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## THE GREAT DISCOVERY

In the first chapter of our Lord's Gospel according to St. John and in the 45th verse these words are found, "We have found Him of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."

One of the pathetic things in life is to find how often we have missed the fine things that lay nearest to us, how we have gone long distances to seek that which is close at hand. Men travel far and go through toil and trouble seeking peace and happiness, and at last they find them at the place where they started. There are those who have left the local church, and have gone to the U. C. M. S., in Indianapolis, Indiana, seeking information on church government, when the information for church government is on the pulpit, the Holy Bible. Because Paul said, "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect thoroughly furnished unto all good works."

Suppose there were one who could see all things perfectly, to whom the present and the future were all open. He would see mankind grooping in half-darkness. He would see man missing the help and opportunities of their lives every day. He would see in the past how men have been on the edge of great discoveries and then turn aside to play with trifles.

Even so in life of man's spirit, human hearts come and go in this world, just touching on, yet just missing the great comforting truths of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Men go through life burdened and distressed, while close at hand flows the river of the Water of life. And pitiful it is to see how men in all ages have sought after God and failed to find Him; have built alters, offered their sacrifices, and set up idols of their making in place of the Word of God.

So down the long aisle of time sounds the cry of Job: "O, that I knew where I might find Him". For centuries the Pilgrim host went stumbling across life's deserts without chart or compass, holding out fumbling hands, seeking, not finding, falling and fainting.

Often man looking toward the stars,

wondered whether there was one who lit the lamps of night. What a glorious thing it was then for one man to be able to say, "We have found Him, we have found the Messiah". That was the exclamation of Andrew to his brother, Simon Peter. This whole chapter is one of seeking and finding. First there is Andrew and John seeking Jesus, and they go with Him to His abode and spend the day with Him. Then Andrew finds Peter and brings him to Jesus.

In Lockland, Ohio, we found a congregation of Christians, led by a minister by the name of Howard E. Fowler, who is contending for the faith once delivered to the saints.

The National Christian Preaching Convention of Churches of Christ, must find those ministers and churches that are lost in the jungles of open-membership, modernism, liberalism and segregation because of color; and bring them back to Christ, and His word.

The next day Jesus goes up to Galilee and finds Phillip and calls him to discipleship. Phillip realizing the fact, that he had made The Great Discovery. He spoke to Nathaniel, in the language of the text and said, "We have found Him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."

Nathaniel asked, can any good thing come out of Nazareth? Our enemies have often asked can any good thing come out of the National Christian Preaching Convention. Our answer should be, "come and see". They often ask can any good thing come out of the Christian Informer? We should say like Phillip said to Nathaniel, read the Christian Informer and see.

These simple men had found the greatest treasure in the world, that which all the world was seeking. In Christ they had found God, for "God was in Christ reconciling the world unto Himself". But the Hebrews knew God before that, you say. Yes, but they knew Him chiefly as the Creator, as a Law-giver, as a Judge. But little they knew of Him as a Father and a God of Love who forgives sins.

Jesus did not come to teach us the existence of God; Moses knew that. He did not come to teach us the penalties of sin; David knew that. He did not come to

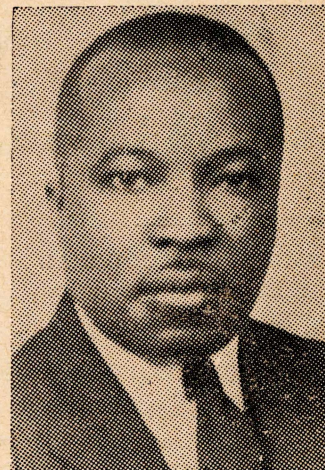
teach us about the accusations of conscience; Jacob and Esau knew that. Jesus came to reveal God as He is; His love, His fatherhood, His desire that all men should be saved, His gift of His son for that purpose, and to establish a church in His name, so that men might find their way back to God.

## A Mighty Revelation

Over there across a few miles of land and a few miles of water lay Athens. It was wealthy, learned, and a beautiful city. Its philosophers were constantly on the brink of discovery of great truths. Never was there a people who felt more the mystery and deep meaning of human life than these Athenians. There were many fair temples to many Gods. When Paul came to the city he found an altar dedi-

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month.

A NATIONAL JOURNAL

— EDITORIAL —

**PUT DOWN ONE AND CARRY ONE**

The Christian Informer believes that  
the National Disciples Convention knows  
how to add and subtract, when it comes  
to electing presidents. In 1944 they sub-  
tracted a loyal to the doctrine president  
and elected a so called open membership  
president. In 1948 they put down the so  
called open membership president, and  
carried one. So, one plus one equal two.

