Sunday School reports that came to us from churches throughout the country, that many of them experienced the same thing that we did here in Central Baptist Church of Gary, on Palm Sunday. This year we experienced the largest attendance in the history of the church for a Palm Sunday. We noticed phenomenal increases in other Sunday Schools throughout the land at the same time. We have also noticed an increase in church attendance.

We are wondering if these troublous times are not forcing people to seek more earnestly after God.

We have been especially interested of late, to note the emphasis placed by secular writers in some of their articles, for a revival of religion. The current issue of the *Cosmopolitan* contains such an interesting article.

We trust such a revival is on the way, and that the Fundamental churches will be in the foreground. May this manifested growth and interest continue.

**BLESSING OF GOD RESTS UPON MEXICAN BAPTIST MISSION**

To Our Dear Helpers and Co-workers:

Peace be unto you and joy that cometh from believing in God's great promises.

We are mighty happy to send this news letter giving you a few highlights of God's dealing with us, for truly since the beginning of the year we have had such experiences that we never anticipated. In the first place, as soon as our permanent site was acquired, we moved the tent that has been loaned to us, to the two vacant lots next to the building which we are presently to occupy on the corner of Twelfth and Jefferson streets. Because we could not get possession of this building; however, we had to keep our printing press, two pianos that the Lord has given us through these years, an organ and several other things that were in the basement church, and we also had to continue our Bible Institute Classes there because we could not have those in the tent very well.

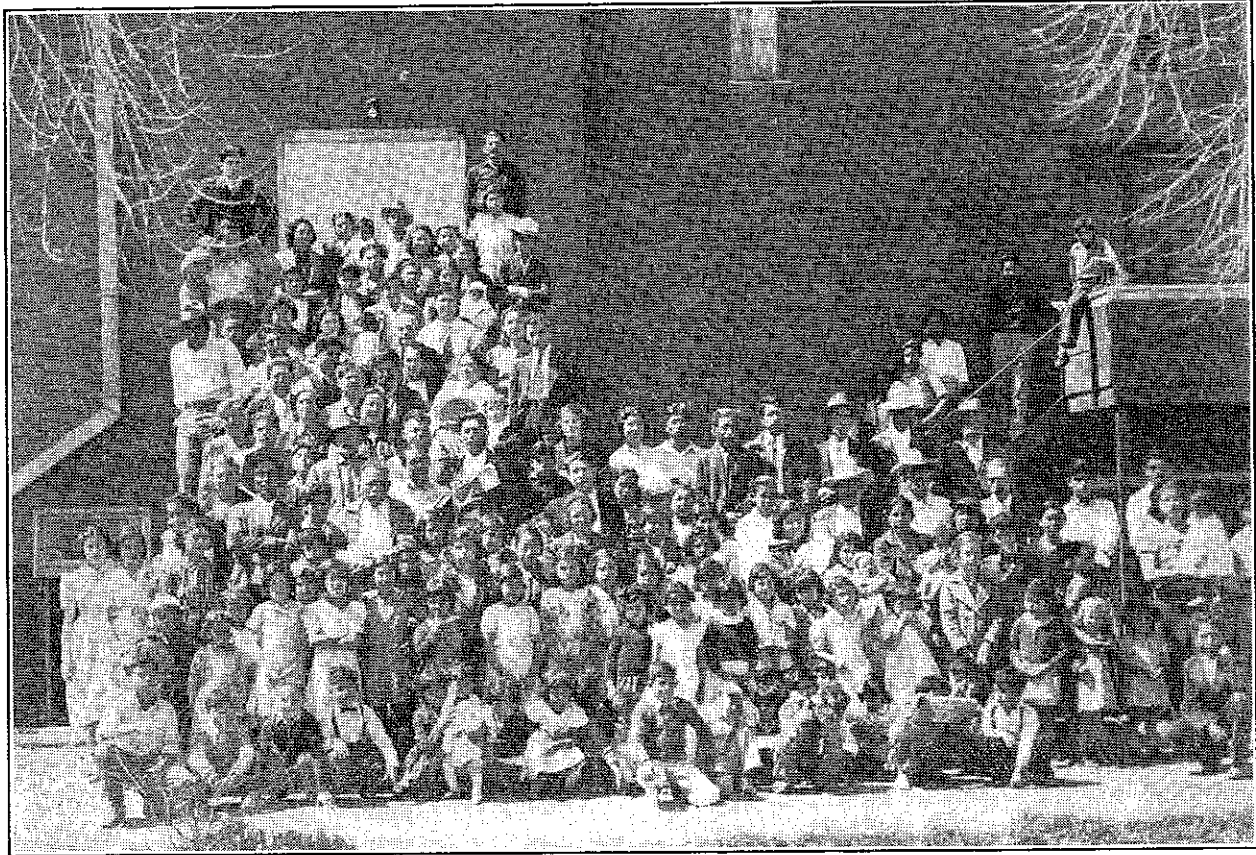
One day we thought of coming over to the tent, the first days of February but something unusual happened; a real rainstorm visited these desert lands with a mighty wind which began pulling the tent down on the west side. We came to see about having our classes that night and to our surprise, as we parked in front of the tent, we could see the effect of the wind on the stakes of one corner of the big tent and jumping out of the car went over. Just then a man was passing by, whom I didn't know, but seeing our predicament he put his bundles inside the tent and came out to hold the ropes on the corner of the tent. Leaving one of the brothers that was with me there with this other man, I jumped in the car, went down about six blocks and cried out to some of the men that were in the house saying that help was needed if we were to save the tent. Without hesitation in two minutes I was rushing back with our car loaded with men, who were left there holding the tent, while I rushed out about two miles to get a couple of heavy sledge hammers to fix the tent over again. The wind was so terrific that although each man was holding each one of the ropes and trying to keep the tent down, they were quite tired out when I got

there with the sledge hammers to place the stakes in other places so as to keep the tent up. We were all pretty well soaked when we got through but we saved the tent and the next day decided to continue in the basement and just have the larger meetings in the tent.

Several other times when we were just about ready for an evening meeting the little stoves would go on a strike and fill up the tent with smoke and while a couple of our Deacons would be fighting to keep

our people is evident and wanting to do something definite for our Lord. If you could have seen the place as it was when we took it over, and the transformation that has been wrought in the last two weeks, for it is less than two weeks since we finally got the people to move out of the dwellings that are to be occupied by Brother Romero; you certainly would feel that converted hands have been at work. One of our dear old men, a Deacon, took it upon himself to do the clean-

other men put it up. While they were at these jobs, another brother came up and said, "You will need more poles, I will be back," and within an hour he had gone and gotten some railroad ties which they split up as only they know how, and as a result we have a fine fence all around the four lots. The property has been improved in looks in such a way that yesterday we had an offer to sell part of it already, so you see we are all working for the glory of God even in these material things.



