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Lord's Day June 9th, 1946 is Pentecost, the Birthday of the Christian Church.

And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.—Acts 2:1.

The second chapter of Acts gives us a picture of the kind of a church we need today. It is a picture of the first Christian church as the body of believers in Christ as the risen Son of God and Saviour—and Redeemer of the world. That early church was the product of a special need and a special power. It was grounded and born in the Pentecostal spirit of the outpouring of the Holy Ghost in spiritual power. Therefore, the church we need today is a Pentecostal church, not the kind of organization that bears that name with its attendant "speaking in tongues" and "holy rolling," but a church baptised and saturated with the divine spirit manifested in the outpouring of the Holy Ghost.

That church of the early day was a broad church, broad in the sense that it came to meet the needs of all men. It took in all humanity. It reached out to the uttermost ends of the earth. "None need perish; all might live, for Christ had died." It was broad in its mission, working for the salvation of the whole man.

That early church was a narrow church; it had only one Master, Jesus Christ. It was narrow in its membership; its membership was made up of men and women who believed in Jesus Christ as Lord and Master, Saviour and Redeemer. It specialized on "saving souls." It taught men that they were "citizens of two worlds," this and another.

That early church was a generous church, not stingy, close-fisted; but open handed, open hearted, recognizing the meaning of "stewardship."

That early church was a sympathetic church. There was a "fellow-feeling, wondrous kind," existing among its members. They remembered the "two bears," "bear and forbear," and they lived in sympathetic relationship with each other.

It was a constant church; "they continued steadfast." They were constant and consistent. They not only made a beginning but they "held out"; they were true to the vows they had taken and the obligations they had assumed.

The early church was progressive, wide awake, aggressive, missionary. The live church is a missionary church. The selfish church, the self-centered church dies. The old philosophy was: "You keep only what you give." This is the teaching of Jesus concerning losing one's life and finding it. It is true of the church.

The early church was an evangelistic church. It was insistent on a change in the lives of its membership. The church is more than a club or forum, it is a group of believers who have been "born again," and this spirit sent them out as evangelists seeking the winning of souls. The early church was a place where a needy sinner could meet a waiting Saviour and find peace and rest.

The early church was a Christian church; Christ was the vital center of its being. The apostles were the preachers, and they preached "Christ and Him crucified."

It was an orthodox church; the believers held to the great verities of the Christian faith. They could declare: "I believe in God the Father, in His Son Jesus Christ, who was crucified, dead and buried, rose again," and all the affirmations of the brave apostles.

It was a praying church; "they continued steadfastly in prayer."

"Prayer is the Christian's vital breath,
The Christian's native air;
His watchword at the gates of death;
He enters heaven with prayer."

The early church was a practicing church; they lived up to their profession and practiced what they preached.

It was a church with an open door. Its message was: "Whosoever will may take of the water of life freely." They "added daily" to its membership. All were welcome.

It was a church of "signs and wonders," Pentecostal blessings, miracles of healing, conversion of sinners, Holy Ghost power.

Our great need is for the manifestation of the characteristics of the twentieth century of the first century church of Jesus Christ. Such a church will meet the needs of the changing order in "This Believing World." What kind of a church would your church be if every member were just like you?

"If you want to live in the kind of a church
Like the kind of a church you like,
You needn't slip your clothes in a grip
And start on a long, long hike;
For you'll only find what you left behind,
For there's nothing that's really new.
It's a knock at yourself when you knock the church.
It is the church—it's you."

The church we need today is a church of the spirit of the church of the first century, functioning in our complex age in the name of Christ.

The Church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is His new creation
By water and the word;
From Heav'n He came and sought her
To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her,
And for her life He died.

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All news must be in by the 25th of each month.

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EDITORIAL

GREAT FELLOWSHIP MEETING

The National Meeting held with the East Side Christian Church, Kansas City, Mo., was a success in every way. Elder and Mrs. Nelson, members and friends of the church made it pleasant for all in attendance.

First, we had free taxi service. Second, comfortable beds. Third, delicious meals. Fourth, fine hospitality. Fifth, back to the Book preaching. Letters or representatives were in attendance from the following States: Arkansas, Mississippi, Louisiana, Illinois, Texas, Missouri, Kentucky, Kansas, Maryland, California, North Carolina, Michigan, New York, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia and Ohio.

Preaching was done by R. L. (Silver Trumpet) Sercy, Georgia; R. F. (Bob) Hayes, Arkansas; J. W. (Just What) Hicks, Missouri; A. R. (All Right) McDuff, Kansas; W. H. (Baltimore) Taylor, Maryland; C. H. (Chop Hard) Cooper, Missouri; A. F. (Always Glad) Nelson, Missouri; C. W. (Called To Win) Arnold, California

Music was rendered by the Choirs of East Side Christian Church and the Third Christian Church of which Elder M. F. (Most Faithful) Stevens, is pastor. The East Side Christian Church, like the National Christian Preaching Convention and The Christian Informer are babies, as to age, but they are doing work of full-grown organizations. Hats off to Nelson.

FREEDOM

The theme of the Fellowship Meeting was Freedom. Free from modernism. Free from our brethren, who wish to remain in U. C. M. S. bondage. Free from our brethren, who advocate and practice JIM CROWISM and DISCRIMINATION BECAUSE OF COLOR. GOD made us the COLOR we are, and we had NOTHING TO DO WITH IT. The Spirit of the meeting was expressed in the lines of the following songs:

Free at last, free at last,
Thank God Almighty, we are free at last.
Before we would be slaves
We would be buried in our graves
And go home to God and be free.

Faith of our fathers we will love
Both friend and foe in all our strife:
And preach thee, too, as love knows how,
By kindly words and virtuous life:
Faith of our fathers' holy faith
We will be true to thee till death.

"Go, preach my gospel," saith the Lord,
"Bid the whole world my grace receive;
He shall be saved who trust my word:
He shall be damned who won't believe."

The fight is on, O Christian soldier,
And face to face in stern array,
With armor gleaming, and colors streaming,
The right and wrong engage today;
The fight is on, but be not weary,
Be strong and in His might hold fast;
If God be for us, His banner o'er us,
We'll sing the victor's song at last.

READ THIS AND PRAY

"Los Angeles, April 6. Burning of fiery crosses at Big Bear Lake resort was reported today as authorities ordered questioning of a Lancaster pastor who allegedly admitted membership in the Ku Klux Klan.

"The investigation of Klan activity in Southern California was ordered when the Rev. Wesley Swift, pastor of the Lancaster Christian Church, told investigators that he belonged to the Klan and that it had paid him \$45 expense money for four lectures."

Editor: It brought tears to my eyes when I read the above article in the daily paper, about a Christian preacher being a member of such an un-Christian and un-American organization. What will happen next in the Christian Ministry?

"BALTIMORE TAYLOR"

Elder L. L. Dickerson, Secretary of the National Missionary Convention, said in the Clarion Voice. Quote:

"There is one thing I like about Baltimore Taylor, he knew where he wanted to go, how to intended to get there, and he had courage enough to go ahead, regardless. Of course we didn't agree with him on all points and still don't. But we admire that aggressive, determined, zealous and persistent in those who would lead." End quote.

