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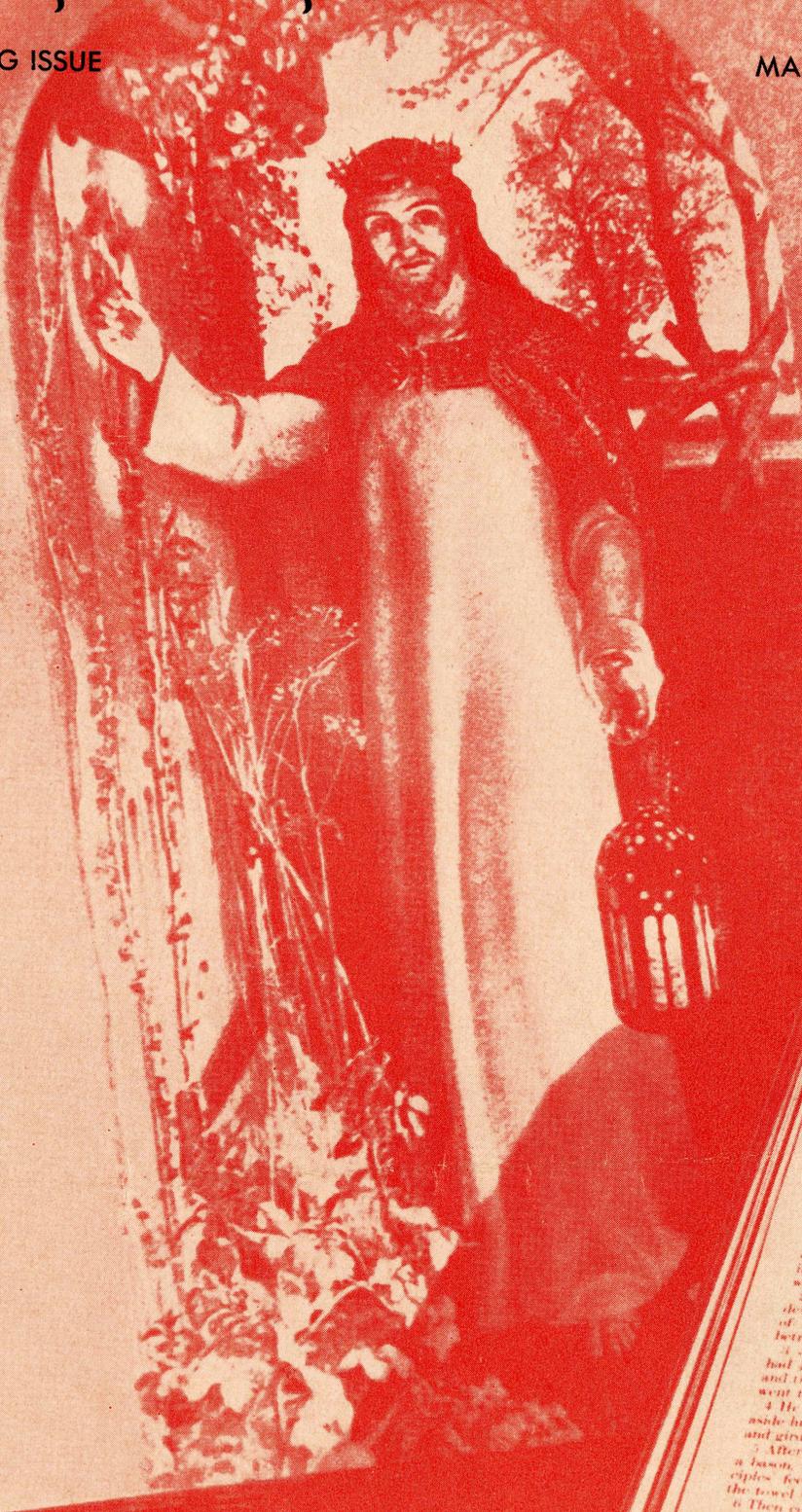
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*Jesus exhorteth to* St. JOHN, 13.

45 And he that seeth me seeth him that sent me. never wash my feet.

46 I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness.

47 And if any man hear my words, and believe not, I judge him not: for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world.

48 He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.

49 For I have not spoken of myself, but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak.

50 And I know that his commandment is life everlasting: whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto me, so I speak.

CHAPTER 13.

NOW before the feast of the passover, when Jesus knew that his hour was come that he should depart out of this world unto the Father, having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end.

2 And supper being ended, the devil having now put into the heart of Judas, Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him.

3 Jesus knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he was come from God, and went to God.

4 He riseth from supper, and laid aside his garments; and took a towel, and girded himself.

5 After that he poureth water into a bason, and began to wash the disciples feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded.

6 Then cometh he to Simon Peter: and Peter saith unto him, Lord, dost thou wash my feet?

7 Jesus answered and said unto him, What I do thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter.

8 Peter saith unto him, Thou shalt never wash my feet.

9 Simon Peter saith unto him, Lord, not my feet only, but my hands and my head also.

10 Jesus saith unto him, He that is clean needeth not to wash his feet, but is clean every whit: and ye are clean, but not all.

11 For he knoweth whom he hath chosen, and he saith unto him, Thou art clean.

12 So after he had washed their feet, and had taken up his garment, he sat down again, and said unto them, Know ye what I have done to you?

13 Ye call me Master, and ye say well; for so I merit: but I have washed your feet, and ye have not loved one another as I have loved you.

14 If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet, ye ought to wash one another's feet.

15 For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you.

16 Verily, verily, I say unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord: neither he that sent him.

17 If ye know these things, ye shall not be offended: for ye have chosen to love one another.

18 I speak not of you all: for I know whom I have chosen, but the scripture is fulfilled, that he which travaileth with me shall wrong me not.

