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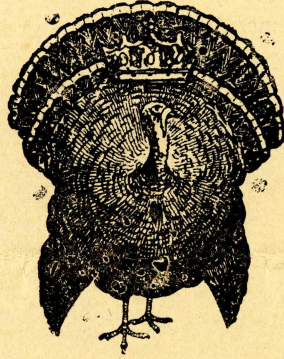
Thanksgiving

“Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise: and be thankful unto Him and bless His name. For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting; and His truth endureth to all generations. Psalm 100: 4-5

The season of Thanksgiving comes at an opportune time of the year and reminds everyone of their solemn duties toward God.

Our Thanksgiving should express itself in more earnest effort toward the Church of Christ. Within the Church we should hear His word and do His bidding.

Christian service expresses the Thanksgiving of a saved heart, and

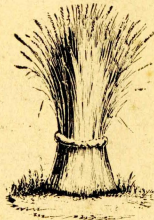


under the guidance of the Holy Spirit can accomplish wonderful things to the glory of God and His church.

On this Thanksgiving Day count your many blessings. Leave off from sport and business long enough to give yourself the luxury of an hour of real contemplation. Go to church Thanksgiving Day and every Lord's Day. Worship God. Thank Him for His blessings which have come to you during the year.

“I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord”

Every Day Thanksgiving



Every day take our joys and blessings more or less unthankingly. On Thanksgiving Day we harvest our crop and bundle them up in one big beautiful sheaf, bound them together with a cord of prayer; there are thanks for peace and safety, for life, and health, and home, for things that are, and things that are not, for things material and things spiritual; all are in the great lovely sheaf that is offered to the harvest of the Supreme Giver on Thanksgiving Day.

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true. We print the truth unbridled.

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EDITORIAL

WHY PREACH?

Why preach or believe in Christ at all if we can save
our own souls? Mark 16: 16 says: "He that believeth and
is baptized shall be saved, he that believeth not shall be
damned." Again John 3:16: "For God so loved the world
that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever be-
lieveth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."
Here the standards are given upon which we shall be judged
for eternal life, and note that in these instances, like in all
instances in the Bible-not what we do, but what Christ has
done for our eternal salvation must be believed. You will
find that when you quit this world and seek an avenue
which will enter eternal life there is only one bridge which
connects that vast expanse between time and eternity, and
that bridge is the Cross of Christ.

Now that you have read this, God's own plan of salvation,
what are you going to do? You cannot now enter the pres-
ence of God and say you did not know His plan of salvation,
because you have just read it, you would be telling a lie,
but God forbid, you can say "I didn't believe it."

You may not like God's plan of salvation, it may not have
your stamp of approval, but certainly you could not suggest
a better plan. Even if you do insist on living according to
your own plan and schemes and feel that you have thought
out a better plan, it is simply too bad, because you can do
what you please, say what you might, you cannot get away
from this eternal truth, that eternal life belongs to God and
to those who would have eternal life must accept God's plan,
which includes not only all men, but the entire human race.

EDITORIAL

TRY PREACHING CHRIST

It was in the mind of the founders of the National
Christian Preaching Convention, that we as a Brother-
hood, must "preach or perish." We as a Brotherhood
have tried all kinds of organizations, commissions, com-
mittees, conferences, etc. I saw a group of young people
and adults at a certain national convention, trying to win
people to Christ, and the church by playing "leap frog"
and other games. These things have failed. The founders
of the National Christian Preaching Convention said,
"Let's try preaching Christ." Preaching is God's only
remedy whereby the world can be saved. Paul said: "I
am ready to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome
also. For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ;
for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that
believeth." Jesus Christ said, "And I, if I be lifted up, I
will draw all men unto me."

"FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE"

Elder L. L. Dickerson, Elder Eugene Patterson, and
Brother George Moore were with the founders when they
organized the National Preaching Convention. But for
reasons better known to them they failed to continue
with us. I hope it will not be with them, like it was with
Lot's wife.

REAL MEN

Real men do not say one thing and mean another. The
Christian Church is a free Church; there is no need for
lying. The Book says, All liars, shall have their part in
the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone, which is
the second death.