Who in the world can Elder L. L. (Fence Walking) Dickerson agree with?

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W. H. Taylor, Minister

Morning and afternoon sessions will be held at the church. Evening and Lord's Day services will be held in the Odd Fellows Temple, McCulloh and Lanvale Streets only four short blocks from Emmanuel Christian Church.
Convention Theme: "CONTINUING STEADFASTLY"

—Acts 2:42

PROGRAM

Friday Morning, August 23, 1946

- President C. W. Arnold, California, Presiding
- 9.00 The purpose of the National Christian Preaching Convention.....Elder W. H. Taylor, Maryland, Executive Secretary.
- Sermon.....Elder J. Salvador Johnson, Michigan
- 10.00 Business Session
- 11.00 Sermon.....Elder D. W. Bradley, Tennessee
- 12.00 Benediction

Friday Afternoon

- Vice-President A. G. Nelson, Presiding
- 2.00 Sermon.....Elder A. J. Chichon, Illinois
- 3.00 Business Session
- 4.00 Sermon.....Elder A. R. McDuff, Kansas
- Introduction of visitors

Friday Evening at Odd Fellows Temple

- 8.00 Welcome Night—Welcome Addresses —
- Music by Choirs and Quartets
- N. A. A. C. P.....Mrs. Lillian Jackson
- Insurance Men.....Mr. Lonnie Branch
- Business Men.....Mr. Willard W. Allen
- N. W. Improvement Assn.....Mrs. Florence Snowden
- Lawyers.....Mr. L. G. Koger

- Interdenominational Ministers Alliance.....Rev. F. J. Frey
- Ministers and Churches of Hagerstown.....Rev. H. L. Pinn
- Spanish American War Veterans.....Mr. A. Gilmore
- Emmanuel Christian Church.....Elder W. H. Taylor
- Response.....Elder A. G. Nelson, Missouri, Vice-President.
- Greetings.....Elder C. W. Arnold, California, President.
- Offering
- Benediction.....Elder J. W. Stanley

Saturday Morning, August 24th

- Elder T. R. Everett, Kentucky, Presiding
- 9.00 Sermon.....Elder James Dickerson, New York
- 10.00 Business Session
- 11.00 Sermon.....Elder J. W. Hicks, Missouri
- Introduction of visitors
- 12.00 Benediction

Saturday Afternoon

- Elder M. F. Stevens, Missouri, Presiding
- 2.00 Sermon.....Elder C. H. Dickerson, Virginia
- 3.00 Business Session
- 4.00 Sermon.....Elder H. C. Poston, Kentucky

Saturday Evening at Odd Fellows Temple

- Elder R. F. Hayes, Arkansas, Presiding
- Music by Choirs and Quartets
- 8.00 Sermon.....Elder R. L. Sercy, Georgia
- 10.00 Banquet

Lord's Day Morning, at Odd Fellows Temple

- 11.00 Music.....Senior Choir of Second Christian Church Hagerstown, Md.
- Sermon.....President C. W. Arnold, California

Lord's Day Afternoon at Odd Fellows Temple

- The Lord's Supper
- 3.15 Music.....Junior Choirs of Second Christian Church, Hagerstown, and Emmanuel Christian Church, Baltimore
- Scripture Reading and Prayer
- Special Music
- Sermon.....Elder R. L. Peters, North Carolina
- Founder and President of Christian Institute
- The Lord's Supper

Lord's Day Evening at Odd Fellows Temple

Elder R. E. Sercy, Georgia, Presiding
 8.00 Music.....Choirs and Quartets
 Sermon.....Vice-President A. G. Nelson, Missouri
 Special Music

Monday Morning

Elder G. W. Wall, Mississippi, Presiding
 9.00 Sermon.....A Student of the College of the
 Scriptures, Louisville, Ky.
 10.00 Business Session
 11.00 Sermon.....A Student of Christian Institute,
 Winston Salem, N. C.
 12.00 Benediction

Monday Afternoon

President C. W. Arnold, California, Presiding
 2.00 Sermon.....Elder Tibbs Maxey, Founder and
 President of College of the Scriptures,
 Louisville, Ky.
 3.00 Business Session
 4.00 Sermon.....Elder R. L. Peters, Founder and
 President of Christian Institute,
 Winston Salem, N. C.
 5.00 Sight-seeing Trip

Monday Evening at Odd Fellows Temple

Elder H. C. Poston, Kentucky, Presiding
 8.00 Music.....Choirs and Quartets
 Sermon.....Dr. G. Calvin Campbell, Ph.D., Ohio,
 Vice-President of the College of Scriptures
 Special Music
 Benediction

Tuesday Morning

Vice-President A. G. Nelson, Missouri, Presiding
 9.00 Sermon.....Elder T. R. Everett, Kentucky
 10.00 Business Session
 11.00 Sermon.....Elder R. G. Maloy, Tennessee
 Introduction of visitors
 Benediction

Tuesday Afternoon

President C. W. Arnold, California, Presiding
 2.00 Sermon.....Elder R. H. Boyd, South Carolina
 3.00 Business Session

4.00 Sermon.....Elder H. N. Turner, Michigan
 "The Preaching Convention As
 I See It".....Brother J. Keyes, Mississippi
 Benediction

Tuesday Evening at Odd Fellows Temple

Executive Secretary W. H. Taylor, Maryland, Presiding
 8.00 Music.....Choirs and Quartets
 Sermon.....Elder R. F. Hayes, Arkansas
 Special Music
 Benediction

Choirs and Quartets of the city will render music each evening. Breakfast will be served at 8.00 A. M. Dinner at 12:30 and Supper at 5:30 P. M.

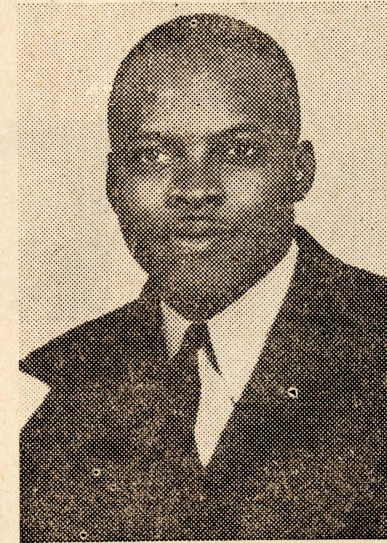
In Memoriam



IN MEMORY OF OUR MOTHER

Mrs. Mary Ellen Smith, of Baltimore, Md., born March 16, 1881. Departed this life May 8, 1931. She was a member of the Christian Church and was buried on Mother's Day, 1931.

WHICH WAY ARE YOU TRAVELING?



By ELDER R. L. (SILVER TRUMPET) SERCY

Atlanta, Georgia

Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk there in, and ye shall have rest for your soul. Jr. 6:16.

We understand from our basic text that there are many ways but only one way is right and true. God will suffer these ways to be, but will not make man even to walk in the way that is right. He tells us in Jr. 21:8, Behold I set before you this day the way of life and the way of death; so it is up to us as to which way we shall travel.