19 Now I tell you before it come, that when it is come to pass, ye may believe that I am he.

20 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that receiveth whomsoever I have sent, receiveth me, and he that receiveth me, receiveth him that sent me.

21 When Jesus had thus said, he was troubled in spirit, and testified, and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, that one of you shall betray me.

22 Then the disciples looked one on another, doubting of whom he spake.

23 Now there was leaning on Jesus' bosom one of his disciples, whom Jesus loved.

24 Simon Peter therefore beckoned to him, that he should ask who it should be of whom he spake.

25 Peter saith unto him, Lord, who?

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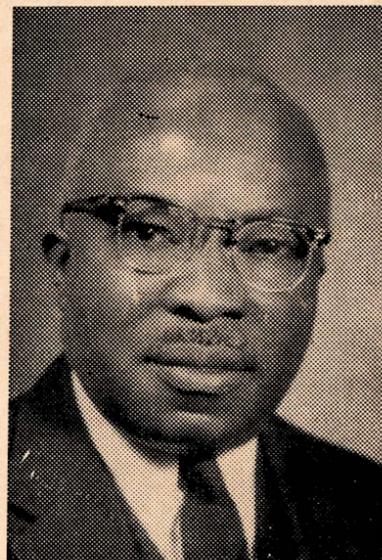
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If you saw it in the Christian Informer it must be true.

### THE EDITOR'S VISIT HERE AND THERE



W. H. TAYLOR

#### Voice of The Editor SAFE!

When the play is close at the base you will see the umpire who is standing right there throw up his hands and shout "SAFE," as any old preacher, who has been in the preaching game about fifty years. When I hear young preachers from our colleges, like Jinkins and Jinkins, Johnson and

Johnson (not baby powder), Daniels, McCain, Ellis, Winger of the College of the Scriptures, McCall, King, Garvey, Simmons, Jones of Winston Salem Bible College, Hubenthal, Robin and Robertson of Eastern Christian College, like the umpire, I must throw up my hands and shout "SAFE." With fine preachers coming from our Bible colleges the Church of Christ (Christian Church) is safe in the arms of Jesus; safe on His gentle breast. Safe from the evils of open membership.

#### "THE SKY IS FALLING"

In my early school days there was a lesson about Chicken Little and Hennie Penny. An acorn fell on the head of the little chicken and she ran and told the mother hen that the "sky is falling". The mother hen told the turkeys, ducks and all the other fowl that the sky was falling.

The old sly fox heard about the rumor, and he invited all of the chickens, turkeys and ducks to "MERGE" with him in his den; in order to keep the sky from falling on them. Just like a certain national convention merged with a certain open membership organization and a certain open membership convention.

The sly old fox had enough fresh meat to last him a long time. I can imagine that the chickens, turkeys, ducks held a "CAUCUS" after the "MERGER". Like certain Brethren are holding "CAUCUSES" after their "MERGER". They should have CAUCUS before they "MERGED". Too late, the old fox had fastened the door. All they could do was "CAUCUS".

#### WHAT IS OPEN MEMBERSHIP IN THE CHURCH OF CHRIST?

Somebody who did not know said, open membership is when the preacher opens the door and lets the members come in. That is true among man made churches, creeds and doctrines of men. That is not true in the church of Christ (Christian Church), we read about in the New Testament. Christ said in Matthew 16:13: "I will build my church." The door to the Church of Christ was opened on the day of Pentecost, Acts, chapter 2. Christ said, I am the door. John 10:7. I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it. Rev. 3:8.

#### DISOBEDIENCE

Open membership in the Church of Christ is saying to Christ; that you can be saved without being baptized like he was baptized. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches. Rev. 2:29.

#### WHAT DOES THE SPIRIT OR THE WORD SAY?

Baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Matthew 28:19. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved. Mark 16:16. Even baptism doth also now save us. 1st Peter 3:21. Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. John 3:5. And many of the Corinthians hearing believed, and were baptized. Acts 18:8.

#### THERE IS NO COLOR TO THE ESSENTIAL THINGS OF LIFE

There is no color to faith, repentance, confession, baptism, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness, brotherly kindness, charity. There is no color to democracy, patriotism, courage, loyalty to Christ and Country. There is no color to the winds that blow nor to the air we breathe.

Only God knows the color of the UNKNOWN SOLDIER. There is no color in the church Christ established. I, Jesus, have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely. And if any man shall take from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book. Rev., chapter 22.

#### THERE IS COLOR TO THINGS THAT ARE NON-ESSENTIAL IN LIFE

I do not know when I have seen a RAINBOW of many colors. It has been several years since I have seen a black hair on my head. I am bald headed, and it has been a long time ago since I saw some gray hair on my head. I am getting along very well without the hair and without the color. Color is non-essential. I like white teeth but my teeth like the color of yellow. Yet, we stay together, we eat together, we sleep together; when you see me you will see them. They have never been out of my mouth.

There is color to things that are non-essential in life; such as "white lightning" and "black label", "brown mule", Brown Derby", "blue blood", "black church, white church, black panthers, white panthers, white robe, K.K.K., red communist", black disciples, white disciples, black power, white power."

1944-1971

The twenty-seventh Annual Session of the Little National Christian Preaching Convention of Churches of Christ will be held at Emmanuel Church of Christ, Madison Ave., near Wilson St., Baltimore, Maryland, August 6th through the 11th, 1971.

We do not have a large attendance. Remember what Christ said about two or three in His name. Quantity is not Quality. It is not the size of the dog that counts. It is the size of the fight that is in the dog. I have seen big dogs with no fight in them.

A lady's watch, about the size of a dime, can do as much as the big clock on the city hall building. The little watch can get sixty minutes to the hour, that is all the big clock gets. Both of them are doing the same thing. Telling Time.

If the Little National Christian Preaching Convention is earnestly contending for the Faith, what more can the big Convention do?