THE FELLOWSHIP MEETING WAS A SUCCESS

If Thomas and Alexander Campbell, Barton W. Stone,
Walter Scott, Preston Taylor, Monroe Jackson, A. W.
Davis and a host of others who have gone on before, could
have heard those great doctrine sermons preached at the
Fellowship meeting in Detroit, Mich., by T. R. Everett,
H. C. Poston, A. G. Nelson, R. F. Hayes, H. N. Turner,
C. W. Arnold and W. H. (Baltimore) Taylor, I believe
they would have said: O Lamb of God, thy precious
blood, shall never lose its power, till all the ransomed
Church of God, be saved, to sin no more.

If it were possible, they could have heard the ministers
of the preaching convention singing. Ever since by faith
we saw the stream, Thy flowing wounds supply.

Redeeming love has been our theme, and shall be till
we die.

THE NATIONAL CHRISTIAN PREACHING CONVEN-
TION—"THAT'S ALL."

1111 Jones St.,
Little Rock, Ark.,
September 5, 1944.

Elder W. H. Taylor,
1702 Madison Avenue,
Baltimore, Maryland.

Dear Brother Taylor:

I thank God for the letter you sent me the other day,
stating that a meeting would be called in Cincinnati, Ohio,
for the purpose of organizing a new convention. It will
be impossible for me to be there on that date, because I
will be engaged in a meeting in Akron. Tell the brethren
that I am with them one hundred per cent for the New
Testament Doctrine.

Please keep me informed as to what the brethren want
me to do.

Yours for a free convention,

R. F. Hayes.

Midway, Ky.

September 7, 1944.

Dear Brother Taylor:

Received your letter this morning, but leaving tonight
for Oklahoma City. I do hope and pray that you and the
Brethren will have success in the new set-up. It will be
impossible for me to make a return trip to this section on
such a short notice, but anything you want me to do just
say it; and let me hear from you soon. Greetings to the
Brethren.

Yours for a Christian Convention,

R. L. Sercy.

Kansas City, Mo.,
1921 24th Street,
March 17, 1944.

Elder W. H. Taylor,
1702 Madison Avenue,
Baltimore, Maryland.

My Dear Brother Taylor:

For your information I would like to say to you that we
are running into a very peculiar situation here; some very
open doctrine about baptism, and to me it is becoming
alarming. If our leaders keep this up I don't know where
we are headed. I would like to go into this issue more
fully with you in the near future.

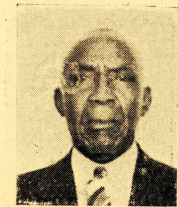
Now Brother Taylor, I am going to say to you that I
am determined to offer myself more fully, both financially
and morally to accomplish the things that Jesus died for.
I am willing to come to you and a group of loyal christians,
and sit in on a conference of planning to destroy this
creeping evil in the church.

Let me hear from you at once.

Yours in Christ,

A. G. Nelson.

Editor's Note: These men have been numbered with
the "Founders," of the National Christian Preaching Con-
vention, as a result of the strength from their letters:
Elders Hayes, Sercy and Nelson.



I was in the organization of the National Convention of
Disciples of Christ when it was set up in Nashville, Tenn.,
twenty-nine years ago, and have been a loyal supporter
of the cause through the years. Very few now live who
were on the ground in that first meeting. As was said by
Jacob, "Few and evil have been the days of the year of
my life," in that convention. No recognition was ever
accorded me.

Now I am one of the founders of the National Christian
Preaching Convention, and had the honor of preaching the
first sermon in the Fellowship Meeting September 26th.

My text was first Corinthians 15:1-2, "Moreover,
brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached
unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye
stand; By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory
what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in
vain."

It was and is in the minds of the founders of The
National Christian Preaching Convention, that it remains
free of all man made set-ups and human alliances; and
by the help of God we mean to keep it so as long as He
gives breath and health to do so.

Elder T. R. Everett, Co-Founder.



Knowing the danger of organizations attached to church
conventions, how they have a tendency to lead away from
the teachings of Christ and the New Testament; into
political trickery or chicanery; and in order to keep the
unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace: We pray, that no
organization of any kind, whatsoever, be ever attached to
The National Christian Preaching Convention of Churches
of Christ.

We also pray, that it be left to the discretion of the
local church and its organizations, to support any or as
many projects as they desire; without any interference
from The National Christian Preaching Convention; as
long as these projects are in harmony with the doctrine of
Christ.