With the many ways before us, we are either in the right way or we are in some way that is wrong. We have these ways set before us from which to choose God's way—man's way; high way—low way; broad way—narrow way; the way of a transgressor—way of a fool—way of righteous—way of salvation and the way of the Cross. Now in the light of all of these ways, tell me which way are you traveling? As for the Lord, his way is perfect and His words have been tried. Ps. 18:30. And he tells us in the strength of His word, I am the way, the truth and the life. Jno. 14:6.

I will give my people one heart and one way that they may fear me forever, for the good of them and their children. Jr. 32:39. We note that God always provides a way for his children to this extent He gave to them all one heart. The question is what for? In order that they all might reason alike and be able to sympathize with the same thing.

Next we have the fools way. Prov. 12:15 tells us that the way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but he that harken unto council is wise. So if we would like to prove ourselves to be wise, then let us harken unto council. We also have the way of a lying; this is a method which has been used to lead the people of God away from the truth. God tells us in Jr. 14:14 that behold the prophet's prophecy lies in my name, I sent them not yet they ran, I commanded them not yet they went out. Listen to me this day if you please: a lie will make a slave, but it will take the truth to make a christian or a free man. Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free.

Let Us Hear The Truth About The Church

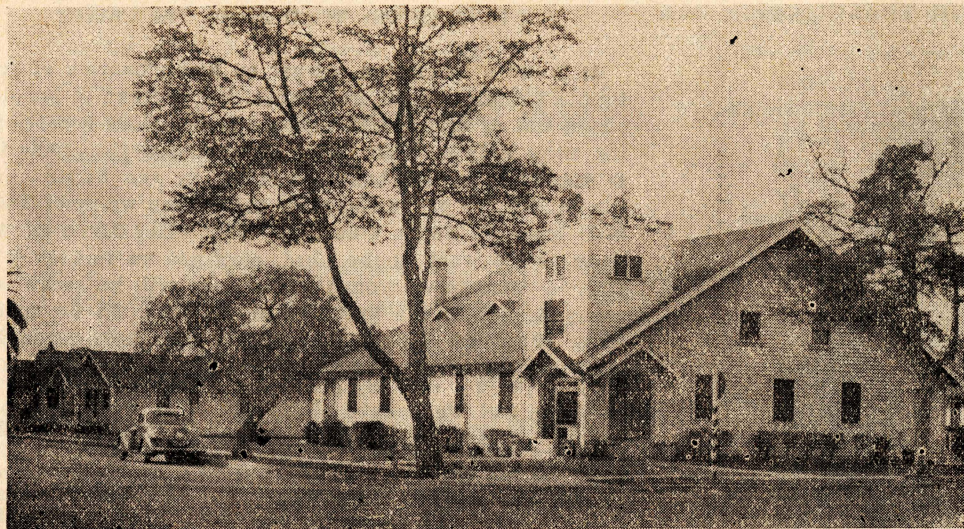
It is not a federation neither an amalgamation of religions thinking in different ways, but a group of people called out of creeds and man-made doctrines accepting the Bible only as their faith, rule and practice. Thus it is not what we see being practiced by the UCMS and the NCMC. To get in Christ or the church we must first hear Mark 12:28-29. One God. What else? Ezek. 37:4. Hear ye the word of the Lord. How are we to hear it? Is it to come to us from the valley or will he speak to us as he did to the prophets of old? No. As we read Rom. 10:14 we can see that we can only hear through the preacher. After we hear then we believe or disbelieve. Heb. 11:6. Not that we are saved or that our sins are forgiven, but we believe on Christ. Next we repent of our sins, that is, stop doing what we are doing. Lk. 13:3. Next we confess Christ, not our feeling. Matt. 10:32. After we do these things, we put him on by baptism. Baptized into Christ. Rom. 6:1-4. For remission of sins. Acts 2:38. It will make us free. Rom. 6:16-17. It will save us. Mk. 16:15-16. I Pet. 3:19-20. Our sins will be washed away. Acts 9:16. This is God's way, man's way will come different; which way are you traveling? Thine eyes shall see teachers and thine ears shall hear a voice behind thee saying this is the way. Isa. 30:31. Some have forsaken the right way and are gone after the ways of Baal. II Pet. 2:15. We have a number who have forsaken the way of Christ and are gone after the way of the UCMS, which is a man-made organization and does not reveal the Spirit of Christ. A high way shall be there and a way, and it shall be called the way of holiness. Isa. 35:8-9. Let us remember that God said, "My ways are not your ways, neither my thoughts your thoughts. Isa. 55:8-9. Now which way are you traveling? Broad is the way that leadeth to destruction and thousands walk together there. God is talking to us as in the days of old.

Hear O heavens and give ear O earth, for the Lord hath spoken. I have nourished you up and brought you up children, and they have rebelled against me. Isa. 1:2. The ox knoweth his owner and the ass his master's crib, but Israel doth not know, a sinful nation; a people laden with iniquity, seed of evil doers; children that are corrupted; they have forsaken the Lord, and have provoked the Holy One of Israel. Isa. 1:8-4. Stand in the ways and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way and when you find it walk there in, and you will find rest unto your soul. Do you want rest? Then let us try God's solution.

COLLEGE OF THE SCRIPTURES

Louisville, Kentucky

The following ministers have been presented to our student body in chapel recently: From Louisville and vicinity, "Woody" Boebinger, F. T. Floyd of Third Christian, Paul Reece of Flora Heights, and James Dabney, Student. Outside speakers included Malburt Prater, Washington, Indiana; Laurence Fugit, Columbia, Kentucky; A. G. Nelson, Eastside Church, Kansas City; Lowell Appelbury, Missionary to Jamaica; C. C. Omer of Hodgenville, Kentucky; Elmer Gallagher of Lexington, Kentucky; P. C. McCord of Georgetown, Kentucky; Virgil Felton, Lexington, Kentucky, and Lloyd Taylor, Madisonville Church in Cincinnati.



THE 92nd STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST

The 92nd Street Church of Christ is moving along nicely under the able leadership of its pastor, C. W. Arnold. The membership is growing constantly. The "old Jerusalem Gospel" is preached each Lord's Day. Easter was a record day—large audiences attended each service from the sunrise to the evening. Elder Arnold was recently a guest speaker in the chapel at Pacific

Bible Seminary. A goal of 25 subscriptions for the Informer has been set by the Church. Elder L. Peters will begin a great evangelistic campaign for the Church. June 2nd, 92nd Street Church of Christ building consists of an auditorium seating 600, eight classrooms, kitchen and dining hall, two offices and a 6-room parsonage with other modern facilities.

ELDER C. W. ARNOLD,
Minister.



LONNIE BRANCH SAYS:

PATRIOTISM AND DEMOCRACY

I am sure that patriotism will live, move and have its being in our country when it becomes generally known that it is a child of Democracy. Some one has said, "A knowledge of words is the gate of scholarship." Patriotism is a love of country where all men are equal before the law. Democracy is that state of society, that perfection of government in which there shall be secured to every human being intellectual liberty, equality of opportunity, justice in all human relations and free spiritual fraternity. If there is a country on this earth for which a man might love and work with pride, surely it is our own United States of America.

