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EDITORIAL

"A PAPER EMPIRE"

The United Christian Missionary Convention of Disci-
ples of Christ, covering the New England States, New
York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland and
the District of Columbia, is doing little things in a big
way. To read the program of the convention which was
held at Mt. Olivet Church, Baltimore, July 5, 6, 7. One
would get the impression that the convention has
churches in all of the above named States. The truth of
the matter is this. The convention has only one church
in the District of Columbia, one in the State of Maryland,
one in the State of New Jersey, five in the State of New
York, none in the State of Pennsylvania, none in the
State of Delaware, none in all of the New England States,
which are Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachu-
setts, Rhode Island, Connecticut.

They have a large field, but very little planted. They
cover about half as many States on paper as their Na-
tional Convention covers otherwise. They have for their
president a layman who does not know the problems of a
minister nor the touch.

I heard the layman president in a public meeting of
the convention criticize one of his preachers after he had
preached, by saying, "you should have saved that sermon

and preached it on a cold day in the winter. Your wife
will be a widow if you continue to preach that way."

I have seen summer dresses, summer suits, winter
dresses, winter suits; but I have never heard of summer
and winter sermons before. I thought of what the Apos-
tle Paul said, "Preach the word; be instant in season, out
of season." No one knows preaching like a preacher.

The layman president in his annual message to the
convention had more to say about Hitler, Mussolini,
Roosevelt, New Deal, Black Market, OPA, than he had to
say about Jesus Christ, whom the convention was suppose
to have been representing. We hear and read enough
over the radio and newspapers about OPA, Black Market,
New Deal, etc. When we go to church let us hear about
Christ.

It appeared to me that the layman president's speech
was borrowed from Senator Bilbo, of Mississippi, or some
one of that tribe. Because the layman president said,
"That the New Deal died in Warm Springs, Ga., and was
buried in Hyde Park, N. Y."

Just look around, Brother President, and you will
behold some of the progress our race made under the
"New Deal."

The New Deal may be "both dead and buried," but
"his supulchre is with us unto this day."

The layman president told his delegates that "the
church should be broad and not narrow."

He failed to tell his delegates that the church Christ
established is "narrow."

Christ said, "Straight is the gate, and NARROW is
the way, which leadeth unto life; for wide is the gate,
and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and
many there be which go in thereat."

He failed to tell his delegates, that the Founder of
the Church is so narrow, until He said, "Except a man
be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into
the kingdom of God."

The layman president did not ask the editor of The
Christian Informer to even say good evening to his many
friends whom he pastored, baptized, married, etc., over a
period of twenty years.

When asked about his action, his reply was, "I did
not want my convention torn up."

The layman president seems to have realized the
fact that a baby can tear up almost anything that is made
of paper, but a Christ-centered Convention, built of the
Spiritual Rock, the editor of The Christian Informer, nor
"the gates of hell shall prevail against it."

The convention had some good points. I had some
good friends there. Those whom I talked with said, that
they had good weather for the convention, and that it was
held in a good city, and I know that the program was
printed on good paper.

"WHAT A PITY"

Two ministers in the other camp, one is pastoring in
New Jersey and the other in New York. They have been
barking and growling in the Christian Plea, as to which
one is "THE WATCH DOG IN THE EAST." I hope
they won't run mad over that title and position.

To An Open Membership Brother Who
Sent Me a Letter Criticizing the National
Christian Preaching Convention:

REMEMBER

Do not come to the National Christian Preaching
Convention expecting to see a large crowd. The large
crowd usually go the downward road. Come expecting to
see Christ and hear His gospel.

EDITORIAL

Remember—The small crowd was in Noah's Ark. The
large crowd was in the water. One on God's side is a
majority.

Do you remember the five loaves and two small
fishes?

Do you remember the small beginning of Howard,
Yale, Princeton and Harvard Universities?

Do you remember the small beginning of the great
railroads of the country. At one time the Pennsylvania
Railroad only had one engine.

Do you remember that Jarvis Christian College
started in a barn, almost 50 miles from no where?

Remember it is not the size of the dog, but it is the
size of the fight that is in the dog.

Do you remember how many delegates were at the
first National Christian Missionary Convention?

Do you remember that you were once a small piece
of humanity, with small feet, hands and mind. The last
time I saw you your feet and hands had grown.

Do you remember that the church you are now pas-
toring had its beginning in a little alley, below the rail-
road track, near the freight station; and I held a two-
weeks revival for you?

And the church officers gave you the money to give
me for my railroad fare and service, and you said you
lost it. You promised to mail it to me; it has been 17
years and I have not received it as yet.

Do you remember Zechariah 4:10: "For who hath
despised the day of small things?"

"TAIL WAGGING THE DOG"

It is rumored that laymen have almost gained con-
trol of State and National Convention of Disciples of
Christ.

If it is true, then it is a plain case of "tail wagging
the dog." "How can they hear without a preacher?"
What part did the laymen play in causing the National
Convention of Disciples of Christ to split?

