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"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing, Glory to the New Born King."

Thanks be to God

for His

Unspeakable Gift

It was Christ, the Infant King, Who came to earth on that first Christmas day. He came as a Babe in a manger, but His birth was heralded by all the Heavenly Host.

The carols of Christmastide are in the air again. They bid us celebrate once more the birthday of Him, Whose coming brought peace and joy and good will to men.

They bid us raise our songs of praise and bring to the Holy Babe our gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh.

So as the Shepherds and the Wise Men of old, directed by angel voices and a shining star, came to the place where Jesus lay and offered kingly presents, with all glory, laud and honor, we, too, can lay at His feet our most precious gifts . . . our hearts and souls and bodies.

Let it never be said of any of us that no room is to be found for Him in our hearts, as there was then no room in the inn at Bethlehem.



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If you saw it in the Christian Informer it must be true.
We print the truth unbridled.

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EDITORIAL

MISSING THE MEANING OF IT

I have been thinking again of the coming to earth of
the Child of Bethlehem, and of what it has meant
throughout the centuries. The theme is so great and
wonderful that there is a danger that we simply marvel
and miss some great practical lessons that we should
lay closely to heart. He came not to make us wonder at
the condescension of heaven but to teach us heaven's
way for earth. He came to show us heaven's thought of
our life and how it should be lived. He came to teach
us what we never could have learned in any other way.
We do well to be grateful for His coming, we do well
to sing Christmas carols and hymns of praise, but are
we learning the lessons, and are we really and truly try-
ing to live them out from day to day? That is the only
consistent way of showing our thankfulness, and want-
ing that way, everything else is hollowness and mockery.
For any reason at all to miss the meaning and the beauty
of it—what a pity and a loss that would be! To let
Christmas become just a common holiday and not a
Day of Days—what a loss and a stupidity that would be!
How much of its beauty and worth we shall miss if we
ever allow it to degenerate into that!

IF YOU RECEIVED A NOTICE IN THE LAST ISSUE
AND HAVE NOT RENEWED YOUR SUBSCRIPTION,
DO IT TODAY. WE DO NOT WANT OF DISCONTINUE
YOUR PAPER.

We Christians have a double duty over the Christmas
season. The first is our duty to Christ in our personal
worship and our acceptance of Him as our King in a
very real relationship.

The second is our duty to the world about us. A
world which has taken Christmas as its own to the ex-
tent of observing it as a holiday and capitalizing upon
it in a commercial way. Christ plays little, if any, part
in its Christmas.

Christians everywhere must not be a part to such a
worldly and secularized Christmas. We must definitely
dedicate the day to the honor and glory of the Christ
whose disciples we profess to be. To do anything else is
disloyal. We must see to it that in our lives at least
Christ is kept in Christmas.

This is not an easy thing to do, because we have
friends perhaps who care nothing about Him and whose
whole attitude towards this holy season is that of the
world at large. There will be many temptations to de-
Christianize this Holy Day. It will take determination,
conviction and a great deal of love to keep it on its
highest plane. If we Christians cannot set an example to
the world on what a real observance of Christmas means,
we cannot say very much about our brand of disciplesh-
ship.

Too frequently Christians are on the defensive. It is
a matter chiefly of resisting the aggressive encroaching
spirit of the world. We should be more on the offensive,
attacking the worldly spirit and changing it. It is quite
a reflection upon us all when we have to defend Christ-
mas and its proper observance even to Christians. Let us
think these matters over and determine that this Christ-
mas the major emphasis shall be put where it belongs—
on Christ, Himself. All other matters will then be re-
legated to their proper places.

Birthday gifts are a recognized part of all birthday
observances. No doubt the gifts of the Wise Men to the
Christ-child played a part in establishing this custom.
Christians will naturally wish to honor His Name and
show their gratitude for His coming, by making the best
possible gifts to the cause for which He lived and died.
The spirit of this giving will surely not be how much
do I have to give, perhaps as a gesture and because it is
the conventional thing to do. But rather, how much can
I give, considering my obligations in life and consider-
ing also my personal devotion and allegiance to Him
and His kingdom? We can gauge very accurately what
Christ means to us by putting down on paper our ex-
penditures for Christmas, including our gift to His
Church and seeing for ourselves how near the top (if
not at the top) we place Him, or perhaps should we say,
how near the bottom (if not at the bottom of the list)
He is placed?

We seek again the peace of that night when the shep-
herds tended their flocks . . . when Mary gave birth to
her Son. "Peace on earth, good-will to all men" was the
promise given the world on that night.

Christmas services will help you find again the mean-
ing of that message. In the midst of a confused world,
the words that have come down through the ages are
more important than ever. Today we need to find new
strength in the truth and hope of a long-ago birth.

The Church of Christ is ready to help and guide you.