Our continent is bounded on the South by the equator, on the East by the Atlantic Ocean, on the North by the Aurora Borealis and on the West by the setting sun. This country has been most fortunate in her victories. She has twice measured arms with Great Britain and has won. She has met the spirit of rebellion within her own borders and was victorious. She has met the proud Spaniard and he lay prostrate at her feet. We have succeeded in every conflict except the effort to conquer ourselves in the blotting out of racial prejudices. Let us all hope and pray fervently that some how and in some way that the fox holes of Europe, Asia and Africa, together with the Isles of the Sea shall be eternal burial places of all that separates us in our business and civil relations.

We are united as nations and peoples have never been united. We are united to the end that the common aims of civilized men and women shall become actual and universal. Dark hours and disappointments await us, but they will pass as has so often happened before in the days that are now behind us, and the dawn may be less far distant than we have any right to hope. Slowly, it is true, but the Kingdom of Heaven has never moved forward anywhere with rapidity. The making of a nation, of a community, of a soul takes time. God makes haste slowly, but His work never needs to be undone.

HERE AND THERE

The congregation known as the Ringold Street Christian Church, Little Rock, Ark., purchased a church building. Elder R. F. (Bob) Hayes is minister.

Bus loads of members and friends of the Second Christian Church, Hagerstown, Md., and friends from Philadelphia, Pa., and other places came to Emmanuel Christian Church, Baltimore, Lord's Day, May 12th, to attend the local Fellowship Meeting. Sermons were delivered by Elder W. H. Taylor, Elder J. W. Stanley, Elder E. N. D. Clark of Philadelphia, Elder John P. Grover of Washington, D. C., brought greetings. The Senior and Junior Choirs of Emmanuel and Second Church rendered music. It was indeed a great fellowship meeting.

The Spanish-American War veterans will hold their Memorial Services at Emmanuel Christian Church, Lord's Day, May 26.

The contractors are at work on the Second Christian Church, Hagerstown, Md.

Elder C. W. Arnold of California is doing a fine work. See picture of church in this issue.

Elder C. H. Dickerson is urging all preachers and friends to send good books to both of our schools, also send a donation from your church. He has sent two boxes of good books recently, and more than one hundred dollars. College of the Scriptures, 709 W. Magazine Street, Louisville, Ky. Christian Institute, 614 Hickory Street, Winston Salem, N. C.

Tazewell is getting ready for the Annual Tri-State Convention, of North Carolina, Virginia and West Virginia.

YOUTH BIBLE CLASS

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- Place:** College Campus, 709 West Magazine Street, Louisville, Ky.
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- Feature Speakers:** Brother and Sister Clyde Adams, Missionaries by faith to Korea.
- Recreation:** Within a few blocks are public facilities, such as a swimming pool, playground, ball diamond, and parks. Every afternoon will be devoted to supervised recreation.
- Enrollment:** Mail one dollar, and an enrollment card soon. First come first served. AGE: You must be at least 12 years of age.
- What To Bring:** Two blankets, pillow case, two towels, washcloth, toilet articles, Bible, writing materials, any musical instrument you may play, and if you wish a camera.
- Chaperone's:** Each church is encouraged to send an adult along to supervise your delegation, though this is not a requirement.
- Rules:** You will not be permitted while here to dance, attend movies, smoke, drink or date outside the campus.

Don't Wait! Signify Your Intention to Come by Writing Soon!

A NEW VOICE



ELDER S. D. ARMSTRONG

Minister, Universal Christian Church, Detroit, Michigan

May I speak to the readers, and elders, and subscribers and friends of the Christian Informer through the columns of your paper? (Thanks, Brother Editor.) Elder J. S. Johnson, Editor of Michigan, gave me a copy of your paper, and it is worthy of its name, we might as well face facts in the face, it is truly an informer. I am asking the Elders to consider that we are on a battlefield for God. St. Paul instructed us to put on the whole armour. I am asking that the readers answer me back through the columns of this paper or otherwise. Are we going to sit idly by, and let these cults bewitch our people? Concerning the doctrine of tarrying for Holy Ghost? Neither Christ nor the apostles ever taught that as a doctrine. Christ did tell the apostles at Mount of Olives, go to Jerusalem, and wait for the promise of the Father (the Holy Ghost). He told no one to wait but the apostles (only). Mr. readers, please point me to scriptures that will answer my questions to the following: Where do we find in the Bible where Christ told any body to tarry for the Holy Ghost since the day of Pentecost? Where do you find in the Bible where Christ put any body down on their knees, and had a crowd gather around the person, with a lot of noise—some saying one thing, some saying another, a confusion of words (hypnotizing) people calling it the Holy Ghost? Mesmerising, enchanting. No wonder St. Paul asked the Galatians: O foolish Galatians who hath bewitched you. Acts 17:30. And the time of this ignorance God winked at. Point out to me a scripture in the Bible where God spoke to a people, and left them without an understanding. God spoke through prophets, angels, and even through a mule, but in no place did he leave them without understanding. And we Elders sit idly by and let these false prophets bewitch the simple minded people and make them believe that God speaks through them and leave them void of understanding. Roman 10:2-3. They have a zeal of God—but they are ignorant. Rev. 22:18. Its dangerous to add or take away from the saying of the Bible. There is something being added to the Bible, and something being taken away.

I am asking through the columns of the Informer where do you find in the Bible where God put the Church in the hands of the people to lead the preacher. And give them charge and jurisdiction over the Church and the preacher?

And point me out a scripture where a woman preached one sermon (in the Bible).

I get joy from reading the many good things I find in the Informer. I think we Elders should spare no pains in informing the people of the errors that are being practiced by the ignorant cults.

I told a good brother how to get Christ in America: If we will accept Christ in our hearts, teach Him in our homes, practice Him in our lives, we will have Him in America.

Listen friends, we might as well face facts in the face. There is no hope for universal righteous lasting peace, for no nation on earth, who ignores the doctrine and teaching of Jesus Christ and the Golden Rule. According to St. Matthew 7:12.

Yours truly, a new subscriber.

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WHY I LEFT THE KU KLUX KLAN



By ELDER JOHN P. GROVER

Evangelist in the Christian Church

Before I joined the Ku Klux Klan I was told that it was an organization to help churches. I later discovered that it was an UN-CHRISTIAN and UN-AMERICAN organization. Its purpose is to crucify Catholics, Colored People and Jews. As a minister of the gospel in the Church of Christ, I could not be a member of such an organization.

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Dear Editor:

We are happy to contribute this sum as a gift to the Christian Informer. Please accept this gift with our prayerful desire that your good work will continue. "Freely ye have received, freely given."

The Missionary Society of the Second Christian Church, Hagerstown, Md., Mrs. Lora R. Brooks, President, Mrs. Nettie Bell, Treasurer, Mrs. Gaynell Campher, Secretary.

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Best wishes for the Christian Informer and the Preaching Convention. Elder G. W. Wall, Indianola, Miss.

I have received my Christian Informer and nothing suited me better than to see the picture of the little junior choir of Emmanuel Christian Church. I am hoping to return to Baltimore and see you and the members of the church again. Fred Cureton, Newberry, S. C.

The more I read the Christian Informer, the better I love it; and understand why I am a member of the Christian Church. Please send me the total cost of publishing this month's issue, and I will send you a check to pay it. A Friend, somewhere in America. Friend Taylor:

Proud of good paper U. R. giving us. Looks like "Ole Home Town" is bringing me back. Came home (here) ten months ago, yesterday. Weighed 124½, now 177 pounds. Preaching and singing little more. Your friends often ask about you. Another donation for the Christian Informer. Elder C. H. Dickerson, Box 123, N. Tazewell, Va.