Old Timers know what we are talking  
about. Old Timers know what was said  
around a convention about a certain man  
and his modernism. Old Timers know  
where the accused finger of open member-  
ship and modernism pointed.

**FROM THE FRYING PAN INTO**

**THE FIRE**

The August issue of the Christian Infor-  
mer suggested the president of the Na-  
tional Disciples Convention resign. Hop-  
ing that they would elect a man at their  
Detroit Convention, free from modernism,  
open membership and U. C. M. S. bondage.  
So that we might some day have, "one  
Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and  
Father of all", one convention, one pres-  
ident, one paper and one doctrine.

The president must have taken our sug-  
gestion, because he is not president now.  
But we think that the convention jumped  
from the frying pan into the fire by elect-  
ing whom they did for president. We are  
of the opinion that they have "wandered  
far away from God". We do not see how  
they can come back "home" under their  
present leadership.

**"HEADED FOR THE LAST ROUND-UP"**

A recommendation offered at the Na-  
tional Disciples Convention was that all  
ministers be recommended by National or  
Staff Workers. Look-out brother preach-  
ers and churches, of the National Disciples  
Convention; you will have a gang of little  
bishops, telling you when to leave a  
church and where to go.

Ask the Old Timers their opinion, and I  
believe that they will tell you what I am  
telling you and that is this. That some of  
the National Staff Workers down through  
the years have done some of the ministers  
and churches more damage than the Japa-  
nese warplanes did to Pearl Harbor. Ask  
the pastor and his wife of the Indiana Ave  
Christian Church, Chicago, Ill. to tell you  
what they told me. How a National Staff  
Worker made him live hard.

Ask the Pastor of the Central Christian  
Church, Cleveland, Ohio, to tell you what  
he told me. How a National Staff worker  
blocked his progress. Ask the pastor of  
the 92nd Street Christian Church, Los  
Angeles, Calif. to tell you what he told me.  
How a certain National Staff Worker  
came to the church he was pastoring in  
Columbus, Ohio to put him out.

Ask me to tell you how a National Staff

Worker, when I was president brought  
charges against me to the Executive  
Board of the National Disciples Conven-  
tion, because she did not agree to some  
things I said about the United Christian  
Missionary Society and before I could  
finish answering her charges against me,  
she was crying as though she had peeled  
10 bushels of strong onions.

Ex-president Watson of the National  
Disciples Convention in a letter to me  
dated, October 21st, 1943, refered to one of  
the National Staff Workers as our "Black  
Bishop". Ask Brother Watson to tell you  
why he said that. Therefore, in the lan-  
guage of Paul. The Christian Informer,  
"Beseech, you therefore brethren" to re-  
consider that damaging recommendation.

Ask the former Editor and the present  
Editor of the Christian Plea. The Secre-  
tary of the National Disciples Convention,  
to tell you how the National Staff Workers  
used to fight among themselves. At one  
time the National Staff Workers, at the  
Little Rock, Ark. Convention were brought  
before the Committee on Recommendation  
when I was chairman; because of their  
behaviour. The present Editor of the  
Christian Plea was appointed by the  
Chairman as Prosecuting Attorney. After  
being lectured to by the chairman, they  
promised to stop fighting among them-  
selves.

**WHAT THE WORLD NEEDS TODAY**

submitted by Ruth Reeder  
Baltimore 17, Md.

A little more kindness a little less creed  
A little more giving, a little less greed,  
A little more smiles, a little less frown,  
A little less kicking a man when he is down  
A little more "We" and less I,  
A little more laugh a little less sigh  
A few more flowers on the path of life,  
And fewer on graves at the end of the  
strife.

Anonymous

**To All of My Friends and Enemies  
Greetings**

**We wish you health, Happiness  
and a Prosperous New Year.**

**W. H. (Baltimore) Taylor, Editor  
Your friend.**

**In Memoriam**

Hagerstown, Maryland

October 4th, 1948

John M. Jones, the son of the late John and Marie Jones  
was born on September 4th, 1913. He departed this life on Fri-  
day morning, October 1st, 1948, after a long illness. Age 35  
years and 1 month.

He was a member of the Second Christian Church.

He leaves to mourn their loss a loving wife. Mrs. Eva C.  
Jones, sister Mrs. Natalie Cook, Aunt, Mrs. Malcoma Brown, all  
of Hagerstown, an uncle Mr. John Robinson of New York City, a  
nephew, Pvt. T. Gilbert Cook, Fort Knox, Ky., a great aunt, Mrs.  
Lora Brooks of Hagerstown and a host of cousins and friends.