If the Little National Christian Preaching Convention is devoted to the Restoration of Primitive Christianity, its Doctrine, its Ordinances and its Fruits, what more can the big Conventions do?

And he called unto him his disciples, and saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, That this poor widow hath cast more in, than all they which have cast into the treasury. For all they did cast in of their abundance; but she of her want did cast in all that she had even all her living. Mark 12: 43-44.

The Little National Christian Preaching Convention may not be seen and heard around the world by radio and television, but it can be seen and heard in Heaven. If possible through faith, I believe Preston Taylor, W. H. Dickerson, H. L. Herod, Monroe Jackson, P. H. Moss, W. M. Alphin, J. N. Ervin, B. C. Calvert, L. H. Crawford, R. W. Watson, R. H. Davis, L. L. Dickerson, and others who have gone on before; in the Spirit, they will be looking and listening to the Faith, once delivered unto them.

#### A BAD FELLOW

In their sight I made a bad fellow of myself. I let it be known that I thought it was a disgrace for someone from the U.C.M.S. to come into our Convention and talk about spanking our distinguished Editor and Pastor, as if we were babies. Some of the Uncle Toms and Aunt Marys applauded her statement. I felt like throwing a brick. Another time I made a bad fellow of myself. It was at the Convention in Knoxville, Tenn. As Chairman of the Recommendation Committee I urged the Convention to hire the late Sister Rose B. Bracy after she was fired by the U.C.M.S.

Another time I made a bad fellow of myself was at the Convention in Dayton, Ohio. when Dr. J. N. Ervin was President. A top man from the U.C.M.S. was speaking; almost every other word he spoke was "The Negro Church." It made me sick. I asked him from the floor to please tell me what book, chapter and verse in the New Testament I could find the name Negro Church? His face turned red and year after year we would meet at the Convention and all we had to say to each other was "Howdy Do".

Another time I made a bad fellow of myself was at Columbus, Ohio when I was President. A top man from the Erection Department, who had visited the church I had pastored several times and had eaten at my table and had slept in my bed, did not know me in Columbus, Ohio. He said to me "which one of the boys are you?". And he addressed the other men as boys. At that Convention were preachers, doctors, lawyers, teachers, bankers, insurance men, college presidents, farmers and laborers of all types. I blew my top. I said to this distinguished gentleman, I am the president of this Convention; and if I am a boy, I am doing a man's job, and such men like you, ought to stay in Indianapolis. A top man from the Pension was there and he made matters worse by trying to apologize for what his friend had said. He used that old stinking line, "I love Colored People."

My Brethren loved me and I loved them. For fifty years they could depend on me to pull the chestnuts out of the fire for them. They knew I did not mind being a bad fellow for their sake; and for Christ's sake.

## NO BALLS AND TWO STRIKES AGAINST ME

There were no balls and two strikes against me, when I came to the bat fifty years ago. And the umpire leaned to the other side, "Strike One". I did not attend a U.C.M.S. school.

"Strike Two". I could not be an "Uncle Tom". Almost all of the old players on both teams are on the other side of the River Jordan. By the Grace of God and His Son, Jesus Christ, I am still at the bat. Some say I struck out. Some say I got a hit. Some say I got hit. Some say I got a walk. Some say I was thrown out of the game. Others say I hit a home run. I do not know. I will not know until I get to Heaven and see the Score Board.

## MY PERSONAL OPINIONS

I always thought that the United Christian Missionary Society did not care very much for me, because of my stand against open membership. And I felt they treated me like a nappy head stepchild, because I fought segregation when it was suicidal to do it. I also felt that they were cool toward me because I did not attend one of their two mission schools, one was in Mississippi and the other in Texas. Only a man of my complexion can tell you how cold the climate was in Mississippi and Texas fifty, sixty years ago. Thank God the climate is warmer everywhere now.

It thought it was a disgrace at the Kansas City, Kansas National Christian Missionary Convention, when Dr. H. L. Herod became President; a top lady from the U.M.C.S. said in her speech to the N.C.M.C., that she would like to spank Dr. P. A. Gray for something he published in the Christian Plea Paper when he was Editor.

I let it be known that I did not like the way the U.C.M.S. fired Mrs. Rosa B. Bracy after twenty-five years of service, getting the churches to support the U.C.M.S.

## IT IS FUNNY

When I became President of the N.C.M.C., the President of the U.C.M.S. asked me to go to Nashville, Tenn., and rebuke Prof. Murel R. Eppse for something he published in the Christian Plea Paper of which he was the Editor. Remember, Prof. Eppse was a teacher at A and I State University. He was the author of a text book on Negro History. He had charge of the Preston Taylor estate. He was a member of the Lea Ave., Christian Church. I went to Nashville. And instead of reprimanding Prof. Eppse, I blessed him for what he said in the Christian Plea and told him to say some more. The news got back to the Big House in Indianapolis, that old Baltimore Taylor went to Nashville and instead of cursing Prof. Eppse, he blessed him.

## REMEMBER LEXINGTON

That same year 1944 the N.C.M.C. met in Lexington, Ky. In my opinion as president, the president of the U.M.C.S. made a sneak visit with some of his top Brass to my Convention. I did not know why they were there without an invitation from me. But I think I soon found out. I saw the "handwriting on the wall." Many of

my Brethren who had raised me to the third Heaven the day before; dropped me likt a hot potato when they saw the "TOP BRASS" from the U.C.M.S. The spirit around the Convention was like this. If thou let this man go, (Baltimore Taylor continue as president) Thou art not Caesar's friend." John 10:12.

## SAME OLD SQUIRREL

Tell the Brethren I am the same old squirrel. I can't climb as high as I used to climb; but I can keep out of the way of the dogs.