FOLLOW THE NATIONAL TREND, READ

THE CHRISTIAN INFORMER



DEDICATION OF THE COLLEGE OF THE SCRIPTURES

Seated, the Executive Committee.

Standing, first row: Elder Bradley Gentry, student and
caretaker; the blind quartet from Columbus, Ohio, the
Buckeye Harmonizers;

Second row: Elder R. L. Sercy, Atlanta, Ga.; Elder
Howard Fowler, Lockland, Ohio; Elder C. W. Arnold,
Los Angeles, Calif.; Elder L. L. Dickerson, Columbus,
Ohio;

Third row: Mr. Henry Webb, Clifton Church, Louis-
ville; (with hat on) Elder Isa. Moore, Paris, Ky.; Mr.
and Mrs. P. T. Walkup, Columbia, Ky.; behind them with
hat on, Mrs. Jas. Johnson; Elder T. R. Everett, Elder
H. C. Poston, Covington, Ky.; Elder G. E. Letton, George-
town, Ky.; and in front of him, Elder F. T. Floyd, Third
Church, Louisville. Men designated 'Eldler' are ministers
on those fields.

Last row: Mrs. Maude Maxey; Miss Louise Beerbower,
office secretary, and Mrs. Norma Maxey.

"WEAK IN SOME RESPECTS"

Elder L. L. Dickerson, Secretary of the National Con-
vention of Disciples of Christ, said in The Clarion Voice,
that the program of the National Convention held in
Nashville, Tenn., "Seemed to be weak in some respects."
End quote.

Whenever a convention allows three or four laymen,
because of their influence, position, money and business
connections, to push the preachers into a corner, where
they are afraid to speak, "The program will be weak."
Whenever three or four laymen cram something down
the delegates throat, that program is bound to be
"weak."

Whenever ministers of the Gospel dance to the tune

played by three or four laymen in a convention the pro-
gram is bound to be "weak."

Whenever men remove the foundation stones from
any kind of a building, the building is bound to be
"weak."

Whenever a convention takes out baptism and puts
in open membership its program is bound to be "weak."

Whenever a convention lets children play with the
Lord's Supper on Saturday evening, that program is
bound to be "weak."

Whenever the Doctrine of the Church is unpopular in
a convention that program is bound to be "weak."

Whenever a convention makes loyalty to the U. C. M. S.
the test of fellowship, instead of loyalty to Christ, that
program is bound to be "weak."

Whenever a convention let the U. C. M. S. come in and
give it a "house cleaning," that program is bound to
be "weak."

Whenever a convention spends more time talking
about what a certain layman did in twenty-eight years,
than about what Jesus Christ did since the beginning
of the world, its program is bound to be "weak."

Whenever a convention raises money for evangelism,
church aid, minister's aid, and the Christian Plea, and
takes some of that money while the poor preachers and
delegates are laying it on the table, to buy a layman a
watch and chain, in the face of dying churches and starv-
ing preachers, that program is bound to be "weak."

Whenever a national convention secretary, publishes
that the program is weak, it is bound to be "weak."

A PROMISE KEPT

On the 12th day of September, 1944, the Editor of
The Christian Informer made a promise to God, that,
if He would give him health, courage, strength and di-
rect his mind, he would give to the Brotherhood another
paper devoted to the Restoration of Primitive Christian-
ity, its Doctrine, its Ordinances and its Fruits.

I can truthfully say that God has kept His promise.
You, the Readers of the Christian Informer, must de-
cide whether the Editor has kept his promise.

ANOTHER PROMISE

We promise God and you of The Christian Informer
family if you will deal with us in this our second year,
as you did in our first year, we will make The Christian
Informer keep its place among the leading journals of
our Brotherhood. We solicit your prayers, confidence,
subscriptions, renewals and news.

FACING THE FUTURE

We face the future with confidence, because we are
partners in this paper, "The Christian Informer." I be-
lieve as you believe, that the only way to God is THE
WAY laid down in the New Testament. I believe as you
believe, that Christ is the Head of His Church. I believe
as you believe, that the bride (the Church) should wear
the name of the Bridegroom (Christ).



FROM THE HILL OF OLD VIRGINIA

By Elder C. H. Dickerson
Box 123, N. Tazewell, Va.

From the Banks of Old Kentucky to the Hill of Old Virginia. Father Time has led us. Tell all our Old Kentucky friends.

Don't worry 'bout the 'Flowers'
Don't rush on the 'Amen.'
In sunshine or in showers
We may shake their hands again.

Church work in ole Va., in District,
State, Bi-State, Tri-State and etc.
Some churches I once pastored,
Have 'gone in' others have grown.

The good Brother H. G. Fleming is our Pastor here at N. Tazewell, our old home town, where we're now camping. He lives in the parsonage we built here forty years ago. Is doing fine.

My Brother G. M. preaches in Bluefield, where our nephew James Dickerson also pastors another Christian Church.