We saw you fading like a flower.  
But could not make you stay.  
We nursed you with tender kindness,  
Until God called you away.

Oh! John, dear, we loved you.  
And our hearts ache for you still,  
Forgotten by some others,  
But, by us, you never will.

The Family

Editors Note: Brother John Jones was the first subscriber to  
the Christian Informer.

**CHURCH FILTH**

A certain pastor who pastored a certain  
church for seventeen years, reducted the  
membership to a handful.

It appeared as if he lived in adultery  
with one of his choir members. It was  
well known that his so-called assista-  
pastor and some of the elders and deacons  
of the church would bring him liquor. The  
so-called assistant pastor told how he used  
to help him in and out of the church when  
he was drunk.

The so-called assistant pastor also said  
that on one occasion he preached for him  
and at the close of the service, the pastor  
called him into a side room and offered  
him a drink of whiskey for preaching such  
a good sermon.

A few days before that preacher died,

the Lord's Supper was taken to him, and  
he had under his pillow; on his dying bed  
a pint of liquor.

About ten years ago another pastor was  
called to that church. He went there  
preaching the doctrine of the New Testa-  
ment. He preached against adultery. He  
preached against church members stealing  
church money. He preached against church  
members stealing church coal. He preach-  
ed against church officers in high places,  
staying at the other woman's house more  
than at home with their wives. He preach-  
ed against church officers and choir mem-  
bers hanging in bar rooms and beer joints.  
He preached against church officers and  
choir members playing numbers and stag-  
gering up and down the streets drunk.

The pastor increased the membership of

the church, remodeled the church building  
from top to bottom; inside and out side  
and made it one of the leading churches of  
the community. Because he preached  
against the above mentioned evils,

Some of the members of the choir and  
some of the elders and deacons who love  
adultery, liquor, number playing beer joints  
stealing and bar rooms; got together and  
made it very unpleasant for the pastor.  
The pastor got disgusted with them and  
quit. What would you have done? An  
officer of the church who doesn't live with  
his wife said that the pastor "is not a  
christian". A woman who runs the choir,  
but doesn't live with her husband, said that  
the pastor "is not a christian preacher"  
What is your opinion?



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cated "To the Unknown God". It was evident to Paul that these Athenians were not satisfied with their sculptured gods.

In my travel around the country, I find that there are ministers and churches who are not satisfied with sectarianism. There are those of the National Disciple's Convention, who are not satisfied with man-made plans of salvation, handed down to them by the United Christian Missionary Society in Indianapolis, Indiana.

The Athenians were reaching out to something greater, higher, something unknown. So Paul says to them, "Him whom ye ignorantly worship, Him declare I unto you, and He is not far from everyone of us. For in Him we live, and move, and have our being".

That was a great discovery for the people of Athen. That was a mighty revelation. What preaching that was that day on Mars Hill, "You are restless and discontented", Paul tells them, "and you will never find peace until you find the unknown God". This great Brotherhood of ours will never find peace until they find their way back to Pentecost, and to the doctrine of the church as found in the New Testament, and from there, do what Jude says, "earnestly contend for the faith".

When Andrew, Peter, Philip and Nathaniel found Jesus, they began to find themselves. When the Church of Christ, "Christian Church" finds itself and the power of doctrine, then we can find others, and they will gladly follow Him who said, "I'll draw all men unto Me".

#### 1945, A Year of Discoveries

It was discovered in 1945, that the National Disciple's Convention had sold out to the U. C. M. S., lock, stock and barrel, for a hand out over the back fence. In 1945, a group of men discovered the National Christian Preaching Convention. In 1945, The Christian Informer was discovered. In 1945, the College of the Scriptures was discovered. In 1945, Christian Institute was discovered. In 1945, it was discovered by free men, that a National Convention could live; a paper could be published; and free churches built, without being subject to U. C. M. S. bondage.

#### Let Us Preach Him

The National Christian Preaching Con-

vention can say with Andrew, John and Philip, "We have found Him in whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus or Nazareth, the son of Joseph". We can say that we have found each other. We know where we stand when it comes to the Church and its doctrine. We can sing with the poet, "On Christ the Solid Rock We stand, all other ground is sinking sand, we dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus name".

Since we have discovered Him, let us preach Him. Philip went down in Samaria and preached Christ. Paul preached Him. He said, I am now ready to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome also. For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth." Let us preach Christ, because he is The Way.

As the story goes, a Missionary got lost in the jungles of Africa. And he came to a Native way out in the jungles. He said to the Native, "I am lost". The native said follow me. After they had walked for hours through the jungles. The Missionary said to the native, "How long before we will come to a road". The Native replied, "There are no roads in the jungles I am the way".