A TYPICAL SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AT THE PHOENIX MEXICAN BAPTIST MISSION

the tent warm, we would give out the word of God to our people. On several occasions also we have had to sing by memory because the lanterns that we had were all together too weak for the size tent; in fact, we have had one series of handicaps that would ordinarily have been enough to discourage a Church, but we praise God that in spite of all these handicaps, our Lord has encouraged us all, for last Sunday morning there were 168 in Sunday School and a good tent full at night for evening meetings, and we are praising God because it is very seldom that we do not have souls seeking Christ and finding Him precious to their hearts at these meetings.

*Converted Hands Working for Christ*

Ever since we pitched the tent in the new location, the willingness of

ing of the yard and of course he had a job on his hands, for the yard was full of trash and far from attractive, but today I drove in with our car and I can assure you there are no burnt nails or holes in the yard. The job was done thoroughly and the dear old fellow is now in the front yard doing the same meticulous job and smiling each time I see him when he thinks of the flowers we are going to plant. Another one of our Brethren came and told me, "I paid \$1.50 for two shrubs and we are going to have them in front of the office." The interest of our people is great. Another man took his truck and when three of the other men were trying to strain out the fence he said, "Just take it down and I'll be back in a few minutes," and sure enough, he brought back two big rolls of wire and helped the

*Joy In Tribulation*

Last month we had one of the hardest tests in our married life. Both Hazel and I were stricken with the "flu" and for the first time the two of us were down at the same time with our little boy also coming down towards the end of our siege. We were more or less incarcerated for more than ten days, and with so many things waiting to be done and needing our attention. It was a real test to just patiently wait on the Lord to release us to go and work for Him, but we rejoice to tell you that we are again free and rejoicing in both the sunshine of Arizona and the sunshine of His face.

During this sickness the faithfulness of our people in upholding us in prayer was a source of great joy to us. We also had the opportunity of listening to our regular Sunday

morning program over the air by our young people, directed by Brother Romero, our Assistant. We also realized more than ever before our dependence upon God and how that our Lord can raise workers for His Vineyard and can fit His workers to the task He appoints for them.

#### Young Writer Converted

Among others who have taken Christ as their personal Saviour since we last wrote to you, is a young man who has done some writing for the newspapers and has received several rewards locally, but who was a source of sorrow to the young Christian girl that married him and who was continually praying for him. This young fellow came to our home to do some painting, during which time we had an opportunity to talk to him very definitely about the Lord. One day I received a note saying that he needed a little money and if I would advance it before he did the work. Knowing that the family was in distress, I immediately sent the few dollars that he asked me for, although it was practically all we had, but we knew he was not trusting the Lord as yet, although we were praying for him. To our surprise and amazement we did not see him for a few days and finally his wife came to tell us that he was in jail. In taking the money he had run into some friends and had begun drinking and of course that was the end

of the money. While in jail, the words we had spoken to him came directly home to his heart and the Christian girl being tired of his way of doing for the past several years, decided this was the end of their romance, but the Lord spoke to this boy's heart and immediately upon being released from jail, he came to us begging our forgiveness and of course taking a definite stand for Christ right there in our home and wanting to do the painting which he had promised to do before. The change was so noticeable that we interceded with the young lady, his wife, and as a result the home was united and you never saw two happier young folks as these are now with their children. The power of God's word is again manifested in the life of this young man and of course now with his wife.

#### Special Praise and Prayer Requests

Please praise God with us for: First: the acquiring of a hand for Brother Chema which he now is using and very happy in the Lord. Second: For health and strength which God has given us to do His work. Third: For the willingness of our people to help us on the building program in the future. Fourth: For all our Brethren who have been helping in the work of the out-stations, the radio and the central work. Fifth: For extra printing shop material such as type, furniture and other things which we needed for

our press which God provided through a friend of ours in California.

#### Please Pray for the Following:

First: That the fires of evangelism among our people may increase as we launch out into this new venture of faith in the matter of our building. Second: That God will wonderfully provide the means for the erection of the additions to the present building which we need to carry on our work. Third: That God will provide our people with work so that they may be enabled to give as is their desire. Fourth: That the ministry of the radio may continue to be far-reaching and may bring forth eternal results. Fifth: That the literature published and distributed may also be greatly used of God for the salvation of souls.

We hereby beg our dear co-workers who have not received an answer to their letters, to please forgive us as not only we ourselves had the sickness already mentioned, but even the secretary was stricken, but we are all wanting to catch up and trust you will hear from us individually in the near future.

Trusting that our God may lay it upon your hearts to remember us before His Throne of grace and that He will direct you as to what part you personally can take in this our undertaking for Christ among our Mexican people, we are

Yours for the salvation of souls,  
Leonardo and Hazel Mercado.

## FLASHES FROM FOREIGN FIELDS

### DR. CROZIER MEETS WITH DEMON MANIFESTATION

Dear Friends of Love Eternal:

In our last letter we told of a Manipuri whose heart God opened by means of one of our tracts somebody had taken up into Manipur. We told of his coming to us, his cutting his caste signs, the church voting to receive him for baptism. That was back in the middle of January. On the 26th of February we had the joy of baptizing him AFTER! He had been dealing with himself and tobacco, etc., but the old cat was getting a bit nervous about having his tail cut off an inch at a time. On Friday night, the 24th of February, when Pastor Thangneilal said in prayer meeting there were several Kabuis and others that wanted to be baptized, mentioning also Sanaton that

Manipuri, I said: No, Sanaton is not ready yet for baptism, for he still is secretly smoking, having been smoking this evening just before coming to meeting. It was a terrible shock to Sanaton that I should still hesitate about baptizing him, and probably also that I should know that he had been smoking. Shortly after that the Pastor asked us all to pray, independently but simultaneously.

Sanaton bent forward kneeling at the front bench and began to pray, and soon began to sob, and very soon thereafter began to weep bitterly and almost shrieking threw himself (or was thrown) backward against the bench on which he had been sitting. After struggling a moment he got up and stepped over the front bench and threw himself down onto the floor in the form of a cross. Then he rolled and struggled and seemed in great agony, screaming out to the

Devil to go away from him and beseeching Jesus to come unto him. I called three of the leading Christians to gather near with me for special prayer for Sanaton. To restrain him from doing great injury to himself Helpum Medical Assistant, who is a very strong man, got down onto the floor and grabbed him. I seemed to be clearly led to obey the command of Christ to cast out the demon in His Name. After a few moments of obedience to that command and prayer Sanaton got quiet, and Helpum raised him up onto the bench and supported him till the meeting was closed. Then three of the men went with him to the nearest house. After he was refreshed Sanaton said that he had seen a vision of Jesus on the cross and that He gave him of his blood to drink, and that THEN he had peace in his heart. Since that night he has seemed very happy and has testified before men of his own



tribe, even before a prominent Brahman who was calling in our house.