Dear Editor:

The Christian Informer is a wonderful paper. I will have a donation in the mail soon. Elder S. D. Armstrong, Detroit, Michigan.

MOTHER



By MRS. W. H. TAYLOR

May 12th this year was Mothers Day. On Mothers Day we wear flowers in her honor. To me every day we should honor her by keeping in mind the beautiful lessons that she taught us and the christian life that she lived before her children.

"Blessed is that mother when her children can rise up and call her blessed." My own mother can truly be called blessed by all of her children. Although she is now sleeping in her grave, she still lives on in hearts and minds of her loved ones.

"A good mother," as Solomon has said, "is more precious than rubies." Mother holds her heart sway even when the children are grown, others love and trust and confidences come, but still the grown child sings:

"Over my head in the days that are flown,
No love like mother's love was shown,
No other worship abides, and endures
Loving, unselfish and patient like yours."
"None like a mother can charm away pain
From the sick brow, world-weary brain,
Slumbers soft and calm o'er my heavy lids creep!
Rock me to sleep, mother, rock me to sleep!"

And there is this consolation for all who have known what it was to worship and find at the shrine of a fond Mother's heart. It was God in the Mothers that drew the adoration. Her fond bosom was the inlet into which the great tide of divine love surged, and kept it always full. And that He might be every where present, God made Mothers.

IN THE FIELD OF EVANGELISM

Elder R. L. (Silver Trumpet) Sercy closed a successful revival meeting with the First Christian Church in Clarksdale, Miss., Elder E. L. Griffin, minister. There were nine additions, many souls revived and the meeting will be long remembered. They paid the Evangelist one hundred dollars and had money over and above all expenses. The Sisters of the church gave the Evangelist a surprise gift of twenty-nine dollars. Picture of those who are ready to put on Christ in Christian Baptism, at Clarksdale, Miss.

THE NATIONAL CHRISTIAN PREACHING CONVENTION

By ELDER J. W. HICKS

Pastor of Lathrop Christian Church, Kansas City, Kansas

This message comes to let the brethren of the Preaching Convention know how much I enjoyed being with them which was held at East Side Christian Church, Kansas City, Mo.

I met the brethren for my first time and they took me in as their son. Being a young man in the ministry I was helped so very much. The thing that impressed me so, was the brethren were preaching The Christ! not man, teaching the way of Christ, not the way of men. They were men who refer to the BOOK and not to modernism and false teaching.

What a tragic sight, a christian who will not stand for what he believes to be right. I hear people condemn those who crucified the Saviour. I hear people condemning Judas for selling Jesus for the sum of thirty pieces of silver. I oftimes wonder if we don't sell Him for less than Judas did. When we sell Jesus for man-made creeds, open-membership, modernism; when ever we let these take preeminence over our duty and loyalty to Him; don't berate Judas. For you are doing the same thing in a different way.

Remember you have all these examples which have gone before to help us be true to Him. The brethren of the Preaching Convention said "they believe that Jesus Christ is divine, that He is the Son of God and will accept Him, live for Him, serve Him; and if necessary give their life for Him." This statement has been by countless numbers as, it was made on the day of Pentecost when about three thousand turned to Christ. It was made by the Eunuch when he was taught by Philip, it was made by the Philippian Jailor when Paul taught him, it was made by Lydia and her household. But I am sorry for some preachers of today who won't stand for Christ.

A man came to a certain lawyer one time and secured him to plead his case on a certain charge. Near the time when he was to be tried he became frightened as to what the verdict might be, and so ran away. Many years later he returned, found the same lawyer and told him that he had returned to stand trial and wanted him to take the case again. But in the absence of the man, the lawyer had become judge. So he said, "At one time I was your lawyer and would have pled your case, but now I am a judge; and I must sit in judgment upon you."

It is the same way with us. When Christ came to earth, lived and walked among men, gave His life and now urges you to come to Him. He is your Saviour. He wants to save you. He wants you to be free from modernism, free from U.C.M.S., bondage, free from man made creeds, free from sin. But when he returns, it will be to sit in judgment upon the world, the church and the things we have been preaching. He will not be your Saviour then, but your judge. What will he do with you? Answer that question by answering the other on what will you do with Jesus?

My brethren of the National Christian Preaching Convention, I just started out in the ministry, but I mean to stand for the doctrine of the church of Christ. If I follow after men I will be going over the broken, bleeding body of the Master. Stand for Christ and He will stand with you. Stand for men and you will burn in Hell. Pray for me, I will remember you all in my prayers. Christ sent me into all the world to preach wherever I am needed. Send for me. Yours in Christ,

PERTINENT PARAGRAPHS



By ELDER A. C. CHICHON

Carbondale, Illinois

Can two walk together unless they agree?

For many years the Northern Baptist and Disciples of Christ have been attempting a union and thus far no agreement has been reached, as long as both communions hold on to their cherished principles. Are the Baptist ready to give up their denominational name and creed (Hiscock Directory) for the Christian name and authority—the Bible? It will be a day of weeping and mourning for the Baptist to surrender their name and creed to accept the name of Christian or Disciples of Christ; and the Bible as sole authority for their creed. It will be suicidal for the Christian Church or Disciples of Christ to surrender their name and creed—the Bible—for the name Baptist and creed found in their authority book—Hiscock Directory. Why continue the puzzle?

Our pioneers went forth "without scrip nor purse" preaching the Gospel of Christ in the midst of denominationalism and made inroads upon them; and some places split them in two.

Without fear or favor they preached the Gospel of Christ, with the Bible as their authority and succeeded in establishing Churches of Christ in spite of mountains of difficulties. Times without number they were driven from city to city refusing to give them bread and shelter by night to strengthen their bodies; but with a loyalty for the cause they represent they suffered as the Apostles with firm determination that the Gospel might be heard and believed. For their zeal they were rewarded with great success whither they went. Had they received the financial support being given to the modern ministers of today, instead of a meager number of Disciples of Christ; ten times the number now in existence would be restored.

The Restoration Plea, begun by the Campbells, Walter Scott, Barton W. Stone, and others, was mainly for the destruction of human creeds, minds, who heretofore had adhered to human creeds, after hearing the simple Gospel truths, renounced the denominational creeds and accepted THE CREED THAT NEED NO REVISION—CHRIST.

Things I can not understand:

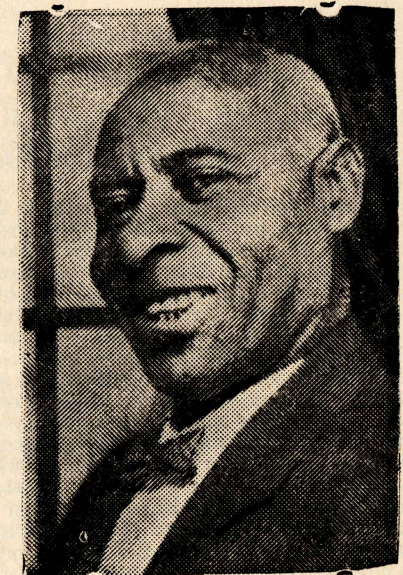
The National Convention of Disciples of Christ invites a denominational preacher as their convention guest speaker, instead of one of their leaders; the denominations do not invite as their guest speaker a Christian minister. Go back to apostolic preaching. Emphasize the

five oints with Christ. Hear, Believe, Repentance, Confession and Baptism.