## LOVE IT OR LEAVE IT

My advice to the disgruntled members of the Church of Christ everywhere—GREETINGS:

Love Christ and his church, live and lead a Christian life, abhor that which is evil, cleave to that which is good. If you can't do that then leave. And think not to say within yourselves, we have Abraham to our father; for I say unto you, that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham. And now also the ax is laid unto root of the trees: therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Matthew 3:9-10.

## SUBJECT—

## "The God Of The Living And Not Of The Dead"

There are two lives and two deaths (1) The natural life, physical. (2) the spiritual life, after death. The two deaths: (1) The natural death when the breath leaves the body; (2) the spiritual death is when the spiritual life is taken from the soul after death, beyond the grave.

## TEXTS

### 1. What Christ said about it:

(1) "God is not the God of the dead, but of the living." Matt. 22:32.

(a) People may be dead to us, but not to God, for on either side of the river of death they are alive to Him to be the God of.

### 2. What Paul said about it.

1) "For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live, therefore, or die, we are the Lord's. Rom. 14:8. (a) Living or dead, we are all the same to God, as He sees both sides of the river of death, and all live to Him. The Lord knoweth those who are his.

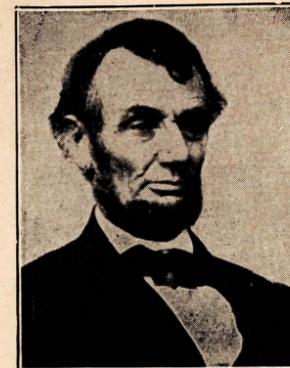
(2) "For to this end Christ both died, and rose, and revived, that He might be Lord both of the dead and the living," Rom. 14:9.

a) Christ lived on each side of the river of death, and is the Lord of both classes. (b) A person does not cease to be, because he is dead to us. He only lives in another world, that of departed spirits.

### 3. Which has the Advantage, The Dead or The Living?

(1) "While we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord" 2 Cor. 5:6. (2) "We are (Please turn to page 12)

## 13th, 14th and 15th Amendments to the Constitution of the United States



## THE RECONSTRUCTION AMENDMENTS

The 13th, 14th and 15th Amendments to the Constitution are commonly known as the Reconstruction Amendments, inasmuch as they followed the Civil War, and were drafted by Republicans. Mississippi, South Carolina, Georgia, for example—had set up laws which, it was charged, were contrived to perpetuate Negro slavery under other names.

## ARTICLE XIII.

### (Slavery abolished.)

1. Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the United States, or any place subject to their jurisdiction.

2. Congress shall have power by appropriate legislation, to enforce the provisions of this article.

## ARTICLE XIV.

### (Citizenship Rights Not to Be Abridged.)

1. All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside. No state shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States, nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property without due process of law, nor deny to any person within the jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.

## ARTICLE XV.

### (Equal Rights for White and Colored Citizens.)

The right of the citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude.

2. The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

## LINCOLN'S GETTYSBURG ADDRESS

Following is Lincoln's own version revised by him from his own notes, of the address at Gettysburg, Pa., on Nov. 19, 1863. The great battle had been fought on July 1-3, 1863.

Fourscore and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation,

conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation or any nation so conceived and so dedicated can long endure. We are met on a great battlefield of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field, as a final restingplace of those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.

But, in a larger sense, we cannot dedicate—we cannot consecrate—we cannot hallow—this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember, what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us—that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion—that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain—that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom—and that government of the people, by the people, for the people shall not perish from the earth.

## I WANT TO BE HONEST

The Republican Party got me out of slavery in 1863. The Republican Party made me a citizen of the United States of America in 1865. "Long may our land be bright, with freedom's holy light; Protect us by Thy light, Great God, our King."

**PREACHING, PRAYING, SINGING AND SHOUTING** will be the order of the day at the Little National Christian Preaching Convention, Baltimore, Md., August 6th-11th, 1971.

Brethren, come prepared to preach, no creed but Christ. No book of authority, but the Bible. No name but Christian. No church but the church of Christ.

All money raised at the Convention will be donated to the preachers doing the preaching, The Christian Informer, the local Church, the College of the Scriptures, the Winston-Salem Bible College, the Eastern Christian College.

## Here and There

Elder Thurman Jenkins, Minister of the Brush-ton Church of Christ, Pittsburg, Pa., preached two soul stirrings at Emmanuel Church, Lord's Day, February 7th. Brother Jenkins is a great preacher. He also conducted an On the Campus Revival at Eastern Christian College. The Revival was a great success.

Dr. C. L. Whitfield will preach at Emmanuel Church, Lord's Day, March 7th at 11 A.M. Elder M. B. Chambers will preach at 8 P.M.

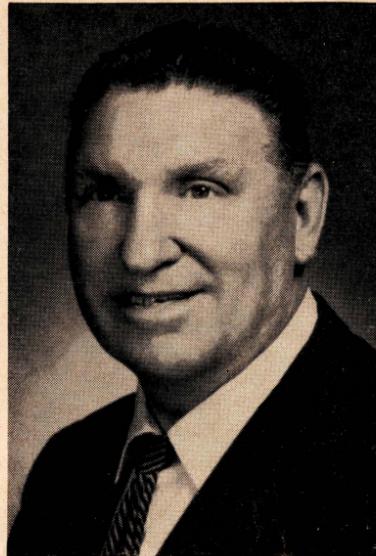
Brother W. H. (Baltimore) Taylor will preach at the Cresswell Church of Christ, Bel Air, Md. Lord's Day, March 7th. Dr. Rolland A. Stever is Minister.