To those ministers and churches that are in the jungles of open membership, moderism and liberalism. We say to them, follow us as we follow Christ who is "The Way". Then you will be able to say like those men of old, "We have found Him, in whom Moses in the law, and the prophets did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph".

Don't you want to make the great discovery? Don't you want to find Christ? Paul says the word is nigh thee even in thy mouth and in thy heart: that is the word of faith, which we preach.

**Closing Sermon of the  
National Christian Preaching Convention  
by W. H. (Baltimore) Taylor  
Held in Lockland, Ohio,  
August 13th to 17th, 1948**

### DOCTRINES

There are doctrines of men, doctrines of devils, and the doctrine of Christ.

Note: Ephesians 4:14: "Be not carried about with every wind of doctrine"; 'tossed to and fro' (by isms and cisms, hypnotisms and mesmerisms, etc.) of men.

Note: 2nd Epistle of John 9, concerning the doctrine of Christ. John said, "Whosoever transgresseth and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, HATH NOT GOD". He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. Remember, John wrote under the inspiration of the Holy Ghost. He wrote what had been revealed to him by the Holy Ghost (Spirit). He wrote nothing but the truth.

#### A Change and Doctrines Differ Somewhat

A charge is to be obeyed. A doctrine is to be proclaimed, preached and taught. Christ gave the twelve apostles a charge at the Mount of Olivet to go to Jerusalem and wait (tarry) there, for the promise of the Father. Christ told no one else to wait (tarry) at Jerusalem but the twelve apostles.

There is no scripture where Christ told any one to preach tarrying for the Holy Ghost as a doctrine. For it was only a charge that he gave His twelve apostles. And it was to be obeyed by them only. The doctrine of tarrying for the Holy Ghost now, is a false doctrine.

Note: St. Matthews 28:19-20. This is what He told them to do and teach: "Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you."

### WHAT THEY SAY

The old fashioned home cooked dinners served at the Emmanuel Christian Church dining room are wholesome and delicious. I eat dinner at Emmanuel's dining room every day.

P. J. Alexander, Prop  
Our Barber Shop, Wilson St.  
Baltimore, Maryland

For a good dinner at a reasonable price, go where I go. To the Emmanuel Christian Church Dining Room.

S. J. Jones, Baltimore, Md



November 19th, 1948

Elder W. H. Taylor  
1702 Madison Avenue  
Baltimore 17, Maryland

Dear Brother Taylor:

I am greatly concerned by the action of some of the brethren who have gone back to the hog waller. By this I mean, back to the old gang of U. C. M. S. worshipers or pervertors. From their action they never were sold on the truth that they were pervertors. So you can tell the world that I am one who has no faith in them nor the ones who have gone back, and before I would go back to them, unless they change, hell would have to show up with 40 feet of ice on top of it.

This is a little strong talk, but I mean every word I say and that stands good for those who are looking over the fence and have not gone back. Because I believe they are no better than the rest who have gone back, and I believe that a leopard cannot change his spots. You can paint him bright colors, but he will still be a leopard.

R. H. Davis told me while I was in Chicago that was the reason he was made president to lead all of us back into the fold of the U. C. M. S. and we would all be back

by the time we got to California together. That was a lie he could have kept from telling, as far as I am concerned because I am farther away than I was two years ago. Because what I have found out, there is going to be a lot of renovating everywhere if we are to be worthy for Christ to accept us, and the fight has just begun and you can make this a national release if you wish so they will know where I stand before they approach me.

Yours in Christ,

Elder A. G. Nelson

National Chair of Evangelism

### A PIECE OF ADVICE

by the late Mrs. Maude Henry  
of Hagerstown, Maryland

I'm sure you'll agree with me, that it would be grand  
If folks would stop serving man  
Just because you don't like the preacher  
Is no excuse for you to strike  
The world doesn't hold a man  
That everybody likes  
Why don't you stop complaining  
And put your shoulder to the wheel  
When the preacher makes the appeal  
After all it's your church  
For that reason you shouldn't shirk  
The preacher comes and goes  
But the Church stays right here  
And the members will always have the burdens to bear  
If you don't have any burdens  
There must be something wrong  
You can't set on the seat and do nothing  
And sing your little song  
But you must work and toil so hard  
Rest a bit when you feel tired  
But when you start, start with a vim  
And always keep yourself in trim,  
When your burdens heavy

### WHAT THEY SAY

When I eat at the Emmanuel Dining room I think of mother and home.

(Mrs.) Margaret Johnson,  
Baltimore, Maryland

Thank God for Emmanuel Christian Church and dining room. They are feeding my soul and body.

