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Elder C. H. Dickerson, as the Editor of The Christian Informer knew him!

Like Abraham, he went where was called, and was faithful in all things.

Like Moses, he led the church from doubts and fears to confidence, in the face of any difficulty.

Like Barnabus and Saul, he brought financial relief to the Christian Informer.

Like Jonathan, he met many discouraged brethren, and cheered them by giving them strength from God.

Like David, he loved true worship.

Like Isaiah, he constantly pointed the church to brighter days and better things in the future.

Like John the Baptist, he delighted to cry to the brethren, "Behold the Lamb of God."

Like John, he believed with all his soul, that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

Like Peter, he was not ashamed to suffer as a Christian.

Like Jude, he was against open-membership and other evils in the Church; he urged the brethren to "earnestly contend for the faith."

Like John in the Revelation, he wrote to the Churches through the Christian Informer.

Like Jesus, his Divine Master, whom he followed daily," he went about doing good."

Friend Taylor U. R. going sum,
Informer wheels sure have a "hum."

I'm with U, just to let U know
Here's 2 more bucks for "so and so."

Please send a copy of Informer, September or October will do O. K., to Elder M. E. N. Lindsay, Tazewell, Va. Don't tell "who Sed So." Smile.

GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN



ELDER C. H. DICKERSON, of Virginia

Who was laid to rest Friday, December 5, 1947

EXACTNESS

"From the Hills of Ole Virginia"
By the Late Elder C. H. Dickerson
of Tazewell 11, Virginia

Brother Dickerson sent this poem to the Christian Informer a few days before he passed from labor to reward:

Among the things our people lack
Is learning how to be exact.

We "nearly" this and "nearly" that
But can't tell "zackly" where we're at.

Things now have gotten so exact
Half a minute throws you back.

The very buttonholes you see
Must be just where they should be.

Exactly the same distance apart
To match the button, is the art.

We say the other fellow is "hard;"
Listen, the fault's in us ole pard.

The train comes at ten forty-eight
We at ten fifty are too late.

Two minutes may not be a lot,
But leaves us standing on the spot.

The clock don't strike at "nearly 4"
But "zackly" 4, no less, no more.

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EDITORIAL

IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE

It is hard for the Christian Informer to believe that the State of Ohio will admit children of the State to all of her schools, regardless of race, creed or color. And at the same time, in the same State, it has been reported that a certain church school, or school owned by church folks (for the training of preachers of the gospel of Christ) will not admit students of a certain race to train for the preaching of the gospel of Christ, because of their color. If the above statement is true, then it brings to light what the Editor of the Christian Informer has been saying for years: Quote, "Some schools, churches and organizations are far apart when they come to the doctrine of the New Testament; but they are close together when they come to the question of race or color."

"THOSE CHAPS"

A dear old lady in Kentucky, who came into the Christian Church under the preaching of the late Elder R. E. Hathaway, had this to say, "I am tired of those chaps from the United Christian Missionary Society, S. C. I. and Jarvis College coming into the State of Kentucky undoing the things done by men like R. E. Hathaway, H. N. Ayers, M. F. Robinson, Stafford Campbell and others. I am tired of those chaps trying to tell me that Jesus Christ is not the Son of God; because I know He is the Son of God. I am tired of those chaps coming here preaching that baptism is not essential; when Christ said ye must be born of the water and of the Spirit."

SUPPORT OPEN-MEMBERSHIP OR GET OUT

Article 10 of the Constitution and By-laws of the National Disciples' Convention say, "No member of this Convention shall be elected to office who does not support the National Program financially and otherwise." What is the program? The program of the National Disciples Convention is to do whatever the U. C. M. S. tell them to do. You know where the fountain of open-membership is located.

DON'T HOLD THAT COAT

The Pastor of the Christian Church at Paris, Kentucky, and also a Trustee of the National Disciples' Convention, was asked the following question: Do you believe that Saul helped to murder Stephen by holding the coats of the mob while they threw the stones? His reply was yes. He said that Saul was as guilty of murder as those who threw the stones. What I received from his answer was this: The church or pastor that support an open-membership organization is as guilty as those who practice open-membership. What is your opinion?

BELIEVE IT OR NOT

A certain pastor in Kentucky who has been preaching and pastoring nearly fifty years, and is now pastoring one of the large churches in Kentucky, said that he had never heard nor read that the U. C. M. S. was ever accused of advocating or practicing open-membership. We are giving that preacher a ten-year paid up subscription for the Christian Informer, that he might be enlightened on the subject of open-membership.

TWO PLANS OF SALVATION

We were told that there are two plans of Salvation in operation in Kentucky. One is, "The New Testament Plan of Salvation," and the other is, "The C. L. Parks Plan of Salvation." It is good to know that the New Testament Plan of Salvation is gaining ground in Kentucky and everywhere.

WHO IS KENTUCKY'S POSS?

A good Sister of the Christian Church in Georgetown, who loves the U. C. M. S. and attends the National Disciples Convention said to me: If you say anything against the U. C. M. S. I am going to tell C. L. Parks on you. I am not going to publish what I told her; but the next time you see me ask me to tell you where I told her to tell C. L. Parks, Director of "Church Development and Evangelism," to go and stay, until I send for him.

THE THREE W. W. W.

It has been reported to the Christian Informer that a certain State Evangelist in or near Kentucky, is still preaching against the THREE W. W. W. (WOMEN, WINE AND WHISKY.) That same preacher was warned about drinking after court trial. Following the hearing Assistant Commonwealth Attorney warned the preacher to stop getting drunk and accosting unknown persons on the street and inviting them to drink. (Editor's Note). What a hypocrite. How can a State Convention and a Missionary Organization support such doings. We told them to stop playing evangelism several months ago. For more information on the subject, read the Louisville Defender, Saturday, November 8, 1947.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

We quote from The Christian Crusader, a paper published by the United Christian Missionary Society, September, 1947, page 10: "In more than sixty years of organized benevolent work among our people, we have yet to do something significant for needy children and aged among the Negro brethren." End quote. Will my brethren wait to hear the same story sixty years from now? Some of them are foolish enough to wait another sixty years. A good way to judge the future, is by what has passed.

