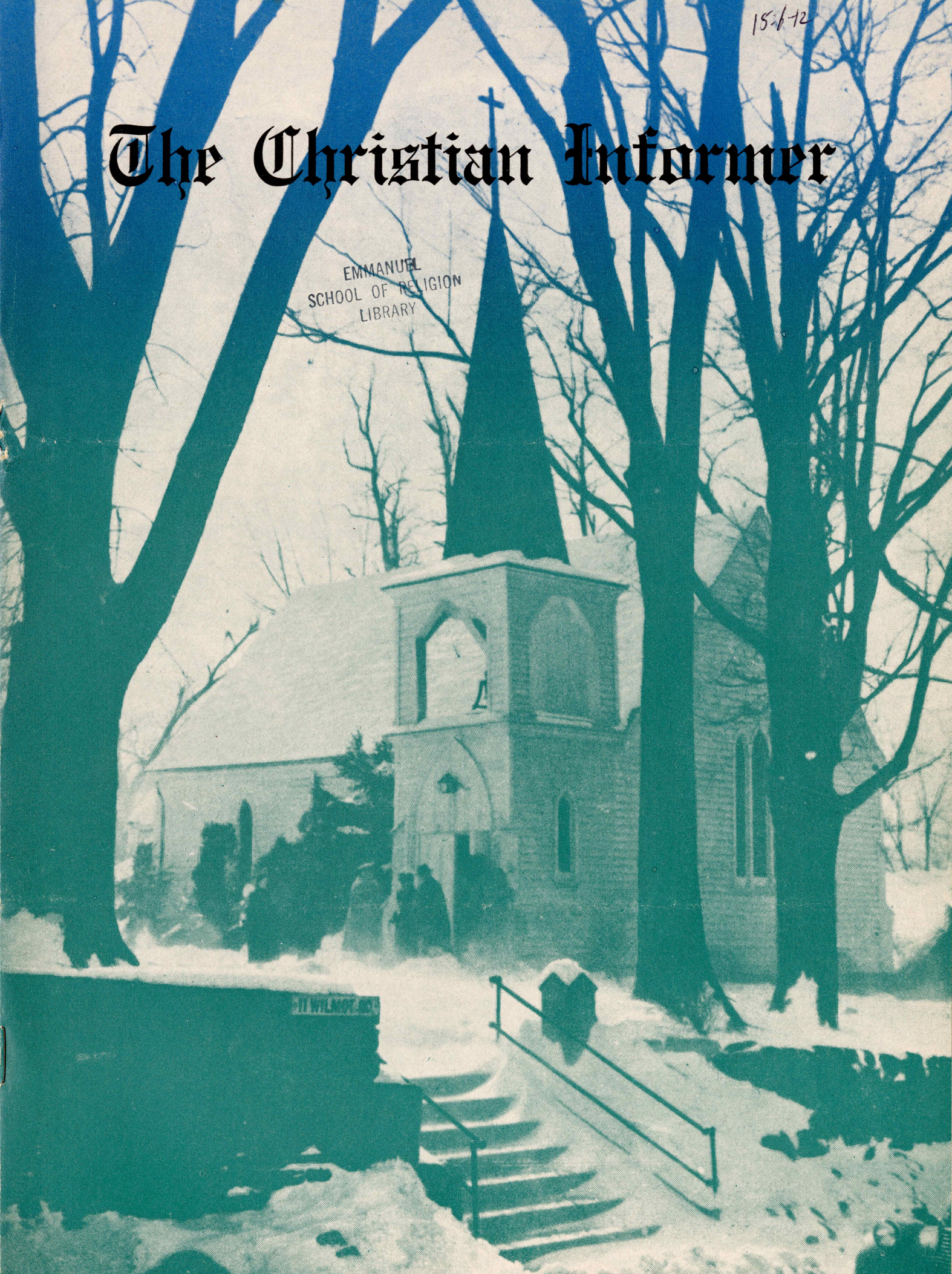


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HYPOCRITES—REAL OR ALLEGED

JUST recently we met a person whose explanation of his non-participation in the worship and work of any congregation of Christians was, "I am no hypocrite." He expressed the assertion in such a way as to indicate that it was his serious conclusion, reached by observation of his fellowmen. It was not, however, a new declaration: we have heard it periodically. Sometimes we have respected the sincerity of men and women whose interpretation of dealings with church members has embittered them against Christians as a visible group in society. But here as elsewhere one may be sincere yet incorrect in his deductions. The man to whose utterance we have referred in our first sentence was arriving at conclusions by false data and insufficient knowledge of human motives.