Our pioneers were not college bred nor financially supported ministers. They were men filled with the Holy Ghost and faith. With the sword of the Spirit they invaded the strong holds of denominationalism and with a "Thus saith the Lord," they were victorious wherever they went. The spirit of the pioneers should inspire the present ministers to go forth to conquest, and destroy every vestige of denominationalism.

As I look back forty years, I can discern D. R. Wilkins, Alex. Campbell, Julius Graves, A. P. Merchant, R. E. Hathaway, M. F. Robinson, Preston Taylor, Leroy Redd, G. W. Reed, Malcolm Ayers, J. D. Smith, Gibbs, S. R. Casseus, R. F. Matlock, K. R. Brown, Keyes and Ledbetter, W. A. Scott, W. T. Brown, Hurdle, Haley, Johnson, G. W. Taylor. These and many others died in THE FAITH.

FROM THE HILLS OF OLE VIRGINIA



By ELDER C. H. DICKERSON

Poet and Preacher

Reading the Christian Informer
Always makes your blood get warmer.

Folk who write from twenty States
Some of 'em whose "feet ain't mates."

From Michigan to Carolinas
Maryland to New York finer.

Illinois and his lucky
Georgia, Tennessee and Ole Kentucky

Mississippi and West Virginia
And Ole Virginia "pickinnies."

We haven't space to name 'em all,
Just so they answer Taylor's call.

He's giving us the best he has,
A better paper never was.

It shows "His rising from the dead,"
"Not here, but risen, as He said."

God bless him who this five dollar spender,
Send ten copies for some friends.

MOTHER



By MRS. IANTHA LAKE

Baltimore, Maryland

Why, if I may ask, is this such an important topic?

To me it is the most interesting topic for discussion.

It is most interesting because I have three daughters, and it is my full intention to be, from the very depth of my heart, a real, true mother. Who is responsible for life? The life of each and every man or woman? Yes, MOTHER. And the child is the innocent star of life. The child, who is merely like clay, just a small bundle that must be shaped and cared for; because he had nothing whatever to do with his being born. So therefore since I honestly think that a mother has the greatest and fullest job on earth, I feel that a mother should realize that even when her child is a tiny baby someday he or she will be an adult and it is from that view point she should begin to model her figure to be the man or woman that everyone and anyone should be proud of. She should raise her child to be considerate of her fellow men and to fit in her home as an asset to the family, rather than a spoiled brat who would never be happy and make everyone with whom he comes in contact equally unhappy. Yes, I must say a mother really has a job, a full-time job if she is sincere in her work. How often have you heard women who have born children, brag about what she should do for her child, and then the child comes running in whining for his own way about something he had no business with in the first place and that very same woman gives into him, just to keep him quiet. Tell me do you think that such a woman could really be called MOTHER? Well I don't, because if the mother gives into silly whims and tantrums while he is so little, that child will grow up expecting others to also give into him, and he will come into very serious complications, because his mother did not take enough interest in her job to curve his disposition. Often a child who has not been guided, turns out to be a very well respected and highly rated example, and that very mother who neglected to guide him will sit back and thrust out her chest, accepting all praises from others of having been so wonderful.

Why should she accept credit when it is not due her. Then there is the mother who is so worldly craved that she simply must work and buy her children everything better than Mrs. Jones' children who think they are so cute and then when the children who have been left to raise themselves so that he can have all of these fine things, get into any trouble, that mother will cry and say: "I work so hard to do all I can for my children and yet this is how they pay me, I don't know what I will

do with them." She may be lucky enough to receive respect from that child when he becomes of age, and many mothers are just that lucky. But as for me I feel that if I am the real, true mother to my children I will teach them while they are small, by guiding them, being a companion to them, teaching them right from wrong, teaching them to respect each other as well as respecting us their parents, and in return we also respect them as individual human beings, looking after their welfare until they are old enough to do so themselves, teaching them to be self reliant, teaching them to someday be a mother.

I hope that if my children do not think me worthy of a Mother's Day present, they will let me know why they feel so and together we can come to an agreement that will make us all more tolerant of each other; rather than to go and buy me something that I don't deserve. I don't want them to praise me to the public and then disrespect me at home, as I have so often seen done by girls and boys of many ages. There have been so many adolescent ages and older persons too who have come to me with problems that they should have taken to their own mothers. Why do you suppose that they would not go to their mothers? They would tell me that they could not talk to her, or that they were afraid to talk to her about such. Why? Being a mother is a two-sided job—teaching and learning. There is much that we must teach our children and there is much that our children can teach us.

I wouldn't trade my job of being a mother for any thing else. I wanted and needed financial security, but I wouldn't even take a defense job because there was none that I could get that would fit in with my caring for my children. Yes, there were nursery schools or probably some neighbor might have looked out for them, but I bore them and I must raise them, and when I hear them say what they seem to get such a delight in "MOTHER," I feel glad all over for I am trying to live in the depths of my heart, up to that name, "MOTHER."

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Elder W. H. Taylor
1702 Madison Ave.
Baltimore, Md.

I wrote to
Mr. G. Calvin Campbell
709 West Magazine St.
Louisville, Ky.

May 1, 1946

Dear Sir:

Referring to the College of the Scriptures. In the Christian Informer, I read of a statement made by some of the faculty making this statement: "We speak where the Bible speaks," and I thought it was a fine statement. I was just wondering if the Bible spoke of Negro Church, Negro Ministers, Colored race, etc. White brotherhood, Negro brotherhood. I am just wondering if God is pleased if it wouldn't be a good plan when writing anything concerning the Bible, literature, tracts, etc., to just leave off the word Negro, and just say Minister; leave off the word colored in God's Church. I think we should just use the general name CHURCH, general name Brotherhood, etc. I think the Church is an open door to the unsaved. Please leave off the word Negro.

From your friend,

ELDER S. D. ARMSTRONG.

Detroit, Michigan.

Editor's Note—We agree one hundred per cent with Elder Armstrong. It is against the policy of The Christian Informer to use any of the above terms. If ever they appear in The Christian Informer it is an oversight, or we are quoting somebody.

SERMON BY ELDER A. G. NELSON



Kansas City, Missouri
Vice-President of the National Christian
Preaching Convention

TEXT: "IN THE DEFENSE OF THE GOSPEL."
Phil. 1-17

PAUL SPEAKING: "I AM SET FOR THE DEFENSE OF THE GOSPEL."

In preaching this sermon we must remember Paul was an instrument of God filled with the Holy Spirit, so we can take a stand with Him in Christ. An outstanding Protestant minister said one day, "It is my business to preach a positive message." (We were discussing false teachings or doctrines). He further stated, that he did not condemn the errors I find in others. I challenged him with, "If every preacher took that position, the devil would be satisfied, and would have nothing to worry about. His battle won, he would take it easy."