Luke Brown Baltimore, Md.

You will never know how your church dining room and mission store is doing for working men and women. May God bless your work.

A Boarder and Customer

I am handing you this donation for the Christian Informer. I like to read it. We also like those sweaters my sister and I bought from the Christian Informer. We are glad to help a good cause.

(Mrs.) Jennie Smith, 28th St.  
Baltimore, Maryland

My wife says, she is still wearing those stockings. Please send her 6 pairs of the same kind you had at the convention, only in a winter shade. Also send me one dozen pair of socks. You should know the size of my foot. smiles)

Yours truly, Elder H. E. Fowler,  
Newport, Kv.

I have brought several pairs of stockings from the Christian Informer and I find that they are very serviceable and long lasting.

(Mrs.) Besse L. Washington  
Baltimore, Maryland

I find that hose brought from the Christian Informer are long lasting. It pays to buy them.

(Mrs.) Lillian G. McNeil  
Baltimore, Maryland



**UNCLE SAUL SAYS**



**Elder S. D. (Uncle Saul) Armstrong**  
 Detroit, Mich.

**ONE CHURCH, ONE HUMAN FAMILY  
 ONE ORIGIN, ONE DESTINY**

Listen, Elders of the Christian Churches (Churches of Christ) since the word Negro is a nick name for the ex-slaves of the United States of America, it should be discarded and left out of Christian books and literature, and should not be used by the Elders of the Christian Churches (Churches of Christ).

Christ set the standard for the Christian Church. I don't think we Elders should let the banner

trail in the sinful dust  
 of wickedness of this world

All the posterity, of the dark American Ex-Slave ancestors, of the United States of America should go to Jackson, Michigan and view the spot (the birth place) where was born the Grand Old (Holy) Republican Party, the Mother of the Freedom and Constitutional Rights of the Ex-Slaves and heir posterity of the United States of America. The Grand Old (Holy) Republican Party was organized July 6th, 1854, under the Oaks in Jackson, Michigan. The Grand Old Republican Party's birth place is marked off by a pile of stones, at the corner of West Franklin and Second Sts.

**Note the Wording on the Stone**

HERE UNDER THE OAKS, JULY 6th, 1854, WAS BORN THE REPUBLICAN PARTY, DESTINED IN THE THROES OF CIVIL STRIFE, TO ABOLISH SLAV-

**ERY, VINDICATE DEMOCRACY, AND PERPETUATE THE UNION.**

(Abraham Lincoln and the Grand Old Republican set up the freedom standard. I don't think we Christian Ministers should let the freedom banner trail in the dust of slavery any more, with God and the good people of this country to help us.)

Abraham Lincoln and Booker T. Washington did their job well. Lincoln liberated from slavery to freedom. Booker T. Washington liberated from ignorance to intelligence, and I am going to do my job, and I am going to do it well. I am going to liberate the people from fanaticisms, cultisms, denominationalisms to real Christian Religion in Christ.

God never intended for His Church to be pastored by hirelings nor grafters. Note St. John 10:12-13: "The hireling careth not for the sheep". (All hireling must do what they are told to do, if they want to hold their jobs) and preachers are no exception to the rule. The people have a right to hire and fire their preachers to preach in their church. And God has a right to appoint His overseers over His people and His Church.

Note: Acts 20:28: "Take heed, therefore, unto yourselves, (the preacher) and to all the flock over which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the Church of God (God's Church)". Note: 1st Peter 5:2: (He exhoreth the elders to feed their flocks (the Church)). Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, willingly, not for filthy lucre (not for money) but of a ready mind.

**WHAT THEY SAY**

Another donation for the Christian Informer.

Elder C. J. Malcolm, Minister  
 Slauson Ave. Christian Church  
 Los Angeles, Calif.

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**FROM THE PEN OF AN OLD TIMER**

**Elder J. S. Conway, Louisville, Ky**  
**To the Editor of the Christian Informer**

Brother; your faith, zeal and courage is not likely to get the praise and appreciation it deserves on this side of the Judgment. Nor are you likely to get the cooperation you merit. But I for one, most solemnly affirm, that I appreciate your earnest effort to inform the Christians or colored Disciples of Christ, of their liberties in Christ Jesus unbridled; and that the living truth of God, that makes men free is still living. Some have tried to rid the church of this living truth, by a wild fire that was started in the camp of God a little over a quarter of a century ago.

I believe those who started this wild fire yea, this unhallowed fire meant all good and no harm. And really thought they were doing the right thing pleasing God. But they overlooked the fact that a plumb line pushed out of the way a fraction of an inch at the corner, will be a foot or more out of line at the next corner.