The Brahman listened with close attention as Sanaton told of the redeeming love and power of Jesus, and of the struggle he had with a demon that night. To me it seemed like a terrific struggle between Jesus and the Devil for possession of that man. But the Name that is above every name and the blood of Jesus prevailed and the man is at peace. He has been working since he first came to us in the Dispensary and daily having Bible teaching with Miss Rose. NOW he has gone out on tour with one of the evangelists. The Devil will almost certainly meet him again in a terrible struggle when the relatives and village people set up, as is probable, violent persecution. PRAY MUCH, PLEASE, that he may be kept through it and that many shall be converted through his witness. As he was starting out today he said to Mrs. Crozier: Pray HARD for me.

I have mentioned many times how numerous Manipuris rejoice on seeing the words of the Gospel of God's great Love, and have mentioned two other Manipuris that have asked for baptism. One of them is now undergoing persecution. If Sanaton stands clear and loyal to Christ, it may not be long before MANY come out boldly in the Faith. With him on the 26th of February four more Kabuis were baptized, and one Tangkhul Naga from Manipur working here till others are ready to return home.

Just as I write the first draft of this letter (March 1st) a man of the Chiru tribe of five villages up in Manipur sits in my office trying to lead his elder brother to Christ. Many years ago in his village he accepted Christ, as Mrs. Crozier was preaching and showing pictures on the life of Christ. He has come from a village near us with his brother, and Pastor Thangneilal is showing pictures on the Life of Christ and telling the Story of Salvation. The man's heart seems open to God and also the heart of his son sitting near.

Miss Rose is studying the Kabui Naga language and helping one of the leading Kabui Christians of Manipur, and the Overseer of my Leper Colony here, translate the Gospel of John into the Kabui language. When we went to Manipur in 1918 there were perhaps three or four Kabui Christians—I know clearly of but one—NOW there are over 1,100 occupying mainly twenty-five villages. This is another overflow from Manipur. One sows and another reaps: what shall the har-

vest be? It is up to US, and YOU and GOD.

With joy we hear of Miss H. L. Barnum planning to come to help in the mission work here, sailing in September. She has had good Bible training, some college training, and a specially well-organized and taught course of Nurse Training covering one year of excellent preparation in that line. That combination would seem to fit her well for the work that is most needed here in these numerous villages.

She will be glad to bring for us anything that is sent in time to be included with her baggage and freight. This is being kept and handled by Montgomery Ward & Co., Chicago, to whom it should be sent NOT LATER THAN ONE MONTH before time for sailing. Please communicate both with Montgomery Ward & Co., and with Miss Burnum. Her address is Miss H. L. Barnum, New Baltimore, Michigan, which is near Detroit.

I am sure many of you and your churches will be glad to meet and to know her. She seems to be a good singer, and has dedicated her life to the Lord Jesus Christ and to people that sit in darkness. We hope many of you will get in touch with her. Any help or equipment you can give will be deeply appreciated by us also. She is a member of Dr. Fulton's church, Belden Avenue, Chicago.

Faithfully yours by His grace,

Rev. G. G. Crozier.

### *The Priors Try Their Hand at Butchering as Well as Preaching*

Dear Friends:

I passed through another period that is pure misery for me. During a time like this the sky is always grey and the birds never sing. What am I talking about? I am referring to the infrequent periods Mona has gone away and left me to struggle along until she returns again and brings the sunshine with her. And that wasn't the worst of the matter; as she was taking Hundari away and not bringing her back, at present at any rate. You see, we have a strenuous tour in the immediate offing and there are people in the village surrounding us that are in desperate need of the relief she brings in those little bottles and in her mes-

sage of a loving Saviour. Now that Hundari had come through the worst of the comeback trail with us, we decided that we would relegate her to the custody of some friends for a time and bring her back home a little later. So Mona left on Monday for Nowgong to take her down to the Baptist Hospital and Orphanage. There she will be watched over by American nurses and kept safely as is possible until we go after her. You may well think that it was hard to let her go.

Then we added misery on top of misery by ending the happy life of our old pal, Suzy, the pig. I almost turned the job over to some one else but, taking my small stock of courage in one hand and my skinning knife in the other, the evil deed was done. We had already heated water in the drum in which we had brought canned goods to India with us, and so the poor beast was soon well dunked and scraped. Now started the difficult part of the job. Mona sat on the bench and read the directions while I cut the pig into small pieces. It was all done strictly according to Hoyle (I wonder if Hoyle ever butchered a pig?) and she looked just like those we had seen hanging in the cold room of Armour's packing plant in Chicago. Well, almost like them anyway. She was quite small, weighing 90 lbs. live weight. Mona got six pounds of grand leaf lard, eight quarts of lean meat (mostly loin), all the sausage we could eat, fresh pork roast, spare ribs, and we have 11½ lbs. of bacon in brine. We also gave away quite a lot of the meat. These Indian pigs look so different from the pigs at home that we really wondered if they would produce honest to goodness pork. All doubts have been dissolved and soon we will buy Suzy II and start her on the road to the same fate. Saying that almost makes me feel like Hitler must feel when he gives medals to the German mothers who produce large families to be eventually slaughtered in a war caused by his maniacal and persistent flouting of all that is kind and good in mankind.

Before Mona came back from her trip, our new language teacher had arrived and I had two lessons in advance of her. The new language we are now embarking on is Abor. Gallong Abor to be exact, as there are several dialects. Assamese was a rather painful necessity but Abor will be far the most useful to us in our future work. The reason for that is that this dialect is understood by all the hill tribes on this side of Assam for a space of over 200 miles

along the mountains and extending up to the borders of Tibet. It is an unwritten language and therefore we shall have to reduce it to writing first (using English characters) and then teach it to the Abors themselves. In the future there is all the translation work awaiting us and so now we will have our hands full for many years to come. We plunge into the language the first thing in the morning for three to four hours, and study in the afternoon in between the other jobs. Our new teacher is Tamik, the Abor mentioned in several previous letters. He is sincere and a fine helper in every way. Absolutely on fire for the evangelization of his own people and these other related tribes, such as the Miris and the Dafflas. It begins to look as though the Lord is leading us into a tremendous work and we ask again that you will continue in prayer concerning these things

One of the first things Tamik did was to discover three Miri men who had been converted many years ago. These men had allowed their faith to slip into the background and were back into the old panagism again. So Tamik and I have been going out to their village preaching and teaching. They were very receptive and the whole village listened eagerly. How happy we are that we brought musical instruments to India with us. All of those people love music and my slide trombone is capable of making such a frightful racket that it is not at all hard to collect an audience. Then last Sunday came the crisis we had been praying for, and concluding the outline of God's plan for salvation, I asked them what they were going to do with Christ. One of the men spoke right up and said that as far as his house was concerned, Christ was their God. One by one the others followed this bold lead and in a few minutes, every adult in the village had publicly declared for Christ. I should say that there was one exception but she was a woman who had been ill, but her husband said that she too wanted to follow Christ. For a few moments I couldn't speak for the lump in my throat but could only praise God silently for moving the hearts of these people and wonder how I could ever stand such happiness. This is a very small village but I am sure that you cannot know how much this small beginning means. This will be the first Christian village amongst the Hill Tribes in this area, the first Miri village anywhere, as far as that goes, that has turned to Christ. I realize this isn't coherent but it is hard to stay calm when

great things are happening. As we go from Miri village to Miri village we are more convinced that the Miri people as a tribe are coming to a parting of the ways from their Brahmin taskmasters. You see, this tribe was converted to Hinduism when they came to the plains to live and relegated to a very low caste in that evil system. This has served to make them mere slaves of the Brahmins and the Miris are getting fed up with such a condition. This leaves the door wide open for the Christian missionary and we are taking advantage of this as much as possible. However, our language study and other duties leave only too little time for them and soon we will be totally taken up with the Abor work as God has led us to them. There is a tremendous field here for more missionaries and NOW the field IS white unto the harvest, do NOT put off your coming to these people who are at the parting of the ways in spiritual matters, for if you DO delay, Satan will be only too happy to send HIS missionaries to this rich field.