Most of us true Christian ministers are too far-sighted to see that the devil is close at hand, and are able to recognize the cog he is throwing into Christ's program of his church through this kind of thinking.

Apostle Peter exhorted us to be sober, be watchful. He said: "Your adversary, the devil, as a roaring lion walketh about as a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour." (Read I Peter 5-8). Paul, however, said: "We are not ignorant of his schemes." We see daily the reaction in the church's program. (Check II Cor. 2-11.) However, some of us are weak and do not discern his devices and are victims of his trickery, not observing the devil, our adversary. Let us observe for a moment: If our government would train men in warfare, equip them for battle, then fail to tell them who their enemy was and when they may attack, or what kind of strategy they should use, what would you think of this supreme policy?

Christ has warned us of his adversary, how we may identify him and know his works. He said: the devil was his adversary, and if we are with Christ, then the devil is our adversary, and it pays us to be watchful lest we be led off by the scheming of power seeking leaders of false doctrine agencies.

So many of us think of Satan as a mythical character, but sometimes he is your pastor, your elder, your best friend, even your family. You walk and talk with him and he stays covered up in deception until he strikes the deadly blow. The devil is as real as God Himself. He has a kingdom set up as God has and is continuously making war on the righteous. We must remember his power. Only God can break his bonds and upset his destructive plans. We deal with him too lightly, we take him for granted, but he is

determined to destroy your souls at all costs. God knew this when he instructed us to "put on the whole armour of God."

The devil is using great strategy to defeat God's plans. He strikes at our weakest point, our desire to gain worldly power and possession. In this human frailty we fall and follow afar off in sin. We are set as ministers in defense of the gospel as it was delivered to the saints, not the devil's doctored gospel. We are afraid to preach any other and expect a divine reward. So the spirit of God warns in his word where the attack will come. We are ready to defend the gospel. I believe in the devil. He is real. I fear him and do not deal with him lightly. He is not to be dealt with lightly. Never be too sure of yourself when he is involved. You may be safe in the fold of Christ today, tomorrow you are caught off your guard. He is using master schemes to attract you from Christ. This is why Paul said: "Watch, out of Christ protection in man's protection where will you be?" We know some of the devil's advanced agencies are persistent in their efforts to lead you in their way, and hope someday you will be caught off your guard and you will fall for their propaganda. You lose your divine protection.

You know friends, the devil has been portrayed as a thing with horns, tail and black. He slips upon us in deception as we are unbalanced and our usefulness gone; we are swayed by any wind or doctrine.

Brother Paul helps us here to know the devil. (Read Eph. 6:12.) "For our wrestling is not against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world rulers of darkness, against the spiritual host of wickedness in high places, in the Heavenly places (in the church)." Check II Cor. 11:14-15. Paul says: "For even Satan fashioneth himself into an angel of light, therefore, don't be alarmed if his ministers be transformed as the ministers of righteousness."

You don't fight against satan in saloons, houses of ill fame, dance halls and such places, so when we go there we know it is his place, therefore, we don't attack him in his house, we try to please him. There is no deception there. He doesn't pose as someone else, he is himself. The place you have got to be on guard in is in Heavenly or high places, for there he will deceive you so easy as you are not expecting him there, and if he is there he is robbed as an angel of light. No wonder Paul said: "Watch! he will look like God's messenger of the cross, like a preacher of the gospel." You expect the angel of light to be telling the truth. You usually believe him. This is the danger point in our life. Don't trust him, he is the father of lies. Be on your guard against the wiles of the devil. You see he is in the place you would least expect to find him. Be careful when you go to church, he may be in the choir, under a robe, or in the pulpit under a vesture in the prayers' corner. Watch!

Now, since we have located the devil's works and what he looks like, let us now turn our attention to the strategy he uses to deceive people so they will go to hell. Again I say to you, don't underestimate his power. To destroy his wisdom is second only to God Himself. We are not able to improve upon his plannings he uses the leaders to lead the sheep out of the fold of Christ. Then, too, remember he has been working on this job for over 7,000 years, he is an expert by now, so watch his set up plans to destroy God and His kingdom. The only time he suffered defeat was when Christ broke through the bonds of death. You remember he won the first round with God in the Garden of Eden. In Christ's victory over death he felled Satan. His power wained, he made the opening for people to have Eternal Life. But Satan was not out for the count, he arose and began anew. He called his pals together for a conference the day Christ arose from the dead. He admitted Christ had conquered the powers of death and that all who followed him would be saved from the clutches of death and would also be free from the powers of the grave. He said to his cohorts, "We have one plan yet to conquer teeming millions of souls of men. We will deceive men by counterfeiting God's plans; get men to accept the counterfeit instead of the real thing, then when it is too late, they will be lost." That my friends, is what he did. With one exception, the devil has counterfeited God's plan of salvation, and when he could not counterfeit one part of the plan, he made people believe it.

I—The False Apostles.

Christ selected men for training in the Apostleship for

setting up his church plans. The devil set his plans by setting up false teachers, his apostles to teach false doctrine adverse to Christ's teachings. Read II Cor. 11-13 and Rev. 2:12-3. Here, they fashioned themselves as Christ's Apostles. This was the beginning of the devil's plans to defeat Christ's plans. He knew Christ told His Apostles to preach the gospel to the whole world so in order to counterfeit God's plans, he sent his apostles out to preach.

II—False Miracles.

Read John 30-31. "The establishing of faith." Look at the miraculous powers of the Apostles. This was their credentials, this was evidence God had sent them. Then we accepted their teaching as coming from the same source Christ had come from—from God. What did the devil do? Read Matt. 7:22. Many will say to me in that day, "Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy by thy name (note: by thy name, not in thy name) and by thy name cast out devils, and by thy name do mighty works." Then will I profess unto them, "I never knew you to depart from me ye workers of iniquity, look! all of this work for naught." Christ also said: "There shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and they shall show great signs and wonders so as to lead astray the very elect if possible." Read: Matt. 24-26. Think how many are being led astray by false prophets, angels of light in high places who call themselves vice regents of Jesus Christ stating they have power to forgive sins, to save men, to exalt men (blasphemy).

III—False Messengers.

Remember, the gospel is centered only in the death, burial and resurrection of Christ only which is according to the scriptures of prophecy. In this power, the church was born. This message spread throughout the world. Christ was real. In the early church the devil wanted to defeat this power of the gospel. So what, he set up his power, not at Jerusalem, but at Rome, then sent out from Rome his false messengers with a false message of disobedience to the Christ. Paul warned us this would happen. He said: "In the latter day many would depart from the faith giving heed to seducing spirit and the doctrine of devils. Brother Paul: They are here today. I Tim. 4-1. Read again II Cor. 11:4 and Col. 2:8. Note, the devil substituted a deceptive gospel, but friend, no preacher will admit he is a tool of the devil. But God said he was.

We read about a concern of a world church. Yes, we ought to be concerned about Christ's church. We have about ruined it by injecting into it false doctrines. So the devil laughs in our face for listening to these false apostles.

Conclusion.

Then, if we, like Paul, are set for the defense of the gospel, we will preach it, defend it, live it and die for it and the Christ will reward us for being faithful until death.—Amen.