Some very highly learned still think they can confine a slight evil to a prescribed point and say no one in ages to come can advance you past this point. But while they still live and are active, many will arrive, who are more self willed than they were and more of this evil point further from the right before their eyes. And thus as each generation comes on the evil spreads.

The rule against that is in many places in both the Old and New Testament. The old saying, where there are two evils choose the lesser, cannot apply in the Church of Christ. Paul says, "Must I do evil that good may come?" For forbid. Jesus said, overcome not with evil, but overcome evil with good".

We all knew over fifty years ago there were many evils in our church, that Christ wanted us to get out. But he did not tell us to get them out with evil. But some little big mind, and some big little mind, undertook a short cheap cut on the sly, thought he, she and they could employ a few high sounding misnomers and a few pleasing phrases to listen good in the itching ears of the hypocrites; and mix it with a few words of Ashdod language, and exer-

cise a little lordship over Gods heritage without detecting it.

But instead of it getting at least some of the evil out of the church, it put ten times more evil into it; besides the mountains of forbidden heretic, divisions and confusion which we are hearing now days I am satisfied that if those men could have seen our church as we see it today, they would have delied on the charming words of Jesus, "over come evil with good".

And if our early bretheren of the second century had at that time looked into the twentieth century and saw the Pope of Rome with Holy Water in his hand while Cardinals, Prelates and Archbishops bowed down and kissed his big toe; they would have said and done what Peter told them to do; "Neither are Lords over God's heritage but ensamples to the flock".

Now since we can see by history how far from the right way of the Apostolic teachings and practices they have already brought us and how much farther away they will carry us by the next two hundred years. We Colored Disciples who have been enlightened, should quit cooperating with strange and foreign agencies and made societies that were not heard of in New Testament times.

We should line up with our bretheren of free churches and send our missionary money to the College of the Scriptures, in Louisville, Ky.

Our brethren should not be deceived by fair speech and flowery words such as organized workers bring. If Christ organized His work through His Apostles how can I improve it? Christian Crusade. Never heard of any of the apostles using that expression. Going over the top. When and where.

Ashdod language. Little as you think, speaking of the Word of Christ in that kind of language begets evil thoughts and is close to blasphemy. But do not fight among ourselves, as we are brethren, flesh of my flesh, but write and fight any thing that seeks to destory the church.

The evils that were in our churches over fifty years ago and are still in them with more and greater evil, resulted from a single mistake. It was the mistake of ordaining deacons and elders who were

not Scripturally qualified. Now when you ordain an elder or deacon who does not measure up to all those qualifications which Paul was careful to name one by one you still have not made an elder or deacon. But you have made a block in the way of discipling the members. A block in the way of things and men whom Satan can use in one way or the other to make him a preacher fighter.

And think Satan is going to let the pastor stay there and lead the flock in the way of Salvation, you are wrong. For Satan through these unqualified deacons and elders can make null and void any effort to raise adequate support for the pastor, any effort to discipline the delinquent members, any effort to lead the flock spiritually. Hence you only have a dragging, cold and spiritually dead church.

But none of these evils can be corrected by any man made schemes or rules. I admit you can gather a large congregation build an outstanding edifice, but it will be the very kind Satan loves. For "if the Lord build not the house, they labor in vain that build it".

Therefore, the only way to get these evils out of the church; is first. Remove those unqualified deacons and elders and put in those who are qualified. If there are no qualified men, select some men who desire the office of an elder or deacon and diligently begin to teach and train them. And as fast as each one proves worthy and qualified, ordain him.

While you are teaching and training elders and deacons, you can teach them how to adopt the tithing system. Not as a test of fellowship, but as the only system in the Bible that promises prosperity and spiritual power.

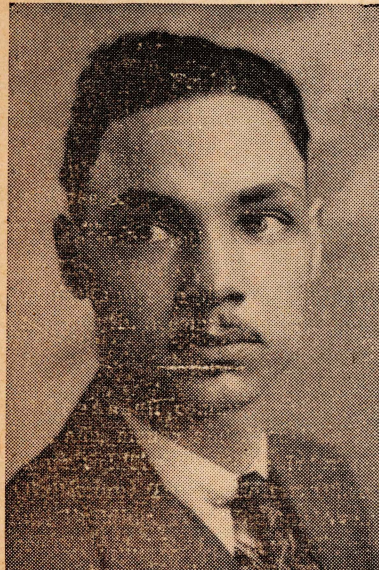
It was binding upon the Jews, but it was in faith by Abraham four hundred and thirty years before the law of Moses. It is both our liberty and faith in Christ. And by adopting it we will have money enough to keep up the church, pay the pastor, build hospitals, orphan homes and support the schools. Our members will become prosperous, lacking nothing, but growing in grace and knowledge of God. The church will increase and multiply and have favor with God and man.

