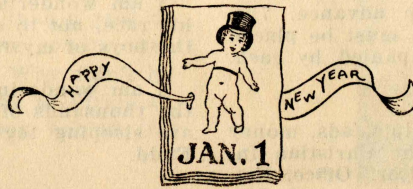


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A NEW YEAR

For some of us there are no regrets as 1945 is numbered with the years that are dead. There have been losses and disappointments along the way of the twelve months gone. But even those who came through ways where for a time there was no light, can give thanks that it has not revealed what disappointments and what testings of faith and courage were ahead. God was merciful in that He did not lift the veil. He knew that for some of us there would not have been the courage to live and work had we seen more than one step ahead. And in His gracious providence there was strength for each burden as it came. Even though we look back through a mist of tears, we can say, "God is good."

Others who see the dawn of the new year can rejoice that the year that is dead brought more than even they dreamed when at its beginning, they vowed to make the new year count for more than any that had gone. For these, 1945 was a year of glorious victories and they are richer today in all the treasures that life holds.

Whether we are of the company of those who fought and lost or of those who fought and won, the new year challenges us alike to high living and loyalty to Christ and His Church. We needed to learn the lessons that disappointment and defeat alone can teach. Or perhaps we needed the more severe testing that victory and success al-

ways bring. God grant that we have come through these fires with the dross consumed; and we are "persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

THE SIGNERS OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE SAID

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed. That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness."

Editor: I thank God for the Signers of the Declaration of Independence; and the Declaration. I am willing to abide by their decision, are you?

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EDITORIAL

"DON'T SLEEP WITH NEGROES"

An out-standing (white) minister and evangelist in the Church of Christ; whose name I am ashamed to publish. But whose books I have read and admired for his stand on the doctrine of The Church; said in the December, 1945, issue of a Paper of Our Faith that he advised a Brother of his race. Quote. "Not to carry out his plan of sleeping with Negroes in the school he would establish, which would be hurtful to his work." End quote.

I have been what that Brother calls a "Negro" all of my life and I have never seen a "Negro" who was anxious to sleep with anybody of the Brother's race. When I see so many real light complexion people in my race, it tells me that somebody in that Brother's race have not only slept with "Negroes," but have gone the "SECOND MILE."

I am wondering if that Brother has ever thought of the many children of his race who nursed the breast of and slept with women of my race.

I am wondering if that Brother has ever thought of some of the men of his race in the days of slavery; who forced helpless women of my race to sleep with them

and bring forth children and some of the children were sold at public auction. If I belonged to that Brother's race I would be ashamed to advise anybody anywhere "not to sleep with Negroes."

I thank God that there are thousands of thousands of men and women, boys and girls, saints and sinners of that Brothers race who are ashamed of the statement he published.

I am wondering if that Brother advised the boys of his race, not to die on the battle fields of Europe with the boys of my race.

I am wondering if that Brother has ever thought of the thousands of boys of his race and of my race who are sleeping together in watery graves in Flanders Field.

I am wondering if that Brother has ever thought of the thousands of boys of his race and of my race who are sleeping together in watery graves in the Atlantic Ocean, Pacific Ocean and the Seven Seas.

I am wondering if that Brother "Remembers Pearl Harbor," and that Hero Boy of my race, Dorie Miller, who now sleeps in death with the Heroes of other races.

I do not know what arrangements God has made or will make for us to sleep when we get to Heaven, but I do read where Jesus said, Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest.

I am of the opinion that such unnecessary statements as published by that Brother, caused the United Nations Organization to be very careful as to the location of its Headquarters.

I would suggest that ministers and christians who are worried about eating and sleeping with "Negroes" read and re-read first Corinthians chapter thirteen. If sleeping with "Negroes" will hurt schools for "Negroes," and partly supported with "Negroes" money, those schools are not built on Christ the Lord.

BEHIND THE SCENES

The following notice appeared on the front page of the November, 1945, issue of The Christian Plea, unsigned. The street, city and state mentioned tells me that it is the work of Elder Eugene Patterson, formerly of Virginia, now pastor of the High Street Christian Church, Mt. Sterling, Ky. Quote:

"504 East High Street,
Mt. Sterling, Ky.,
October 18, 1945.

"To the Brethren Everywhere:

"This is to state that I met with the National Preaching Convention in 1944 in Cincinnati, Ohio, but after careful and prayerful consideration of the matter and after a careful study of what we stand for as the Church of Christ, (I refer you to the 17th Chapter of the Gospel of St. John), I refuse to have any connection with any other Group except the Original Disciples of Christ." End quote.

Editor: After Pilate had condemned Christ, he called for a basin of water to wash his hands. After Judas had

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betrayed Christ, he asked the mob to take back the thirty pieces of silver. After Peter had lied about Christ, he went out and wept bitterly.

What is Elder Eugene Patterson, pastor of the (great) High Street Christian Church, Mt. Sterling, Kentucky, trying to do?