No one knows the problems of the church, conven-
tion and ministry like a minister.

GREETINGS

To My Brethren of the National Christian
Missionary Convention of Disciples of Christ:

I am Joseph (Baltimore) Taylor, your brother, whom
ye sold into Egypt. Now therefore be not grieved, nor
angry with yourselves, that ye sold me hither: for God
did send me before you to preserve life. (The things
that the Founders of your Convention fought and died
for.) Genesis, chapter 45.

THE PLACE OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM

By ELDER J. K. DICKERSON

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Text: "Suffer it to be so now for thus it becometh
us to fulfill all righteousness."—Matt. 3:15.

There is probably no item of faith over which there
has been more discussion than over the question of bap-
tism; nor has any question caused more bitterness and

strife among professed followers of Christ than the bap-
tismal question.

It has been a source of division in the religious world
for many centuries, and today the controversy still rages,
however, with less bitterness. The reason for this seems
to be that every day men are coming to realize the "One
Lord, one Faith and one Baptism," and have begun to
"search the Scriptures" in an effort to determine the
place of Christian baptism. We are told in the word of
God to use "all Scripture for doctrine," but instead we
pride ourselves on using some Scripture to prove our
doctrine.

The great need of our time is the simple reading of
the life of Jesus. One of the reasons there are so many
new fads in religion is that men are ignorant of the life
of Jesus and what he teaches in the New Testament
Scriptures. Moreover in dealing with the baptismal ques-
tion we need to make manifest a love that "thinketh no
evil and seeketh not her own." If this were done much
of the discussion as to the place of baptism would soon
disappear. If Christ is our authority in matters pertaining
to salvation, then let us obey Him in all that He teaches.
If He is not our authority, then why obey Him in any-
thing that He teaches? In such case we ought to seek
other Christs and dethrone the one we have.

The words of our text were spoken by Jesus Himself
as He came to be baptized of John in Jordan. The
Master felt that baptism was so essential that even He
Himself would have lacked in righteousness had He not
submitted to John's baptism.

When we stand before the people to preach baptism,
we do not do so as the representative of any church, for
baptism is not necessarily a church ordinance, nor does it
belong to any sect. Any believer in Christ has a right to
be baptized and no minister can deny him that right, for
baptism belongs to Christ and we preach it as His repre-
sentatives. The minister who says he has no authority to
baptize, neither has any authority to preach at all, for
the same command that says to "teach" says to "baptize"
also. Remember the great commission?

From time to time I am confronted with the following
or some similar question: Do you think one can be saved
without being baptized? I usually answer the question
by asking two other questions: First, can one get into
the Church of Christ without baptism? Second, can one
be saved out of the Church of Christ? If we can't get
into the church without baptism, we can't be saved with-
out it, for we can't be saved out of the church. Many
people have started on their way to heaven who have
never gotten into the church-going from the world to
heaven, poor fellows. They don't even know that one
must go from the church to heaven.

The words of Jesus teaches us that one cannot get
into the church without being "born of water," for He
said to Nicodemus, "Except a man be born of water and
of the spirit he cannot enter the kingdom of God." Yes,
I know the "kingdom of God" as used in the Scriptures
has various meanings. But if it means heaven or the
church its all the same—you can't enter without being
"born of water." If being "born of water" isn't baptism,
I will welcome explanations as to what it is. If the
writer was wrong when he said "For as many of you as
were baptized into Christ did put on Christ," then I think

the people ought to know it.

While Jesus was on earth He could save a man in any way He saw fit. He could say to one, "Thy sins are forgiven thee," or to another, "Take up thy bed and walk." But today His voice has been stilled. He no longer speaks to men as He once did, but He has made a will, the New Testament, and has written into this will the terms on which His blessings shall be distributed. This will, like all others, could not be in force until after the death of its maker.

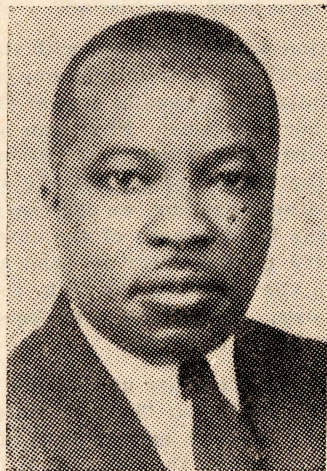
Today His will is in force and no man has authority to change the terms of His will. I dare not say what Christ can't do. I simply preach the terms of His will. If He chooses to save a man on faith alone, that's His business. If He chooses to give salvation on works alone, that's still His business. But He commanded me to preach faith, repentance, confession and baptism, and I'm not taking a chance on preaching anything more or less.

No, these steps don't put one in heaven, any person who has any knowledge of the epistles of Paul and other New Testament writers know this very well. These steps makes one a member of or "adds" one to the church. It is up to that person then to "work" out his soul salvation with fear and trembling before God.

Those men and churches who are preaching and practicing a gospel less than which is written should spend more time with the word of God in order to learn the truth as it is in Christ Jesus. Only when men know the word of God and adhere stubbornly to it, will Christ's prayer "that we might all be one" be realized.