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 8—Roger Chambers  
 15—David Chandler  
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**The Fellowship Revival**

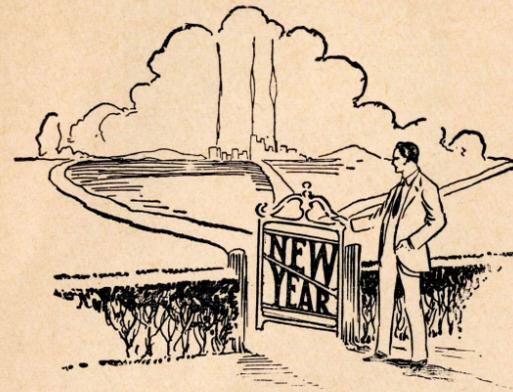
The second Annual Fellowship Revival will be held at Emmanuel Church of Christ, Madison Ave. near Wilson St., Baltimore, Md., the month of May, 1971; May 2 to 30. The following choirs, and congregations will have one or two nights of fellowship: Eastern Christian College, Brother J. T. Segroves; First Christian Church, Glen Burnie, Brother Weldon Robertson, Minister May 16th, 7:30 P.M. Bro. W. A. Cunningham, First Christian Church, Havre De Grace, Md.

Manor Wood Church of Christ, Bro. K. Meade, Minister, Rockville, Md., Brother Sam. Arnold, Minister, First Christian Church, Frederick, Md., Bro. L. Decker, First Christian Church, Joppa Town, Md., Bro. James Woods, Blvd. Christian Church, Essex, Md. Lombard St., Church of Christ Bro. Conifacio, Galvans, Minister, Berea Church of Christ, Vienn, Va., Bro. K. R. Simplot, Minister. Slavic Church of Christ, Bro. Adam Korenczuk, Minister, Creswell Church of Christ, Bro. Roland Stever, Minister. Severna Park Christian Church, Bro. A. Chatman. Other speakers will be Brothers L. Hebenthal, Dennis Kadisn, Earl B. King, Jr., Prof. Robin, E. C. C. Bro. Pitman, Havre de Grace, Md.

Brethren, please let me know at least two dates you have open in May. I will select one and let you know. W. H. (Baltimore) Taylor, 1702 Madison Ave., Baltimore, Md. 21217.

Hot coffee, hot dogs, cakes and pies will be served free every night after service. Service will begin at eight P.M. All money raised at the Fellowship Revival will be donated to the preachers doing the preaching and to the local church. For the benefit of entertaining The Little National Christian Preaching Convention to be held at Emmanuel Church, August 6th to 11th, 1971.

- Nov., 1971  
 1—Mrs. Donna Fisher  
 8—Ray G. Wells  
 15—Thomas Omer  
 23—Don Atkin  
 30—Carl Rohlof



*"Backward, turn backward,  
 O Time in your flight,  
 Make me a child again,  
 Just for tonight!"*

*Our . . .*  
**YESTERDAYS**

*Some to Be Recalled*  
*Some to Be Forgotten*

**N**EW CALENDARS have been placed. This naturally leads to a backward glance—a thing that may be helpful or hurtful. There are things in every person's past that it were better to forget and others that it would be a distinct loss to forget.

There is much in every life that is of no value. It is mere baggage. It will take up room that should be occupied by something better. We should not burden our minds with it. A great scholar when asked how he had gathered so much knowledge said, "Chiefly by learning to forget the things that were of no value." The Egyptians were adepts in embalming. They thus preserved cats and even vermin. They were no more foolish than those who use the faculty of memory to preserve useless things. Let the useless things drop out. They occupy space that could be better used. A minor sorrow, if brooded over, will cloud a present full of opportunities.

Do not drop the dragnet of memory into the depths of the past to bring up mud and foulness that should have been left forever in the depths of forgetfulness. Reflection on such things is good only in so far as it warns us against like mistakes in the present. When we have truly repented of our sins, God "casts them behind His back and remembers them no more." Why should we remember what He has forgotten? Let no pardoned sin cling to us, like the "Old Man of the Sea" in Arabian story, to drag us down.

Do not use memory to bring back the disappointments and losses or the disagreeable things of the past year. We should forget all the unkind words spoken to us, all the unkind things done to us, and all the sad things that shaded the day as they passed. The present is too full of opportunities to permit us to nurse old sores. Some people are keeping up old grudges and so shutting out the vision of Christ. Such persons cannot grow in spiritual stature. Real Christians forget the wrongs and forgive the injuries inflicted upon them by their fellowmen. They reach up to the moral likeness of Christ, who, on the cross prayed "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do."

There are some things in our yesterdays that we should recall. We should remember God's sustaining grace in time of sorrow that we may trust Him in new trials. The experience of the past is the wisdom of the present. We remember the past to

little profit unless we make it an incentive and guide to the present. Every life has golden memories, days glorified by divine help given and victory achieved against great odds.

We should not forget the human help we have received. Paul thanked God for the kindness of his friends at Philippi. Gwendolen said to Daniel Deronda, "It shall be better with me because I know you." It is inexpressibly sweet to recall the choice friendships of the past. Some of us are recalling the sweetest friendships of life whose earthly career closed last year, but whose lives will be a benediction through all our earthly pilgrimage.

The purpose of life is to build character. Our environment is scaffolding on which we stand while we build. The providences of the past year, which helped to make its environment, may have been divinely sent. Why should we fail to use them? They will work good in us whether they be light or dark.

We make most of our own memories. We can so live this year that every present when it becomes a past will send forward a good memory. It is possible so to live this year that every one we visit will say, "Oh, that he would return, for then the house would be filled with gladness."

We should enter the New Year with the belief that there are better things in store for us than we have ever enjoyed. Manhood should be better than childhood; the full day should be better than the dawn; the fruit should be more desirable than the bloom; the fulfillment should be better than the promise; experience should be better than hope.

# That Amazing Book--the Bible

The Bible is one of the greatest blessings bestowed by God on the children of men.

"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." - II Timothy 3:16, 17.

**T**HE BIBLE is indeed an amazing book! Here are some interesting facts concerning it: The Bible is made up of 3,566,480 letters, 733,746 words, 31,102 verses, 1,189 chapters and 66 books.