Why did Brother Patterson wait more than a year to send out this notice? Was it because the powers that he got behind him, and made him do it? Why didn't he send the notice out when he was pastoring in Virginia? Let's keep the record straight. Let's look behind the scene.

The record will show that Brother Patterson met with the Brethren in the Broadway Christian Church, Lexington, Ky., and gave his approval to all that was said and done; at that meeting, held in August, 1944.

Brother Patterson asked me to notify him as to the time and place of the next meeting. I did. The next meeting was held September 12, 1944, in Cincinnati, Ohio. Brother Patterson was there when I arrived; he came all the way at his own expense from Tazewell, Virginia, to Cincinnati, Ohio. He brought with him one of the deacons of his church at Tazewell, Va., who was elected treasurer of The National Christian Preaching Convention.

"Let's take a look at the record" behind the scene.

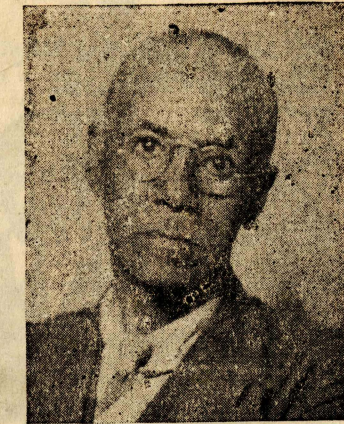
The record shows that, at the meeting in Cincinnati, Brother Patterson expressed himself again in favor of all that was said and done. The record of that meeting shows that Brother Patterson was the man who made the motion that we proceed with the organization of the Convention. The record shows that Brother Eugene Patterson was elected Vice-President of the Convention and his deacon was elected Treasurer.

The record shows that Elder Patterson pledged fifty dollars for the support of the convention. He also invited the Convention to hold its first Convention with his church at Tazewell, Va.

Brother Patterson had his picture taken with the Founders, and his name appeared in every issue of The Christian Informer for twelve months, and now, at this late hour he has just discovered his mistake. "What a pity." The record of the Cincinnati meeting will show that I did not have much faith in Brother Patterson. Read the minutes of that meeting.

He said, and I quote, "I refuse to have any connection with any other Group except the original Disciples of Christ."

Does Brother Patterson call the group he is now with the "Original"? Why the group he is with have "removed the old landmark." The group he is with have gone after liberalism, modernism and the evilness of open-membership. That is why he said to me in Lexington, Ky., on the steps of the Second Christian Church, "That you, (W. H. (Baltimore) Taylor) have my support, because we need a convention that will stand for the doctrine of Christ as found in the New Testament."



BETWEEN TWO HILLS

By Elder D. W. Bradley, Rogersville, Tenn.

I just received the December issue of the Christian Informer, it is a great paper. I am proud of it, and for the stand it takes on all issues. It is a free paper; it is not tied down, it will speak the TRUTH. The Christian Informer gets better and better all the time. Among the many good things I read in the December issue, there was one thing that impressed me very much and that was the Editor's comment on the National Convention of the Disciples of Christ.

I agree with the Editor, we spend too much money every year going from place to place just to listen to what the BIG THREE or the BIG FOUR LAYMEN have to say; one might think that in the National Convention there were only three or four men with any sense. I am not telling what I have heard, for I speak what I know when I speak of the National Convention of Disciples of Christ. I was there at the beginning and when Elder Preston Taylor was made President I was one who helped to make him so. Now may I ask how many men can say that they were in the beginning of that convention; they are like Angel's visits, few and far between.

Now, Brethren, I did not say that to boast, I said that in all love and respect for both living and dead. I will say that all the men in the beginning of the National Convention were loyal to the doctrine of the church and the New Testament, and the church grew in THE FAITH.

There were in that first convention such gospel giants as J. R. Louderback, Wm. Alphin, M. M. Bostic, W. H. Dickerson, and a host of others whom I could mention, but the convention has forgotten all about those giants in the gospel, and have gone after little gnats and midgets. Now these men did not have big money nor great wealth, but they were rich in THE FAITH and made a big sacrifice to lay the foundation upon which the convention was built, but is now being destroyed by termites and other spiritual insects.

We owe all that we have to those men whose names you seldom hear called in the convention, and not to the BIG THREE nor BIG FOUR. I must say, that a lot of men I see running the convention and its program do not know what the Fathers had in mind, or they don't care. Some of those men who are running the church and the convention have never learned the first principles of the doctrine of Christ; and yet they want to dictate a program to run the church of Christ, when we have the New Testament. Paul said at the time of this ignorance God winked at but now He commands men everywhere to repent. A happy NEW YEAR to all.



GOVERNOR MEETS WITH MINISTERS
 Left to right: Herbert R. O'Connor, Governor of Maryland; Junius Gray Minister and Civic Leader. Back row, left to right: F. J. Frey, Minister and Civic Leader, and W. H. (Baltimore) Taylor, Minister and Editor of The Christian Informer.