Just yesterday Tamik and I went out 23 miles to the banks of the Subansiri river and put up in an inspection bungalow. In the afternoon we visited a Miri village of several hundred inhabitants. Most of the people were in the fields but we sat down in front of a house where some men were working and talked for a while. Soon quite a few old men and children had gathered round and so I started the story of Jesus. Soon they interrupted and suggested that we wait until evening and then all the people of the village would be there and we would have a larger audience. This sounded sensible so we came back at about 5 o'clock with the portable victrola. Soon over 100 people were assembled so again we told that marvelous story that never grows old, of how Christ died for their sins. They were engrossed. It was the most enthusiastic group I have ever spoken to and my heart just glowed. It was long after dark when we finished. Then when we went back to the bungalow, several leading men of the village went with us. We had a long talk and these men were definitely of the opinion that IF there was a MIRI missionary who could give their whole time to teaching them, that there would be a MASS movement of Miris into Christianity. There is a fine young couple planning on coming out to help in this work next fall. I feel certain that you will be instrumental in saving literally thousands of souls for Christ if you

can but speed them on their way. If you want to give them a lift or can make it possible for them to hold a meeting in your church so that you can meet them yourselves, just write to Mid-Missions, c-o Dr. M. E. Hawkins, Pres., Main St. at Mishawaka Ave, Mishawaka, Indiana, and he will see that you are put in touch with them. There are others who have been planning on coming out but nothing has been heard from them for some time. So pray that God will provide the workers for these people and these others who need Christ so much and then don't forget that God has a right to ask us to do our share.

There are three items of interest for February. For three days early in the month we are to be the guests of Col. Phipson, his wife and family, in Jorhat. He is a high ranking medical officer in Assam, in charge of hospitals and jails. They visited North Lakhimpur last year and we had such a good time together that we are to meet in Jorhat this year as they will not reach N. L. Then back to an interview with Gov. Reid and Lady Reid. H. E. Gov. Reid is Governor of Assam and we are taking advantage of his visit to N. L. to press for a definite decision on the matter closest to our hearts, that is, our residence in Abor country. The day following we shall leave on tour of that same area and will be gone for an indefinite period. This time, thank goodness, Mona will go along and take care of Burra. This trip will mean a journey of about 150 to 200 miles on foot, most of it though is through the wildest kind of jungle. Mona wants me to capture a baby leopard for her and I suppose that the only way I can accomplish this is to hold the mama leopard by the tail while one of the coolies takes the baby away from her loving arms!

I haven't mentioned our garden for some time but it has been doing great things. My! but it has been "swell" to have fresh garden produce again. Lettuce, radishes, tomatoes, cauliflower, onions, celery that would make Kalamazoo green with envy, and peppers and pimentos. Most of the things are about through now and Mona has canned all we couldn't eat at the time. Considering the fact that we have had only two light rains since the things started to grow, this hasn't been bad. So we have many things to thank our Lord for besides the multitude of blessings we know nothing about, and we close with love for you all.

Delos and Mona Prior.

## Rev. and Mrs. McCaba Back on Field Ready for Difficult Tasks

(A large group of friends gathered aboard the S. S. American Banker to bid God speed to Rev. and Mrs. Joseph McCaba as sailing time neared on December third. We are happy to include in the Bulletin this report of their trip "home.")

The testimonies and songs of the friends who gathered to bid us farewell will long linger in our memories. The boat pulled out about nine o'clock in the evening, and Sunday morning found us many miles at sea. We had a few days of high seas and rough weather, but much of the time we enjoyed the trip immensely.

We arrived in England on the twelfth, and spent some time transacting business with our agents in London, and several days at the home of friends in the suburbs. Then we went on to Paris, to find the city in the grip of the worst cold spell they have experienced in fourteen years. A beloved brother met us at the station and escorted us to the place where we were to stay for the next nine days. In addition to attending to the usual red tape connected with international travel, we spent some days in happy fellowship with the French Baptists, and met some of the missionaries who are studying in Paris, including several old friends from America.

### Above The Clouds

It was a dark, dreary morning, the 29th of December, when we rose from the flying field of LeBourget, but we soared above the clouds to where the sun was shining. Indeed we saw but little of the earth, except where the tips of the mountain peaks pierced the clouds like stalagmites, until we neared Marseille. Margaret breathed a sigh of relief as the huge bird emerged below the cloud and the every-day scenes, such as the procession of cars that looked like ants crawling along, came into view.

The worst part of the journey was the trip by seaplane to Algiers. Storms over the Mediterranean made the journey a rough one, and we were quite undecided whether to be sick or not. We were wrapped in fur-lined robes, and still we were cold. We could see ships being tossed about like matchsticks on the sea below. It was a joy, after about three hours of this, to be able to make out the shore line at Algiers. After the landing and a hasty trip through customs, we went to the

hotel where we were to spend the night. Since it was somewhat warmer there, we took a walk and enjoyed knowing that we were again in Africa and could stop shivering for the first time since we left the boat at London.

Early the next morning (3:15 in fact) we were riding out to the airport, and by 5 a. m. we had started on our long jump across the Sahara Desert. This was the longest day in the air, although we descended three times for fuel before reaching Gao, where we spent the night. It seemed good to be at Gao again. We hurried to the hotel to change to summer clothes. Here we were able to use the Djerma language, since they speak a language very similar to that of our tribe.

### Home

On Saturday morning we were flying down the Niger River at dawn, and as the sun came up we began to identify familiar landmarks. The pilot knew our house, and as we approached he flew low and banked the plane, giving us a marvelous view of the compound. As we went on, we flew low over Niamey, then circled the airport—we could see Helen and Otto, and Frank awaiting our arrival. How good it was to see them again and to recognize with them some of our own boys who had come down to welcome us!

Very soon we were riding into town, and after stopping to have passports stamped and paying our respects to the French officials, we headed for home. The natives came from all around to welcome us, and the next few days were spent in saluting and greeting them, receiving love gifts of scrawny chickens, guinea hens, eggs, fruit, etc.