In old-time the people whatever gave rise,
Went out to the rivers and creeks to baptize;
They buried, they planted, of the water were born,
Their rise from the grave was a birth day morn.

Editor: Elder J. K. Dickerson is the son of the late Elder G. M. Dickerson and nephew of Elders C. H. Dickerson, G. M. Dickerson and the late W. H. Dickerson. He will be heard at the National Christian Preaching Convention.



SEEING THINGS FROM THE RIGHT ANGLE

By ELDER W. H. (Baltimore) TAYLOR

Is the Secretary of the National Christian Missionary Convention of Disciples of Christ for or against open membership?

If he is against open membership, then the President

of the United Christian Missionary Society should go to the National Convention and use his influence to have the Secretary voted out of office. The President of the U. C. M. S. left his busy office at headquarters, and went to the National Convention in Lexington, Ky., without being invited by the President of the National Convention. If the Secretary of the National Convention is against open membership, the U. C. M. S. President should do the same in this case. He should treat all alike. Like General Grant hung around Richmond during the Civil War, the U. C. M. S. President hung around the Lexington National Convention until the President of the National Convention was voted out of office.

After the President of the National Convention had fought open membership, and the United Christian Missionary Society's policy for people of his race and was voted out of office; the President of the United Christian Missionary Society left the Convention without saying good-bye to the VOTED OUT President. The National Convention split before the President of the United Christian Missionary Society got back to his busy office in Indiana. The National Convention went on very well the many years that the U. C. M. S. President stayed away. Our men were preaching the doctrine of the church and making themselves FREE FROM U. C. M. S. BONDAGE.

We quote in part from a letter the President of the National Convention received from the President of the United Christian Missionary Society, dated October 6, 1943, one of the many years the U. C. M. S. President stayed away from the Convention. This letter is signed by the President of the U. C. M. S.:

"My Dear Brother Taylor:

"I am so happy to learn that you have been re-elected as President of the National Convention. I know this means that the work will go forward as it has been going so well under your leadership. Somehow the word has reached me that you are planning to have a meeting of either the Executive Committee, or some other special inner group in Indianapolis the last week in October. I should like very much to have an opportunity of talking with you concerning our own plans in the United Society."

When I read the letter I wondered what made the U. C. M. S. President "so happy to learn" of my "re-election," when he knew and everybody knew that for the past twenty years, I have fought open membership and the U. C. M. S.

I did not go to Indianapolis to talk with him about "United Society plans" for the National Convention of which I was president. I got my plans from Christ and the New Testament.

When I saw the U. C. M. S. President walk into the National Convention in Lexington without an invitation from me as president. When I saw him smiling and shaking hands with everybody except me. When I saw men whom I had not met in National Convention for twenty consecutive years give me a cold shoulder. When I saw men who were members of my Advisory Council afraid to talk with me if the U. C. M. S. President was in sight, I knew then that the presidency of the National

Convention would be taken from me and given to someone who would obey the U. C. M. S. and keep silent on the question of open membership.

I knew that my hours as president were "numbered." I knew that "the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good (U. C. M. S.) fruit is hewn down."

I knew that the time of my departure is (was) at hand. I knew I had "kept the faith."

In speaking of the U. C. M. S. President being at the Lexington Convention, The Christian Plea, which is partly supported financially by the U. C. M. S., said in the October, 1944, issue: "President of the U. C. M. S. was the typical Democrat at home. You know, he is a son of the bloody hunting ground Kentucky. He showed he was full of the spirit of brotherly love. He showed that the impact of the war had given him A STRATEGY WHICH BROUGHT RESULTS."

The September, 1944, issue of The Christian Plea had this to say about the Convention:

"There was much contention over doctrine, open membership, and segregation, but the "Peace" forces were strong enough to quiet the storm and move on. President "Baltimore" Taylor served the Brotherhood for two years. He was the most active and vigorous president that the Negro Brotherhood ever had. The fact that he influenced eleven churches to give \$100.00 each and one church to give \$200.00 was a huge task to be accomplished. He brought us out of the "red" and the whole Brotherhood is grateful."

When I received letters and read public statements made by men and women in high places, commending my administration, I had little enough sense to believe them. I CONFIDED IN THEM.

"BACK THE ATTACK—Go to the National Convention, Lexington, Ky., August 22-27—SUPPORT TAYLOR."—Christian Plea, April, 1944.

"It was at Columbus that we received definite assurance that the hopes, aims and aspirations of the Taylors, Herods, Dickersons and others of 26 years ago would become a reality." Minutes of 1943, National Convention.

"The President's message was great and soul-stirring, charges with a ringing plea for loyalty and devotion to the Faith and Doctrine of the Church."—1943 Minutes of National Convention.