HERE AND THERE

Cpl. Marshall Brooks, of Hagerstown, Md., and Greencastle, Pa., was home on furlough, to visit his wife, children, mother, father, sisters and brothers. He has been in the army 22 months receiving his basic training at Gulf Port, Miss. Cpl. Brooks and his family are members of the Second Christian Church.

Elder T. R. Everett of Midway, Kentucky, celebrated his seventy-fifth birthday and his fifty-seventh ministerial anniversary, Lord's Day, November twenty-fifth. Elder Everett is pastor of the Midway Christian Church, Midway, Ky. He built several churches in Kentucky.

Rev. H. L. Pinn, pastor of Zion Baptist Church, Hagerstown, Md., with his choir and congregation preached at the Second Christian Church, recently, and raised twenty-six dollars for the Christian Informer. This was the second time he brought his congregation to help the Christian Informer.

Elder James Dickerson, Brooklyn, N. Y., has opened a mission church at 252 Patchen Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y. He asks the prayers of the Brotherhood for this work.

Elder William Walker of Youngstown, Ohio, is improving in health.

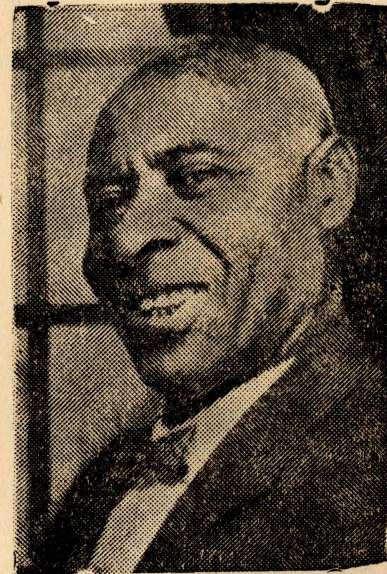
Mrs. Armita Ford, of Baltimore, who makes a monthly donation to The Christian Informer, was admitted to the University Hospital, December 27. We hope she will be home soon.

LONNIE BRANCH SAYS:

INSURE THE FUTURE BY PROFITING BY THE MISTAKES OF THE PAST

Now that the war is over and the civilized world is upset, all signs show that this is a period of unrest in religion as in social, economic and governmental concerns. The great danger is that there is a tendency facing the world and its inhabitants to turn from Christianity and follow other faiths antagonistic to its teachings. The business of Christianity is to explain and interpret God and man in their relations. We cannot shut our eyes to the facts that men have hungry hearts, and longings for spiritual food are everywhere evident. There will come to our shores in the advancing years teachers, proclaiming new ideas, in religion as in all branches of thoughts. It is claimed that any new teacher or leader of any cult, however extreme can win a following at this time if properly advertised. Prominent among American ideals has always been the desire for complete religious freedom, and people everywhere should remain free under the rule of Jesus, the Christ. Our Republic has its roots in prayer, was founded upon the word of God, cradled in the Christian home and received its growth and strength from religious principles. Now under the circumstances we should not only build up the kingdom of Christ, but hold what we have inherited or gained is the serious problem which confronts mankind. "Be not carried away with divers and strange doctrines."

—Heb. 13:9.



CHURCH PRUNING, WHY AND HOW

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

Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us. 2 Thess. 3:6.

I was assigned this subject, not by choice, but by consent, and I address myself to it as I would to any other duty; so here we go.

To some, church pruning is one of the "lost arts." Touching the why of pruning we have two good reasons: One is, pruning makes better and larger, sounder and better flavored fruit. But the best reason is the text that I have just read and many others. Church pruning is operating upon relatives, hence a delicate affair; and must be done with skilled hands. To mean well, is not enough. You must know and operate. Some of us preachers are not game. We say things about the dead, good and bad, that we would not say were they living. I think they hear you any how.

Church pruning is for the good of both the church and the cut-off member. Oft-times patients need treatment, not only to prevent operation, but to prepare for operation. Operation is always the last resort; it comes when nothing else will do. Its object, however, is to save the life of the patient. Many exclusions from church, means not efficient leadership, but the opposite. You know the command is to "lift up the hands that hang down, and strengthen the feeble knees, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way," that is, the good doctors, don't cut off every fractured limb, but mollifies, binds and heals many.

The Great Physician, "A broken reed he will not crush, nor quench the smoking flax," the apostle said, 2 Tim. 2:5. "We were gentle among you, even as a nurse cherisheth her children." Then Jude says, "Other, save with fear, pulling them out of the fire, commending them to God who is able to keep them from falling and present them faultless before the presence of His glory with

exceeding joy." So, I repeat, pruning must be the very last resort. But when, come it must, we must rise to the occasion, and not be moral cowards. We should be careful as to the time. One of the most withering rebukes of the Master to the Pharisees, was when he scored them for not discerning the signs of the times.—Mat. 16:3. The time must be propitious. The place is not to be the curbstone, nor in the alley. "These things, were not done in a corner." No clique, no clan, nor personalities, no "getting even" but you must take "higher ground." Indeed the highest ground, thus saith the Lord.