We found the work in excellent condition, both in Niamey and on the compound. About 50 attended the Sunday morning service on the compound and the attendance at Niamey is good. The school for tiny tots goes on daily with from 10 to 20 in more or less regular attendance. They are learning about God and His Son, even though they are so often absent. Buildings and garden are in very good condition, for which much credit must be given Mr. Bechtel.

It is impossible to write every one of you personally, so we take this opportunity of thanking all who have had a share in our return to the field, either in prayer or gift. The large sheaf of letters and telegrams that we found awaiting us on the boat attest your love and faithful remembrance of us. Daily we remember you before the Lord ask-

ing Him to reward you all. Please do not forget to write us "As cold waters to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country."

## New Baptist Jewish Mission Busy

Dear Christian Friends:

Since we were accepted by the Mid-Missions Council, last August, we have been very busy, and we are praising God for what He has privileged us to do. We would like to tell the readers of the Baptist Bulletin something about our work which includes witnessing to both Jews and Gentiles, for as we go about doing our visitation work, we contact many Gentiles to whom we give the Gospel.

In the seven months, since our acceptance by Mid-Missions, we have made 687 personal Jewish contacts. Some of these refused to listen to us, but to many we gave the complete Gospel of Christ. We also gave out 576 pieces of Jewish literature, 810 tracts, 57 Gospels of Matthew, 2 Yiddish New Testaments and 2 Bibles. Besides our work in St. Louis, we have visited among the Jews in Wood River and Granite City, Illinois, and while on a short deputation tour we contacted Jews in Effingham, Illinois, Lebanon and Indianapolis, Indiana.

When we say we have made 687 personal contacts, it means we have called in at least 500 different stores and homes, which isn't exactly our idea of an easy job, when you consider that many of these homes are on the third floor and they don't have elevators for missionaries. Not that we would change jobs with anyone, for we have been called of God to this work and we wouldn't be happy anywhere else. It is also an interesting work; no danger of our being bored. We never know just what our experience will be as we enter another shop or ring another door bell. One of the most encouraging features of our work is the changed attitude of most of the Jews toward the Lord Jesus Christ. Not that they are ready to accept Him as Saviour, but they will listen to the Gospel of Christ, "which is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth."

Our plans for the immediate future include holding street meetings, and securing and equipping a mission building. In order to hold Jewish street meetings, it is important to meet on a different corner each week, which necessitates a blanket permit. When we called at the City Hall to see about obtaining one, we

were told they no longer issue blanket permits, but they might issue one that would allow us to use two or three different corners. We won't know definitely until we make application. We have been looking for space in a store building, suitably located, that we can lease as a mis-

sion. We have money enough on hand to lease such a building, but not enough to cover equipment.

In order for these plans to become realities, we need your co-operation in prayer. We sincerely appreciate the prayers and gifts of each one who has had a part with us in this

work. "As his part is that goeth down to the battle, so shall his part be that tarrieth by the stuff" I Sam. 30: 24.

Yours in witnessing for Christ,  
Carl and Mildred Anderson  
and  
Mary Dowding

## INTERSTATE EVANGELISTIC ASSOCIATION

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### CANANDAIGUA LAKE

The Interstate Evangelistic Association, Inc., maintains a summer camp, for Baptist young people, at Canandaigua Lake, located in the central part of New York State. It is known as the gem of the Finger Lakes.

The Association owns twenty-nine acres of land on the East side of the lake. Visitors agree that it is a beauty spot.

If any of our friends are planning to visit the World's Fair in New York City, which opens April 30th, they are invited to stay over-night with us at the camp. It is known as the Tabernacle on the Lake.

Last year a new tabernacle was built and payed for. For four years we have been collecting pennies and our tabernacle was built with pennies saved over that period of time.

Our improvements are being made on a cash basis. We make the improvements as the Lord sends in the funds. This year we are planning to build ten new cabins, a new kitchen, enlarge the dining room, and in addition, we must have some furnishings and kitchen equipment.

Mr. R. G. LeTourneau has promised to match dollar for dollar, up to three thousand dollars, and we are asking our Baptist people to help us to raise the other three thousand dollars.

We have a specially prepared dime card, and we hope to raise the three thousand dollars through dimes. If the readers of the Baptist Bulletin feel led of the Lord to have a part in this work, will you write us now for a dime card? Just mail a post card to Interstate Evangelistic Association, Inc., 1403 Temple Building, Rochester, New York

### ECONOMY

We practice economy! Our friends will be interested to know that we room and board our young people

at this camp for six dollars a week. Our motto is SERVICE, NOT PROFIT.

Hundreds of young people are planning to come to us this year. A conference group of 150 young people are coming from the Metropolitan area, under the auspices of Calvary Baptist Church, New York City.

What an opportunity to win these young people for the Lord Jesus. Many were saved last year and we are praying that many more will experience Salvation during these coming summer months. Pray for us.

### RESIGNATIONS

Rev. Ernest A. Hook has resigned the First Baptist Church, Corry, Pennsylvania.

Rev. Hugh Thompson has resigned the First Baptist Church, Lyndonville, New York.

Rev. Lew M. Swancott has resigned the First Baptist Church, Elton, New York.

Pray that the right leaders will be directed to these pulpits.

Friends of the Interstate were shocked and saddened to learn of the sudden homegoing of our friend and brother, the Rev. P. B. Chenault, pastor of the Walnut Street Baptist Church, Waterloo, Iowa.

Let all our friends remember Mrs. Chenault and the two little girls daily at the throne of Grace.

### REVIVAL

The Park Avenue Baptist Church, Binghamton, New York, of which the Rev. Arthur A. Williams is pastor, has just closed a series of meetings with the Rev. Walter W. Keeney, of Buffalo, as evangelist. Some experienced the joy of salvation, the church was quickened and the trail of blessing still continues.

The Tabernacle Baptist Church, Ithaca, New York, has just had a time of refreshing under the ministry of Evangelist Walter W. Keeney. The meetings ran for three weeks, from February 26th through to March 19th. Twenty-five confessed conversion. Mr. Homer Sands traveled sixty miles each evening to conduct the song service, his home being in Hammondsports, New York. The music was furnished by the talent in the church. Rev. J. Irving Reese is pastor.

Rev. F. T. Perry, pastor of the church at Venice, New York, is suffering from a physical breakdown, necessitating complete rest for some weeks. The Perrys have four little children. Pray for them. Rev. Ray F. Sherman is supplying the pulpit Sunday mornings in connection with his own work at Locke, New York. Other speakers are taking care of the evening services.

An Interstate Bible Conference was recently held in the First Baptist Church at Richburg, New York, of which the Rev. W. N. Mason is pastor. Pastor Mason is now in his 82nd year and doing a wonderful work. The conference was well attended. Dr. Fuller, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Arcade brought two messages which were well received and many favorable comments were heard of the blessing of the conference to those in attendance.

Any of our Baptist Churches needing tracts, if you will write to the Interstate Gospel Book Shop, 1403 Temple Building, Rochester, New York, we will send you a good supply free of charge. We suggest that you enclose a few stamps to pay for postage.