Should any man or group of men ever attach any kind
of an organization onto the National Christian Preaching
Convention; we pray, that the spirit of the Founders will
haunt him or them; and that, The Almighty God, will let
His wrath visit him or them until The National Christian
Preaching Convention is restored in its simplicity.

Your friend,

Elder W. H. (Baltimore) Taylor, Co-Founder.



In our National Missionary Convention of Disciples of Christ, our conservative brethren were holding their own and gaining ground yearly in spite of the United Christian Missionary Society, with its vast machine, which seemed almost to engulf the convention. In Kansas City in 1942 we were successful in electing a president, a man true to the doctrine of the church, a man of principle and conviction, one who could not be forced or induced to bow or stoop to the great machine. In the following year, 1943, at Columbus, Ohio, the greatest National Convention in the history of the Brotherhood was held. This was great in attendance, spirit and finance. At the convention held in Lexington, Ky., it was strikingly obvious that under the leadership of W. H. (Baltimore) Taylor, the able president, that things were about to exceed the two previous years in attendance, fellowship, finance and spirit.

Elder W. H. (Baltimore) Taylor, through correspondence and personal contacts, expressed himself as not able to accept and adopt all the policies of the U. C. M. S., which has been labeled as "Liberal"—in respect to the doctrine of the church. The U. C. M. S. began at once to instruct its field workers and other puppets, to protest against Elder Taylor in their visits to the local churches and conventions. At Lexington the U. C. M. S. set in operation its well-oiled machine which intended to oust Taylor. The machine was manned by the Secretary of Home Mission, President of the U. C. M. S., with leading representatives as emissaries and underlings. They so maneuvered the machine as to gain a stranglehold on the National Convention through the election of the new president. There are many members, churches and ministers throughout the Brotherhood who are determined that as free Churches of Christ we shall not be led into religious slavery or be brought under denominational bondage.

Elder C. W. Arnold, Co-Founder.



September 12, 1944, in the Y. M. C. A. on Ninth Street, Cincinnati, Ohio, at 10 o'clock A. M., a group of loyal Christians, met in conference for the purpose of the restoration of Primitive Christianity and the establishment of New Testament Churches, after the New Testament pattern. This conference was in session six hours. There seems to be a falling away in the "Faith" was the chief cause of this conference. Notwithstanding there were several other minor causes. After hours of deliberations the Conference came to a close with a permanent set-up, that I am sure you will see in the first issue of this paper. As a charter member of this organization, be it understood that I love the brethren, and let there be no strife among us. Gen. 13:8-9. And should you see it rising, read Amos 3:3, then do according to Gen. 13:9.

Elder R. L. (Back to the Book) Peters Co-Founder.

Ex-President W. H. (Baltimore) Taylor was crucified according to plans at the National Christian Missionary Convention held in Lexington, Ky., but as Jesus arose on the third day and sent for His brothers to meet Him in Galilee, so did W. H. (Baltimore) Taylor arise on the 12th day of September and sent word to his brethren to meet him in Cincinnati, Ohio, and there we rededicated ourselves anew to Christ and His Church to defend His cause regardless of friends or foes. As one of the founders of the National Christian Preaching Convention, let me urge you and all the brethren to forever keep in mind, and in full view the thing the founders had in mind; that was "A PREACHING CONVENTION, FREE FROM ALL POLITICAL CHICANERY AND ORGANIZATIONS."

Elder J. Salvador Johnson, Co-Founder.

There are those of us who witnessed the Christian Church in her first glory, when it was a Christ centered Church; accepting the Bible only as a guide from earth to heaven; marking them which caused divisions and offenses contrary to the doctrine which they had learned. It was a non-denominational church, but since that time organizations and agencies stepped in with the spirit and power of the Oriental Empires, and with their confused program and mixture of modern elements, they have deluted the gospel of Christ, made slaves out of free servants, promoters out of evangelism, and have changed the headquarters of the church which Christ died from Heaven to Indianapolis, Ind.

The free church was bound by the laws of Christ to go into all of the world and preach the gospel to every creature, but the modern church is bound by the laws of the United Christian Missionary Society, to work in certain sections.

As a Brotherhood, God to some extent has cursed our action, and today we are being bitten by the insects that we have hatched which are (ORGANIZATIONS).

Elder R. L. Sercy.