THREE EYE WITNESS

The pastor of a certain Christian Church in Ohio, who was in attendance at the revival conducted by Baltimore Taylor in Georgetown, Ky., stated from the pulpit that he with others were standing near a little tree in the church yard of the Second Christian Church of Georgetown, when C. L. Parks, Director of Church Development and Evangelism (whatever it means) of the U. C. M. S., started the campaign against W. H. (Baltimore) Taylor, then president of the National Convention, because of Taylor's stand against open-membership and the U. C. M. S. A certain minister of the Christian Church, who was born in Kentucky, and now resides in Kentucky, also pastored several churches in Kentucky, stated from the pulpit that he was also under or near the little tree when C. L. Parks started the campaign against Baltimore Taylor, because of his stand for the doctrine of the church.

The President of a certain state convention of the Christian Church, who was at the revival, stated from the pulpit that he was also under or near that little tree, when C. L. Parks started his campaign against Taylor.

Editor's note: Taylor did not know that Parks or any one else was campaigning against him. Parks was the last man Taylor thought would ever attempt to do him any harm. Taylor and Parks roomed together at the Dayton National Convention, which was Parks' first National Convention after coming into the Christian Church from the Baptist Church. A few months before the Convention at Dayton, Ohio, when Taylor became President of the National Convention, he appointed Parks Program Director and had the Treasurer to give him his railroad fare from Columbus, Ohio, to Dallas, Texas. We quote in part a letter Taylor received from Parks September 22nd, 1943. Quote: "Yes, I accept the appointment as Director of Program and appreciate your consideration of me. I hope I may be able to do the job well. I want to congratulate you again for the splendid work of the past convention year, and hope and pray that success will always be yours. You may always expect my cooperation in any movement." End quote. When Parks wrote Taylor to "expect my cooperation in any movement," he was pastoring the Boll Street Church, Dallas, Texas.

He was not on the U. C. M. S. payroll then. Taylor has always tried to be a friend of Parks. Ask Parks to tell you about his first visit to Baltimore, Md. Taylor did not know that Parks was in the city or even thinking about being in Baltimore, and when he went to answer the door there stood Parks. "When did you get in town?" "A few minutes ago," said Parks. "Where is your baggage?"

Parks told Taylor that he left it in charge of the pastor of a Christian Church in the city. Have you been to dinner? Taylor asked Parks. Parks told Taylor that the Pastor of a certain Christian Church in Baltimore told him where he could find a lunchroom, and instead of looking for the lunchroom he went to Taylor's home, where he ate at Taylor's table and slept in Taylor's bed, and Taylor went with Parks to the other preacher's church and got his baggage and went with him to the station the next day and waited until his train left. Ask Parks to tell you what he said to Taylor then about that other Christian Preacher, and about the lunchroom. Taylor was in New York when L. H. Crawford, former President of the National Convention, passed. He caught a train in New York for Dallas, Texas, to deliver the eulogy. On his way to Dallas, Parks boarded the same train somewhere beyond St. Louis, he and Taylor rode almost a thousand miles together talking about the National Convention, etc. That was about sixty days before the Convention at Lexington, and Parks did not give Taylor any idea that he did not approve of Taylor's program or that he was campaigning against him, and of the things he had up his sleeve. The Bible says he not deceived, God is not mocked, for whatsoever a man soweth so shall he also reap.

THE PATTERN

By Elder J. F. Irvin, Minister Pasadena Christian Church,
Pasadena, California

(Continued from August issue)

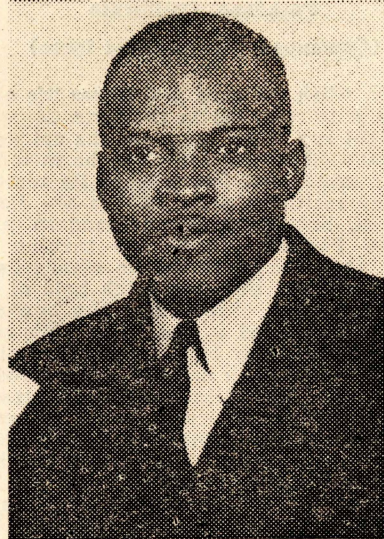
Even today, when we have the sinless life of Jesus set before us, as it is recorded in the four Gospels, we are far and I might say "very far from the spiritual accomplishment that God would like us to be in today." The church in my estimation, has reached its zenith and has started on the reclining path. There are few converts now and then, but many of our modern pastors are deserting the Pattern. They are turning from the narrow path, they are lowering the standards here and there. We need men, that can catch hold of the power of God, and bring the church into the boundry of the pattern as it is presented in the Bible. We can see the Pattern taking shape way back in the days of Cain and Abel, as they brought their sacrifice before God and offer them on the altar. The altar was the first institution of worship. Man has a natural instinct to worship the Deity, but the true and living God has always directed the method we should use. The animal sacrifice was a type of the true sacrifice of Christ; and the fire was a type of the wrath of God that would purge the earth of sin. The early people soon strayed from this knowledge and God could only deal with a few "righteous" men like Enoch and it finally narrowed down to only one, "Noah." Then God destroyed all living flesh and started a new "civilization" with eight souls. Here again, we find that Noah offered a sacrifice on the altar. We find here that some progress has been made in the course of time; because Noah used "clean" animals for the sacrifice. In a short while man had soon drifted into the depth of sin again. God decided to deal with man in a different light. God took a righteous man of faith and developed a righteous family; then He takes the generation of that righteous family and develops a righteous nation.

God called this nation forth from the "Bondage of Egypt," which is a type of hell and placed Moses over the chosen people of God, who is the type of Christ, and they travel forth from the Bondage of Egypt to the foot of Mt. Sinia and God gives to Moses the plan of the Tabernacle. The Ark and the Table of Stone on which were written "The Ten Commandments."