"President W. H. (Baltimore) Taylor is on the firing line. It is rumored that much opposition is gathering from the younger element of our brotherhood against Elder Taylor. Let it be known that the old stalwarts are backing Elder Taylor for President for the duration and longer. He is fighting for the life of the church. He is rigorously opposed to the modernist. Let all old standbys come to the Convention. Let's keep Taylor as our President. These modernists want to wipe out the old leadership. They cannot and must not do it. The Plea is backing Elder Taylor and his program. Come to the Convention ready to fight for what we have and thus do not lose what we have."—Christian Plea, June, 1944.

"The meeting showed the results of the commend-

able and constructive work which is being done by our President, W. H. (Baltimore) Taylor, for the churches throughout the brotherhood. He has emphasized with all of his power the pre-eminence of the "faith once for all delivered unto the saints," and this emphasis is on the New Testament teachings as the only rule of faith and practice comes at a most opportune time. The President should receive the hearty support and endorsement of the entire brotherhood, because of the outstanding piece of work which he is doing."—The Christian Plea, June, 1944.

"We have a great leader at the head of our National Convention; let us give him our complete support."—The Christian Plea, December, 1942.

"Taylor Closes Successful Presidency; \$4,000.00 Raised." Front-page headline, The Christian Plea, September, 1944.

Time and space would fail me to publish the many letters and public statements made by men and women in HIGH PLACES, commending my administration. I never received a letter from any Advisory Council, Officers of the Convention nor any member of the Convention condemning my administration; therefore, I allowed my name to be submitted for re-election.

I often read what Paul said in second Timothy 4:14, Alexander, the coppersmith, did me much evil: the Lord reward him according to his works.

Sometime I think of Acts 13-9:10:11. "Then Saul (who also is called Paul) filled with the Holy Ghost, set his eyes on him, and said, O full of all subtilty and all mischief, thou child of the devil, thou enemy of all righteousness, wilt thou not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord? And now, behold, the hand of the Lord is upon thee, and thou shalt be blind, not seeing the sun for a season. And immediately there fell on him a mist and a darkness; and he went about seeking some one to lead him by the hand. Then the deputy, when he saw what was done, believed, being astonished at the doctrine of the Lord."

David said, in the 55th Psalm: "For it was not an enemy that reproached me; then I could have borne it: neither was it he that hated me that did magnify himself against me; then I would have hid myself from him: But it was thou, a man mine equal, my guide, and mine acquaintance. We took sweet counsel together, and walked unto the house of God in company. As for me, I will call upon God; and the Lord shall save me. Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice. He hath delivered my soul in peace from the battle that was against me: for there were many with me. Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved: bloody and deceitful men shall not live out half their days; but I will trust in thee."

HELP PREVENT GOSPEL SHORTAGES—ATTEND THE NATIONAL PREACHING CONVENTION AUGUST 23-27, 1946.



By ELDER C. H. DICKERSON

Avoiding now, hand shakes and crowds,
And places where things "go out loud,"

Takes our Conventions of my roll,
But that won't make me lose my soul.

Of all my years three score and ten
I've "measured lances" with the best of them.

Most of my class have crossed the river,
I've yet some arrows in my quiver.

Winston Salem Christian Institute,
Louisville Scripture College to boot.

We must help these men climb the hill,
With preachers who can "fill the bill."

From hat to heels, we'll all be warmer,
If we support the Christian Informer.

Just pass the word on down the line
"Tell all the preachers" I'm feeling fine.

Here comes a "Five" for your "paper"
A "Ten" would cut a better "Caper."

The Lord has been so good to me
"Across the years" on land and sea.

To His Commands I humbly bow,
I know He won't forsake me now.

He gives me strength to pay my bills,
And rest in "Ole Virginia Hills."

THE GENUINE NEW TESTAMENT PREACHING
IS BACK—HEAR IT AT THE NATIONAL CHRISTIAN
PREACHING CONVENTION, AUGUST 23-27, BALTI-
MORE, MARYLAND.

North Carolina

The first anniversary celebration of the pastor, Elder B. A. Douglas, Antiach Christian Church, Winston Salem, N. C., July 1-7, 1946.

Elder Douglas is a student of Hood Theological Seminary, Salisbury, N. C.; Assistant Field Financial Secretary of the Tri-State Convention; President of Board of Trustees, Christian Institute, Winston Salem, N. C. Elder Douglas left Concord, N. C., June 5th, to visit Midway Christian Church, N. Tazewell, Va., and all churches throughout the Tri-State Convention. Under the able leadership of Elder and Mrs. Douglas, the church has made great progress, spiritual and financial. The church recently purchased three lots on Underwood Avenue, near Glenn, to build a new brick church in the near future. Elder Douglas has led the church a long way since July, 1945.—Mrs. Dorothea Black, Captain; Mr. John Neuble, Secretary; Mrs. Pearl Douglas, Reporter for Christian Informer.