Dear Christian Friends,

I have been wanting to send you this poem for the Christian Informer, for some time. Back in 1907 or 1908 I spoke this piece, have loved it ever since. Also sending a little donation, sorry it can not be more to help the good cause along. All I ask in return, will you send me two extra Christian Informers when you print the poem. Wishing one and all God's speed in the work you are doing.

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

THE MASTER IS COMING
By SOPHIE B. BOYNTON

I
They said, "The Master is coming
To honor the town today
And none can tell at whose house or home
The Master will choose to stay."
And I thought, while my heart beat wildly,
What if He should come to mine?
How would I strive to entertain
And honor the Guest Divine?

II
And straight I turned to toiling
To make my home more neat
I swept and polished and garnished
And decked it with blossoms sweet;
I was troubled for fear the Master

Might come ere my task was done;
And I hastened and worked the faster,
And watched the hurrying sun.

III

But right in the midst of my duties
A woman came to my door;
She had come to tell me her sorrows,
And my comfort and aid implore
And I said, "I can not listen,
Nor help you any today;
I have greater things to attend to."
And the pleader turned away.

IV

And soon there came another
A cripple, thin, pale, and gray
And said, "Oh, let me stop and rest
Awhile in your home, I pray;
I have traveled far since morning,
I am hungry and faint and weak;
My heart is full of misery,
And comfort and help I seek.

V

And I said, "I am grieved and sorry,
But I can not help you today;
I look for a great and noble Guest."
And the cripple went away.
The day wore on more swiftly,
And my task was nearly done,
And a prayer was in my heart
That the Master to me might come.

VI

And I thought I would spring to meet Him
And serve Him with utmost care.
When a little child stood by me,
With a face so sweet and fair.
Sweet but with marks of tear-drops,
And his clothes were tattered and old;
A finger was bruised and bleeding,
And his little bare feet were cold.

VII

I said, "I am sorry for you;
You are sorely in need of care,
But I can not stop to give it
You must hasten other where."
At the words a shadow
Swept o'er his blue-veined brow,
"Someone will feed and clothe you, dear,
But I am too busy now."

VIII

At last the day was ended,
And my toil was over and done,
My house was swept and garnished
And I watched in the dark, alone;
Watched, but no footfall sounded,
No one paused at my gate,
No one entered my cottage door;
I could only pray and wait.

IX

I waited till night had deepened,
And the Master did not come.
"He has entered some other door," I cried,
"And gladdened some other home."
My labor had been for nothing,
And I bowed my head and wept;
My heart was sore with longing,
Yet spite of it all I slept.

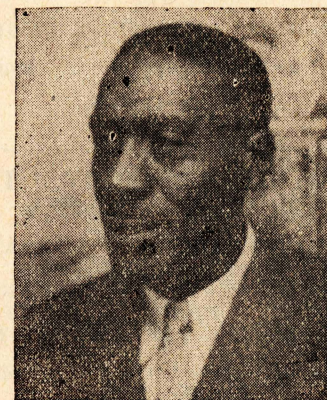
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Then the Master stood before me,
And His face was grave and fair;
"Three times today I came to your door,
And craved your pity and care.
Three times you sent me onward,
Unhelped and uncomforted.
And the blessing you might have had was lost
And your chance to save has fled."

XI

"Oh Lord, dear Lord, forgive me!
How could I know it was Thee?"
My very soul was shamed and bowed
In the depths of humility.
And He said, "The sin is pardoned,
But the blessing is lost to thee:
For comforting not the least of mine,
You have failed to comfort Me."

**JOHN 8:31-32—JESUS THEREFORE SAID TO THE
JEWS: "YE SHALL KNOW THE TRUTH"**



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As this lesson opens before us, we find our Lord and Master confronted no doubt with the rulers of the Jews. Hoping at some opportune time that they might be able to reek vengeance upon Him. Bring Him to naught and prove Him false. But friends we must see this. He tried hard to correct their false views of Himself. And raise their faith to a higher level. These are some of the things which the Church of Christ stands for today. It stands also for the correction of false views of Christ. Because He is covered up in creeds, human ideas and human institutions. Men look at Jesus through their church creeds and through the interpretation of bishops and councils. These must be torn away that men may see Jesus as He is. And understand Him when He says, "If you continue in My word then are ye My disciples indeed. And Ye shall know the truth and truth shall make you free."

I. How does truth make one free?
This is no bad question. What will the answer be so that men and women may be free from past sins, free from false conceptions and false views? Truths must be made known. It is hard to see how men who say that God has called them to preach and then fail to make known the truth. Something must be wrong somewhere. Before truth can set men free, it must be made known.

One great reason why men and women are in their sins, is that the truth hasn't been made known. Men will accept the truth that will make them free. How long will it be before we will have the truth as it is in Christ?

II. The way truth makes one free.
It must be understood. Solomon said, "In all thy getting, get understanding." The physician must understand his profession. The lawyer, the conductor, and the postman must know theirs. This is true in every walk of life. And if it is true in every other vocation, it must be true in religion. Not a scientific truth nor a historical truth. But truth as it is in Jesus Christ. (8th Chapter of Acts).

III. Truth makes one free by obeying.
Every thing depends on one obeying the explicit command of God. Saul had to obey the work of God by the mouth of Annias. The three thousand had to obey the truth on the day of Pentecost. If these had to obey so must we who desire to be free. We must obey the truth as it is in Jesus Christ.

Hear Peter: "If judgment begins at the House of God, what shall the end be of those who obey not the Gospel?"

IV. Truth must be enjoyed.
After one has worked hard all of his life, and has been so fortunate as to save a few dollars he ought to enjoy it. So it is with one who has labored hard in the Church of Christ. And has borne the burden and the heat

of the day has stood all kinds of persecution. Then truth must be enjoyed. John in the Revelation said, "Blessed are they that do His commandments, that they may have a right to the tree of life and enter through the gates into the city."

THE SUCCESSFUL PREACHER
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In working with the Church, the successful minister will not forget to help every auxiliary in the Church, not as dictator nor boss, but as counsellor and attend when ever convenient. Work with the superintendent and teachers of Bible school, women's work, young people's meeting and even the choir, if he can.

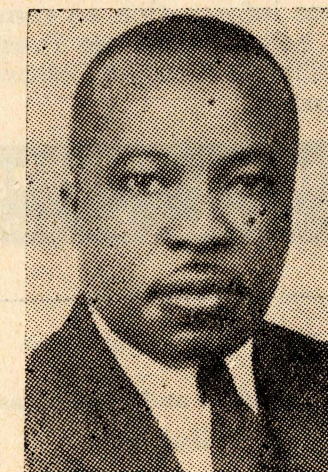
Of course he will use discretion and often allowable diplomacy. In all this, he will keep in touch and in line with the church officers.

They may be taught, chastized and even rebuked (if he knows how to do it, but never ignored. You may do it for awhile, but the day of reckoning will come.

Again, he will be careful to account for all moneys that come his way. Church money is not his money until it has been properly given to him.

If the church has clubs, circles or bonds organized, he will respect the officers of those organizations. "Git wid 'em."

To be a successful preacher he should read or commit to memory the fourth chapter of I Timothy, verses 6 to 16 inclusive. If this don't save him, he's a "goner."



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