Of course, there are hypocrites: indeed we get the word from the language of the New Testament. Jesus repeatedly referred to them, and Matthew in his record of the Sermon on the Mount and of the denunciations of false teachers by our Lord has given us the Savior's attitude toward these pernicious foes of true piety. Mark and Luke were likewise impressed by this form of iniquity. They and St. Matthew indicate that it was the characteristic of a single class of sinning. The Scribes and Pharisees of Jesus' day were "shot through" with hypocrisy: they wore the garb of leaders in religion, mouthed the precepts of the laws of conduct pleasing to God, laid burdens on the shoulders of others and "put on a show" of the tenets of Judaism. They were actors, interpreters, presenters of the traditions and customs of the rites expressive of the faith of their people. But having acted the part, they laid aside the character. A hypocrite is one who represents a cult or a faith or a group of convictions without accepting its obligations or conforming his own personal conduct to its teachings.

Hypocrites are found in the church of today; its power and opportunity are of sufficient value to make assumption of its customs and contacts of value to a class of sycophants who seize upon easy ways to get what they want. But the number of such "actors" is never great. The worst feature of them is not their prevalence but the excuse they offer to critics and to folk of weak minds. These latter make no distinction between the small class who pose as Christians for self advantages and the great mass of us who must constantly confess to faults of performance. We are not hypocrites because of our inability to fulfill all the requirements of our faith. Jesus did not so title the publican who beat upon his breast and said, "Lord, have mercy upon me, a sinner." In the model prayer we ask daily for forgiveness for our trespasses. Paul confessed to his inability to render null and void the thrusts of temptation to evil from within him.

The charge that the church is full of hypocrites usually comes from those who content themselves with a very low standard of conduct. Many of them are satisfied to have good intentions and small determination to live up to them. They make no allowance for the person who battles valiantly against temptations which recur again and again. They demand that the professors of religion, the folk who go regularly to services in the church, should be perfect in all their actions. They tell what they would do if they made the confession of faith in Christ, which all believers make. But that "if" serves them as an excuse to refuse any serious effort to live as Christians try to conduct themselves.

Such accusations of hypocrisy have not the approval of our Lord. He referred to quite another class when He denounced the Scribes and Pharisees of His day.

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THE BLESSED TRINITY

THE Biblical doctrine of God admittedly is a difficult one. The oneness of God is self-evident to every thinking man. There can be only one Supreme Being. But that this one God should exist in three Persons is a fact that baffles understanding. We cannot comprehend how one can be three and three one.

Yet such is God as He has revealed Himself to us in His inspired Word. We Christians accept that revelation. We use the brains which God has given us to find out exactly what He would have us know. We prayerfully ponder particularly the difficult truths and so try to arrive at a clear understanding of our faith. But again and again we reach a point, where we must admit: We cannot go any farther; what lies beyond is wholly a matter of faith.

Nor is that surprising. God is a being too vast to be wholly comprehended by finite man. He is the

mighty Creator of all. We are only His creatures. God must be so much bigger than man that human thought cannot completely grasp Him and human language cannot adequately express Him. Only such a God is worthy of universal awe and reverence.

There is no disgrace in admitting our ignorance as regards the nature of God. Can we honestly claim to know a single human being? Can we claim that we know ourselves? The universe is full of forces that science has been unable to define and analyze. Wherever we turn we run up against questions for which human reason has no answer. Only the young and immature, whether that be in years or in mental development, are sure that they know it all or that they know all about something. It is a mark of true wisdom humbly to confess ignorance.

We Christians are grateful to God that He has given us a satisfactory understanding of Himself.

Endure Hardness

"All these things are against me," said the Patriarch of old, and many good people have echoed the words down through the ages. "Things just never go right with me" is a common utterance we all have heard, even if the statement has not proceeded from our own lips. We are all too prone to think that things always seem to go right for others but never for us. Our mistake of course is expecting that in the natural order of events things always will go right for us.