I see my old school mate and friend F. F. Floyd, President of Kentucky Convention, and my "Son," whom I ordained, R. L. Saunders, Vice, are keeping old Ky. in line; while my old Friend (None Such) D. I. Reid, thirty years Secretary, is still holding his own and "everybody else's."

In laying in your winter coal
To keep your body warm,
Take our advice heat up the Soul
By reading the "Informer."

It tells us what to do and how,
Takes note of both our Schools,
Come, send for the "Informer" now
And keep the "Golden Rule."

Now ye Virginia Cousins
And friends and neighbors all
Send in for the "Informer,"
And keep your eye on the Ball.

**IF NECESSARY, USE OUR HONOR PLAN. SUBSCRIBE
OR RENEW NOW AND PAY LATER. WE
HAVE CONFIDENCE IN YOU.**

FIRST

Brother John Jones, of Hagerstown, Md., was the first subscriber for the Christian Informer.

The East Side Christian Church, Kansas City, Mo., was the first church to make (monthly) donations to the Christian Informer. Elder A. G. Nelson, Pastor.

Emmanuel Christian Church, Baltimore, and Second Christian Church, Hagerstown, Md., were the first churches to send a donation to the Christian Informer.

Elder Tibbs Maxey, of the College of the Scriptures, was the first individual to send a donation to the Christian Informer.

Mrs. Armita Ford, of Baltimore, Md., was the first individual to make (monthly) donations to the Christian Informer.

Mrs. Pearl Wilson, of Baltimore, Md., was the first person to renew her subscription for the Christian Informer.

Mrs. Edmonia Foard and Mrs. Annie L. Taylor were the first office helpers in the Christian Informer office.

The Christian Informer received its first ad from the College of the Scriptures, Louisville, Ky.

The first Christian Informers were mailed to the officers of The National Christian Preaching Convention.

The first minister to offer his service to write monthly for the Christian Informer was Elder C. H. Dickerson, of Lexington, Ky., now of Tazewell, Va. He also offered anything in his possession that would help the Informer.

The first person to give away subscription for the Christian Informer was President Tibbs Maxey, of the College of the Scriptures.

The first woman to send in the largest number of subscriptions at one time was Mrs. Pearl Sinkford, of Columbus, Ohio.

The first Missionary Society to make a donation to the Christian Informer, was the Missionary Society of Second Christian Church, Hagerstown, Md.

The first letters from Laymen, encouraging the Christian Informer were from Brother T. K. Rouse, of Detroit, Mich., and Brother J. N. Keyes, of Greenwood, Miss.

The first Layman to send in an article for publication was Brother J. N. Keyes, of Greenwood, Miss.

The first minister of another Faith to get subscriptions and give a donation to the Christian Informer was Rev. H. L. Pinn, Pastor of Zion Baptist Church, Hagerstown, Maryland.

The first persons to give the Editor of the Christian Informer "Hail Columbus" were ????????? many.

EIGHTY YEARS A SINNER BUT NOW A CHRISTIAN

Brother James Thompson, who has passed his eightieth birthday, made the good confession, Lord's Day, October 21, and was buried with Christ in baptism, Monday, October 22, at the Second Christian Church, Hagerstown, Maryland, by Elder W. H. (Baltimore) Taylor, pastor.

Brother Thompson is now showing the people of Hagerstown that "if any man be in Christ Jesus he is a new creature, old things are passed away." Won't you pray for him; he needs your prayers.

PATRIOTISM AND DEMOCRACY

(From "Lonnie Branch Says:")

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

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

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

THE CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE

The Christian Institute, Winston Salem, N. C., desires to add to its faculty men or women of sound Biblical knowledge, members Church of Christ. Persons having good books which they do not need can make contributions by donating them to Christian Institute.

Address Prof. R. D. Scott, 151 N. Wheeler St., Winston Salem, N. C.

LET'S HAVE A LAUGH

A certain minister, on one occasion when being examined as a witness, was severely interrogated by a lawyer.

"You are a minister, I believe?"

"Yes, sir," was the reply.

"Is not that rather a low calling?"

"I don't know but what it is, sir," replied the minister, "but it is so much better than my father's that I am rather proud of it."

The lawyer fell into the trap. "What was you father's calling?"

"He was a lawyer."

"Do you understand what you are to swear to?" asked the court as a not-over-intelligent-looking man took the witness stand.

"I am to swear to tell the truth."

"Yes," said the judge, "and what will happen if you do not tell the truth?"

"I expect our side will win the case, sir."



Elder A. G. Nelson, of Kansas City, Mo., elected Vice President of The National Christian Preaching Convention of Churches of Christ.

"UP FRONT"

Elder C. H. Dickerson, of Virginia, sent a check for one hundred dollars to pay the first month's salary of Dr. G. C. Campbell, teacher at the College of the Scriptures, Louisville, Ky. He wants all old Louisville Bible School men to "chip in," supporting both schools and the Informer.