With the giving of the law and the construction of the Tabernacle, we can see the church of Christ taking form in the Ole Testament and the sacrifice being organized in this order. The sin and trespass sacrifice as; reconciliation offering, then the consecration offering and peace offering, communion offering. The Tabernacle worship lasted until the days of David, and being a great King conquered all the promised land. Established his capitol at Jerusalem and dedicated this city to God. Israel was no more roving tribe, but a powerful nation. It was fitting that the Spirit of God cease to dwell in a tent; but should have a place in the city of God. So the Holy Spirit knew that the Tabernacle had served its purpose. So God laid it on the heart of David to build a Temple for God. But there was blood on the hand of David. So it had to wait for the peace that followed during the reign of Solomon. The Temple was more than just a place to offer a sacrifice; it was or became the center of all religious activity and wherever the Jews went. They always opened their windows toward the Temple and when they knelt for prayer, they faced the Temple. After the division of the Kingdom of Israel and the corruption that followed, the Temple was destroyed and the Israelites scattered over the face of the earth, and they could no more come to the Temple in Jerusalem. They were still the most enlightened race in the world, according to the "Wisdom of God," and they must continue to educate themselves for the advent of Christ into the world. The last step of the pattern comes into being, the Synagogue. The Synagogue is the last institutional worship under the law. It is the Synagogue worship that ushered in the New Dispensation. As John

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THIRD CHRISTIAN CHURCH, WARREN, OHIO



R. L. Sercy, Minister

We the pastor and members of the Third Christian Church in Warren are still rejoicing from the grand meeting we had October 6-12, with Elder W. H. (Baltimore) Taylor, doing the preaching. The Spirit ran very high and our attendance grew each night; I must say that our meeting was the talk of the town. We had three to take membership—all adults; two from the Baptist, and one as a candidate for baptism. This meeting will be long remembered in Warren. There was only one thing that can be said against the meeting, it was just too short, we should have had three weeks, then we would have been ready for a real revival. Since the meeting we have had two more additions; one from the Baptist and one by restoration. We must say that our prospect list is still growing. We have seventy-one persons who have given us their word that they expect to become member of Church of Christ, they are tired of denominationalism. That is really a challenge to us as christians only to see to it that we seek to oppose every denominational trait and practice that men seek to bring into the church.

We are working on our general program for the church and all departments. We solicit your prayers that we might succeed in building a program that Christ will indorse. Watch for our report each issue.

A GOOD SOLUTION FOR SOUL WINNING

By R. L. Sercy, Warren, Ohio

If my people which are called by my name will humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, forgive their sin, and heal their land. 2 Cor. 7:14.

We must admit that we are living in a great crisis, everything seems to be suffering, people are at a state of unrest. And our land spiritually and materially is throwing off her fruit before the time of harvest. "So God Gives The Only Solution."

Humble yourselves—pray, seek My face, not the face of a man. Turn from your wicked ways, then you are in a position to win souls for God. There is one thing we all know, the gospel is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth. Rom. 1:16.

The battle of Theological polemics has raged fiercely; some are saying that they have seen defects in the old views; some have received larger vision of truth; some have challenged the tradition of the Elders and denying the authority of God.

The program of the average church is no longer to be found in the Bible but in prayer books and sinful tracts

that are sent from what some people call headquarters. But if the Bible is right and I know it is, then the spirit of Indianapolis through the U. C. M. S. is far from being the Spirit of heaven.

Christ said: If I be lifted up I will draw all men unto me. And He also said: Before My word shall fail, the heaven and earth shall pass away. People are ignoring the word of God today and seeking to Federate, amalgamate and compromise the God given truths of the Bible. There are several other things that hinders soul winning.

CARES OF THE WORLD

Church people have become too deeply merged with the world. Paul says: Be ye not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind that ye may prove what that is good, and acceptable and perfect, will of God. Rom. 12:2.

WE HAVE TWO GOSPELS

Gospel of Book; Gospel of man. We have depended too much on the gospel of book and too little on the gospel of man. We say preach the gospel and men will be saved. Every section of the book has been preached and men are yet out in darkness. One time all we needed was a church house and a bell, but the church house and bell is not enough now. If these things are not reinforced by you, the Church will be an empty pew; and the bell will rust in the tower. Living souls must touch living needs in a time like this.

CONSCIOUS STRENGTH MUST TOUCH UNCONSCIOUS WEAKNESS

Men of today will doubt the Bible, but they will never doubt the man who sheds his blood, and lay his all on the altar of humanities need. The truth must not only be told but expressed and vivified. No one will hardly ignore general principals. Those of us who are named the name of Christ, need to get enough Grace in us that a fire can start in town, light up the valleys, hilltops and even alleys with a blaze of salvation.

Before we can get the kind of revival we want, we must be able to stand with the weeping sisters of Bethany and see Jesus give life to the dead.

We sometimes accuse the devil of doing the thing we are guilty of doing ourselves. The church is guilty of breaking up homes and starting confusion where there is peace and happiness.

We want the preacher to do for the church what the members will not do. Work for promise of pay and say nothing about it when it fails to come in. How many churches today do you see trying to give the preacher what they are getting at their jobs. If we get \$40.00 per week then we seek to give the preacher \$22.50 per week, and if we get \$50.00 per week, we seek to give the preacher \$35.00. Our wives may be without clothes for a while that is alright, we let her stay until we can make our ends meet. Yet we seem to think that the preacher's wife should have with half pay what we are not able to get with whole pay.

ORGANIZATION HAS HINDERED SOME

We have preached and pushed organization with so much power until it has overshadowed the personal of Jesus Christ.

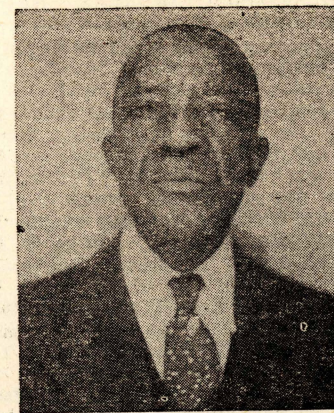
To win souls we must be willing to ascend to the Mountain top, commune with God, then, come down with courage enough to tell the people what we saw and heard.