Most of us have found as we live our lives that things as often go wrong for one person as another.

The people that make the best of things often get the best of things. In writing thus we are not forgetting the tremendous truth that "all things work together for good to them that love God."

It is a mistake to expect that life will bring everything to one's hand at just the right time and in just what we feel is the right manner. Only the very young and inexperienced believe that isn't, of course, and the sooner we realize it the better for our happiness and peace of mind. Paul told us to endure hardness as good soldiers of Jesus Christ, and that includes the difficulties and disappointments that are part of the common lot. If they would only recognize this fact and resolutely face it, many people would be saved a lot of useless complaining and superstitious nonsense about "ill luck." They would find this better than horseshoes and four-leafed clovers.

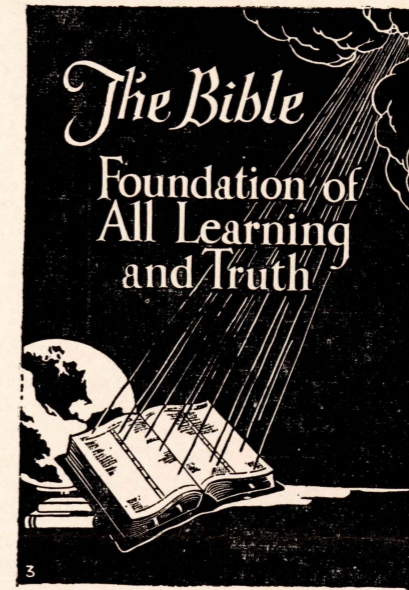


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I will say again that when Jesus was come, women rejoiced in him before either man or angel. I read not that ever any man did give unto Christ so much as one groat; but the women followed him, and ministered to him of their substance. It was a woman that washed his feet with tears, and a woman that anointed his body to the burial. They were women that wept when he was going to the cross, and women that followed him from the cross, and that sat by his sepulchre when he was buried. They were women that were first with him at his resurrection-morn, and women that brought tidings first to his disciples that he was risen from the dead. Women, therefore, are highly favored and show by these things that they are sharers . . . in the grace of life.—John Bunyan

The world is not perishing for the want of clever or talented or well-meaning men. It is perishing for the want of men of courage and resolution who, in devotion to the cause of right and truth, can rise above personal feeling and private ambition.

Indolence is the sleep of the mind.

The over curious are not over wise.

Our Real Enemy

It has always been a bit of a puzzle to many people as to why the Lord Jesus Christ when here upon earth said so little about human rights and the economic conditions under which the world labored. Indeed, upon one occasion when some man wanted Him to intervene with his brother to divide a certain inheritance with him which was his "right", he received a rather sharp rebuke. "Man, who made me a judge or a divider over you?"

There may have been and no doubt were unjust taxes imposed upon the people by the Romans, but Christ did not tell the people to rebel and demand their rights. He saw the poor in their poverty and knew they would be with us to the end of the age. The Lord spoke more about their duties than their rights. He saw that the real enemies they had to fight were not the Romans but the envy, the hatred, the spite and the pride within their own hearts, and that the primary things needing correction were internal, not external. This does not mean that He was indifferent to the want, the suffering and the sorrow of the world. Not at all, but He saw that the surest way to right the wrongs was to make men right within, at one with God, and the righting of outward conditions would follow.

It is the same today. There are wrongs all around us that need to be set right, horrible evils that are afflicting mankind, but to preach a social Gospel alone is to put the cart before the horse and get nowhere. When men and women first get right with God they will be right with one another.



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Editorial

"SO GLAD"

I am so glad that I came into the church of Christ, before I ever heard of the Christian Restoration Association. I am so glad that I knew God and his Son Jesus Christ before I knew the Editors of the Restoration Herald and the Christian Visitor.

I am so glad that I read the New Testament before I ever read The Restoration Herald and The Christian Visitor's "position on racial segregation."

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INFIDEL OR A COMMUNIST

If I had read The Restoration Herald and The Christian Visitor's position on racial segregation; before reading the New Testament, I would have become an INFIDEL or a COMMUNIST.