Elder R. L. (Silver Trumpet) Sercy had eleven additions in October. He has been preaching in Riverview, Ala.; Okolona, Miss., and Smithville, Miss.

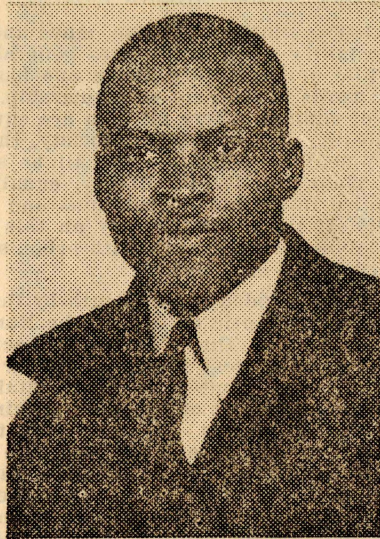
Elder A. G. Nelson of Kansas City, Mo., was elected vice president of the National Christian Preaching Convention of Churches of Christ. Brother James A. Johnson, of Kentucky, was elected treasurer of the National Christian Preaching Convention.

Brother T. K. Rouse, of Detroit, Mich., reports that a new congregation is in the making at Flint, Michigan. Elder Thomas Court, a fine and loyal young man will be the pastor. Elder Courts got his early training under Elder R. L. (Back to the Book) Peters.

**A GREAT AMERICAN, TOP CHOICE FOR
HALL OF FAME**

Booker T. Washington, 1853-1915, who rose from the status of a slave to a position of eminence as an educator, author, and leader. Freed by the Civil War, he worked in the coal mines of West Virginia. In 1881 he opened Tuskegee Institute at Tuskegee, Ala., in a church and a shanty with himself as sole teacher.

Thirty years after his death, he was named the 74th American to the Hall of Fame at New York University. President Theodore Roosevelt consulted him; invited him to dinner in the White House. Dartmouth and Harvard Universities conferred honorary degrees upon him. His nomination to the Hall of Fame, places him among America's famous.



The first Minister who offered his service to write monthly sermons for the Christian Informer was R. L. (Silver Trumpet) Sercy.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Enclosed you will please find money order for the good work you are doing. I like the Christian Informer very much. I would not be without it. Here is a verse I copied from the "Christian Standard" back in November, 1916. It is also true, thought you would like to read it.

LIFE'S BOOK

"Life is a story in volumes three,
The past, the present, and yet to be.
The first it written and laid away,
The second we are writing every day.
The third and last of the volumes three,
Is locked from sight: God keeps the key."
—By O. W. Holmes.

Wishing one and all God-speed in the good work.—Mrs. Tura Turner Theobald, Dayton, Ohio.

I enjoy reading the Christian Informer. I wish it were a weekly paper. I am handing you this donation.—Mrs. Pearl Wilson, Baltimore, Md.

A donation to help a good cause.—Mack Cureton, Baltimore, Md.

A donation for the Christian Informer. I like it fine.—Mrs. Grace Hopewell, Hagerstown, Md.

Another donation for the Christian Informer. It is a good paper.—C. M. Allen, Baltimore, Md.

My monthly donation for the Christian Informer.—Mrs. Annie L. Taylor, Baltimore, Md.

This is a donation for the Christian Informer. I love to read it.—Miss Viola Mae Stewart, Hagerstown, Md.

November Informer caps the stack
Runnin' ahead o' time;
You've got the whole train on the track
And "Roaring Down the Line."
I'm sending you a little "kale,"
A train like this takes "oil."
Takes grease to slip her thro' the mail
And make the engine boil.
I'll find another little check
To stop the dogs from barking,
And save the crew from any wreck,
And keep the wheels from "Sparking."
—Elder C. H. Dickerson, N. Tazewell, Va.

My monthly donation to the Christian Informer.—Mrs. M. E. Queen, Hagerstown, Md.

Another donation for the Christian Informer. I like it fine.—Mrs. Caroline Hope, Hagerstown, Md.

My monthly donation for the Christian Informer.—Elder J. W. Stanley, Baltimore, Md.

I like the Christian Informer. This donation is to help.—Kenneth Williams, Hagerstown, Md.

My monthly donation for the Christian Informer.—Mrs. E. E. Foard, Baltimore, Md.

Another donation for the Christian Informer.—Mrs. Lillian Gladney, Baltimore, Md.

My monthly donation for the Christian Informer.—Mrs. Arnita Ford, Baltimore, Md.

Dear Brother Taylor:

Let me add a most hearty "A-MEN" to your statement in the last Informer. The Preaching Convention should never find itself in the ludicrous spot of having a women's department, a youth department and a preacher's and laymen's department. "For did Christ set us free. Stand fast therefore and be not again entangled in a yoke of bondage."

—Eldler Tibbs Maxey, Louisville, Ky.