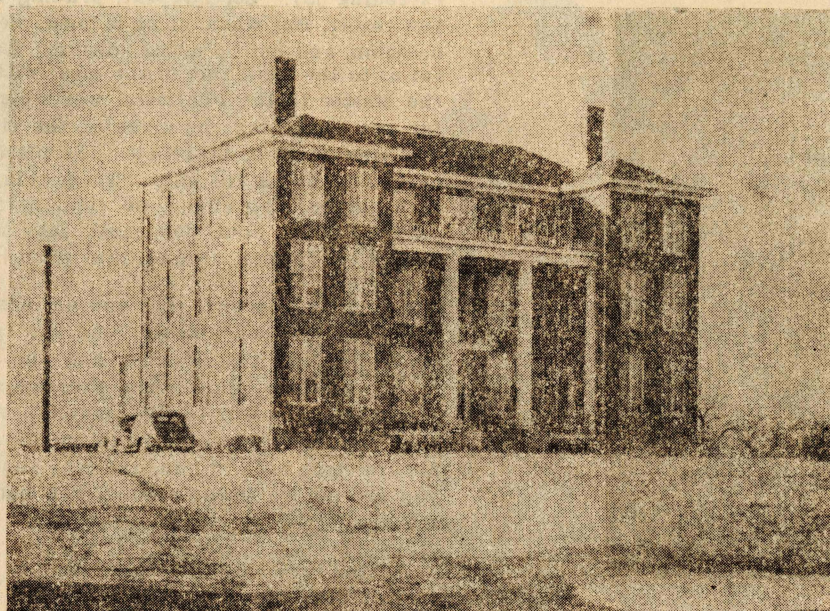
In pruning, be sure that you get next to the tree and don't cut between yourself and the tree. That is, you stand between the offender and the church. In plain words, however, during the pruning act, every one of you must be nearer to God, better have a better record than the one you are going to put out. If not, they will always come back at you, and why shouldn't they? So if you are not on burnt ground, you had better not start the fire.

Again, care must be taken not to "pull the wrong tooth." This is often done. Examine carefully, prayerfully find out the causes, and put the blame where it rightfully belongs. You may have to put the blame in the pulpit. If so, put it there without equivocation, or hesitancy. You may have to put it in the board of officers, or, on an individual officer. If so, put it right there. You may locate it in some "amen sister," or some liberal giver. It matters not. You must remember Acts 10:34, "Of a truth, I perceive that God is no respecter of persons." In cases of immorality, or indiscretion, which is usually about the same, never make fish of one and flesh of another, if both are members. Keep in mind that "there is neither male nor female, Jew nor Greek, bond nor free," in this matter. Shoot that double standard of morality, and get the old proverb, that, "What is good for the goose is good for the gander."

You know this is a day for great toleration, permission, allowance. Disciplinarians most all sleep with the fathers. No wonder much fruit is small, wormy, sour and decayed. The weeping prophet may have seen this when he said, "The priests bear rule by their means, and my people love to have it so, and what will you do in the end thereof." With eager ears we listen to the laws of the state and church, and sign ourselves members and rush out and trample these same laws under feet and smash them to smithereens. A law without a penalty, is like a rooster without a spur, "nothing to back up his crow with." The time-server says, "I know things are wrong in our church, but if it don't bother me, I won't bother it." But brother, it bothers you. You can't sidestep this issue. You can't dismiss it with a pious wave of the hand. You must meet it. Paul looked into a report. I Cor. 5:13, "Put away from you that wicked person." Then the text. "Now we command you brethren in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly."

Hark! back to the days of the early church, when Disciples endured bitter persecution, and on down when Justin Martyr, Symphorose, John Huss and Martin Luther and other worthy reformers and restorers died for the truth and thanked God that they were able to

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Piedmont Christian Institute, Martinsville, Va.

THE LIFE AND DEATH OF ONE OF OUR SCHOOLS

By Elder Tribbs Maxey, Louisville, Ky.

Piedmont Christian Institute, Martinsville, Va., had its early roots in the efforts of W. H. Cole.

The Piedmont Disciples of Christ, Inc., first began the school in the old Fayette Street Church. In October, 1900, James H. Thomas took over as principal and continued till the death of the school. It had a colored faculty. In 1904 they bought for \$800 the old Booker House on Massey St. The Board of Negro Education and Evangelism manifested an interest in the project. The school was taken over. The board bought 60 acres of ground out on Fayette Street from E. J. Davis, S. S. Stephans and A. J. Lester. With \$60,000, \$10,000 of which was raised locally by Elder Thomas, a three-story brick building, Atwater Hall, was erected and cornerstone laid August 10, 1923. What had first begun as a grade school had now grown into a recognized four-year high school.