**A Merry Christmas  
 and  
 A Prosperous New Year**



## "BEHIND THE SCENES"

By an eye witness at the National Disciples Convention in Detroit, Mich.



Elder H. E. Fowler Secretary of the National Preaching Convention

Some behind the scenes wishes of some of our men who can't see how the wind is blowing. These recommendations were either killed in committee or talked. To my way of thinking these will come up again and again to be passed by **you name them.**

First—All literature used in our churches come from Bethany press (this has come up before).

Second—Those who work with our youth, get their basic training in "Jarvis" or "S. C. I." (after being reminded of Christian Institute in Winston-Salem and the College of the Scriptures in Louisville, Ky. This was changed to read "Our schools", I went to K. S. I. C. in Frankfort, Ky. One of my young men is in Wilberforce, others of our young people are in various schools, evidently they won't be eligible to work with our youth - or will they?

Third—All ministers be recommended by national or Staff workers. (I almost blew my top). This was talked frankly.

I am wondering how long the Christian Church will stand after the few Staid men we now have are taken from the scene of action.

If our ministers and officials don't wake up, neither will they have a place in the church of tomorrow. Even the members will have no voice in whom they will have for minister. This has happened already in some churches. How can men and women of God be so complacent?

Have they lost the courage to dare? Will we continue to sell our glorious heritage for a mess of porrage? Will God have to raise up a new nation? Must the prayer of Christ continue to go unanswered? How long halt we between two opinions? We can't serve two Masters. If God be God Serve Him. As for me I will worship Jehovah. We need a Roll Call.

## HERE AND THERE

### Maryland

Brother and sister Harshall W. Brooks of the Second Christian Church, Hagerstown, celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary in October. A large crowd of relatives and friends from Maryland and other states were present and brought beautiful gifts.

A bus load of members and friends of the Second Christian Church of Hagerstown, made a surprise visit to Emmanuel Christian Church of Baltimore, Lord's Day November 21st. They brought the pastor, Elder W. H. Taylor a "Harvest Home" which was quite a surprise.

They brought such things as lard, flour, sugar, soap, soap power, greens, pumpkins, can goods, ham, eggs, apples, turnips, beets, matches, coffee, money and many other useful things. The Young People's Choir under the leadership of Sis. Mayme Queen and Sis. Joseph Griffin organist, rendered music at the evening service. We were glad to see so many of our friends from Hagerstown. Among them were Brothers J. E. Peters, Dean and Strange who lifted the offering.

### Ohio

Elder Compton and congregation of Canton, Ohio, moved into their beautiful church building Lord's Day October 21st. This will be their first owned home.

### Warren Ohio

Church attendance is still increasing each Lord's Day. Had two additions for baptism. Church has on a \$2,000 Rally  
R. L. Sercy, Minister

### Indiana

I am conducting a 10 days revival for Dr. Brown, here in the Martindale Christian Church in Indianapolis. The house is filled to capacity each night. It seems as though we are going to have an old fashioned revival. R. L. Sercy, National Evangelist.

Elder Emmitt I. Brown, Minister

### California

The Christian Ministers Union of Los Angeles, held its regular meeting at the 92nd Street Church, October 31st. They presented to Elder Malcolm for his pulpit two beautiful chairs. The money for the chairs was paid out of the pockets of the ministers. They wanted to show him that they wanted to see him go forward.

Elder James F. Irwin, Reporter

### Mississippi

The Percy Street Christian Church of Greenwood, Miss. sponsored a Twelve Tribes of Isreal Rally, October 31st. Sis. Eula Lee Moore was one of the tribe leaders. She is a reader of the Christian Informer and thinks that it is wonderful paper. We will be in position to send her a donation in her next rally.

### THE CHURCH AT JELICO, TENN.

The church of Christ at Jellico serving our brethren was established in the year of 1897. The old church was built in 1904 and had a thriving membership in 1919 when the crash came. Many of the members scattered out over the country to Cleveland, Ohio, Detroit, Mich., and other places.

Jellico Church had no trouble having a minister as long as they were free-handed with money. Preachers came to Tennessee from many other states. One of the field workers of the old Christian Woman's Board of Missions, Brother Moss always stopped and smiled upon them. But for many years the preachers forgot them. In the last 15 or 16 years they have not been able able to employ a preacher. Chances have come to them but they did not have the membership nor the funds.