WHAT A FELLOWSHIP

By Elder H. C. Poston, Minister Robbin St. Christian Church, Covington, Ky.

We had a great Fellowship Meeting in Detroit. The messages were inspiring and wonderful as each minister preached out of his heart, and brought True-to-the-Book Preaching of "Thus saith the Lord."

Never since the days of Calvert, Crawford and others now gone, has there been such "True-to-the-Book" preaching in a National meeting. Our Program for Evangelism is also great; so much so that we feel that a new day is here for our New Testament Churches.

It can be done. It shall be done. It must be done.

"Were you there when they crucified my Lord?"

Well might this question be asked of all the members of our Christian Brotherhood. Because if you had attended the National Convention in Lexington, Ky., you would have seen Him crucified by those who claim to be His followers. You would have seen Him crucified by having His sacred institution (the Lord's supper) taken from its proper setting. Which is to be observed on the first day of the week and not on Saturday night as was done at convention.

You would have seen a man of God betrayed by his advisors. As long as they could advise secretly they did so. But when they were called upon to take their stand with him and the principles upon which he stands, they did as Peter did, who denied Christ. Baltimore Taylor was betrayed by his advisors and so-called friends.

It is sad but true. Sectarianism has crept into the Christian Church. Many of our ministers are practicing and endorsing open membership.

What are we who stand for the principles of the New Testament Church to do? Where shall we go? Shall we continue to have fellowship with these brethren who do not believe in the principles of the New Testament Church? And who refuse so persistently to conform to these principles? We are sure there are thousands who are asking these same questions. If no answer is forthcoming, we are prepared to give the answers ourselves.

These will not go forward with overlord ecclesiasticism. But will seek the fresh air of freedom and stand fast in the liberty wherewith Christ has made us free, and not entangle ourselves with the yoke of bondage.

Elder R. F. Hayes

FROM THE HILLS OF OLD VIRGINIA

By Elder G. M. Dickerson, Minister

With the Christian Informer earnestly contending for the faith once delivered to the saints, and the College of the Scriptures opening up in Louisville, Ky., and The Christian Institute opening up in Winston Salem, N. C., and the National Christian Preaching Convention getting under way, we have a wonderful opportunity to do some real needed work, and strengthen the things that remain that are ready to die. Will the Brotherhood in general and Kentucky in particular see the opportunity and rise to the occasion and help these schools which promise to give great strength by increasing and preparing men for the christian ministry?

If these schools succeed and more stress continues to be laid on preaching the unadulterated gospel of the Son of God, we ought to see in the near future a revival of religion in our churches, such as we have not seen for forty years. Brethren, the Gospel is still the power of God unto Salvation to every one that believeth.

Let the young men (ministers) see visions and let the old ministers dream dreams; and let all of them say like Caleb of old, Give me Mt. Hebron and let me conquer giants.

KEEP FREE FROM DEADLY POISON

By Elder R. F. (Bob) Hayes, Minister, Second Christian Church, Little Rock, Ark.

I know that you realize as well as myself that we have just closed a great Fellowship Meeting of the Preaching Convention. We enjoyed every moment; and as we watched the trend of things, we were able to see what was in the minds of the Founders of the National Christian Preaching Convention. We should labor to keep it free from the deadly poison of organizations; and if we do, it will keep its identity for which it was organized. Let us forever be vigilant and thoughtful, with open minds to guard the future of this our Free Child of Liberty; and keep clear of the political trickery of those who are seeking to destroy us, as they are destroying the other Big Wolf, also we must guard against those who seek selfish gain.

BACK TO THE BOOK

Psalm 95

O come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto Him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all Gods.

In His hand are the deep places of the earth; the strength of the hills is His also.

The sea is His, and He made it; and His hands formed the dry land.

O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.

THUS a thousand years before the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock, and before ever the devout pioneers harvested their first crops, did men sing praises of Thanksgiving. Habitually we look upon Thanksgiving Day as a heritage from the Massachusetts Bay colony. So the designated date for such worship may be credited. But the spirit of this occasion goes back to those earlier days when men like unto us bowed down and gave Thanks to their Creator.

Essentially, Thanksgiving Day is a religious holiday. How else can we give thanks unless we recognize a Supreme power from whence come the blessings for which we are thankful?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Brethren of The National Christian Preaching Convention, Greetings:

We greatly rejoice in your good work in the Gospel. The Christian Informer is doing a great work in the Gospel. Herewith is a check payable to your treasurer for \$20.00.