Too many trying to sell what they will not eat themselves. Since you don't want to eat the word why insist upon some one else to do so? We preach peace and be content to live in confusion; praying for peace with our fist clenched; preaching truth and yet telling lies; preaching unity and practicing division. Asking God to fill our churches and we blocking the door with fornication and idolatry.

Let's learn how to pray, look for Jesus and His word and not these books coming to us from enemies of the cross.

Let's turn from our wickedness, then we can see the kind of church that we have been visualizing for some time.

FROM THE MAGNOLIA STATE



By Brother J. N. Keyes, Greenwood, Miss.

Please allow me space to say a word about the recent meeting. The meeting was conducted by Elder W. H. (Baltimore) Taylor of Maryland. Elder X. W. Arnold, our son born here by birth, also was born into the church here, while on a short visit during August; saw that we needed a good old fashioned revival, Brother Arnold contacted Elder Taylor, telling him the good he could do us in conducting a meeting here and asked Brother Taylor to come. He accepted, and the date fixed. When the time came he was found on his way to Greenwood. Being his second trip to the State, arriving here from Memphis, Tenn. On the Lord's Day he was at the church; meeting quite a few of the members, speaking complimentary of our new church building and finding a loyal congregation doing such fine work. He had the church to know that a great future was in store for the church, even though we are without a minister. The hour having arrived for worship, Elder J. N. Keyes, presented Elder Taylor to the church as our guest to conduct the revival in his own way. Elder Taylor made the congregation feel good, telling us that he came to preach Christ and Him crucified, if he failed he would not be pleasing Christ. He chose for his subject, "Sowing and Reaping." Invitation, one young lady came forward to become a member. Lord's Day Night, he preached out of his soul to an eager congregation who heard the plan of salvation demonstrated from 1st Cor. 11:28. Sub. Self-examination. Our souls were made happy and our hearts rejoiced. The subjects he preached were, "Prayer. What is Prayer? Whose Prayer God has promised to hear and how to pray. What we find in Christ. The faultless Christ. What Christ gave for me. I am the good Shepherd. Christian Baptism. What is Baptism? What is it for? Who should be baptized? What the Lord is to me, and what I am to Him. His closing subject was "The greatest need of the Christian Church." Two members were added to the church during the revival. The weather during the week had become very unfavorable, lots of rain and cold, yet the interest continued high and members from the rural gave their presence at each service. Visitors from other churches in the city visited the meeting, and commented on such powerful sermons. We are happy to have our distinguished guest and gospel minister with us, and hope that he will come again. Pray for us that our faith fail not.

"THE SPIRIT THAT GETS RESULTS"

Said the little rooster: Gosh all hemlock, things are tough!
Seems that worms are getting scarcer, and I cannot find enough.
What's become of all those fat one is a mystery to me;
There were thousands through that rainy spell, now where can they be?

The old red hen who heard him didn't grumble or complain;
She had gone through lots of dry spells, and had lived through floods of rain.
So she flew upon the grindstone, where she gave her claws a whet;
And said I've never seen a time there weren't some worms to get.

She picked a new and undug spot, the earth hard and firm;
The little rooster jeered, "new ground, that's no place for a worm!"
The old red hen just spread her feet, she dug both fast and free.
"I must go to the worm," she said; "the worms won't come to me."

The rooster vainly spent the day, through habit, in old ways,
Where big fat worms were found in squads, back in the good old days.
When nightfall found him supperless, he growled in accent rough:
I'm hungry as a fowl can be—conditions sure are tough.

The old red hen hopped to her perch, and dropped her eyes in sleep,
She murmured in a drowsy tone, "Young man, hear this and weep:
I am full of worms and happy—I have dined both long and well;
The worms are there as always—but I had to dig like hell."

(From the St. Louis Post-Dispatch).

Brother Taylor: Just a poem and a small donation. This poem is old—got it out of my scrap about 1927.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Tura Turner Theobald, Dayton, Ohio.

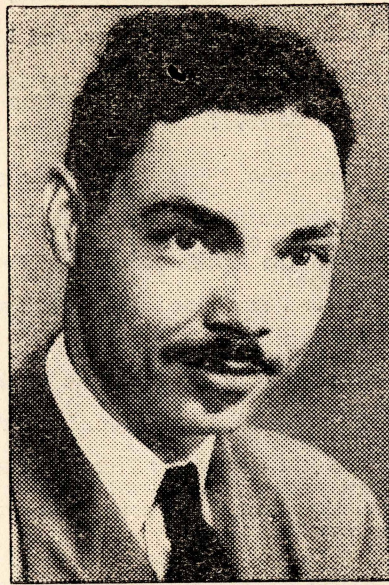
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the Baptist cried in the wilderness, "make ye straight the path for the Kingdom of God is neigh," and proclaim the truth of the scripture and confounded the learned men of his day. All this, was just preparatory age, for the coming of the perfect Christ. Who would be the Supreme Sacrifice of all time. Like the Temple was the center of religious activity, Christ was the Center of life.

Christ was the eternal Hope, that has been sought, since the beginning of time. Christ revolutionizes the worship of man, changes it from the dead works of the law and the knowledge of sin, and transforms it into one of love and mercy, and creates an international fellowship throughout the whole world. Peter stands out and accepts the challenge of the word and defends the Church of Christ, when accused of being drunk.

Preaches the first Gospel message, and the pattern explains the Church of Christ, established in the world by the pattern of God. Now unto those who do not make all things according to this plan. The pattern teaches only the word of God, makes christians only.

"DID YOU KNOW THAT?"



By Elder H. E. Fowler, Minister of Christian Church, Lockland and Oxford, Ohio, and President of State Convention

I have been rather busy checking U. C. M. S. records back 10 years. Will reveal some facts that should open the eyes of some of our people. For example we have 510 listed churches. Last year 39 churches of our race contributed \$12,717.24 to U. C. M. S. and to its agencies. These contributions ranged from \$82.00 to over \$1,000.