Its longest chapter is Psalms 119.

The shortest, and also the middle chapter is Psalms 117.

Isaiah 37 and II Kings 19 are exactly alike.

The longest verse in the Bible is found in Esther 8:9.

The shortest verse consists of but two words: "Jesus wept." "God" is not mentioned in the book of Esther.

The twenty-first verse of the seventh chapter of Ezra contains the alphabet.

It was over four hundred years ago that William Tyndale first translated the New Testament into the English language. It remained for Myles Coverdale to complete the translation of the entire Scriptures, and nearly a century and one-half elapsed before John Wycliffe gave the Bible to the common man in the vernacular of Chaucer.

Before he passed away, King George V declared: "It is my confident hope that my subjects may never cease to cherish their noble inheritance in the English Bible, which, in a secular aspect, is the first of the national treasures and is, in its spiritual significance, the most valuable thing that this world affords."

Lord Shaftesbury, that great advocate of social legislation, told his daughter on his deathbed: "Read me the words beginning, 'The Lord is my shepherd ... Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I shall fear no evil.'"

A thoughtful Hindu who did not call himself a Christian once said: "If I were a missionary I would not argue; I would give the people the New Testament and say, 'Read that.'"

America, it has been said, rests upon four corner stones: the Bible, the English language, the Common Law and the tradition of liberty. Liberty, language and the law, however, have all been taken from the Bible.



Frances E. Willard, the temperance advocate, wrote that as a lisping child she learned the first chapter of St. John's Gospel from her mother. Later, during her last illness, she said: "Tell our women to study the New Testament. No human being has ever conceived as he should what the New Testament means by loyalty to Christ."

It is a well-known fact that the inspiration for the great music of all time has been furnished by the Bible. In producing his "Messiah," Handel made use of the book of Isaiah, the Gospels and Revelation. During the composition of the "Hallelujah Chorus" he is supposed to have said, "I did think I did see all heaven before me, and the great God Himself."

The story of art is also closely connected with the Bible. Two of Michelangelo's greatest works are Moses and David. Some of the world's masterpieces include such paintings as "The Flight into Egypt," by Giotto; "The Transfiguration," by Raphael; and "The Sacrifice of Abraham," by Rembrandt. Each of the great artists has turned to the Bible for lofty thoughts and inspiration.

Too numerous to mention are the quotations concerning the effect of the Bible upon the literature of the world. The Bible is still the world's best seller.

God inspired men of old to write His Book, and in the Scriptures we read whence came man, society and creation. Here, too, is the revelation of God Himself as Prophet, Priest and King, with God's great plan of redemption for man the central theme.

Everyone is familiar with the two divisions of the Bible--the Old and the New Testaments. In the former we find man reaching up to God; in the latter, God reaching down to man. The Old Testament defines the law, while the New describes unending love. Yet the story of God's marvelous love avails nothing unless you and I are moved through His Word to give our hearts to Him. "These are written," says John, "that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing ye might have life through His name."

## Letters To The Editor

Dear Brother Taylor:

Enclosed you will find check to help you with The Christian Informer.

I am near fifty years old and I am not ashamed to admit that I have learned so many good things through your paper.

Thank God I have learned to be a better Christian and a better member of the church of Christ by reading your paper.

I learned through the Fall issue of your paper, why the Republican Party was born.

For the first time in my life, I read the Emancipation Proclamation in the Winter issue of The Christian Informer.

I want to be like you. Please don't publish my name, because I don't want your readers to know how very ignorant I have been.

Somewhere In America

**Editor's Note.**—Please be like Christ, not like the Editor. The arm of flesh will fail you—Ye dare not trust your own.

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Rockville, Md.

Dear Brother Taylor:

Fantastic—that is the word to describe the Winter Issue of THE CHRISTIAN INFORMER which I just finished reading cover to cover. I am enclosing a gift to help with the publishing cost. I send it not as an obligation but as gratitude for your friendship and the appreciation of a job well done.

My prayer for you is that God will continue to give you strength to witness for Him. May 1971 be a spiritually thrilling year for you!

**KEEP LOOKING UP . . . GOD IS ALWAYS THERE!**

Your friend in Christ,  
Kenneth A. Meade

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Northside Church of Christ  
Grand Rapids 5, Michigan

Dear Brother Taylor,

I just had a letter from Brother Edsil Dale who organizes the NORTHMEN and he receives your paper which he spoke very highly about.

I am glad to write to you as I needed some prodding as I have intended to write thanking you for the last issue of the paper and at least send a token offering for the publication of such a good missile. (enclosed is a little I'll send more soon)

I visited the printing company that does your magazine this week to see about some work we needed. Evan's printing has a good plant and they do fine work. It is clean, established, and up to date with an air of permanence about it. They do a great deal of religious printing.

May the Lord richly bless you as you continue steadfast in the great and sinful city God has called and held you with.

Because He died  
Bro. Cook

Laurel Homes Church of Christ  
Located at 1511 John Street  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45214

Dear Brother Taylor,

For the news from Laurel Homes—

There has been nine additions during the month of November and December.

During the month of December our new Sunday School Supt. Algie Rausseau brought us our Christmas message. Brother Rousseau is a past minister here and also has taught at Winston-Salem Bible College.

John Renn a student at Cincinnati Bible Seminary had our new year message and both sermons brought us closer to Him.

We plan to start College Prayer Meetings during February.

Pray for us at Laurel Homes that 1971 will be a year that we really grow in the Lord, Even as we remember you all in our prayers.

Yours in Him,  
Ruth

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224 East Second St.  
Lexington, Kentucky 40508  
January 20, 1971

Dear Brother Taylor:

Greetings from (Ole East Second St.) Lexington, Ky. I'll always remember (1944).