Remember the Interstate Gospel Book Shop, when you need Bibles or Fundamental Christian Literature.

# BARNEY ANTROBUS SAYS

## EVER FAILING LIGHTS

Many so-called Christian colleges and seminaries claim to trim the lamps of their students so that the light of the gospel may shine through them more brightly. But in an increasing number of cases such schools snuff out the light instead. It was reported to us back in 1914 that in a great denominational convention a well known doctor of divinity arose and remarked that he knew but few seminaries and colleges where he could recommend a God-called student to go.

Surely a good education cannot be wrong in principle. Our Lord places no premium on ignorance. To us there are two kinds of ignorance that deserve pity. One is the bald, blank illiterate who does not realize his darkness and helplessness, and the other is the brilliant egotist who has been educated away from true knowledge. We believe the latter class are darkening more pulpits than the former. Many colleges and seminaries claiming support of Christian constituencies are filling the pulpits with dark lanterns.

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## IMPORTANT LEGAL DECISION

Recently Rev. J. W. Lee, of Mississippi, requested through the Western Recorder that some outstanding Baptist lawyer advise Baptist brethren through the Western Recorder whether or not Convention debts are binding upon local churches. In response to this request, W. W. Gaines, Atlanta, Ga., one of Southern Baptists' outstanding lawyers, reviewed the constitution of Southern Baptist Convention, as well as its charter granted by the Legislature of Georgia, December 28, 1845, and then released to Southern Baptists his opinion. The opinion appears in the Western Recorder, February 23, 1939, issue. He says:

"I do know, however, that the debts and obligations of the Southern Baptist Convention, as well as the debts and obligations of the various boards and agencies of the convention, are not, in law, the obligations of the churches. The only way a given Baptist church can be bound for, or become liable for, a Southern Baptist debt is for that particular church in proper church conference to vote to assume such obligation or debt.

"The fact that a church may send messengers to the meeting of Southern Baptist Convention does not make that church liable for, or bound by, an action or obligation of the convention; and certainly the

church is not liable for the action of Convention boards and agencies. It may well be remarked here that our Baptist churches do not send 'delegates' to the Southern Baptist Convention, representatives with power to bind the church in convention action. They send 'messengers'. The distinction is vitally significant.

"Banks or institutions or persons who purchase bonds of any of the boards or agencies of the convention do so on the strength of the provisions of the charter of that particular board.

*"Each Baptist church, large or small, and wherever situated, is a complete entity in and of itself. It is not a mere unit in some legally set up episcopacy or hierarchy. It is bound merely and only by what itself does."* (Type emphasis Editor's.)

Thus does one of the Southland's leading lawyers speak on this vital question. His committal is both scriptural and Baptist. In the light of his opinion, we shall expect leaders of the Southern Baptist Convention to cease telling Baptists over the Southland that Convention debts are Baptist church debts.

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## TECHNICIANS

And experts in religious and Christian work are abroad in the land. Their tribe is increasing. The facility with which special jobs are created for them by religious officialdom is amazing. It is next to impossible to get a dollar for evangelism, but money for high salaried technician is always forthcoming. Their work may not be wholly worthless, but if they knew how little it is appreciated by the average churchman many of them would no doubt seek other fields. One experienced Sunday school worker of fifty years, and school teacher of many years, said: "Why should Mr. Blank come here? I've been hearing him for years and he has never given us a single new and worthwhile idea." Another: "Well we worried through the experts' instructions, and tried to be respectful and Christian, but it's nothing new, or when it is it's wholly impractical. We have never heard of them setting anything afire in their own churches."

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## CALLED TO PREACH

William Ridgeway, Philadelphia iron master, says nothing but a definite call should lead anybody away from daily labor to become a preacher. Unfaithfulness in secular work is no mark of success in the minis-

try. This is well said.

O. A. C. was a hard working farm boy, absolutely reliable and unusually efficient. He worked just as hard when the boss was not looking as when he was. When just a boy he said one day he felt God had called him to preach the gospel. We told him to go ahead and preach it. He did. He is much beloved today, sound in theology, eloquent of speech, successful in the ministry.

W. R. was a little orphan working for his board part of the time. He came timidly one day and sat down by our side and confided that he felt Jesus was calling him to preach. We told him to go to preach. He did. He worked just as hard to get an education as he worked on the farm for his board. He is today much beloved, faithful, able, sound, successful.

Both of these farm boys could be trusted out of sight. Both made much of their daily drudgery. Both lived clean, thought clean, are clean. But they had a "call." The "call" sticks. They stick. They never whine, never complain, never are headliners, always in demand, always in the hearts of the people. Mark you I said in the hearts of the people.

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## WHICH PRIEST?

Ridgeway tells of a dinner party in a restaurant when the question of religion was being strongly discussed. A Roman Catholic finally said that he had placed his case in the hands of his priest, and was not worrying anything more about it. A man rose from another table near by and said: Gentlemen, I heard the discussion, and I agree with the Catholic friend that our case should be placed in the hands of the priest. But he has chosen the wrong priest. My case is in the hands of my Priest, but my Priest is the Lord Jesus Christ.

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## SCARED PLAYING BEAR

A modernist said: "The sterner side of Christianity has been thrown so much into the background that the purpose of religion can hardly be more than to administer soothing syrup to a troubled conscience. The older generations believed with all their hearts in a future life and a coming judgment. With the disappearance of anxiety for the future, religion has tended to become not only amiable but enemy." Even rank modernists are not wholly blind to the drift they have set in motion nor to its inevitable effects.

### REPENTANCE AND SALVATION

The following letter tells its own sweet story. This young man, now 26, was first sentenced to prison at 20. Twice he has broken parole, once he ran away. Twice he has surrendered voluntarily. Now he seems truly saved and on the straight and narrow road with the Lord. We were happy to get this letter written with pencil and in a good hand. He had been often in our prayers.

Dixon, Ky.,  
Dec. 18, 1938

Dear Friend:

I know that you will rejoice with me in my finding Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. I was truly converted on December 15th on my way to Henderson, Ky., looking for a job.

Christ was walking by my side down the highway, pleading with me. It seemed as though when I would take a step that my load was so heavy that I would fall any moment. But when I gave in to His pleadings, I could have out-run a greyhound with ease. Oh! What a joy and pleasure it is to know He is leading me by my hand from now on until death. I wish you would pay me a visit next month at the reformatory. I have lots to talk over with you. Remember me in your prayers; each one you pray.

Your Friend.

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### EVOLUTION OF A GIRL

(1) Folk dances in school; (2) social dances in the home; (3) public dances in the ball room; (4) unending whirl of social engagements; (5) tired body and frazzled nerves; (6) stimulants; (7) nervous collapse; (8) hospital experience; (9) lost vitality; (10) permanent physical wreck; (11) suicide. It has happened more than once. It may happen again.—*Exchange*.