I had a letter from Brother Sercy. He said Elder Claude Johnson was going over to Akron. That the church there wanted to be free of U. C. M. S. That if anything happens so that our churches can't work together in the State in harmony with our program, they would agree to be on the new list. Whatever that implies.

Ohio State President of the Christian Church Convention attacked in verbal affray by fellow minister and layman. Same minister objected to action of State Convention in small matter of report blanks and loses contention in house vote. In first meeting of District 1 of Ohio churches held with the Wehrman Avenue Christian Church since State Convention. The newly elected president, H. E. Fowler, pastor of Lockland and Oxford churches, Wehrman Avenue's pastor, is a member of the Oxford church, was questioned about the right of the State Convention to draw up a District report blank for use by the churches of the State. The interrogator, S. C. Devine, pastor of Kenyon Avenue Christian Church, and host to the recent National Convention of Disciples of Christ, stated that the State Convention had no authority over the several districts, saying that the districts make up the convention, and that it, the Convention, represents the district. It was further explained to the President that the district had their own elected officers who knew how they wanted the blanks made, and that the State in making out the blanks was usurping the district's President's job. The President of the 1st district, Alfred Thomas, asked for clarification and a vote to decide about the blanks to be used. When President Fowler questioned the motion on grounds that the members weren't acquainted with the wording of the new blanks and asked that a reading of the old and new blanks be permitted, that the slight difference might be noted. His request was denied. In spite of the objections brought by the opposition, the voting majority

by a small margin decided in favor of the new report blanks. After the financial report of the churches in the district the church department usually carries through with some timely discussion. However, instead of the regular trend, a new procedure was instituted. The President seemingly had erred by having entertained the State Convention (a National Missionary Convention affiliate, a subsidiary of the U. C. M. S.), and later attending the National Christian Preaching Convention in Little Rock, Ark. H. E. Fowler has never been printed on a National program except perhaps to pray. All Christians are admonished, "Ye ought always to pray," but few are chosen to preach the unsearchable riches. H. E. Fowler is a preacher an "overseer" called by God "to feed the flocks." Thus S. C. Devine, a yoke fellow, and Alfred Thomas, a lay-brother, interrogated my position, and wanted to know how I could entertain the National Preaching Convention, since its members are antagonistic to the National Disciples Convention? Being a Christian minister, I read in 1st Peter 3:15, "Be ready to give an answer." I did. That all may see and know my position. I here attempt to mention some of the statements of my reply, and to make known my stand to others who may be wondering as these had. If our people would read OUR PAPERS along with "the Official Organ," they would be better informed, since "The Christian Plea," a bought paper, represents approximately 25 per cent of the churches. Many of our ministers are so BIASED that they stand in the way of their own enlightenment. Just August past at the National Disciples Convention in Cincinnati, ministers identified with the Christian Church, refused to read "The Christian Informer" I offered them. I offered them free to some of the ministers I have known for a number of years. I was even asked what I was doing with them. One minister was heard to comment, "They can't last—the group is too small." Said he, "Like the School in Louisville, they have no money. His name will be furnished on request to any interested yoke fellow.

Now to the people concerned about my position. (Being just one, I wonder why any the ministers or members should be bothered about me, unless the Spirit of the CRUSADE has FINALLY GREATER than the COMMAND of CHRIST, "go ye," given almost 2000 years ago.) I am a member of the Christian church, not by choice, but by conviction. A minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ by Divine Inspiration. My conviction might be wrong, as I had been led to believe that the Christian Church was a free church. The Bride of Christ, uncontaminated, without spot or wrinkle, and that its constituency made free by the Son were free indeed. John 8:36. Thus if I am a free man in Christ I can go where I please as long as He is pleased. Being a preacher, ordained by Elder Stafford Campbell, a free preacher, I was charged with the Apostle Paul's exhortation to Timothy. 2nd Timothy 4:2-5. "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine, for the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lust shall heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears, and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. But WATCH THOU IN ALL THINGS, ENDURE AFFLICTIONS, do the work of an evangelist, MAKE FULL PROOF of thy MINISTRY." I read Romans 10:14. "How shall they hear without a PREACHER? And again 1 Cor. 1:21. "It pleased God by the FOOLISHNESS OF PREACHING TO SAVE THEM THAT BELIEVE." And again, Romans 10:14. "How shall they BELIEVE in HIM of whom they have not heard?" Romans 10:17. "So then Faith cometh by HEARING, and HEARING BY THE WORD OF GOD."

This work isn't done by a superior or field worker, secretary, board of directors, treasurer, professors, executives and the like, but by PREACHERS sent by God. PREACHERS who are not ashamed to lift Christ up and proclaim Him as the Son of God. We are reminded in 2 Timothy 2:12. If we DENY HIM, HE WILL ALSO DENY US." I talked with a young preacher at the National Disciples Convention in Cincinnati, who said:

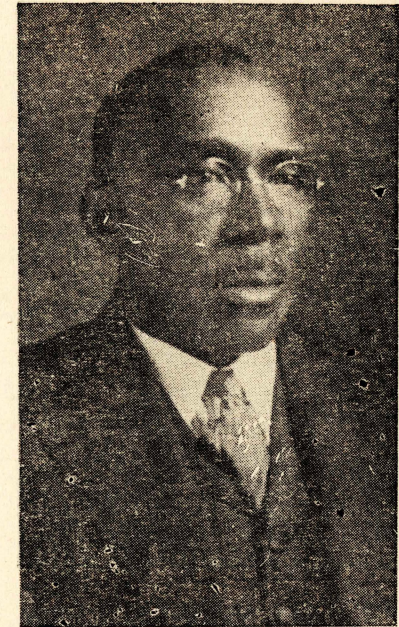
"It is not necessary to believe Jesus Christ is the Son of God." I have convention minutes where another young preacher denounced Jesus as the Son of God because, said He, "there can be no conception without inception."