With the coming of state and county and city high schools, the passing of the boarding school was certain. The Piedmont brethren had dreams of some day having a preacher training school. Due to the depression the U. C. M. S., now owner of the property, decided to close the school. Its last year, 1931-32, more than one hundred students were enrolled. After standing idle one year, the building was leased to the city of Martinsville for one year, '33-'34. Brother Thomas never gave up hope that in some way the school could go ahead. The Piedmont brethren would like to have gotten their hands on it to fashion a school for themselves. They never got M. S., reopened negotiations to sell by volunteering to Henry County, Va., for five years. The Society determined to sell and offered it to the county for \$35,000. At the expiration of the lease Miss Hazel Scott, for the U. C. M. S., reopened negotiations to see if volunteering to sell the property to the county for \$12,500. The county snapped it up. It was not offered for public bid. The Thomases, the local preacher and the Piedmont brethren did not know of the actual sale till it was consummated. The equity the latter held in the property amounted to several thousand dollars. It would seem that it could have been sold for enough to have netted the U. C. M. S. the amount received, and yet have had an equal amount to turn back to the local colored brethren, inasmuch as at least that amount was raised locally by them. Sell-

ing the property removed forever the possibility of renewing the school. Brother Thomas died of a broken heart. The sale took place January 23, 1941. This was no depression year as growers there remark it as one of the best crops in years.

COLLEGE NEWS

Elder Bradley Gentry, student at the College of the Scriptures in Louisville, filled the pulpits at the opening of school in each of the Christian Churches. He has now been engaged as pastor of Central Christian in the city.

Dr. Campbell, Dean of the College of the Scriptures, Louisville, spoke three times in the Cincinnati area recently in the interests of the school. He spoke in Wehrmon Avenue and Keyon Avenue, and in the church at Cleves, Ohio, ministered to by Brother Bennett.

Recent speakers in chapel at the College of the Scriptures in Louisville are as follows: Elder C. M. Roach, pastor of Hill Street Church, Louisville, and Elder T. R. Everett, trustee and preaching at Midway, Kentucky.

Four Louisville preachers have brought messages: Olin Hay, South Louisville; Paul Reece, Flora Heights; Henry Webb, Clifton; and Ray Blackmore, Crescent Hill. All four churches have this college in their budgets.

Two other Louisville speakers were A. B. Stockhoff, president of the orphan's home and C. M. Cardwell, local policeman. Both are officers in the Clifton Church.

Dale Knowles, minister at North Vernon, Indiana, and Seaman Victor Maxey, on furlough, also brought recent messages.



THE CONQUERING CHRIST

By Elder A. G. Nelson, Kansas City, Missouri

"And I saw and beheld a white horse and he that sat on him had a bow: and a crown was given unto him. And he went forth conquering and to conquer."

This personal riding horse is the victorious Christ riding with power as a commander clothed with all power and authority to destroy the earth or evil ones of the earth. This crown he is wearing is authority invested in Him. Victory is his if he so desires. He can speak and the world will stop and stand still. Yet men will tamper with His commands. Do you not see great danger to men who will to interfere with His orders. He is riding today in the midst of men drawing a battle line to make war on the false teacher in the midst of men. Who will be able to stand in battle against the powerful ruler? (Rev. 20:4, 10.) He is preparing for the last battle against the enemy of righteousness. He is making his selection of real brave men and women who will not desert Him in thick of battle. Are you ready to offer your all for His leadership? Now if you are in the camps of the false prophets, then you are in danger of being destroyed by Christ himself. He has taken full commands after 1900 years—with the remnant. He has trusted men to lead His army to victory clothed with His power. They have failed him. So he moves into battle. His battle grounds is the world of darkness. Who is Christ's enemies He is out to conquer? The devil, His adversary and His angels those who seek to defeat the purpose for which Christ died for.

The rule of Satan has compassed the world and set up powers of darkness, destruction and death. The devil rules with organization well trained. He is called the prince of devils, prince of darkness, prince of this world, the prince of the power of the air, the tempter, the adversary of Christ, the evil one, the arch-enemy, the arch-fiend, the devil incarnate, the author of evil, the Red Dragon, the old Serpent, the wicked one, the common enemy, the angel of the bottomless pits of hell. So no wonder the Bible says we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against powers, principalities, against the rulers of darkness of this world against spiritual weakness in high places. Who would dare to face this power alone hoping to win? Alone, his power is great; just for a moment survey this world's conflict just ended. Look at this evil planning, cruel slaughter of the souls of men. The world has been shaken from center to center by honorable crimes committed by so called men, but in reality these were devils loose in the earth after a