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"THANK GOD"

"I am so glad, I got my religion in time." I think I know as much about racial segregation, as the Editors of the Restoration Herald and the Christian Visitor. For Sixty three years, I have lived in a racial segregated race. I was born in a segregated hospital, brought up in a segregated town, went to a segregated school and college, was drafted into a segregated army, attended a segregated church, was baptized in a segregated pool, partook of the Lord's Supper at a segregated table;

attended a segregated World Convention, where all races could go to everything at the Convention, except American christians of my color; attended a segregated International Convention where American christians of my color were told to "take the balcony". I left the Convention and I told God that I would never attend another World or International Convention. I say like Mary of old said in Luke Chapter one. "My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. For he hath regarded the low estate."

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CAN'T PROVE IT TO ME

The Editors of the Restoration Herald and The Christian Visitor can't prove to me that God and the Bible endorse the kind of racial segregation I know.

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HIDE IT

For God's sake, hide it. Don't let Khrushchev nor Castro read that article in the Restoration Herald and in the Christian Visitor, that God and the Bible endorse racial segregation. Keep it hid from my open membership brethren; if they read it, they will say that "Old Baltimore Taylor ran from a bear and met a lion."

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ANOTHER LIFE

I am on my way to Heaven and the New Testament informs me; that those who advocate and practice racial segregation, will not be in Heaven to bother me. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and their shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. (No more racial segregation)

And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And I will be his God and he shall be my son. Revelation Chapter twenty-one.

Ordination

Elder James W. Franklin of Fairmount Heights, Maryland, was ordained to the Christian Ministry at Emmanuel Church of Christ, Baltimore, Maryland, Lord's Day Oct. 16. W. H. Taylor, Minister.

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THE CHURCH OF CHRIST

We often hear the statement, "Attend the church of your choice." Many sincere people seem to think the choice is left to them, but surely they should realize that Christ is the one to be pleased. The Apostle Paul said, "Wherefore also we make it our aim, whether at home or absent, to be well pleasing to HIM" (2 Corinthians 5:9). Are we more interested in OUR choice than CHRIST'S choice?

The Lord does have a choice and the church of HIS choice is presented in the New Testament. It was in God's eternal plan and purpose (Ephesians 3:10-11). Jesus said, "Upon this rock I will build MY church" (Matthew 16:18). The blood of Christ purchased the church of his choice (Acts 20:28). It was established in Jerusalem fifty days after Christ died (Acts 2). It was not a denomination as it included all saved people (Acts 2:47; Ephesians 5:23). It was spoken of as BELONGING to Christ. (Acts 20:28; Romans 16:16).

In Our Steps

We commend the REMNANT BROTHERS OF THE NATIONAL CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY CONVENTION for following in the steps of the National Christian Preaching Convention. We read that your meeting will be like ours; "A FELLOWSHIP MEETING". The National Christian Preaching Convention of Churches of Christ; will continue to be a burning and shining light. Not only to the Remnant Brethren of the National Christian Missionary Convention, but also to the International Convention, and to the United Christian Missionary Society; and to all of our open-membership brethren who have "Wandered far away from God." The National Christian Preaching Convention will keep the doctrinal light burning, so they can find their way back to the church, Christ died for.

MY THOUGHTS

When I read that the National Christian Missionary Convention had merged with the open-membership International Convention. I thought of the founders of the National Christian Missionary Convention and of those brethren who loved the doctrine of the New Testament; and "gave their last full measure of devotion." They preached and prayed that this dreadful thing would never happen. I thought of 2 Peter 2:21-22. "For it had

TO BECOME MEMBERS OF HIS CHURCH, CHRIST COMMANDS US TO . . .

- * Believe the gospel (Mark 16:16)
- * Repent of Sins (Acts 17:30)
- * Confess Christ (John 4:15)
- * Be baptized (Acts 22:16)

Upon their obedience, men were added to the church (Acts 2:47; Acts 5:14). The church of Christ's choice worshiped and worked according to His will.

No man ever had the authority to start another church. However, through the years other churches have been started and many practices adopted which are unknown to the New Testament. The New Testament even anticipated such departures. "Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith" (1 Timothy 4:1-3).