New York

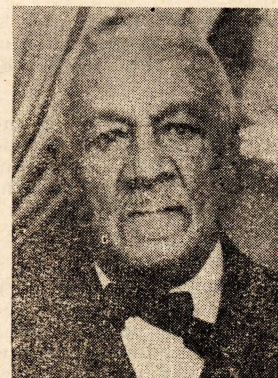
Calvary Christian Church, of 2122 Dean Street, Brooklyn, N. Y., is on the march to its new edifice which is located at 182 Albany Avenue. Under the leadership of Elder D. L. Kinard, and the superintendent of their Bible School, Mrs. Roxie Green, they have on a drive for seventy-five new pupils by the end of this year. All departments are engaged in this great work to build up the church. We have just closed a great revival with a great success. We are planning a drive for fifty new members to be added to our membership. Our financial goal for the year has been very good thus far under the leadership of our superintendent and ex-president of the United Christian Missionary Convention, Mrs. Roxie Green. When you are in Brooklyn, visit the Calvary Christian Church. Elder D. L. Kinard, pastor; Miss Dorothy Taylor, Clerk; Mrs. Roxie Green, Superintendent and Reporter for Christian Informer.

Illinois

Everything is moving in a nice way. I have been on the job here since May 14th. Will start my tent meeting here Lord's Day Night, July 7th, for 30 days. Will send you word how we are doing. Best wishes to all, will see you in August 23-27. Yours in Christ, "Silver Trumpet" Sercy.



MEET ME IN BALTIMORE
AUGUST 23rd to 27th, 1946



By ELDER A. C. CHICHON, Carbondale, Ill.

Text: Acts 4:12

It is often said there is nothing in a name. I can wear any name so long as my heart is right, and I know I am converted. The Apostles were Israelites, and after their conversion to Christianity, went about preaching Christ to the Nations. In the city of Jerusalem they began preaching Jesus the Resurrection of the dead. Many people who heard them believed on Jesus; and we are told about 5000 people became followers of Christ and accepted the name high over all. And for that Name, they were casted into prison and began to ask them, "By what power or what name have ye done this?" Then Peter filled with the Holy Spirit said unto them, Acts 4:7-12.

"Ye rulers of the people, and Elders of Israel, if we this day be examined of the good deed done to the impotent man, by what means he is made whole; 10—be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel that by the name ye crucified whom God raised from the dead, even by Him doth this man stand before you whole." "This is the stone which was set at naught of you builders which is become the head of the corner"; 12—Neither is there salvation in any other name for there is none other name under Heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved. Having boldly defended their act in Christ's Name, the people marvelled and were amazed, because they knew the Apostles were unlearned and ignorant men; 13—and they took knowledge of them. They had been with Jesus—furthermore, the Man whom they had healed by the name of Jesus was standing near by so they could not deny the power of God; for facts are the figures of God.

In order to satiate their evil design they commanded the Apostles to leave the Council Chamber so they could have a conference among themselves. And in their council they reasoned among themselves; 16—"What shall we do to these men for that a notable miracle hath been done by them is manifest to all them that dwell in Jerusalem, and we cannot deny it"; 17—But that it spread (the news) no further among the people, let us threaten them that they speak henceforth to no man in this Name"; 18—And they called them and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus; 19—But Peter and John answered and said unto them, "Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye; 20—For we cannot but speak the things we have seen and heard."

So finding they could not keep the Apostles from claiming Jesus Christ the Son of God, Savior of the world, etc., they let them alone finding nothing how they might punish them—because of the people for all men glorified God for that which was done. Having been released from the mob that threatened them they retired to their own

company, and reported all that the Chief Priests and Elders had said unto them. And when the Disciples heard the story of their trials they lifted up their voice with one accord, in praising and thanking God that they were counted worthy to speak for Christ with boldness in the midst of their enemy. And the Scriptures say: 23—"They spake the word with boldness, and the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and one soul, neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common and with great power gave the Apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus and great grace were upon them all."

Ah, friends, those who would have us acknowledge any other Name to salvation or to affix any other name to the Church of Christ, we would rather obey God rather than obey man—for there is no name under Heaven given whereby we must be saved." And the name Christian represents our all in all. For God hath highly exalted Him—(through sufferings and death), and given Him a name which is above every name." Phil. 2:9-10.

Paul, writing to the Hebrews, said: "I will declare thy name unto my brethren, and in the midst of the church will I sing thy praise." Heb. 12-13. I will put my trust in Him. Why? Because "All things in Heaven and earth are placed under His feet," for He is Lord of all. The name Christian is the grandest name, known among the children of men. It identifies those who wear it without any explanation, not so with denominational names.

The name Christian can harmonize or bring together all who claim to be Christians under one banner or standard. We can harmonize on the name Christians; for it expresses our highest conception of what every one desires to be; but we can never harmonize on any humane name.

The followers of Christ were distinguished by the divinely given name. (Isa. 62:2; Isa. 65:15; Acts 11:26.)

Christians are married to Christ. Rom. 7:4; Eph. 5:20-26; John 3:28-29.

Christ is the Sun, Outer Life, and light to all who will bow, and acknowledge Him as the Captain of the world's Savior.

"We find justification in the name of Christ only—"We are justified in the name of Christ, and the Spirit of God." I Cor. 6:11.