thousand years. They have shaken the earth as an earthquake. Civilization has almost been destroyed. These are the last days. So we as Christians expect these things to happen now and the worst is yet to come upon us who will be able to stand? This thing the world has just gone through is too horrible to mention. God said if you forsake me, I will forsake you in time of trouble that has happened and as long as man disobeys Christ, so long as we shall suffer. The world has gone in reverse; civilization is ebbing away, men everywhere are losing their balance. Empires can not find true leaders to lead them. They have tried to find peace and there is no peace. Christ said Himself the moment we say peace sudden destruction would come upon the earth. Christ has spoken and His word is law. Great powers are trying to tell us the atomic bomb is a peace solution. This is a lie. Christ has never used a death dealing instrument to bring about peace. Love is His peace instrument. Where is love today in nations' plannings? Christ is riding in battle; those false prophets who would sabotage His program are surely going to die by the sword of the Christ. The leaders of these murderous wars must pay. Christ said, If you live by the sword, you will die by the sword. The devil in the last few days has made a rush in the earth for the weak ones and still seeking whom he may devour. And if you are not in the righteous army you will be slain by the power of God. God has moved with force against false teaching. Where do you stand? The Christ is now as of old. Sorry He made man He once destroyed man for his evil works and I believe He is about to do it again. All signs point to it. The signs of times are coming to pass so fast. We can not record them before another happens.

Christ is out to conquer all false systems of religions. Will He win???

Revelations 19:19-21:

"And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army.

"And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.

"And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh."

So all the churches had better take God's word; lay it down, check word for word God's plans in saving the world many religious bodies. Disregard God's word and teaching and substitute false teaching of men. This is what Christ is out to stop at all cost. And if you are arrayed against Christ and His true word, you had better stop and right-about face. Fall at His feet, ask Him to forgive you. They deny the deity of Christ, they either deny God or set up false Gods in His stead. And give him a poor second in their lives. These Gods only offer eventually death and despair to you; the conquering Christ offers life and happiness to the world if they accept him as their GREAT COMMANDER. He has the burning message of HOPE and PEACE. He shall put the last enemy under His feet. He leads the militant forces of Christianity as he has withstood revolutions, disintegrations of all false systems. He has witnessed them rise and fall.

Neither the ravage of famine, the mutation of fortunes, nor the scourge of pestilence can impede His progress to take over and revenge the blood of His servants who shall die or have died for His cause. He is in the movement of the restoration of His gospel as preached by His apostles at all cost. He knows if we will preach His gospel it is the power of God unto salvation. When all false religious systems have had their day, Christ in His glory will still be reigning with power from on high and shout with a loud voice: "I am alive forever more and have the keys to death and hell." And he alone can

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vanquish false systems of religion. He rides as a conqueror. He stands the test as a true and tried leader. There are over 800 religious bodies in the world. They all can not be right. So put the test to them. Most of them are cults, dolled up to fit the moderns requirements—Christ is left out. Christ can conquer all unconverted hearts, if you stop resisting the spirit. He is riding in battle seeking the lost ones of Israel.

He has but one weapon to fight with that is His word. The preaching of His gospel. Christ came preaching and sent us out to preach His burning message to a dying and lost world. We have preached fables and men are still lost and wandering around in darkness. Stephens preached it and died. All of the early apostles preached it and died. We preach false doctrines and men die. But our souls will be required at the judgment bar of God.

The Holy Spirit did not start men off preaching false doctrines, but the devil. Or otherwise the church would have started divided and there would not have been no power to go forward in the world. As it did for 400 years. Therefore no power could stop it. Finally men listened to the Christ pleading for a say in the church. There is where trouble started the conquering. Christ wants volunteers to enlist in His army of righteousness. WILL YOU SAY: "I WILL GO, SEND ME."

FROM THE HILLS OF OLD VIRGINIA

By Elder C. H. (Poet and Preacher) Dickerson

1

Praise God and good folks, I can say
In everything and every way.

2

Boxes of Books to schools I'm sending,
To Winston Salem I'm upward tending.

3

To both our schools, we must send Boys
Help them get there, not just make noise.

4

If we will put 'em on the spot,
Peters and them will find the cot.

5

Yes, I helped the Louisville School,
Will help at Winston, that's my rule.

6

"Christian Informer" in every home
Will help to make "Thy Kingdom Come."

7

As we listen to our Christmas Bells,
Let us treat the "Informer" well.

8

Church officers Listen, HEAR
Take the Informer for a year.

OUR WOMEN

By Mrs. Grace Hopewell, Hagerstown, Maryland

In all ages of the world, woman has been the central figure around which all joys and sorrows, all inspirations, all aspirations, and all accomplishments have circled. In all conditions of life, in all climes, in all Christian epochs, in all countries, she holds this position indisputable among the nations of the earth. For without her there would be no home circles, without the home circle there would be no races nor nations. Every progressive race and nation has its quota of earnest women, busily engaged in the cause of advancing the progress of their race. The progress of our race means much to the women as she goes forth adding her best energies to the uplifting of her people.

Some of the women of our race who have become quite famous due to their efforts to help our race are Mary Mcloud Bethune, born in South Carolina in 1875, of poor parents; now president of Bethune-Cookman College which she founded upon faith and honesty. As educator, lecturer, traveler and executive, Mrs. Bethune describes briefly the strength of spirit and the power of will to overcome handicaps which one apparently could not overcome.