Sincerely yours

Editor's Note: This gift is from a friend who told me sometime ago not to mention his name. The "Book" says, To obey is better than sacrifice.

Every one enjoys reading The Christian Informer, and anxiously awaits every issue. This donation is from the Second Christian Church, Little Rock, Ark.

Yours in Christ,
Mrs. R. F. Hayes, Little Rock, Ark.

Enclosed you will find a donation to help in this good cause. I will send another one soon. May the Lord bless you.

Fred Cureton, New Berry, S. C.

I am glad to know that you are still on the firing line. Tell all of the Informer family I say hello.

Your brother in Christ,
Elder D. W. Bradley, Rogersville, Tenn.

The Informer came last Friday. Several have read it and think it wonderful. Wishing you and all, God-speed in the good work.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Tura Turner Theobald, Dayton, Ohio.

I am sending you a donation for the Christian Informer for its great work. May the Lord bless all who work for it.

Yours in Christ,
C. L. Johnson, Covington, Ky.

The love of Christ constraineth us to send to those who need the gospel. Please accept our gift for the Christian Informer. Yours for the service of Christ. The Missionary Society of the Second Christian Church, Hagerstown, Maryland. Sister Lora R. Brooks, President. Sister Gaynell Campher, Secretary. Sister Nettie Bell, Treas.

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My donation to the Christian Informer.
Eddie Hearndon, Detroit, Mich.

ON THE FIELD

We wish to thank all of our friends for their interest in us while serving as pastor in your sections. We do want you to know that we are leaving no stone unturned, and even though in a section where people have never heard of the New Testament Church, I am determined to know nothing save Jesus and him crucified.

Jesus said: And I if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me. Jno. 12:32. The church has failed in the years gone by because it has been lifting agencies and organizations, and with all of the agencies and props it is still begging. The church is a spirit filled organization and if it has not the spirit of Christ in it, it is none of his. If any man come and bring not the doctrine of Christ, bid him not God speed neither receive him into your house. For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds. 3-Jno. 10-11.

Modernism has crept within the ranks of what has been called our Brotherhood and a chill has come over the leaders thus they are compromising with denominationalism and seeking to become a part of the Federal Council of Churches, but my prayer is that the church be the church. In years gone by she stood and did not have to federate, and Christ is still saying the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. There might be those who desire the road of least resistance, but I still believe in the old Jerusalem gospel which calls for an unconditional surrender to the will and wishes of Christ who said if any man will come after me let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. We are striving for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.

R. L. (Silver Trumpet) Sercy,

Irwin St., N. E., Atlanta, Ga.

WHAT MEANETH THIS?

By Dr. G. C. Campbell

Mr. President, Officers of this institution, and friends: Although it is a very great pleasure to me to appear before you on this occasion, it is indeed also, in the spirit of very great humility that I attempt to perform the duty which has been assigned to me. On occasion like this, so full of the possibilities of future good for humanity and the advancement of the kingdom of God, we should realize that, under His divine guidance, we cannot measure, immediately, what we do here today, but that it is left to others to tell, in the years to come, how well we began to build here today. If we are governed, guided and directed by the Spirit of Him who suffered and died upon the cross for the salvation of all men everywhere we may rest assured that the institution which we may build here will be a success and that its future will be most encouraging, for it is under God's direction that men build imperishable institutions.

To our friends and visitors who have come to share with us in these services, I wish to say that we are exceedingly glad to see you here and to note your interest and sympathy,

in what we are attempting to do. We shall always be very glad to share your interest, sympathy, and encouragement in the future, just so long as we remain true to the Divine Scriptures of our Lord and Master.

It is a universal law of human society that, in order for an organization to assure its growth and continuity in the future, it must provide institutions for the training of its leaders for the future, for without these it would soon die.

It is also the inalienable right of each organization of whatever kind, that it so train its leaders that they will be true to the principles and doctrines which are held as fundamentals of the organization and institution which they represent.