It is our aim today to restore the church of Christ's choice as it is found on the pages of the New Testament. May we challenge you to take your New Testament and follow its teachings. Let Christ be your only creed, the Bible your only rule of faith. Wear His name as a Christian and work for the unity and spread of His Kingdom!

been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them. But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, the dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire." I thought of Jonah who merged with the whale. I thought of a man I know, whose father left him a good business, but this son was so lazy and good for nothing. He merged with the bar-room; his business is gone and he is getting a hand-out from the City Welfare. He was once his own boss now he takes orders from the Social Worker of the City Welfare Department and his Parole Officer.

Hats Off

Hats off to the members and friends of the Ninty Second Street Church of Christ, Los Angeles, California, for giving their pastor Elder C. W. Arnold and his wife. A vacation trip almost around the world. They visited the following places. Portugal, Senegal, Guinea, Liberia, Ghana, Nigeria, Camerouns, Congo, Kenya, Ethiopia, Egypt, France, Italy and England. Before leaving on their trip, they came to Baltimore, in company with Elder R. W. Williams, Minister of the Williamsburg Christian Church Brooklyn, N. Y., to spend a few hours with Elder and Mrs. Baltimore Taylor.

Share Christ With Your Neighbor

Question:

1. How Can I Share Christ With My Neighbor?

Answers:

1. By Friendship and Evangelism

By Christian concern. Sensitivity to human need. Friendship with Catholic, Jewish and other neighbors. Establish a favorable climate by love and understanding. Call on new neighbors right away.

2. By the Spontaneous Approach

Be a Christian wherever you are: by Christian example, consistent Christian life, joyful contagious outlook, tolerant of eccentricities. Be what you say you are. Let people know by your life that you belong to Christ.

3. By Ministering to the Children

By Christian atmosphere in the home and family devotions. By being concerned with Christian school teachers, seeking to win parents through the children. By foster-home care. By being tolerant to neighborhood children.

4. By Courage to Speak for Jesus Christ

Tell what Christ and His Church mean to you. Give a specific witness. Avoid generalities. Do not be afraid to speak for Christ. Let people know that it is not our Church, but Christ's Church.

5. By Inviting Others

This "friendly invitation" method is stressed with the accent on specific invitations.

6. By Prayer and Intercession

The challenge to pray and to care enough to intercede is emphasized very strongly.

7. By Christian Love

Love your neighbor as yourself. Show the concern and compassion of Christ.

8. By Christian Service

Be a good samaritan. Help those in need. Be doers of the Word, not hearers only.

9. By Recognition

See the worth of a person. Recognize your opportunities. How do you look upon your milkman, your grocer, and others? See the sin of discrimination. Recognize your own needs, and the needs of others. Recognize the talents of your neighbors, and seek to use them.

10. By Sharing

Share information about your church. Share your faith and beliefs. Share Christian literature. Use social gatherings for purposes of sharing. Share your Christian experiences. Share what you find in the Bible.

11. By Christian Hope and Expectations

Expect to be used of God. Expect to find opportunities for sharing and witnessing. Plan to follow through on contacts. Expect people, including Roman Catholics, to respond to your witness. Challenge and expect members to work in the church, and to witness. Look for new ways to witness and to serve. Have a spirit of optimism, confidence and trust. Have confidence in the Word of God, in your Church and its program.

12. By Special Community Service

By serving in civic groups. By influencing community programs. By giving of time, talents and of self to community interests. By visiting hospitals and other institutions.

How can I share Christ with my neighbor? By "reinforcing myself with prayer." Take time to pray about a person, and the Lord will open the way to reach him or her.

Integrity of Character

In the world of things created, integrity is enduring. The pyramids have been beaten upon by hot sands of five thousands years. Their edges have crumbled, their sides are defaced, but still they stand—their integrity untouched.

In the world of human affairs, integrity of character is the "hallmark" of greatness. Temptations to evade agreements, to cheapen quality, to place personal favor before impartial justice—all these can beat upon it, yet integrity will stand staunch and uncompromising.