When the Eunuch desired to be baptized, Philip said, Acts 8:37: "If thou believest with ALL THINE HEART, THOU MAYEST. And he answered and said, "I BELIEVE THAT JESUS CHRIST IS THE SON OF GOD." This was the confession I made when I came into the Christian Church. The many that I have heard and baptized have made the same confession. If the Minister doesn't believe Christ is the Son of God, how can his people. My conviction is still that souls are brought to Christ by the PREACHED WORD.

I was on the National Christian Preaching Convention program to PREACH. I attended and I PREACHED because GOD GAVE ME THE POWER. The churches of Oxford and Lockland furnished the money, and God did the rest through me a WILLING SERVANT. If going to a convention where men PREACH is out of line with the State of Ohio, and District 1, in particular, I will always be out of line. If I am to be criticized and ostracized for being in fellowship with Christian Preachers who have no Book but the Bible, no Creed but Christ, and no head but God, I will as 1st Peter 4:16 records, "Not be ashamed; but glorify God on this behalf." Verse 14, "I'll be happy, for I am not afraid of any terror, nor will I be troubled." Because with Paul, Romans 1:16, "I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth." And he labored in the week and preached on the Lord's Day, so do I. I am pressing toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. Phil. 3:14.

As far as fitting in is concerned that is to the National set-up, I am way ahead of what is now being contemplated. When I asked for a place for aged ministers and members, so they could spend their last days in security, I was asking the impossible, it wouldn't amount to, to use L. L. Dickerson's words, over \$20.00 per year. Yet 12 of the Ohio churches added one thousand three hundred thirty-two dollars and eight cents to the U. C. M. S. gross receipts last year, with four churches or one-third of those reporting, sending one thousand sixty-five dollars and fourteen cents. If four churches can send over one thousand dollars to "Headquarters" what could 14 churches do with almost 2,000 members. Over a thousand dollars was sent the previous year and almost that amount the year before. I am well aware of the fact it hasn't always been this. But if all the money sent into the U. C. M. S. (over sixteen thousand dollars last year) by the churches of my race had been held intact by a board of my race it wouldn't be necessary after 60 years to admit that we haven't been helped as have been other groups. This has been my contention ever since I have been "awake." Yet if I give you facts about what hasn't been done, I am fighting the U. C. M. S. How can I fight so big an organization? I have merely been trying to get you to open your eyes. Some of my members say "we give so little." In my childhood I read a poem, "Little drops of water, little grains of sand make the mighty ocean and the pleasant land." Think it over. I am still for the church and its future. Next month I will give statistics to prove that Ohio can have security for its members. If any one wishes to write me concerning anything mentioned above I'll be glad to hear from same.

"O MAN"

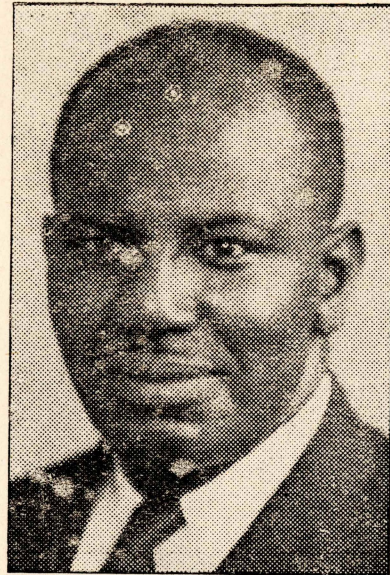


By Elder T. R. Everett, Minister Second Christian Church, Midway, Ky.

What doth the Lord require of thee but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God? Micah. 6:8.

God has been talking to his people Israel through the years, trying to get a people who would reflect His goodness; and mercy to the world. Seven hundred years before He sent his Son to the world He calls Micah, one of His great men on the scene, and He pens these words; and asked a question that comes down through the ages upon the ears of men. They still will not heed them. What doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy. How have we shown that we have heard the call; in a world torn to threads over denominational bickering and divisions. We whom He has given the torch to bear forth to the last world, have gone out only with part of the flag unfurled. We have allowed our own selfish pride and super complexities to override our better judgment; until we are lost in the whirlpool of avarice and selfish indulgences until we can not tell who or what we are. Blindfolded by the gods of this sinful world we kid ourselves on a false philosophy. We call it Christianity, but from a Bible definition it is nothing less or more than right hard down hypocrisy. I recently visited a gathering where the Gospel was preached in words. It was held by a Bible Seminary, and this was my third time to attend the same meeting in years gone by. But to my utter surprise this great meeting was being held in one of the metropolis of our great country; and in the center of a population of easily one hundred thousand men and women of my race. Also in the radius of four churches of my people of the Disciples of Christ, in throwing distance of the auditorium. But to my sad heart and utter surprise, there were only two or three of my race to be seen in that great audience; and they were out of town folks. What can we say? God forbid if this be Christianity. Why cry about open-membership, and other shortcomings of our brethren. When we make the color of a man's face a test of fellowship. 1st Cor. 12:13-14. For by one spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one spirit. For the body is not one member but many.

HILL STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Louisville, Ky.



By Elder M. J. Dabney, Elder C. H. Roach, Pastor

About the year 1860 a small group of brethren were gotten together by the first congregation of the First Christian Church. They met for a time in the basement of this church, there they organized. As time went on they grew both numerically and spiritually. They were encouraged and helped by the brethren to rent a place of worship of their own. This they did, holding their first meetings at the home of Brother and Sister Oglesby on Green Street (now Liberty), between Brook and Floyd Streets, with Brother J. D. Smith as their minister.