Please find enclosed money order for my renewal also a donation to the paper. I can't afford to miss an issue of your good paper. Hope to come again soon. Yours for the cause of Christianity.—J. N. Keyes, Greenwood, Miss.

Another donation for the Christian Informer—T. K. Rouse, Detroit, Mich.

Another donation for the Christian Informer.—Elder D. L. Kinard, Brooklyn, N. Y.

**NO HOME IS COMPLETE WITHOUT
THE CHRISTIAN INFORMER**

ONE LORD, ONE FAITH, ONE BAPTISM



By Elder R. F. Hayes, Little Rock, Ark.

Here we find the Apostle Paul continuing his education of the Gentile church.

I am of the opinion that the church needs to be informed today concerning everything which is essential to her development, so that she would hold the mighty secret weapon by which she can win the world to Christ.

The Apostle felt his career was coming to an end; but what if he had betrayed the trust which had been committed to him? This could not happen.

The church must be adequately prepared to meet every conflict, every gainsayer and every crisis. So that she can bless every unborn generation until the Kingdom of this world becomes the Kingdom of our Lord and Christ.

I. One Lord.

One Lord Jesus Christ, the head of the Church. The one Lord in whom we must believe. The One Lord was the one whom the Ephesians had believed in. Giving up all their heathen gods and heathen customs of worship; committing themselves to the Faith in One Lord Jesus Christ. This is a great commitment. No greater can be devised by human skill.

There is much talk about the Apostles Creed and the Nicean Creed. The church of Christ in no age has asked men and women to commit themselves to human ideas and human schemes. She has called men to commit themselves to One Lord which is Christ the Son of God.

"I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God," is the Creed of the Church of Christ. Down through the New Testament Scriptures we find it true. Matt. 16:16, Acts 8.

The demons: "We know whom Thou art, Jesus Christ."

Nicodemus: "We know that Thou art a Teacher that came from God."

The Centurion at the Cross: "Surely this must be the Son of God."

So the Apostles gave us to know there is but One Lord. Move all others.

II. One Faith.

One Faith which actuates the one body of believers.

Every believer in Christ, possesses the same Faith. There is no such thing as different faiths in the Church of Christ. There may be little faith and much faith; but it is all alike. The same faith Abraham possessed, which sent him out on a great adventure.

Paul defines Faith. Faith is the substance of the thing

hoped for, the evidence of the thing not seen. "The same Faith that actuated the man who brought his son to Christ. Christ asked him: Canst thou believe? He said: Lord I believe, help Thou my unbelief."

The one Faith which has brought the church down across the years. Through trials and bloodshed, through fire and chopping blocks. But it is the one Faith which will bring her final victory.

There is great need today for the unification of the One Faith in the Church. Believe the same thing and speak the same thing. That the church might be a mighty force for good in a changed world.

III. One Baptism.

Men and women have read this and yet they have failed to consider the importance which it conveys. It would be better if we all sprinkled or poured. We could at least carry to the world a solid front. And yet we would be far from One Baptism.

For the world to recognize the importance of Baptism, the religious world must carry to the world one Baptism without any reservation.

For the church to meet a changed world, a world sick of wars, and hungry for something durable and lasting, let us restore the One Baptism, One Faith, One Lord and One Church.

To restore the One Baptism doesn't call for a council of Bishops, Popes nor Priests; but if we will honestly turn to the work of God, we can find it clearly defined.

Paul defines it as a burial in Romans 6:3. "Know ye not that so many of us were Baptised into Jesus Christ, were baptised into His death. Therefore we are buried with him by Baptism into His death. That like as Christ was raised from the dead by the Glory of God, even so we also should walk in newness of life."

Once more the skies are clearing from the smoke and fire of cannons. Once more the disquieted Nations have grounded their weapons of warfare. Peace has somewhat settled upon the earth. Men and women are turning to normal living again. And in these times the Church of Christ should rededicate herself afresh to her task. To build anew so this can never happen again. To preach and practice One Lord, One Faith in the One Lord, One Baptism in the One Lord. That men might know the Power of Christ more so than the Power of cannon.

Seventh Anniversary Sermon of The Friendly Pal Social Club No. 1 was held at Emmanuel Christian Church, Madison Avenue and Wilson Street, Baltimore, Maryland, on Sunday, October 7th, 1945, at 7:30 P. M.