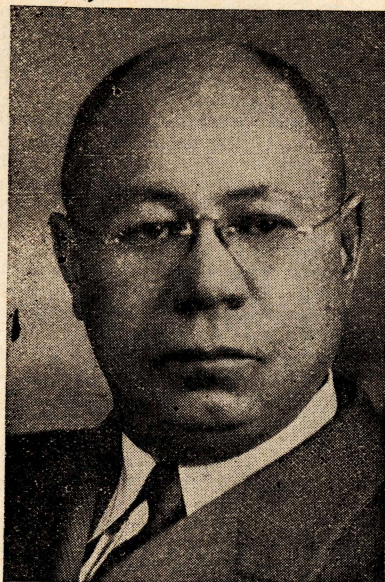
We find happiness to suffer for Christ's sake. I Peter 4:14-16.

Those who will contend for the name Christian will be hated. Matt. 10:22.

Christians are constrained to hold fast to the name. Rev. 2:10.

There is salvation in none other name. Acts 4:12, Luke 22:44-48, Mark 16:15-16, Acts 2:37-41. Agrippa's confession. Acts 26:28.

At the roll call in Eternity, the Angels, and the inhabitants on the globe, will bow and acknowledge Christ—the name above all—Phillipian 2. Though He was divine by nature, He did not snatch at equality with God but emptied Himself by taking the nature of a servant; born in human guise and appearing in human form He humbly stopped in His obedience even to die upon the cross. Therefore God raised Him high and conferred on Him a name above all names, so that before the Name of Jesus, every knee should bend in Heaven and earth, and every tongue (and underneath the earth) confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father



To the Ministry of the Churches of Christ
and Christians Everywhere, I Salute You:

In this subject before us we are brought face to face with one of the greatest menaces to the human soul in the world today. Men and women have been enslaved, cowarded, and regimented against God's direct commands. The very foundation of the church of Christ has weakened its program (not destroyed), to the end that souls of men have become blinded, confused, and are today dying like rats in sin. Good men and women who are sincere in their desires to obey God, but these emissaries of the Devil says to them "You cannot pass, or we cannot let you become wise to our plans against the church of Jesus Christ."

But, we, as true ministers of Christ are set in the defense of the Gospel and say they shall pass and know the truth that will make men free to serve God and obey his commands.

Brethren, bear in mind that this false teaching is not a new thing. It is as old as the world itself. You will remember how the devil approached Adam and Eve in the Garden and falsely told Eve to disobey God; that it would be all right. And the world was plunged into darkness and sin and that shadow hovers over the world today, all through the ages. False Prophets have arose up against God's Commands and they have in the last four hundred years increased in momentum.

One of the most fatal blows was struck in the Thirteenth Century by the Roman Heresy when this Power told men openly to disobey Christ's commands. I refer here to obedience in baptism. This act caused weak men and strong men alike to stop and listen to the teaching of men. (Read 1 Tim. 4:1.) As a result men began to set up Sectism, then the Sectarian churches sprung up in the world like mushrooms. Now from this false teaching we have denominations as the sands of the sea. (Read Rev. 20:8.)

From the report before me the Disciples of Christ have declared themselves a denomination on which God has placed his finger of curse. May God open their eyes. They have yoked up with all kinds of religious systems of these Sects in the Council of Churches. (Read God's warning in Rev. 19:20; Rev. 18:4.) They ignore these warnings to their sorrow. They may be ever so serious in their desire to serve God. Saul in persecuting the

Christian was sincere in thinking that he was doing God a favor by destroying the Christians.

Was he thanked by Christ? Christ, too, knew he was persecuting him, but he saw courage in him, and took his life over and used him to help defend the Gospel he tried to destroy.

Brethren, if you are found guilty by the Bible you have a chance to change and defend the Gospel of Christ. However, brethren, it takes a brave man and woman to face the ones you worked evil with and tell them they are wrong and will have to repent. This is what Paul did.

Brethren, I have been accused by some of the leaders of the National U. M. S. C. Convention of being a tool of a Master Mind who is extremely wise. I have to confess to this. Christ is the Master Mind I am following. He directs my thoughts. They have also accused me of splitting the Brotherhood asunder. I deny this, but the spirit would have me be used to open the eyes of the blinded Disciples who follow afar off in false teaching. May you pray that God still use me to this end, and that many souls may know the truth before it is too late for them to repent.

For fear that you may continue to accuse me, I am going to offer in support of my argument God's eternal word, which is final. May I say to you after you read the following Bible references and you find you are guilty of one count, then I say you are guilty of them all. Then if you are guilty, be a man and acknowledge your faults before God and man, and God is willing to forgive you. Fail at his feet and ask for courage so you can help your fellowman.