The laws of our nation provide for such a procedure by any organization or institution just so long and in so far as it does not infringe upon the rights of others. These fundamental propositions being true of all secular groups and organizations are indisputably true of all religious organizations. For we live in a land where religious liberty and tolerance are among the "cornerstones" of its government. Thus we are gathered here today to dedicate this ground, this building, and this institution to be organized and conducted here, upon the proposition that "all scriptures are given by the inspiration of God and are profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works, "and that" without controversy, great is the mystery of godliness. God was manifested in the flesh, justified in the spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory." These and many other similar divine statements were the guides and inspiration of the leaders of the Restoration Movement as they urged and pleaded with men, everywhere, to accept the inspired word of God as sufficient in all matters of religion, so that the prayer of our Lord and Master as recorded in John 17 might be fulfilled and that men should accept Him as their Lord and King.

It is the purpose of those who are connected with this institution in its incipency that the aims and purpose of the Restoration Movement shall be continued among the colored people everywhere, by training men to be true to the teachings of the Sacred Scriptures rather than to any humanism or that "Goodness and Brotherhood" are valid substitutes for divine commandments. We do not want the ministers who go out from this institution to be like a certain politician in Kansas some years ago. He was campaigning for public office—and there were Republicans and Democrats in those days—and after he had made one of his rousing speeches telling the people what he would do if elected he said, "Now ladies and gentlemen, that is my platform and if you don't like it, I can change it." We do not want our students, when they go into a community, to state the New Testament plan of salvation and then say, "Now ladies and gentlemen, that is our position and if you do not like it, I can change it."

We desire that "the lowing of the cattle and the bleating

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of the sheep" shall cease and that the clarion voice of the inspired prophet may be heard to ring out above "the tumult and the shouting." "Obedience is better than sacrifice and to hearken than the fat of lambs!"

Indeed we are gathered here today to take part in a momentous occasion, an occasion which we pray will mark the beginning of an epoch in the history of our churches that will exalt the Christ of the cross and the supremacy of His divine Word, as sufficient in all matters of faith and practice. The occasion is of supreme importance because of the unique character and purpose of the institution which, we humbly pray, to build here. This institution is to have a distinctive character in that it is being founded for the specific purpose and that alone, namely as stated above, for the training of men for the Christian ministry, in a field of Christian service that has been too long and too sadly neglected among our people.

We need only to "lift up our eyes and look on the fields" and we will see that they are now "already white unto the harvest." Such a vision should convince the most rabid gainsayer of the need, importance and the far-reaching possibilities of an institution of this kind.

As we gather here today, to dedicate this ground, this building, and the institution to be established here, we honor those, and the friends who encouraged and supported them in what they were struggling to do, who through faith, sacrifice, and sufferings, saw the need of such an institution and had faith in their effort, for they are the ones who made this occasion possible.

And, as to we few, who are so vitally connected with the interest and destiny of the institution to be founded here, humbly go forward, under the guidance of God, to accomplish the work which is before us with an unswerving trust and faith in Him "who feedeth the sparrows" and provideth pastures for the "cattle upon a thousand hills" that He will, in His own divine providence provide sustenance for us while we labor and suffer for His cause. For He hath written in the horizon of our hope in glittering words, this glorious and precious promise, "though thy beginnings be small, thy latter end shall be greatly increased."

With all of His "exceedingly great and precious promises" entreating His divine mercy and help in our labors, asking to be guided and sustained by His Holy Spirit, so that our conduct and character may always redound to His glory and honor, we humbly this day dedicate this ground, this building, and the institution to be founded here to the training of men to preach the "everlasting Gospel of the Son of His love" beseeching him to so guide its destiny in the future that it may ever be a blessing to humanity and a benediction to our memory when we shall have passed to the "great beyond."

LET'S HAVE A LAUGH

A laugh a day keeps grouch away

"Who's dead?" asked the stranger, viewing the elaborate funeral procession.

"The man who is inside the coffin," answered an irreverent small boy.

"But who is it?" the stranger pursued.

"It's my pastor," was the reply.

"So your pastor is dead, is he?" mused the stranger.

"Well, I guess," said the small boy, witheringly.

"Do you think he's having a rehearsal?"

The mayor of a tough border town was about to engage a preacher for the new church.

"Reverend, you arent by any chance one of those Christian preachers, are you?"

"Why, yes. Why?"

"Well, I was just agoin' to say we have to haul our water twelve miles."