W. H. Taylor, Pastor.

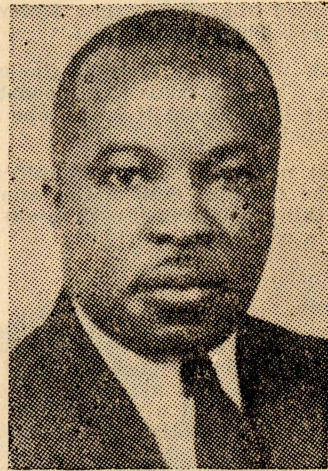
Officers and members are as follows: Mr. Edward Wilson, President; Miss Cordelia Smith, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Pearl Wilson, Financial Secretary and Founder; Mrs. Nannie Caldwell, Treasurer; Mrs. Laura Thomas, Business Manager; Mrs. Sarah Biddle, Sergeant-at-Arms; Mrs. Ollie Wilson, Chaplain; Miss Elizabeth Richardson, Mrs. Ethel Wade, Mrs. Sophia Wanzo, Miss Amy Jennings and Mr. Welber Wanza.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

May the Christmas season bring its share of joy and happiness into the homes of everyone and may the New Year be one of joy, in both your home and church.

—EDITOR.

COLLEGE NEWS



THANK YOU EACH AND EVERYONE

YOU, OUR LOYAL FRIENDS AND SUBSCRIBERS, HAVE MADE POSSIBLE THIS NEW PAPER, THE CHRISTIAN INFORMER.

Your donations, ads, subscriptions, sermons, news articles, prayers and goodwill brought this about.

We thank you most sincerely and pledge that The Christian Informer, this new paper, will ever remain true to the teachings of Christ, as found in the New Testament. Should this paper, The Christian Informer, ever change its course by compromising with modernism, liberalism or open-membership as known in the Christian Church, we pray, should that day ever come, "The Christian Informer" will die and not live.

Now, more than ever, your Christian Informer is on your side, in your fight for the Faith.

Brethren pray for me. Your friend,

W. H. (BALTIMORE) TAYLOR, Editor.

HERE AND THERE

Mr. Lonnie Branch, an Insurance Executive of the Mutual Benefit Insurance Company of Baltimore, spoke at the Second Christian Church, Hagerstown, Md., recently. The Harmony Singers of Ausbury Park, N. J., rendered an excellent program at the Second Christian Church, Hagerstown, Md., November 14th. They made a great impression upon the people of Hagerstown. Brother George Johnson was the sponsor.

Lord's Day, November 18th, was a high day at Second Christian Church. The Arbutus Singers and Emmanuel Christian Church of Baltimore brought a bus load to the Harvest Home. Many good things were given to the pastor and his wife. Sister Leah Branch was sponsor. More will be said about it in the next issue.

The Quarterly Union of New York have on a \$1,000 rally. Elder D. L. Kinard is president.

Cpl. Moses A. Lake, husband of Mrs. Iantha Lake (proofreader for the Christian Informer) is now home (in Baltimore) on furlough with his wife and three daughters. He has been stationed at Camp Crowder, Missouri.

Pvt. Morris Snivley of the Second Christian Church, Hagerstown, Md., was discharged from the army recently after having served 3 years and 6 months in the Philippines, the members were glad to see him at his old post, on the choir.

The College of the Scriptures was dedicated in Louisville, Friday, September 14. The following ministers attended: C. W. Arnold, 92nd Street Church, Los Angeles, California; R. L. Sercy, the Okolona, Mississippi, River-view, Alabama, and Atlanta, Georgia, churches; G. C. Campbell, Central Church, Cleveland, Ohio; T. R. Everett, Midway, Kentucky; H. E. Fowler, Lockland and Oxford, Ohio; H. C. Poston, Covington, Kentucky; F. T. Floyd, Third Christian Church, Louisville; L. L. Dickerson, Columbus, Ohio; G. E. Letton, Georgetown, Kentucky; and Isaiah Moore, Paris, Kentucky. Two elders of churches were there with their wives, J. A. Johnson, Germantown, and P. T. Walkup, Columbia, Kentucky.

In all, fifteen churches in five states were represented. Gifts and congratulations were received from Missouri, Maryland, Virginia, and the South Pacific. Cash gifts for the two occasions of the Convocation and Dedication Services totaled \$157.91. Also over forty people pledged a total of \$91.00 to be paid within six months. The school was able to open classes September 20 with all bills paid and a small balance in the treasury.