This little band of worshippers had many hard trials and met with much denominational criticism, but so strong was their faith and so zealous were they, that as they grew they were forced to move to larger quarters; the brotherhood then gave them a lot on Hancock Street, between Walnut and Marshall Streets, and there they built a church, the "Hancock Street Christian Church," that was thereafter to take its place among the pioneer churches of Kentucky. The church building consisted of an auditorium and a small room to the North, called the school room, it was in this room that later the "Louisville Christian Bible School," was organized. Among the first ministers of the church were Elder J. D. Smith, Elder Preston Taylor, who was converted and preached his first sermon there. Later when the Bible School was organized, the students attending helped supply the pulpit. Among these earlier students were W. M. Brown, A. J. Bowers, W. A. A. Harris and M. F. Robinson. Later Doctor M. F. Robinson was called as pastor, succeeding him in the order of the pastorate were: Elders William Richards, O. Singleton, James Thompson, M. Mitchel, H. C. Cothran, Monroe Jackson, E. H. Allen, W. Clarkson, Monroe Jackson, E. H. Allen, W. Clarkson, E. C. Carter, T. B. Frost, E. H. Allen. Among the Elders who supplied the pulpit after the death of Brother E. H. Allen, were Elders John H. Thomas and W. D. McLean, H. D. Griffith, William Adams, and the present incumbent, Elder C. N. Roach.

About 1895, a group of members went out under the leadership of Doctor M. F. Robinson and founded the Central Christian Church, which for a number of years was at 13th and Liberty, but is now at 17th and Jefferson, pastored by Elder T. Green. About 1900 another group left the church in protest, not to find a permanent church but to return when conditions were remedied. This group met in a little building at 12th and Liberty. Much good was done in the vicinity. There were morning and afternoon Sunday School and morning and evening serv-

ices. The majority of the group came back, bringing a sum of money for the treasury, but there were those who remained and under the leadership of Elder T. R. Everett founded the Third Christian Church at 16th and Chestnut, which is now pastored by Elder F. T. Floyd, who has pastored that congregation for 20 years. Hands were laid on young men from the Louisville Christian Bible School and they are now laboring in many States throughout the country. It has remained for these in the face of compromise and loss doctrine, to remain firm; to carry the banner of Christ and to preach the gospel in its purity. Hancock Street as the mother church is proud of her heritage, proud of her sons and daughters who not only labored here but have gone forward around the country and are giving a good account of themselves.

BUILDING GOD'S KINGDOM

Leola Pickens, Greenwood, Miss.

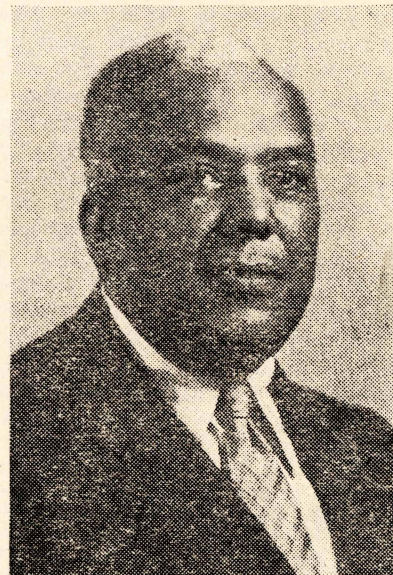
We as young people are very weak, not merely physically nor mentally, but spiritually. We as a group haven't much time for Christ, but there is always a time in our life that we need Him, that time is now, not tomorrow.

Young people what can we do to build God's Kingdom?

Do we need materials? Yes, we need the very best materials and the materials are our lives. In this construction we can only use clean, pure materials. Materials that have been washed in the blood of the Lamb, spotless.

Just to think God gave his only Begotten Son for us, not for the Jew, the Dutch, but for all who believeth on Him. (John 3:16). What have we given for Him? Not even a part of our time. O my people if we would only believe before seeing, that is our weakness. The Scripture says, "Blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed." (John 21:29).

Young people can't we see that our elder builders are gradually passing off the scene? Who are to take their places? We are, yes, we are the builders of tomorrow. We are those to build God's Kingdom. The least that we can do is to sacrifice some time for Christ. By time we can build, and Satan can't destroy. Editor's note: Miss Pickens is the great grand daughter of the late Elder J. D. Keyes, one of the pioneer ministers of Mississippi.



ELDER JAMES A. JOHNSON

Minister of Christian Church, Georgetown, Ky.



"JARVIS SLEEPS WHILE THE REST OF THE WORLD MOVES ON"

So said Professor Charles E. Sherman in his letter of resignation to President P. C. Washington, of Jarvis Christian College, Hawkins, Texas. The letter was published in the October issue of The Christian Plea. We quote here some of the things he said:

"In the second place, as a graduate of Jarvis Christian College, it causes me great pain that the school is not accredited. To keep its doors open in the name of a four-year college is doing injury to the lives of the youth who pass through these doors and out into a world where they must compete on losing grounds with other young people who are graduates of recognized institutions. The world in which we now live places a premium on the quality of training according to prescribed standards as well as on the quality of performance. The failure of Jarvis to offer the best training in accordance with the standards of the regional accrediting agency constitutes an unpardonable sin.

"In the third place, despite the fact that building materials have been available for a considerable time since the conclusion of the recent war, the housing situation on the campus is grievous—for both faculty and students. The idea of a family living in two rooms and sharing bath and toilet facilities with another family living in two rooms is repulsive. Conditions such as these are not only a health hazard but are also detrimental educational influences. The women's dormitory has for a long time been in a dangerously advanced stage of disintegration. The men students have been in need of a dormitory for years. Nothing concretely has been done to remedy the evils related to housing. Nor is it apparent that anything will be done in the near future.

"Finally, the system which permits all of the above named conditions to exist borders on negation of Christian ethics. It stands close to a denial of the Kingdom of God in a world made good. The bitter irony of the entire matter is that the system operates in the name of the God of Christian worship while at the same time violating the most sacred of God's creations, namely, the personality of man. The question which has been a relentless source of trouble for me in regards to Jarvis is why the missionary supported college of the Disciples of Christ must be so seriously inferior to the colleges supported by other religious bodies. This question becomes exceedingly painful to me when I consider that on the property of Jarvis are twenty or more oil wells and yet Jarvis is still advertised as a project for missionary contributions. Can it be that our religion has become so sick that it is more interested in protecting its own vested interests and sure organized power than it is in ethics and people and the creation of a Christian environment wherein people can grow into their highest fulfillment?"