This church did support C. W. B. M. since 1904 and had an active Missionary Society. Hundreds of dollars have been sent to them. Of recent years an appeal was made to the present Society for assistance. It claimed it would have to send a man out to investigate the situation before it could do anything. No assistance has come from that source.

Very little help has come from other church in town, ministered to by R. M. Bell.

For the last eighteen years Robert Murphy has been the sole elder of the church, Mrs. Helen Murphy has been treasurer, Mrs. Sallie McKee, Secretary. They have kept their doors open for prayer service and Sunday School, unless hindered by sickness. Elder Samuel Russell from Jonesboro, Tenn. held a service for them in which four were added to the church.

By the help of Jesus Christ and the Father and the help of the good people, they have been able to go forward. Sunday School averaged from twelve to fifty one students. They have been using Standard literature and they think it is the best.

This summer they have undertaken to build a cement block structure. The old frame structure was torn down. In the next issue you will see pictures of the present building going up. It is being paid for as they go. Just at this moment they have been held up because they did not get a \$500.00 legacy they expected from a man's will. Brother Murphy and the church deserve the kind of financial sup-

port necessary to make this project a success! WILL YOU HELP THEM?

We the members of the Second Christian Church of Jellico, Tenn. viewing our situation as we stand here to day, our building is falling down and we must dismantle it and rebuild it at once if we hope to maintain our position here to build a better world. Our membership is small but we are determined to go on by the help of the Lord and the good people. One man has kept the doors of this house open for the past sixteen years. Sunday School and prayer service each week only omitted when sick in bed. We are appealing to you for help at this time. Please do not fail us. Honestly submitted.

Elder Robert Murphy  
Jellico, Tenn.

837 E. 23 Street  
Los Angeles, Calif.  
October 3rd, 1948

## CALIFORNIA NEWS

Elder James F. Irwin, Reporter

Dear Editor:

This was a (Red Letter Day) for Elder Malcolm and his band of christian followers: they were formerly the Slauson Ave. Church. They worshipped on this corner for one year; at the expensive rate of one hundred dollars a month. They thought this was a hard up hill pull, but God taught them to depend on him.

Each Sunday the \$25.00 was fourth coming and the Lord blessed them with some thirty odd souls; and opened the way for them to use the building fund money they were saving to make the down payment on a building that in the future they can call their own.

The first morning worship service in this church was the answer to years of patient labor, sacrifice, and much prayer. This one thing they have learned that Christ is a prayer answering God.

The day was celebrated with three services; the regular morning service, special effort was put forth to fill the house; an afternoon Dedication Service at 3 p. m.; and the regular night service.

The morning service was indeed a fine spiritual blessing with most of the seats taken; and most all of the members out for this first service. The offering was above average. Elder Malcolm preached a wonderful message the text Jonh 3:9.

Nicodemus answered and said how can these things be.

The Lord showed that He was pleased with their efforts; by adding one more christian to their little band; on the Lord's Day in their new home. Elder Malcolm and I tried hard for one more. We could see that he was touched deeply by the morning service.

The Dedication Service was real spiritual feast. Four of our churches were represented there. We all wanted to share in this christian fellowship. Two choirs Mrs. Anthony furnished the music for the Elder Bramlet and Elder Patterson and day. This heart stirring music set the stage for the message.

Elder C. W. Arnold preached out of his heart this afternoon, "Launch Out Into The Deep". The plea was to get away from shallow banks, and go out in the sea of life and catch living fish for Christ. The offering is to be used to buy more chairs. I am quite sure the \$51.00 will help them along on this project.

Elders A. H. Patterson, E. W. Faulkner, Spencer, C. W. Arnold and J. F. Irwin were present to wish Elder Malcolm and the "23rd Street Church of Christ" future success and pray that the spirit of God will continue to abide in their midst.

The night service was a surprise to both Bro. Malcolm and myself. These same people that were out for the night service; had started early in the morning, first Sunday School 11:00 a. m., then the 3:00 o'clock, then Christian Endeavor and the night service. I thanked God for letting me witness such a fine christian spirit, and tried to preach the best sermon I ever preached in my life. Such a spirit deserves nothing but the best in a man.

The day was one that will long be remembered by the christian brotherhood of Los Angeles. The total offering for the day was \$85.45, one addition, and a great spiritual feast; for all who were present.

The "Christian Informer" is our official organ. We want the 23rd Street Church of Christ listed with the other churches on records. The church is very much alive; and the purchase of this property places them on a permanent foundation. The address is 837 E. 23rd Street, Los Angeles 11, California.

Yours in Christ

Elder James F. Irwin



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