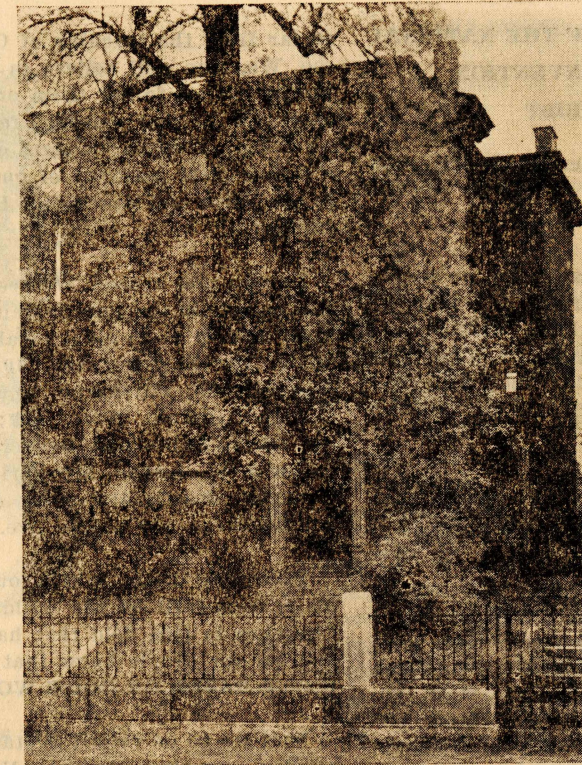
Those on the program included Professor Ira M. Boswell of Cincinnati Bible Seminary, and Henry Webb, minister of Clifton Christian Church, Louisville, Kentucky. Dr. Campbell brought the main address, which appeared recently in the Informer. Special music was brought by the Buckeye Harmonizers, a blind quartet of Columbus, Ohio. Others who took part in the program were Elders Moore and Fowler. President for the occasion were seven trustees, including Max Randall, treasurer of the institution. Also present were A. B. Stockhoff, Miss Louise Beerbower, college secretary; Mrs. Maude Maxey, and the president and his family.

Continued improvements have been made upon the building since its opening. Two classrooms, the main office and the private offices of the faculty have been equipped, as well as one dormitory room. Our caretaker, Brother Bradley Gentry, with his wife, is installed on the third floor of the building. Another student is Brother David Cole of Little Rock, Arkansas. Australia Gentry of Lexington, Kentucky, has enrolled and paid his fees for entering the second semester. Brother James M. Dabney, of Lockland, Ohio, is our third full-time student. We have accepted the application of Samuel W. Logan, Charleston, South Carolina. A Baptist boy of Little Rock, Arkansas, Eulas Jasper, has enrolled in our night school. Other men are showing interest in the school. Among those who have spoken in our chapel is the minister of the Hills Street Christian Church, Elder Charles M. Roach. Our first chapel speaker was Dr. Z. Rothermel, our oldest independent missionary to India.

The press recognized our beginning by a picture and nice story in the Louisville Defender and Courier-Journal, leading papers of this city. We also received a nice writeup by the nation's foremost newspaper, The Christian Science Monitor.

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GREETINGS:

It is with a sense of gratitude that I appear before you at this time. As we look back over the past year, we state in the words of the poet, "Fighting without and fears within." We have seen many dangers and conflicts as we have noticed many of our Brotherhood being led away from the doctrine of the New Testament into denominationalism.

Since we met last September many of us no doubt have lost some of our "so-called" best friends, but through it all, God has permitted us to say, "And, are we yet alive to see each other's face?"

It was said last year when we made our position clear that we would not be a part of any organization, Black or White, which was an auxiliary of the U. C. M. S., because its open membership and departure from the teachings of the New Testament; and that, we, brethren, would soon cool off. Well, we have had a year to cool off, but we are more determined today than ever to retain our freedom in Christ Jesus and remain free Churches of Christ even to the extent of being persecuted.

It has been said by the U. C. M. S. and some of our brethren that we are not interested in the economic, civic, and social life of our churches and communities, but we are prepared to be called anything by some of these brethren; not all, of course.

We will not allow ourselves to become so circumscribed in our thinking to substitute anything for the preaching of the Gospel. Yes, we are interested and actively interested in our communities and we are working for better housing and better facilities that will lift our people to a higher level morally and physically. We are in favor of full and fair employment; but again we state that none of these things can take the place of preaching the doctrine of the New Testament in God's churches. In fact, we are compelled to believe all these things will come true much sooner by contending for the ONE faith.

We want to urge our members, all over the world, to read the Christian Informer, which is the official organ of the National Preaching Convention. "Reading makes a ready mind." We want our people to know the position and doctrine of the church. Reading the Holy Bible and the Christian Informer along with other church papers, contending for the Faith, will properly inform them.

We all should be very thankful to our friends and brothers who have helped us along lines of endeavor, but so far as a Christian Brotherhood the U. C. M. S., hand-picked leaders, and many of our ministers have departed

so far from the teaching of God's word, we can readily see. We, who still believe in the New Testament Christianity cannot follow them or be a part of such leadership, and for that reason, I feel that it is high time that we begin ourselves, to plant churches in the large cities where a great majority of our people have moved, both in the North and South. Our Brotherhood still has a vast frontier.

Due to that reason, we are asking our brethren who still believe in the New Testament Church and its Teachings, to help us to plant loyal churches in the following cities: Harlem, over 450,000 population; Philadelphia, over 300,000; Pittsburgh, 90,000; New Orleans; Atlanta, Georgia; Buffalo, New York; San Francisco, Oakland, San Diego, California; Denver, Baton Rouge, Flint, Minneapolis, St. Joseph, Missouri; Lincoln, Omaha, Toledo, Portland, Seattle and many other cities where a large population of our people live.