Editor's note: I wonder if President Washington recalls the private conference we had in his room at Lexington, Ky., when we discussed Prof. Charles E. Sherman, then president of the National Christian Youth Fellowship. And recommendation No. 5, adopted by the Youth Fellowship May 4-7, 1944, at Prof. R. H. People's Church, Indianapolis, Ind. We quote recommendation 5, "That the Christian Youth Fellowship come to the National Convention in August prepared to register and vote so that our influence can be felt to bring about an intelligent and competent leadership in the National Convention." End quote. Professor Sherman and his Youth Fellowship and their advisors were successful in getting their kind of "intelligent and competent leadership." Where are they now?

THE EDITOR'S VISIT TO OHIO, KENTUCKY AND MISSISSIPPI

During the month of October and November we visited churches in the above mentioned States. We found the churches ready. Ready for the "Restoration of Primitive Christianity, Its Doctrine, Its Ordinances and Its Fruits." Ready to break U. C. M. S. bondage. Ready to stand fast in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage" (from any source.)

THE CHURCH AT WARREN, OHIO, under the leadership of Elder R. L. and Mrs. Sercy, and fine members are moving in a fine way. They have a great congregation and are ready to buy or build a new church. The members and friends were very kind to me. While there we stopped in the home of Brother and Sister Crenshaw. Brother Crenshaw's mother is a dear soul. I enjoyed hearing her tell of how she had to battle with the boll-weevil and the bale-weevil when she was on the cotton farm. Thanks to all the members and friends of Warren for their fine hospitality.

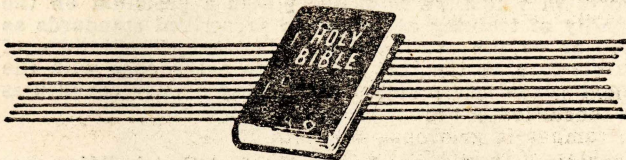
THE CHURCH AT GEORGETOWN, KENTUCKY, under the leadership of Elder and Mrs. J. A. Johnson, is up and doing. Members and friends came to the meeting from Germantown, Lexington, Laurenburg, Paris, Millersburg, Augusta, Dover, New Port, Mayslick, Minerva and Midway. All races and creeds came out to hear the preached word. We stayed in the home of Sister B. Robinson and family. The family and friends were kind to me. Many thanks. We spoke to the students of the high school in Georgetown. Elder Johnson took me in his car to Midway, Paris, Germantown and Dover. You have not seen Kentucky until you see Elder Johnson, home and farm. Elder Johnson is a preacher and a farmer. He feeds both soul and body. His home and farm are modern in every way.

THE CHURCH AT GERMANTOWN, under the leadership of Elder David Cole, is sound in the faith. They have a beautiful communion table. The kind you do not see in many churches. They came out through the rain to hear the preached word. They were there from Germantown, Dover, Mayslick and Minerva. There we let them know that a certain missionary, in my opinion is the worst enemy the Christian Church has had since the FIRST PENTECOST.

THE CHURCH AT GREENWOOD, MISSISSIPPI, under the leadership of faithful members, made my heart rejoice. They have built a beautiful church building without a pastor. What more could those loyal men and women do? They have a fine group of men and women who know God and the doctrine of the church. While in Greenwood we stopped in the home of Brother and Sister Keyes. Thanks to the members and friends for your kindness. The churches and members in Ohio, Kentucky and Mississippi could not have treated a King better than they treated me. Knowing how the U. C. M. S. have some of the churches in Ohio, Kentucky and Mississippi "hog tied." And how I am hated among some of them for my stand with Christ and His Doctrine; some of my friends thought it best for me not go into those States. For fear of U. C. M. S. "Uncle Toms" and open-membership lovers. But in the language of Paul we said, "Bonds and afflictions abide me. But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy and the ministry which I have received of the Lord Jesus to testify the Gospel of the Grace of God."

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—THE EDITOR

TO THE LOYAL BROTHERS EVERYWHERE GREETINGS

By J. Salvador Johnson, Detroit, Mich.

The church of Christ in the State of Michigan is foregoing a head, with the royal banner of the King, whose headquarters are in the Kingdom of Heaven and not in Indianapolis, Ind. (U. C. M. S.) We, the church in Southeastern Michigan meet once a month in a fellowship meeting and once each quarter in a two-day rally. In these meetings we have singing, praying, preaching and discussing the Scriptures. At each of these sessions the church or congregation which entertains the meeting serve free meals, and in the two-day rally also gave free meals and lodging for all.

We now broadcast over the radio each Lord's Day morning from 8 A. M. to 8:30 A. M., Station WJJW, at Wynedott, Mich. We have 12 months contract. The contract was signed by Mr. Gaddy, J. Salvador Johnson and Brother Kenneth Davidson, Minister.

Congregations may split and conventions may use religious politics to carry a crowd, but the church of God can not fail nor be split, because it is confirmed by Jesus Christ. Upon this rock I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it, therefore the church marches on.

THE EDITOR'S VISIT TO THE COLLEGE OF THE SCRIPTURES

Louisville, Ky.

On the 26th of October in company with Elder James A. Johnson, a trustee of the College, we arrived in Louisville from Georgetown. President Maxey being called out of the city on business, we were greeted by Dean Campbell, the faculty and students. After a brief chat with the faculty we were taken over the building. At the chapel services we spoke to the students on the subject, "The nature and place of faith in the church of Christ." I want to express my appreciation in no uncertain terms for the College of the Scriptures. It is doing a fine work in preparing men for the ministry. They are preparing men to stand hitched to the gospel post. They are preparing men to the extent that they will not rub off the gospel bridle, and roam around in the field of sectarianism, in order to find a fat salary or a hand out over the back fence.

They are preparing me to the extent that they are not ashamed to suffer as christians. They are preparing men to the extent that they would rather suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season. I say "hats off" to the College of the Scriptures. Her men in these few years have gone where there was no church, and started one. Her men have gone in places where churches were dead and brought them back to life.

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