1. HOW DO FALSE TEACHERS APPEAR? Matt. 7:15-16. In sheep's clothing, Matt. 7:16-16: "Beware of false prophets which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are raving wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits."
2. THEY COME AS MINISTERS OF CHRIST. 2 Cor. 11:13-15. "For such are false prophets or Apostles. Deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the Apostles of Christ, and no marvel for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light." (Beware of many of our leading Ministers, Priests, Popes, Bishops, here lies deceived danger.)
3. THEY ARE OF THE WORLD. 1 John 4:5. "They are of the world, therefore speak they of the world, and the world hears them." (The masses hear and follow them.)
4. THEY SPEAK LIES. 1 Tim. 4:1-2. "Now the spirit speaketh expressly that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of Devils." To teach disobedience to Christ's commands is doctrine of Devils.

See the minutes of the Rovena Council 1312 A. D. This is convincing. The Devil supervised this meeting.

1. What is the object of their teaching? It is to please men. 2 Tim. 4:12. I charge thee before God and the Lord Jesus Christ who shall judge the quick and the dead at His appearing and his Kingdom; preach the word; be instant in season out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with long suffering and doctrine.

For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their lust shall they heap to themselves teachers having itching ears; they shall turn away their ears from the truth and shall be turned unto fables. (Is this true?)

2. THEY ARE TRYING TO GET WORLDLY GAIN. Micah 3:5-9-11. "This sayeth the Lord concerning the Prophets that make my people err; that bite with their teeth and cry peace, and be that putteth in their mouth they even prepare war against Him." Isaiah 56:9-11. "All ye beast of the field come to devour yea, all ye beast in the forest his watchmen are blind; they are all

"NO ONE KNOWS PREACHING LIKE A PREACHER."

ignorant, the yare all dumb dogs, they cannot bark; sleeping, lying down, loving to sleep, yea they are greedy dogs which can never have enough, and they are Shepherds that cannot understand; they all look to their own way, every one from his gain, from his quarters. (What about the many churches?)

In John 10:11-13 Jesus says, "I am the good Shepherd; the good Shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. But he that is a hireling and not the Shepherd who owns the sheep, seeth the wolf coming and leaveth the sheep and fleeth and the wolf catcheth them and scattereth the sheep. The hireling fleeth because he is a hireling and careth not for the sheep."

2 Peter 2-3. "And though covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you; whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not." This brethren the U. M. S. C. has done for forty years to the Disciples of our race. Think! What are their characteristics?

1. THEY ARE ZEALOUS. Matt. 23:15. "Woe unto you scribes and Pharisees, Hypocrites! For ye compass sea and land to make one Proselyte, and when he is made ye make him twofold more the child of Hell than yourselves." (How far will the Roman Heresy go to destroy the Christian faith in Christ?)

2. HE IS IGNORANT. Isaiah 56:10. "His watchmen are blind; they are all ignorant; they are all dumb dogs." 2 Tim. 3:6-7. "For of this sort are they which creep into houses and lead captive silly women laden with sin, led away with divers lusts." Our women today are easy prey of these shrewd false Gods of today.

3. THEY ARE PROUD. 1 Tim. 6:3-5. "If any man teach otherwise and consent not to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to Godliness; He is proud knowing nothing but doting about questions and envy, strife, railings, evil surmising, perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth. Supposing that gain is Godliness from such withdraw thyself."

4. THEY ARE BLIND. See Isaiah 56:10. Matt. 15:14. Christ said: "Let them alone they are blind leaders of the blind, and if the blind lead the blind they shall fall in the ditch." Who are you following, the U. M. S. C. or Christ? You have the answer.

5. THEY ARE HYPOCRITES. See 1 Tim. 4:1-2. Matt. 23:14-28. The 28th verse says: "Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity."

6. THEY ARE OF THE WORLD. See 1 John 4:5.
7. THEY ARE ALL SINFUL. 2 Peter 2:12-15.

IV. WHAT IS THE CONDITION OF THEIR FOLLOWERS?

1. They are unsaved. See Isa. 42:22.
2. They are misled. See Mica 3:5.
3. They are deceived. See Matt. 24:4-5; Jer. 5:31; Jer. 14:14-15.
4. They are spoiled. See Co. 2:8. Isa. 42-22.
5. They are as a prey and use for merchandise. See Ezek. 34:8; also Peter 2:3.
6. They are divided. See acts 20:29-30; Roman 16:17-18.
7. They are against the truth. See 2 Peter 2:2.

V. THEY ARE KNOWN BY THEIR FRUITS. See Matt. 7:16.

VI. WHAT ARE THEIR FRUIT-SECT MAKING. See 2 Peter 2:1-3.

VII. THEY PRODUCE SECTISM. Galatian 5:19-20.

VIII. HOW MUST WE HOLD OURSELVES TOWARD THEM?

Christ said: "Beware of them." Matt. 7:15; Col. 2:8.

Christ said: "Avoid them." Rom. 16:17-18.

Christ said: "Reject them." Titus 3:10.

Christ said: "Stop them." Titus 1:11.