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### ELECT AND ELECTION

Some argue that "the elect" of the Bible are Jews, especially when the phrase is used in connection with last day events. And that "the election" means Jews and Jews only. The two words occur twenty-six times in the Old and New Testament. It will not take long to read them. Get a good concordance and run them out. It will be found that Christ was an elect, that some Jews are elect, that Israel is elect, and that many other saints are elect, especially two fine Christian women mentioned in Second John, verses one and thirteen. Elect means choice.—Election means choice ones.

### THE R. R. CONDUCTOR SPEAKS

Railroad men see much of human life, and its deformities and depravities do not escape their keen eye. One from Cincinnati writes us: "Dear Brother Barney: Sin was never more rampant than now, and women and girls never more wicked and shameless. Ask any druggist and he can tell you a sordid story. Women no longer object to their husbands smoking cigarettes just so the husband smokes their wives' favorite brands. Remember me and mine in prayer unto the Lord from whom comes all our hope."

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### FAMINE

Amos 8:11. "Behold, the days come, saith the Lord God, that I will send a famine in the Land; not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord." This great famine came to Israel. Many of their prophets prophesied falsely by invitation. Isa 30:10

Paul tells us that this same thing would come to pass in the last days. II Tim. 4:3, 4. So by invitation, pressing in from every quarter, the modern day preachers submit and there is resultant famine. A business man of consequence said to us: "I never go to church anymore. My pastor does not preach anything that sounds like the gospel." Another kindly soul, a leading business man, said to us in all innocence: "My pastor does not seem to know how to preach. His sermons do not seem to have any meat in them."

Famine, gaunt, terrible, devastating; for hearing the word of God! True in the days of Amos and later. True now in these last days.

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### THE TELEGRAPH OPERATOR

The first time we saw him in church he presented a hard front. Square chested and worldly wise he sat squared to study and evaluate the new pastor whom his wife asked him to hear. We frankly did not like his looks. He had married a dear little girl whom we had baptized some years before.

But railroad men are usually men who can and do think pretty straight. He came back, he was saved, he joined the church and was baptized. He called us up at four in the morning to meet him at the church for prayer. He worked for his Saviour day and night. A poor, straying girl, sat lonely in the station waiting-room half a day waiting for a train. The police had ordered her to leave town. The operator sensing the great need of her soul hired a cab and sent her down to the church with a note to us and

the saints gathered there, to pray for her. Then he persuaded her to retrace her steps homeward, which she did. "A good minister of Jesus Christ." I Tim 4:6.

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### SEEING TREES WALKING

We heard a paper on "What Shall We Preach?" It was bloodless, crossless, and without repentance or confession of sin, but it did have some fine sentences that indicated that the writer was seeing men as trees walking. Here are two: "It is not our business as preachers to furnish a blue print for a social order. We are in a world that we dare not be of, yet dare not retreat from." Driving through the country we often say: "If this man can own so big a farm, why cannot he paint his barn?" And so we feel toward men relative to gospel truth. If they can see so much, why cannot they see the rest?

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### THE PRESIDENT AND FACULTY

Preaching revival sermons every night for thirty nights, and every Sunday for four Sundays, to a college president and his faculty is not the usual experience of any evangelist. We never had it but once. Perhaps not all the faculty were there all the time, but many were there much of the time and some all the time, and the president as we remember never missed a night. Many students came also. A number were saved. One went into Christian educational work on a mission field. Townspeople and college people mingled and fraternized, farmers' children and college students sat side by side. It was glorious. Sixty souls confessed faith in Christ. The president known as a liberal, never sounded a false note throughout the whole meeting. We feel he needed the meeting and relished it. It carried him back to his Methodist mother's knees. College presidents are making a mistake when they shun revival meetings. Many students will follow. Prexy. College students make good listeners.

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### THREE "HORSES" IN A REVIVAL

An old saying is, never change horses in the middle of a stream. And this is usually thought to be good reason not to change preachers in a revival, but in one glorious revival where we assisted, "horses" were changed three times.

We preached two weeks and there were forty additions to the church. Then another man preached a week and there were forty additions. Then we preached another two weeks and

there were forty additions. And then another man came and preached a week with another forty additions. A thrilling feature of this revival was that after each man was well paid for his services the church had \$800 left in the treasury.

**UNUSUAL BUT EXPECTED**

Revivals may be expected to develop unusual things as the Spirit of God and the two-edged sword of the Gospel cuts into men's thinking. In a Presbyterian college church where we preached four precious weeks one of the professors arose and publicly confessed personal sin. It was a tense moment. Later a senior woman student came weeping and broken to the altar confessing personal sin. A holy fear swept the community. Many turned to the Lord. Immediately after the meeting the Lord chose to call home a fine young Methodist head of a family. Thrilling with the recent revival he called in his wife and family and gave them a hallelujah farewell. Again this college town and community was shaken. Get men out to hear the Word and moving results will be obtained.

**THE TRAIN CREW**

The first tract distributor that we ever knew was a railroad passenger conductor, who had a fine train in and out of Kansas City. That was many years ago and to us this man was a hero. As we remember he was a Presbyterian. The same train had a Baptist engineer and two other Baptist men in the crew. We were young in the ministry then, country-fied, and braided uniform looked impressive to us. And to know these men loved our Lord made riding with them a happy event. We always thought that they looked rather kindly at our cheap little traveling bag which contained our Bible, some socks, a few handkerchiefs and a change of shirts.

**SLAVE OF JESUS CHRIST**

His name was Pete Spencer, and he married our sister Phoebe. His Scriptural name was "Slave of Jesus Christ." We remember in our boyhood how he would curse and swear till our hair seemed to stand on end. Then one day in a hot revival he was saved, and, pardon us for saying it this way, we don't mean maybe. From that time on out, Jesus was his story, Jesus was his song. He was praising his Saviour all the day long. Pete could not read many verses of Scripture and pronounce all the words right, but somehow he had a perfectly correct theology according to the Scripture.

No one could depart far from the Bible in his presence without being detected by this humble, loyal slave of Jesus Christ.

**IRRECONCILABLE**

Hilarie Belloc, eminent Roman Catholic writer says the conflict between Nazism and Catholicism is "beyond reconciliation." Roman Catholics make up 40 per cent of the German population. The Nazi party organ, Volkishcher Beobachter, Vienna edition, Oct. 15, 1938, says: "We are armed to continue the battle against Catholicism until the point of total annihilation."

This same irreconcilable conflict exists today between New Testament Christianity and modernism. Modernism has unleashed relentless forces of destruction that cannot be and will not be halted until the Lord appears in power and glory. Those who say they will carry on their fight within ranks where modernism holds the whip hand, will find themselves swallowed up with these unchristian forces.

The call for out and out separation was never clearer in the history of Christianity. "Compromise for progress" is a false and deceptive slogan. The "progress" made by compromise with evil always ends in watering down the truth, and entangling the feet of the advocates of truth.