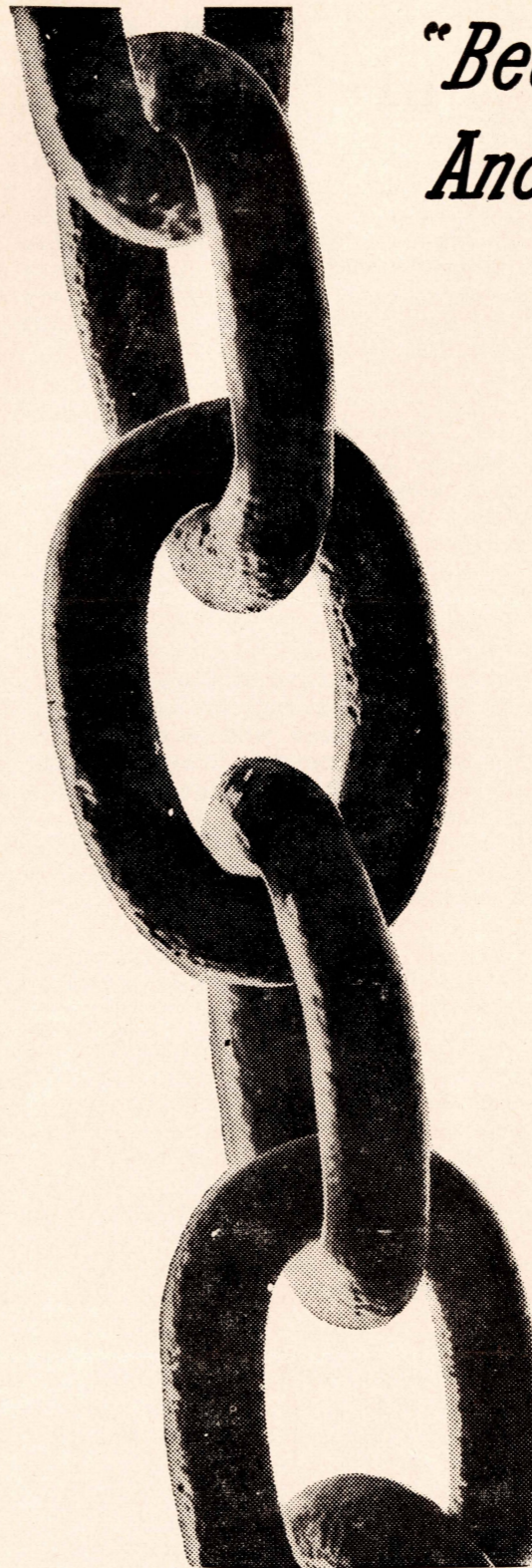
Integrity is the measure of business. Compromise ever so little, and honor is dimmed and reputation fades away.

Elbert Hubbard Said

Thrift is a habit. A habit is a thing you do unconsciously or automatically, without thought. We are ruled by our habits. When habits are young they are like lion cubs, soft, fluffy, funny, frolicsome little animals. They grow day by day. Eventually they rule you. Choose ye this day the habit ye would have to rule over you. The habit of thrift is simply the habit which dictates that you shall earn more than you spend. In other words, thrift is the habit that provides that you shall spend less than you earn. Take your choice.

Some people believe everything you tell them—if you whisper it.

"Bear Ye One Another's Burdens..."



There are great lessons in commonplace objects! The chain, for example, is a parable of Brotherhood. Its rough, weathered links, grasping one another firmly as they lend their strength to a common burden, silently echo a Bible command.

Strange, is it not, that men—whose inventive genius created the chain—have been slow to apply its simple principle in human undertakings? Into lifeless iron we have molded the strength of cooperation; but in a living society we have let selfishness and individualism destroy noble ideals.

"Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." One of the many lessons in wholesome living which the Church teaches men!

Wise is the man who seeks and heeds these truths! Happy the community whose citizens, as church-goers, apply their faith to life!

The Church is the greatest factor on earth for the building of character and good citizenship. It is a storehouse of spiritual values. Without a strong Church neither democracy nor civilization can survive.

There are four sound reasons why every person should attend services regularly and support the Church. They are: (1) For his own sake. (2) For the children's sake. (3) For the sake of his community and nation.. (4) For the sake of the Church itself, which needs his moral and material support.



Come and Worship

This is a Church with open doors, open hearts, and welcoming hands. A Church where fresh young lives may be won for the Master. A Church where men and women may discover meaning, where tempted souls may gain strength, and where wandering feet may be led to the Father's Home. Make your faith an active, daily part of your personal life.