Mrs. Mary Church Terrell, born in Tennessee is another leading spirit in all matters affecting the interest of women of her race. Three times in succession she was elected President of the National Association of Colored Women. She has traveled extensively, speaking before large audiences and receiving the highest praise. It has been said by a Daily News, that such speakers as Mrs. Terrell are rare and that she should be paid to travel as a model of good English and good manners.

Still others are Mrs. Altona Trent Johns, the author of "Play Songs of the South," an interesting and valuable book. Her work is a timely effort to preserve an important contribution to our race culture. She has set to music the play songs which she has heard and which have been handed down from generation to generation.

Jane Dabney Shackelford in her "Child's Story" has supplied a crying need for a simple presentation of our race's condition in Africa, our enslavement in America, our attainment of freedom, and our achievements since emancipation. In her recent book, "My Happy Days," she has risen to still higher ground in giving America an excellent picture of the family life of our race on the average level and at the same time a model for the development of the family.

And last, Sadie Daniel St. Clair, who produced the book "Women Builders," in which she presents gripping sketches of seven outstanding women of our race who have done something worthwhile.

We have many other women of our race who have gained fame nationally and internationally by their efforts to help the race.

As a closing thought, I wish to add that all women of our race: by coming into the closest possible touch with the masses of our people, by setting a high moral standard and living up to it, and by purifying the home can render a service whose value would be difficult to estimate or express.

LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

We of the Christian Church in Minneapolis, Minn., the first work in this state among our people, ask the prayers and support of the Brotherhood.

Enclosed a donation for The Christian Informer. Sincerely, Elder Moses Blackwell, Minister.

Enclosed you will find subscriptions, hoping to send you a donation soon; sickness has prevented. Yours truly, J. E. Banks, Bluefield, W. Va.

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Our renewal and a donation. We enjoyed reading it the past year and thankful for the loyalty and progress. Yours in His Service, Miss Lydia Respass, Washington, D. C.

Another donation for The Christian Informer, Mrs. Gertie Williams, Hagerstown, Md.

My monthly donation for The Christian Informer. Mrs. Arnita Ford, Baltimore, Md. Your Christmas issue was "A Hummer" Had I the strength I'd be a Drummer Drumming trade for the "Informer" Dozens B 4 the wind gets warmer.

Seriously, you don't know the great good U R doing in the Informer. Bye Bye, Elder C. H. Dickerson, N. Tazewell, Va.

My monthly donation for The Informer. Mrs. E. E. Foard, Baltimore, Md.

suffer for His name.

Those days of persecution were the days of purity of the church. The saddest day for the church was not when Tom Payne wrote his "Age of Reason," or when any other Atheist or agnostic hurled his poison philippic at the church for nothing from without the church can hurt her. But the sad day was when the Roman Constantine, made Christianity the State Religion, and brought hoards of corrupt people nominally, into the church. Surely we have grown strangely liberal with our Father's goods. Leaders often connive and wink at crime and crookedness, and give chances which members shamefully abuse, but don't forget that after a long time the Lord of those servants will come and reckon with them.

Preachers and officers, God's watchers for souls, must be ever on the alert. The shepherd must know his sheep, seek them, heal them, save them. The Good Shepherd will lay down his life for his sheep. Some suggestions: Give us ministers of deep Christian piety and conviction. Give us officers committed to the principles of the church of Christ—men of affairs, watchers for souls. Men who will inform themselves, crying "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" And then do their duty though the heavens fall.

This will cut down the roll of membership and change it from a Commonwealth to a church of Christ, God blessed forever, built upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ being the Chief corner stone.

"Now we command you brethren, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, that you withdraw yourselves from every brother (and sister) that walketh disorderly."

Editor: This sermon was delivered to the Kentucky State Convention by Elder C. H. Dickerson, 31 years ago.

"ALL MEN MAKE MISTAKES—ONLY FOOLS

REPEAT THEM"

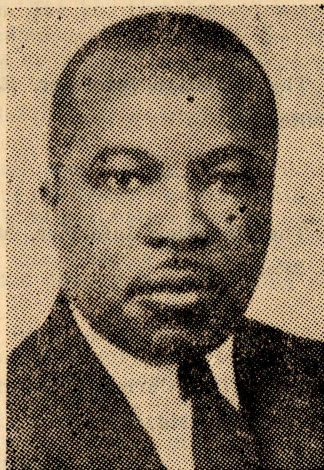
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"UP FRONT"

Elder R. L. (Back to the Book) Peters. Whose loyalty to the Book is beyond question. Whose Sons in the Gospel are everywhere preaching the Word. We name a few of the many who came into the church and were baptized by him; and sat at his feet, like Paul sat at the feet of Gabriel. They are: C. E. Craggett, minister Cedar Christian Church, Cleveland, Ohio; R. F. Hayes, minister Christian Church, Little Rock, Ark., and W. H. (Baltimore) Taylor, minister and editor of the Christian Informer. Elder Peters is "Up Front." The Christian Informer takes delight in honoring him.