**A THREAT TO FREEDOM**

George Ragland, pastor First Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky., says: "An Associated Press dispatch from Vatican City, Italy, brought the news of an unconstitutional precedent just set by the President of our country in naming a representative for the coronation of the recently elected pope. The precedent set by the President in honor of the new pope and the proclamation of the Governor in honor of the late pope are both unconstitutional threats to the religious freedom which has helped to make this country great—a religious freedom bequeathed to us by heroic fathers who paid for it with blood and suffering—a religious freedom guaranteed to us by the Federal Constitution."

And then pastor Ragland prints an Associated Press dispatch that appeared in the Courier-Journal, Louisville, February 14, 1939.

"Gov. A. B. Chandler called upon all Kentuckians today to join him in five minutes of silent prayer beginning at 11:55 a. m. Wednesday for Pope Pious XI, who will be buried in Rome that day, that 'his soul may rest in peace.'"

To this pastor Ragland adds: "The Governor's Proclamation calls for prayer for the repose of the soul of the pope. It is a strange and unconstitutional proclamation for a governor of a state to make."

And to this we want to add our hearty "Amen!" Romeward Protestants and Baptists are headed.

**THE PREEMINENCE OF CHRIST**

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- In II Timothy  
He is the Bestower of Crowns. 4:8.
  - In Titus  
He is our Great God and Saviour 2:13
  - In Philemon  
He is the Father's Partner Verses 17-19.
  - In Hebrews  
He is the Rest of Faith and Fulfiler of Types. 11 and 12:1, 2; Chapter 9
  - In James  
He is the Lord of Sabaoth James 5:4.
  - In I Peter  
He is the Theme of Old Testament Prophecy. 1:10-11.
  - In II Peter  
He is the Long Suffering Saviour. 3:9.
  - In I John  
He is the Word of Life 1:1.
  - In II John  
He is the Target of the Antichrist Vs. 7.
  - In III John  
He is the Personification of Truth Verses 3 and 4.
  - In Jude  
He is the Believer's Security Verses 24 and 25.
  - In Revelation  
He is the King of Kings and Lord of Lords 19:11-16.
- Jesus Christ fills the pages of the Book. Does He fill the pages of your life? What was the record written today? You started out this morning with a clean page. The day is over. Let us read what you have written. Is the page filled with self, or with Himself?
- You are writing a gospel,  
A chapter each day;  
By deeds that you do,  
And by words that you say  
Men read what you write,  
Whether faithless or true;  
What is the gospel  
According to you?

Jesus Christ fills the eye of God the Father, the lips of the Holy Spirit, the pages of the Book, therefore, He has a right to the preeminence in every believer's life.

# P R O G R A M

## GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF REGULAR BAPTIST CHURCHES, NORTH

Madison Avenue Baptist Church, Paterson, N. J.

**MAY 15-18, 1939**

**EDWARD D. DREW, D. D., Pastor**

**REV. RALPH CARR, North Plainfield, N. J., Director of Music**

### MONDAY, MAY 15

- Rev. Ralph Neighbour, Elyria, O., Presiding
- 7:30 Service of Song  
(All music in charge of Rev. Ralph Carr.)
- 8:15 Address  
Robert G. LeTourneau, Peoria, Ill.

### TUESDAY, MAY 16

#### MORNING

- Rev. H. Leroy Wortman, Columbus, O., Presiding
- 9:30 Prayer, Praise, and Fellowship Reunion  
Rev. Ralph T. Nordlund, Charleston, W. Va.,  
in charge
- 10:45 Reception of Churches
- 11:00 Address  
Rev. Arthur Williams, Binghamton, N. Y.  
Subject, "Why Was Christ Baptized?"

#### AFTERNOON

- Rev. F. Dean Banta, Cornwall, N. Y., Presiding
- 2:00 Service of Song
- 2:15 Address of Welcome  
Pastor Edward D. Drew
- 2:30 Address  
Rev. R. L. Powell, D D, Tacoma, Wash
- 3:30 Africa Christian Mission  
Rev. Edward Drew in charge
- 4:15 Address  
Rev. Earle G. Griffith, D D, Johnson City,  
N. Y.
- 5:00 Appointment of Committees

#### EVENING

- Rev. D. Otis Fuller, D D, Grand Rapids, Mich.,  
Presiding
- 7:30 Service of Song
- 8:15 Address\*

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 17

#### MORNING

- Rev. E. C. Shute, Decatur, Ill., Presiding
- 9:00 Praise Service
- 9:15 Address  
Rev. D. J. Davis, Faribault, Minn.  
Subject, "Revival"
- 10:00 Mid-Missions and Jewish Hour  
Rev. M. E. Hawkins, D. D., in charge

#### AFTERNOON

- 2:00 Simultaneous Conferences:  
The women will assemble by themselves to  
hear Mrs. Clarence E. Mason, Jr., of Atlantic  
City, New Jersey, and others.

The men will assemble by themselves to hear  
Rev. A. G. Annette, followed by a general  
discussion on "Church Constitutions" by  
Rev. H. O. Van Gilder, Portsmouth, Ohio;  
"Young People's Work," Rev. R. F. Hamil-  
ton, Gary, Indiana; "Church Discipline,"  
Rev. S. F. Logsdon, Erie, Pa.

- 4:00 The entire audience will re-assemble in the  
main auditorium to hear an address by Rev.  
Leo Sandgren, Austin, Minn., on the subject,  
"A Prophetic Bird's Eye View of the Last  
Days"

#### EVENING

- Rev. Wm. Headley, Grand Rapids, Mich., Presiding
- 7:30 Service of Song
- 8:15 Address  
Rev. R. L. Powell, D D, Tacoma, Wash

### THURSDAY, MAY 18

#### MORNING

- Rev. David E. Gillespie, Elkhart, Ind., Presiding
- 9:00 Praise Service
- 9:15 Mexican Gospel Mission  
Rev. Leonardo Mercado, Phoenix, Ariz., in  
charge
- 10:15 Interstate Evangelistic Association  
Rev. Harold Strathearn, D D, Rochester, N.  
Y., in charge
- 11:15 Baptist Bible Seminary, Johnson City, N. Y.  
Dean Emory Bancroft in charge

#### AFTERNOON

- Rev. J. Irving Reese, Ithaca, N. Y., Presiding
- 1:45 Service of Song
- 2:00 Association of Baptists for Evangelism in the  
Orient  
Rev. Harold Commons, D D, Philadelphia,  
Penna., in charge
- 3:00 Associational Hour  
Rev. D. Otis Fuller and Rev. R. F. Hamilton  
in charge
- 4:00 Address  
Rev. Barney Antrobus, Crawfordsville, Ind.
- 5:30 Young People's Service with Banquet  
Harlie Stevick, Elyria, O., Presiding  
Address, Rev. Ralph Neighbour, Elyria, O.

#### EVENING

- Rev. Earle G. Griffith, D D, Johnson City, N. Y.,  
Presiding
- 7:30 Service of Song
- 8:15 Address  
Rev. R. T. Ketcham, D D, Gary, Ind

\* Rev. P. B. Chenault was scheduled for this address, but  
his untimely death makes it necessary to secure a substitute.