We, wife and I thank you very much for the issue of Dec. 1970, Jan. 1971. Next time that you are so near E. 2nd St. come by.

Enclosed you find a check for \$6.00 for which please enroll Mrs. Elizabeth Smith, 564 Charlotte Court, Lexington, Kentucky, 40508 as a subscriber, and also myself.

Please several of the Dec. 1970, Jan. 1971 issues.

May God continue His blessings upon you.  
Yours most sincerely,  
O. B. Garner

**Editor's Note.** Dr. Garner is doing a great work for the church at Lexington and Winchester, Ky.

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Walhalla, S. C.  
Dec. 9, 1970

Dear Bro. Taylor,

I received the Christian Informer. I really enjoyed it. There were really some nice articles in it. I will keep it.

I'm sorry I waited so long to write.

I hope you are well and that you have an enjoyable Christmas this year.

May God bless you.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Fastina Moore

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Mineral, Va.

Dear Bro. Taylor,

Greeting in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Enclosed is a copy of the Prayer you asked me to send you for your next issue, I hope it reach-

es you in time. No Special News from Phillippi, all is well and send Love.

You may print that the Phillippi Missionary Circle had its Annual Missionary Anniversary Program Sunday, Nov. 8, 1970 at 7:30 P.M.—Speaker was Dr. John G. Coleman of Mineral, Va. We raised a total of \$221.62. Also on Nov. 7, 1970 The Phillippi Youth Chain sponsored a Dinner at the Dining Hall and raised \$150.41 for the Benefit of our Youth Chain, we are planning our Christmas Program for Dec. Wishing you and all a nice Thanksgiving and you must visit us at Phillippi any time you can. You are always welcome to my Home

Phillippi Christian Church,  
Dr. Willie Jones, Pastor  
Sadie Johnson, Secty.

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### My Prayer

Dear Lord, may I live to help the person who hates—  
And tries to keep me down.  
Let my light shine!  
May I greet them with a smile  
Who meet me with a frown.  
Help me to be so full of thy Holy Spirit as not to see the wrong they do to me.  
May I never hold malice in my heart nor hunt up strife.  
Help me not to judge the faults of another's life and be too busy in thy service to see what others do to me.  
Lord, help me to use good sense and in nothing give offense  
As not to see the wong.  
May I be so full of Thee as none are perfect as Thee that others do to me.

Sis. Sadie Johnson,  
Mineral, Va.

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Box 1305  
Orangeburg, S. C.  
Jan. 8, 1971

Dear Mr. Taylor and Christian Brethren:

This is to inform you of the sudden passing of Bro. Melvin W. Sparks, Jan. 2, 1971 into his eternal reward.

Mr. Sparks had been in declining health for some time. His body was toil worn and his heart broken with a burden for souls. He only lived 56 years but every moment for the Lord.

I lived with a spiritual giant of God for 34 wonderful years. He was a great tower of strength to me. God has sustained me both physically and spiritually during this great hour of crisis.

His last request was that I see that his foreign students continue their education in the states. He has 5 here and one to come on Jan. 12th.

In lieu of flowers I requested the money be sent as a memorium to Mr. Sparks.

He talked about his visit with you so often the last year of his life.

He was a true friend with no hypocrisy about it. He was not ashamed of his dark skinned brothers but often I have seen him put an arm of tenderness about one and tell him, "God loves you."

Yours in Christ,  
Sister Melvin Sparks

**Editor's Note:** Brother Melvin Sparks was a god man and full of good works.

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Thomas K. Rouse  
5324-24 Street  
Detroit, Michigan 48208  
Jan. 4, 1971

Dear Bro. Taylor:

We rec'd. both the copies of the Informer, they were fine. No, don't you "retire" yet. There is a lot of good you can do for us, "The Church" and also for The Lord. See? Well, we had a wonderful Xmas, all our children and grand children (17) in all, had dinner with us. Do you remember Brother Herman Turner? He was in a Hos. for 16 years, but is recovering now and is back in Detroit. His home address is 987 E. PHILADELPHIA, DETROIT, MICH. 48211. Please send him a copy of the Informer, he asked me to write you for him. I enclose a money order for \$2.00. There is hoping you a prosperous New Year, Health and Happiness.

Yours in the One Faith,  
Mr. and Mrs. T. K. Rouse

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12-20-70  
Quincy, Ill.

Dear Brother Taylor:

This is a little note of cheer I guess to let you know that we are fine. My wife and I were kind of put out as we did not get to the Wide World Rally this year as it is the 25 year of the school. I see by the Informer that you were a speaker at the convention last summer but we did not get to hear you but we did rejoice in meeting you and J. Moore there and my kids were glad to meet both of you. I am sending you \$5.00 this time as I did neglect to send it before. As we are working on our aid to get that \$337.75 to the College of the Scriptures for the 1st week of Feb., we got most of it pledged we lack 2 more people but with God's help we will make it. This sheet of paper is the Co. I work for, they manufacture feeds. But we are blessed the Pres. of the Co. is a Christian so we do have a good relations in our Co.

Yours in Christ,  
Mr. and Mrs. John Ray  
123150 15th,  
Quincy, Ill. 62301

Merry Xmas and  
Happy New Year  
to you and your family

The United Christian  
Missionary Society  
Indianapolis, Indiana  
December 29, 1970

Mr. W. H. Taylor, Editor  
The Christian Informer  
1702 Madison Avenue  
Baltimore, Maryland 21217  
Dear Brother Taylor:

In your Winter issue of the Christian Informer Page 3, under the picture of Preston Taylor you gave an editor's note. The last sentence in your note said: "I do not know."

I am sorry if you have not been informed as to the disposition of the Taylor Properties and Trust Funds. I thought I had sent to you the full information. If I did not I regret it. However, if you desire to know of the disposition of the Taylor Bequest and Heritage I shall be glad to send to you such information which can be legally documented, and you, as a Disciple of Christ, may have the privilege of looking at the books and the records held here in Indianapolis, Indiana and in Nashville, Davidson County, Tennessee.