W. H. (Baltimore) Taylor, Editor.

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THE DAY OF PREPARATION

By Elder T. R. Everett

To the Student Body of the College of the Scriptures
Louisville, Kentucky

And I have chosen this scripture for our text, Amos 4:12, the latter clause in that verse, and it reads thus: Prepare to meet thy God, O Israel. Now God called his man up, and told him to speak unto the people, and these are his words:

I am saying to you who are here this day these words were ment for us just as much as it was to those in the days of the Prophet and must be so understood. God has made us this great big world, and beautified it with hills, mountains, dales, and valleys with lakes, and rivers, oceans and seas—and filled them with birds, and cattle and beast of the fields and fishes and all manner of the inhabitants therein for man's glory of the water for man's enjoyment all of these are God's noble gifts to us. Now he says prepare to meet him—where? In heaven, the place he has gone to prepare for all of those who will do his will?

I am saying to you here this afternoon students and faculty and visitors as well—this is your, and my hour for this great objective—GET READY is the watch word of the hour. God is gone away, but he is coming back again. Students, this is your day. Use it. Get ready, do not be in too big a hurry, but stay here around the pool of preparation until you are fully prepared to do the job. One of the great dangers with most of us, is that we get in too big a hurry about doing the job and take the bit into our own hands—start off before we are prepared to go. If we will let God lead us, we can not fail. The men that God calls to do his work are usually prepared, but I noticed that they were in the school of preparation for a time. Moses, the law giver, was in the school of preparation for some forty years before he was called upon to do the big job. Christ, our blessed Saviour was thirty years in the school of preparation, to do three years' work. So do not get in too big a hurry to get going. Wait. I say wait on the Lord. Dig down deep, and prepare to meet Him. Perhaps some of you have not really seen the vision that is really ours to see; for this did you ever read the sixth chapter of Isaiah? I am giving you it from the third to eighth verse: And one cried unto another, and said Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts: The whole earth is full of his glory. And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried and the house was filled with smoke.

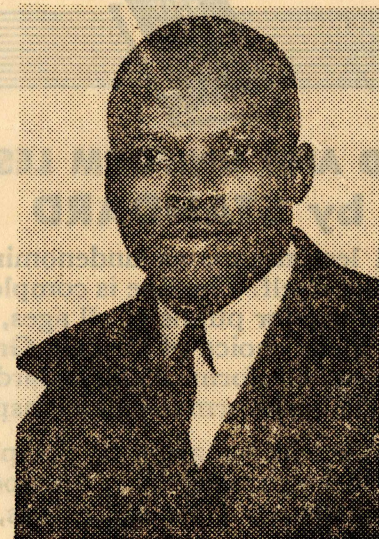
Then said I, woe is me. For I am undone, because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the king, the Lord of hosts. Then flew one of the Seraphims unto me having a live coal in hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar: And he laid it upon my mouth and said, "Lo, this hath touched thy lips, and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sins purged."

Also I heard the voice of the Lord saying whom shall I send who will go for us? Then said I, here am I, send me. Have you heard the call? Then he calls. He justifies, and also qualifies. So do not set impatient with yourselves, but put yourself on the altar of consecration. Make yourself the fit reciprocal for the indwelling of God's Holy Spirit.

Men, and brethren, this is our day, let us go up and take the city. God is calling for men, such as was Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and John the Baptist, to go with a flaming message to call the people back from the fields of destruction. Our world is gone on the beginning, and unless the people repent and return back to God, we

all will likewise perish. Prepare to meet him! Our world is torn asunder in war, and strife on every hand. The scripture is being fulfilled in our days, which says that the father against the son, the son against the father, mother against her daughter, and daughter against her mother, and those upon the housetop will not be permitted to come down and those in the field will not be able to return.

A friend of mine laid to rest last Saturday, had just entertained some of her friends, and seemingly in fine spirit. She was left alone in her home, and was found the next day sitting up in a chair, cold in death—died sometime in the night. God is calling the wanderer back again. Will you head the call? Prepare to meet Him.



THE TRUE LIGHT IGNORED

By Elder R. L. (Silver Trumpet) Sercy, Atlanta, Ga.
And now, men see not the bright light in the sky.
Job 37:21.

There was a time when men desired to look into the personal law of liberty and seek the method revealed through the book. The book reveals Christ, and gives light to the world, yet men will ignore this God given information for creeds sent down from what they call Headquarters. They call themselves the disciples denomination; and yet they say Christ is the head of their organization. Christ only heads his church; and does not head up denominations.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path; Through thy precepts, I get an understanding, therefore I hate every false way. While on my way, I saw churches innocent, yet suffering from wounds inflicted by the promoters, who deceived them, robbed them, left them half dead, then past by on the other side.

These people are dying yet too mean to look and live. In the midst of Religious slavery, thank be to God for a free church that does not bow its knees to agencies. If we are going to be the church when Christ comes, we had better start being the church now.

Even though people are ignoring the light let us contend for the faith and stick.

The just shall live by faith.—Rom. 1:17.

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