WHAT IS THEIR FINAL DOOM? Phil. 3:18-19. Paul said: "For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame who mind earthly things." 2 Peter 2:12-17. "But these are natural brutes, beasts, made to be taken and destroyed. Speak evil of the things that they under-

stand not; shall utterly perish in their own corruption, and shall receive the reward of unrighteousness as they that count it pleasure to riot in the day themselves with their own deceivings while they feast with you, having eyes full of adultery, and that cannot cease from sin beguiling unstable souls; with covetous practices; cursed children which have forsaken the right way and are gone astray following the way of Ballam, the son of BoSor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness." Rev. 19:20. "And the beast was taken and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with fire and brimstone."

Will you brethren who are concerned about your souls take heed, and make full proof of your ministry of Christ least ye be weighed in the scales and found wanting. Judgment day will be too late for you to discover you have been a False Prophet.

Now, brethren, if you are further interested in knowing more about the damages being done to Christ's church by False Prophets come to the National Preaching Convention in Baltimore, Maryland, August 23-27, 1946. We will try to help you save your soul and the many others that you are leading.

May God help you in my prayer.
ELDER A. G. NELSON, Vice-President
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

For quite a long time I've been unable to send in an article to our great Brotherhood paper. To our regret, yet I've been hindered on things beyond my control. My dear wife, Mrs. Ira B. Keyes, taken sick during the month of May, and is yet sick. For that reason is why I delayed in writing. She improved verly slowly. Oh, I sure enjoyed the program for the National Preaching Convention. We're looking forward for a great fellowship and much good accomplished in this meeting. I am sending a donation and trust that this great work will continue until the whole universe will come to the knowledge and power of His word. Pray for me, that my wife may soon recover.

Brother J. N. Keyes, Greenwood, Miss.

I received a letter from the National Preaching Convention a few days ago telling me of the great effort being made by the brethren to hold up the gospel of Christ. That has been my desire ever since I started out. From the day you laid hands on me I have felt that I was annointed to preach the Gospel and nothing but the pure Gospel of the Son of God. I am willing and ready to help support the Gospel in this town and other towns and cities one hundred per cent. I am a dyed in the wool New Testament man, and not allied with any other group, and will be at the convention August 23-27.

Yours in Christ,
Elder W. E. Laws, Baltimore, Md.

I have a letter from the National Preaching Convention, which convenes in your city August 23-27th. This will let you know that I will be on hand, so look for me.

Yours in Christ,
Elder C. W. Neloms, Gary, Indiana.

Am looking forward to being in your city August 23-27 if all goes well. Am also sending donation for "the cause."

Yours in His name,
Elder J. K. Dickerson, Elbert, W. Va.

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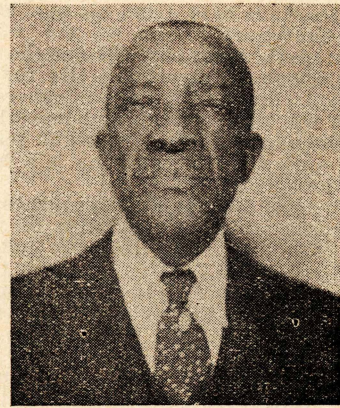
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Elder C. H. Dickerson, N. Tazewell, Va.

Please discontinue the paper to Miss Ida Dial, at 5024 St. Aubin Street, Detroit, Mich. She is now Mrs. J. Salvador Johnson. I am now at the bedside of my sick brother here in Covington, Ky. Will see you in August 23-27.

Yours in His name,
J. Salvador Johnson (Aunt Susie's Jimmie).

Editor: We regret to hear of Brother C. L. Johnson being sick. He is a staunch supporter of The Christian Informer. We wish Brother and Sister J. S. Johnson much success.

BAPTISM



By ELDER J. N. KEYES, Greenwood, Miss.

There is so much being said and practiced among the so-called leaders, especially ministers of our group, respecting open membership until it almost has wrecked the whole Brotherhood. I mean those who haven't got the backbone and manhood to fight it down. I heard a minister say, whom we all know well, remarked in the pulpit, "That the old way of preaching, people might as well take their minds off of it." My God, I wondered at that expression. Peter declared, "We must obey God rather than men." Acts 5:29.

After the resurrection of our Lord, He came to His Apostles saying all authority hath been given unto me in heaven and on earth. Giving them the great commission which included being baptized in the name, one must have the approval of the God Head. Then we must be taught all things whatsoever He commanded you. We will have His presence always even unto the end of the world. Matt. 28:18-20. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved, but he that disbelieveth shall be condemned. Mark 16:16.

And Peter said unto them, "Repent ye and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ unto the remission of your sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. Acts 2:28.

Or are ye ignorant that all who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death; that like as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the father, so we also might walk in newness of life, for if we have become united with him in the likeness of his death, we shall also be in the likeness of his resurrection. Rom. 6:3-5.

And now why tarriest thou? Arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on his name. Acts 22:16.

Let us search and try our ways, and turn again to the Lord. Lam. 3:40.

"IT IS VERY EASY TO GIVE AWAY YOUR LIBERTY, BUT IT IS MIGHTY HARD TO GET IT BACK."