I am glad to know of the wonderful work you are doing and may your New Year be full of hope.

Sincerely,  
Emmett J. Dickson  
Director Field Services  
Department of Evangelism  
and Membership

**Editor's Note:**

Dear Brother Dickson; "I do not know". That is true. I do not know what my next door neighbors had for breakfast, dinner or supper the whole of 1970. I do not know the price farm land will sell for on the moon in the year 2000. I do not know how long you have been on the U.C.M.S. pay roll. I do not know who guided the N.C.M.C., into this open membership and denominational merger. I was told by one of your officers of the N.C.M.C. that the Preston Taylor's Estate was offered to a certain brother for the small sum of one dollar. Is that true or false? Please answer Yes or No.

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Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Bro. Taylor,

When I visited Baltimore and your church recently, I found warmth and love there. You and your people made me feel welcome and very much at home.

From the dinner at Mr. and Mrs. Holmes to the "Campbell" in your kitchen, my fare was excellent.

Thank you for such hospitality. I will be promoting your work and the "Christian Informer" wherever I go.

Your Younger Brother,  
Thurman Jenkins

Church of Christ at Manor Woods  
Rockville, Maryland  
Kenneth A. Meade, Minister  
February 19, 1971

W. H. (Baltimore) Taylor

Slides on NACC have arrived and we'll be showing these on February 27th at the Pot-Luck Fellowship, 5:30 P.M. This is the "first" fellowship gathering for Maryland ministers and I really hope that you will be able to attend. NACC supplies will also be available.

Looking forward to seeing you,  
Ken

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Cogan House Christian Church  
R. F. D. 1  
Trout Run, Pennsylvania 17771  
Feb. 22, 1971

Brother Taylor,

Greetings in the Master's Name and may this letter find you in good health and growing for the Master.

I'm the minister of this congregation just north of Williamsport, Pa. and each quarter we and two other Christian churches hold a preaching rally. On May 8, 1971 we are holding one and would like to have you speak for it. The subject is open, but a good gospel message is the central idea along any subject matter. A free will offering will be taken for your expenses. On the following Lord's Day you can preach in some of our area churches.

If you are committed on that Lord's Day we could hold our meeting on May 7th.

Thank you very much for your attention and time to my letter and looking forward to hearing from you soon. May He continue to guide and strengthen you in serving Him.

Yours in Christ,  
George H. Griff

## You Never Can Tell

You never can tell when you send a word  
Like an arrow shot from a bow  
By an archer blind, be it cruel or kind,  
Just where it may chance to go.

You never can tell what your thought will do  
In bringing you hate or 'love,  
For thoughts are things, and their airy wings  
Are swifter than carrier dove.

They follow the law of the universe—  
Each thing must create its kind,  
And they speed o'er the track to bring you  
back  
Whatever went out from your mind.

## January 24 was Winston-Salem Bible College Sunday

While we were getting this paper ready for the printer, a committee composed of C. E. Shepard, Ralph Cox, Dave Thomas, Don Forrester, and Harold Noe met to plan for the 21st anniversary of the school. Last year the 20th anniversary was a wonderful success, and we made a substantial payment on our school property. We do not plan another anniversary drive until our 25th, but we think that the 21st anniversary is certainly an important milestone in the life of the school since the 21st birthday is generally the time when we think of people "coming of age." We feel that the Winston-Salem Bible College has reached that point in its growth that we can also think of the school as "coming of age."

The committee set a goal of \$21,000 for the 21st birthday of the college. Twenty-one key men across the brotherhood are being asked to raise \$1,000 in the churches of the area where they serve. This goal was set because \$21,000 will pay off everything we owe on the present campus and free the property to be sold and the proceeds applied toward the development of our new 38 acre campus.

Brethren whom we know to be deeply interested in the school will be contacted shortly by the committee.

Individuals are being asked to contribute \$21 on our 21st birthday in order to help reach this financial goal.

Although the first class was held at Winston-Salem Bible College on January 26, January 24 has been designated as Winston-Salem Bible College Sunday because it is the closest Sunday to January 26, our birthday.

### "The God Of The Living And Not Of The Dead"

(From page 4)

confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord." 2 Cor. 5:8. These verses show plainly—(a) That we do live after the body dies. (b) That in the truest sense there are none dead to God though they are to us. (c) That those whom we call dead, have the advantage of us, if they are Christians. (d) that this deceased friend of ours, if a Christian, is far better off than those of us who remain in the body are. (e) Why grieve and wish him back? etc. (f) Be sure you are Christians, Paul said, "We shall know, also as we are known" etc.

(Funeral sermon by the late Elder C.R.D. Whitfield (1860-1944) of Kinston, N. C., father of six ministers, one deacon and one missionary-teacher. All Christian Disciples.)

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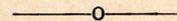
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Deacon C. A. Whitfield, Kinstown, N.C.  
Teacher-Missionary, Sarah Whitfield Davis, Kinston, N. C.



Somebody said, speak well of your enemies, because you made them.

### Our Job

Our daily job perchance is hard,  
At least so it may seem  
'Til one important thing we learn—  
To work instead of dream;  
And then we'll gain much needed skill,  
With added pep and health,  
And work we once thought difficult,  
Will bring us joy and wealth.

Our job is not alone to work—  
We've other things to do,  
Which some may think of no avail,  
And yet we'll find this true—  
A man may work without a pause,  
And do it very well,  
But he can't climb a long way up  
When clamped within his shell.

Our job is never quite complete  
If we have left unsaid,  
A word or two of hope and cheer  
Before we go to bed;  
Nor if we've worked the whole day  
through  
With only thoughts of self,  
For self-less thoughts will make us  
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And they're worth more than pelf.

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