Therefore, I am asking our brethren now that our major task will be the building up of New Testament Churches in this field that has been so badly neglected and let our people know that we want UNITY but only UNITY BASED ON GOD'S WORD.

That we go on record to stand firm on God's word and reaffirm ourselves that the New Testament is sufficient for our Rule and Practice of faith; that we condemn any agency, minister, or institution of our Brotherhood that may be or may become lax in the preaching or practice of the New Testament doctrine. That the National Preaching Convention will be an absolute independent organization for the promotion of the preaching of primitive New Testament Churches.

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STRIKE TWO

Strike two against open-membership as known in the Christian Church. We can strike it out, if every minister of the National Christian Preaching Convention will pitch (preach) "Thus saith the Lord."

IT IS OVER, OVER THERE

The war is over in Europe and in the Pacific, but the Christian Informer and the National Christian Preaching Convention of Churches of Christ "have just begun to fight." We will fight "Till every foe is vanquished and Christ is Lord indeed."

You may help in this glorious fight by "Putting on the gospel armor, Each piece put on with prayer; Where duty calls, or danger, Be never wanting there."



IT HURTS ME

By Elder W. H. (Baltimore) Taylor, Minister, Second Christian Church, Hagerstown, Md.; Emmanuel Christian Church, Baltimore, Md.

I am proud of my race, and of all races, for the contributions they have made to America and to the world in suffering, labor, art, science, literature, sports and in war.

But it hurts to read a religious magazine "for boys and girls" published weekly, somewhere in Missouri, with a joke about "the old darky down in Georgia" on page 341, October 28th issue.

It hurts me to receive a letter dated October 16, 1945, from a great Missionary Organization, somewhere in Indiana with the name "Negro" written with a small "n," when other names are capitalized.

It hurts me to see in any magazine or newspaper, published anywhere (especially of our Faith), the name "Negro" written with a small "n," when other races are capitalized, such as Jew, Indian, Mexican, Japanese, Chinese, etc.

NO CREED BUT CHRIST

I have no creed but Christ, I want no other;
It leaves my soul unfettered, glad and free.
No creed but Christ, and every man my brother,
That's christianity enough for me.
No creed but Christ; no human limitations.
My soul unfettered, wings its way to light.
No creed but Christ; His word alone to guide me
Through all the tangled maze of paths unrode;
His whisper, as in darkness, "Give me your hand,
I'll lead you up to God."

—The Old Fashion Faith.

FOLLOWING VISION WITH SERVICE

By Elder R. L. (Silver Trumpet) Sercy,
National Evangelist.

All things are possible to him that believeth.

—Mark 9:23.

There must be some belief before any thing can be done. The people will perish where there is no vision; you might say vision is indispensable, yet it will not do as a substitute for life. As faith without work is dead, so is vision when not translated into activity. Properly linked up, vision is a living reality; a creative source of energy; and a mighty power. It sees things to be done and furnishes information to do them. Our vision on the mountain should lead us to the valley of service. Just as the rivers rush and row to serve the valley, so must we. Let us come down out of the grandstand of lip-service into the valley of sacrifice. Just think of a dry, parched thirsty world that is today suffering for the water of life. Whosoever shall give you a cup of cold water in my name, because ye belong to Christ, I say unto you, he shall not lose his reward.—Mark 9:41.

Too many people like Peter, would like to stay on the mountain and map out a program too high for every body but the leaders; when there are souls in the valley suffering for the bread of life.

Let us not get vision confused with sentiment, because of such, frogs are being made fat while pulpits are vacant and people yet crying for the word. They call it the total Brotherhood program, but Jesus calls for obedience not adoration. Blessed are they which hear and do my Father's word.—Luke 11:27.

The Christian Church has gotten to be too liberal. Some of the leading churches using sectarian preachers who know nothing about the doctrine of the church.

These churches have left the old land mark. John II, Chapter 9, says: Whosoever transgress, and abide not in the doctrine, hath not God.

How hath thou helped him that is without power? How saveth thou the arms that hath no strength? How hath thou counselled him that hath no wisdom? and how hath thou plentifully declared the thing as it is?—Job 26:1-3.

The world is far from being won to Christ; yet if we believe, all things can be accomplished. Not by power nor by might but by my spirit, saith the Lord.

Our love must be translated into doing.

If any man love me he will keep my word, saith the Lord.

The word says: "Mark which cause offense and division contrary to the doctrine and avoid them.—Romans 16:17. Whosoever hear these sayings of mine and doeth, I liken him unto a wise man who buildeth his house upon a rock.

When Isaiah had his vision, he said: Here am I, send me.

We are like John. "I love you mother," said little John, forgetting his work. His cap went on and he went off to the garden swing, leaving mother the water and wood to bring.

Our vision today calls not for lifting agencies and organizations, but for the lifting of Christ and the gospel.

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