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IT CAME IN THE MAIL

By Mark G. Maxey

Every public servant is well nigh swamped by the mass of mail he receives from day to day. Not having time to read it all, most of it goes into the waste basket unread.

Christian ministers are particularly plagued, however, with persistent and insistent appeals originating from Indianapolis, Indiana. So much of it comes that one gets a feeling of shame from throwing away so much good paper and printing.

During 1942, I made it a point to save all the material that reached me from this "headquarters" city. I wanted to know how much it cost them to mail me this publicity.

I may have missed some of it, but at the end of the year I had collected the following material: 62 1/2 cents of postage, 9 post cards, (5 with reply card attached); 6 heavy duty manila envelopes; 11 pages of personally addressed multigraphed letters on good quality bond; 19 pages of mimeographed letters sent second class but on the same quality paper; 4 half pages of remittance blanks; 3 half pages of onion skin paper on which were inscribed my "goals" for the year; 7 bulletin from "Emergency Million"; 54 pages of printed matter containing appeals of one kind and another; 13 small pamphlets and part pages; 2 cardboard coin banks (with an unlimited supply to be had for the asking); 4 coin envelopes; 2 display folders, 17 x 22 inches and 2 lesser folders and a great number of envelopes of assorted sizes and kinds. All this came from one source. We shall not count 182 pages from the "Local Church Program Planning Committee," an 8 page booklet from the National City Church; a 16-page report from the Pension Fund; nor the 66-page booklet of the Board of Church Extension.

As I recall, all this came to me unsolicited. I will not say it did me no good. The manila envelopes came in handy for re-mailing. The display posters made good

charts, and the backs of the letters made swell scratch paper. But the point that worried me was the terrific cost to missionary funds of this expensive publicity which, as far as I was concerned, brought them not one cent of funds.

According to the 1942 Year Book there were 7,693 ministers and chaplains in the United States and Canada that year. This material was probably sent to each of them and to missionaries, secretaries, and local missionary societies as well. But to be conservative, let us say that all this material I collected for the year was sent to 7,000 people. An expert printer whom I asked to examine the material and give an estimate of its cost itemized each piece of printing and estimated its cost. The total cost he multiplied by 7,000. He concluded, "I would say that \$25,000 is probably the cost of printing the material."

The Year Book claims that 69% of our "churches and organizations" made some contribution during the year. 31% did not. Thus automatically 31% of the above expense was wasted. Of the 69% who contributed, we have no way of knowing how many gave only one offering for one "cause" or who may have sent an offering to the National Benevolent Association or took part in the Pension Plan or helped the National City Church, and, in short, did not respond to the many appeals which came to them.

Only recently an official speaking very frankly to his fellows said, "There are approximately 3,500 churches which have no fellowship in the work of the Society. There are approximately 5,000 Sunday Schools which have no participation in the work of the Society. In fact, most of our funds—75 per cent of them—come from about 20 per cent of our churches. We also find that most of our individual gifts come from this same 20 per cent."

I would not be going too far to conclude from the above statement that 50 per cent of the estimated \$25,000 publicity cost was absolutely wasted upon uninterested and antagonistic readers. Twenty-five per cent of the remainder was of dubious good. Perhaps 25% of it was gladly received and used as intended.

The organization could save themselves a lot of money and work if they would only drop a card to each one of their mailing list and ask them if they wanted to receive the Society publicity. At least they would assure themselves of interested readers.

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By Elder C. H. Dickerson, Minister, Tazewell, Va.

1

The "Founder's Name and Doctrine",
"Weekly observance" and "Loyalty",
The Editor says we must "Put Back"
To give The Church its Royalty

2

Its "Rule of Faith and Practice",
Slogan and Liberty He gave it,
"Obedience Test of fellowship",
"Twill take all these to save it.

3

These dozen "Put Backs" is the "Brand",
Baltimore Taylor contends
His argufying goes so well
We all can say "amen".

4

See "cut", and hear just what he says,
August Informer page seven,
He lays the track and runs the train
That runs from earth to Heaven.

5

Let's all "join in" and do our part
In putting these things "Back",
Help this courageous engineer
To keep this train on track.

6

Let's cheer our runners while they run
Not wait until they wreck,
Don't wait until they "Lay Them out"
Then shed tears by the peck

7

No one is greater when he dies
Than when he was a livin',
Why wait until he "Cashes in"
To sound the praise you're givin'?