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AMONG OUR CHURCHES



MEN'S DAY

Men's Day was a great success at Emmanuel Christian Church, Baltimore, Maryland, Lord's Day, June 5, 1960. Brother E. W. Draughn was chairman. Amount raised, two hundred dollars. Space will not permit us to publish names of those who gave.

WOMAN'S DAY

Woman's Day at Emmanuel Christian Church, Baltimore, Maryland, Lord's Day, July 24, 1960, was best ever held. Sister Pearl McIntyre was chairman, amount raised four hundred dollars. Space will not permit us to publish names of those who gave.

REVIVAL

Dean William Johnson of the Winston Salem Bible College conducted a soul stirring revival at the Fairmount Heights Church of Christ, Fairmount Heights, Maryland. Elder Philipps, Jr., is Minister.

TRI-STATE EVANGELISTIC ASSOCIATION

The Tri-State Evangelistic Association met with the Philippi Church of Christ, Minearl, Virginia. The week of August 22. It was a great meeting. The Editor of the Christian Informer enjoyed every minute of his stay there. Elder W. N. Jones, host pastor. Elder W. E. Johnson, President.

A GREAT PREACHER

Elder W. N. Jones, minister of the Philippi Church of Christ, Minearl, Va., preached a great sermon at Emmanuel Church of Christ, Baltimore, Md., August 28th.

MT. OLIVET CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Elder C. L. Whitfield, minister of Mt. Olivet Christian Church, Baltimore, Md., preached the closing sermon for the Woman's Day Rally July 24th. He brought a great message.

YUMA STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Elder and Sister M. J. Dabney are doing a fine work at the Yuma Street Christian Church Phoenix, Arizona. Both of them are graduates of the College of the Scriptures.

New and Renewed Subscribers

Mrs. M. E. Queen, Maryland. Mrs. Leah V. Branch, Maryland. Elder Garfield Fugerson, West Virginia. President Tibbs Maxey, Kentucky. Mrs. Cammie Smith, Maryland. Mrs. Pearl Wilson, Maryland. Mr. Edwin Pinkston, Maryland. Mrs. Mildred Brooks, Maryland. Mr. Robert Franklin, Washington, D. C., Mr. Charles Brooks, Virginia. Mr. R. A. Thompson, Virginia. Elder W. J. Ligrant, North Carolina. Elder W. J. Mack, North Carolina. Mrs. O. H. Hinnant, Virginia. Mrs. Maude B. Peters, North Carolina. Mrs. Luella Wilson, North Carolina. Mrs. Callie Harris, Virginia. Elder Thom-

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"And As Ye Go Preach"

It was my good pleasure to hear several of the Preachers who were trained at the College of the Scriptures, Louisville, Ky., and at the Winston-Salem Bible College, Winston-Salem, N. C. I heard some of them at the National Christian Preaching Convention, and at the Tri State Evangelistic Association and in revivals. Brethren, those Colleges are sending out preachers who are not "Ashamed of the gospel of Christ." They preach as men "Having authority, and not as the scribes." They preach like men who received orders from Heaven and not from the United Christian Missionary Society. Those Colleges came into existence, "For such a time as this." The future of doctrinal preaching among our churches, will depend on the College of the Scriptures and the Winston Salem Bible College.

The National Christian Preaching Convention

Was held at Emmanuel Christian Church, Baltimore, Md., August 12th to 16th, 1960. Preaching, Praying, Singing and Shouting was the order of the day. Great sermons were delivered by Prof. C. Daniels of the College of the Scriptures, Louisville, Ky. Elder Lawrence Philipp of the Fairmount Heights, Maryland, Church of Christ. Elder C. W. Arnold of the 92nd St. Church of Christ, Los Angeles, Calif. The attendance was good and the fellowship was excellent.

In the Field of Evangelism

Evangelist B. A. Douglass of the Tri State Evangelist Association has done a great job for the churches.

When he was pastoring, he rebuilt the church at Mineral, Va. Built a new church at Kingsport, Tenn. Rebuilt the church at Bristol, Tenn. Bought three lots for the church at Winston-Salem, N. C. One lot at Stewart, Va. Brother Douglass is a great preacher and evangelist.

Life's Endeavor

I expect to pass through this world but once, any good therefore that I can do, or any kindness that I can show to any fellow-being, let me do it now. Let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again.