8

Yes we must have these things "Put Back",
His church we must restore,
Stay on the main line and go in
To where we'll sin no more.

9

The right man in the right place
Baltimore Taylor seems to me,
Let's cheer the "Informer" while it lives
Also the "Christian Plea."

LONNIE BRANCH SAYS—

WATCH YOUR STEPS

These words are set before us as we journey through life, and care and caution should be our guiding stars. Somewhere in the Scriptures it is said, "Throw aside every weight and run with patience the race that is before us." The steps of a man with right intentions are orders of the Lord and though he may tramp many unknown paths, he will end at the right place. God can do great things with our lives, if we but give them to Him in sincerity. God never wastes anything. Everyday is a test-day; every hour is an examination hour. God puts each fresh morning, each new chance of life into our hands as a gift to see what we will do with it. The question of life is not how much time have we, for in each day each of us has exactly the same amount. We have all there is. The question is, what shall we do with it? Shall we let this priceless gift slip away from us? Time spent in being interrupted is not time lost. A strong thinker once said, "No one knocks at my door who is not sent there by God." We are spending time well when we are paying it out to God, to buy the things He means our lives to own. It is by the wise use of time that we purchase everything that life has of good. Money lost may be regained, friendship broken may be renewed. But what power can restore the moment that has passed, the day whose sun is set, the year that has been numbered with the ages gone?

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Elder C. H. Dickerson, Box 123, N. Tazewell, Va., will send to any young preacher who will send him one dollar three good preacher's books, worth five dollars.

Rev. H. L. Pinn, of Baltimore, Md., visited the Fellowship Meeting of the National Preaching Convention, held in Detroit, Mich., September 26-28.

Mrs. J. A. Johnson, of Dover, Ky., visited the Fellowship Meeting.

We were happy to see Elder R. L. Lofties, at the Fellowship Meeting.

Elder J. Salvador Johnson, and the people of Detroit, made it very pleasant for the delegates.

The College of the Scriptures opened in a fine way. President Maxey is happy.

Because of the opening of the Winston Salem Christian Institute; Elder R. L. Peters could not be at the meeting in Detroit; but sent his regrets.

Silver Trumpet Sercy, is indeed doing the work of an Evangelist. He has organized two churches this year and is working on the third in Atlanta, Ga. Send him a donation; he is worthy. His address is 355 Irvin St., N. E. Atlanta, Ga.

Elder C. W. Arnold, and his good people, will dedicate their church building soon. They have a fine building.

H. C. (Church Builder) Poston, will soon complete the beautiful church building at Covington, Ky.

The East Side Christian Church is about a year old; but it is doing the work of a grown congregation. Hats off, to Elder A. G. Nelson, Pastor, Kansas City, Mo.

Elder R. H. Boyd, of South Carolina, conducted an old-fashioned revival at the Calvary Christian Church, Brooklyn, N. Y. Elder D. L. Kinard, Minister.

The Quarterly Union of Christian Churches was held at the Calvary Christian Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., September 26-30.

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Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer,
That calls me from a world of care,
And bids me, at my Father's throne,
Make all my wants and wishes know!
In seasons of distress and grief,
My soul has often found relief,
And oft escaped the tempter's snare,
By thy return, sweet hour of prayer.

2.

Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer,
Thy wings shall my petition bear
To Him, whose truth and faithfulness
Engage the waiting soul to bless:
And since He bids me seek His face,
Believe His word, and trust His grace,
I'll cast on Him my every care,
And wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer.

3.

Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer,
May I thy consolation share,
Till from Mount Pisgah's lofty height
I view my home, and take my flight;
In my immortal flesh I'll raise
To seize the everlasting prize,
And shout while passing thro' the air,
Farewell, farewell, sweet hour of prayer.

Walking Up The Kings Highway.



It's a highway to heaven,
None can walk up there but the pure in heart:
It's a highway to heaven,
And we are walking up the King's highway.

My way gets brighter, my burden lighter,
Walking up the King's highway,
There's joy in knowing that I am going,
Walking up the King's highway.

No need to hurry, no need to worry,
Walking up the King's highway:
You'll get a blessing that you're processing,
Walking up the King's highway.

If you're not walking, stop while I'm talking,
Walking up the King's highway:
Christ walks beside you, angels to guide you,
Walking up the King's highway.

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