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## THE NEGRO IN DEMOCRACY

By MISS MOISELLE BURKS

92nd Street Christian Church, Los Angeles, California  
When the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor in December, '41,  
When Peace was suddenly broken, and World War II begun,  
We, the Negro men and women, answered to our Country's  
plea  
For every true hearted American to fight for democracy.

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We marched forth in battle armor, we died for liberty,  
Now will you let my living comrades share in your  
democracy?  
I lived true to my country, I was the white man's truest  
friend,  
I took my place in field of battle, and fought beside you  
to the end.

3

I have slept in mud and water, I suffered through ice and  
snow,  
I too left my friends and loved ones, when my country said:  
"to battle go!"  
I'm not grumbling nor complaining, for I too love Liberty,  
I only ask White America, where I stand in democracy?

4

Before the war I was kicked about, you never gave me  
Liberty.  
I took the back seat on some of your trolleys, you were too  
good to sit beside me.  
The Japanese were treated like a white man, he stabbed  
you in the back.  
Have you ever been undermined by a human face that's  
black.

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The Germans came into your country, got your secrets  
through their spies,  
Enjoyed your places of amusements, then killed your sons  
before your eyes.  
But the poor Negro soldier, slaved for you night and day,  
Lived in your slums and alleys on such salaries as you'd  
pay.

6

He has never turned traitor to you nor his country,  
Yet he has little recognition in your democracy.  
Why could we fight together, and sleep together on the  
ground,  
Over there we ate together, you didn't dog me around.

7

I'm still part of America, although my face isn't white,  
But I'll never double cross you as the Japanese did in a  
fight.  
I've been a true soldier, I gave my life for liberty,  
Will you tell my living comrade where he stands in  
democracy?

8

I ask not for interracial marriage, just treat him like a  
man.  
Give him fair employment, a chance to work and make a  
stand.  
I won't mind having suffered and dying for my country,  
If you will let my living comrades share your democracy.

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What is it that makes you hate him? He is ever loyal to  
you.  
All I ask for him is freedom and a recognition true.  
He is a true American, he only wants to feel free  
To be part of America and enjoy democracy.

## AN EASTER MESSAGE

Easter is a good time

And a happy time

And a time of great joy for Christians.

The Easter season is one of the most challenging, spiritu-  
ally and invigorating periods of religious observance of  
the entire year.

Jesus alone is the center, His life, His suffering, His death  
on the cross, His burial and His glorious bodily resurrec-  
tion stands out in bold relief against all times as the su-  
preme, eternal character of the ages and the matchless  
son of God. At whatever angle we view Jesus he was and  
is different. The more we study the life of Jesus the more  
we are impressed with that difference. In all the characters  
of human history there is only one universal character, of  
Him it was said, "He is the same yesterday, today and  
forever." After He spoke men who heard Him speak said:  
"Never man spake like this man."

Suppose all men were like Jesus instead of being what  
they are. The call of the Christian life is a call to be like  
Him who were different.

He was sinless. "I find no fault in Him," said Pilate.  
Christ was universal in his Saviourhood. Other religions  
have philosophers, saints and prophets but only one man  
has been able to save unto the uttermost "all who come  
unto God by Him." Jesus was unique in His infinite per-  
sonality, in that truth was first lived out in His life and  
then proclaimed to men. His truth was living truth. His  
word was life because it was first His life. Men could only  
know what God would do in a human environment by  
having God come and live with men. Abstract truth is hard  
to grasp. It is life that is lived in truth that makes men  
see the truth and be happy in the truth.

Yes, Jesus was "different." That will be freely admitted.  
But here is the truth which is so difficult for us to accept:  
The call of the Christian life is a call to be like Him with  
those who are without and know not of his rich gifts. It is  
to us that He is speaking when He says in His blessed  
word: "GO! PREACH! MAKE DISCIPLES! And Lo I am  
with you always."

May you at this Eastertide and every Lord's Day when  
Christ Church should observe His resurrection "Know Him  
and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of  
His sufferings." (Phil. 3:10). "Rejoice in the Lord always  
and again I say rejoice." (Phil. 4:4).

—By Mrs. Alpha P. Arnold, Los Angeles, Calif.

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You who never went to battle, do not know what the fight  
was like;  
You were fed when we were hungry, marching on some  
rugged hill.  
Now the fight of war is over, men from prison camps are  
free,  
Statesmen, will you tell my comrade where he stands in  
democracy?

11

Will he come back to a country and be kicked about again?  
Will the blood shed for his country be to him a "wound"  
in vain?  
You remember how he suffered to keep our America free,  
Please, "wake up," and tell my comrade where he stands  
in democracy.

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A NATIONAL JOURNAL

EDITORIAL

STOP LYING

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PIEDMONT CONVENTION NO. 1, PIEDMONT CONVENTION NO. 2, AND TRI-STATE CONVENTION MERGED

Knowing the above mentioned conventions as I do, I have very little faith in the merger. Since I have known the Piedmont it has split three ways over nothing. No convention in the Brotherhood has spent any more time splitting, fighting and splitting like the Piedmont. At one time the split split. They know how to "do the split." The record will show that when the Piedmont Convention met in Chatham, Va., in 1941, I went down at the request of the president and kept it from splitting over the election of officers. Ask Dean W. O. Gill, President S. H. Hairston, Elder M. L. Lambert, Prof. A. I. Terrell and all of the delegates from President Hairston's section of the district.

The next year the Piedmont met in Winston Salem, N. C., and I was asked again to come down and keep them from splitting. It was not convenient for me at that time to go and the convention split again. Ask Elder R. H. Peoples.

There was a time when the Piedmont Convention was controlled by Gospel Giants and Bible-loving men, such as the late Washington Spencer, H. R. Spencer, J. R. Louderback, M. C. Walker, J. H. Thomas, and others; but now it is controlled by a crop of half-baked preachers from a school in Mississippi and Texas; who must deliver the churches and conventions to the U. C. H. S. or else there won't be any butter on their bread.

WHERE ARE THEY?

The Brethren of the National Missionary Convention of Disciples of Christ have been following the American Christian Missionary Society, the Christian Women's Board of Missions and the United Christian Missionary Society ever since the days of slavery. Where are they NOW? The 1946 minutes of their national convention shows that out of 48 states in the Union, they only have a few churches in 20 states. With 28 states without churches. No orphan homes or homes for aged ministers and members in any of the 48 states. No school or college of which they can do the hiring and firing. They would have been better off if they had gone out eighty years ago in the name of the Lord, to "root, hog or die." Where are they? They are still at the BACK GATE WAITING FOR A HAND-OUT OVER THE BACK FENCE FROM THE U. C. M. S. AND OTHER AGENCIES."

THE SOUTH LEADS

A friend of my race wrote an article in the public press on "Color Blind." Among the many fine things said, he also said: "No one knows when such racial prejudice began. It surely did not start in the South." End quote. I do not know where racial prejudice started, but I do know that the South leads America and the world in keeping racial prejudice alive. Ask the veterans who were born in the South and were stationed in the East, West, and North, and fought in other parts of the world.

Letters To The Editor.

Dear Elder Talyor:

The St. Mark Christian Church of Los Angeles, California, is inspired by the work that is being done by the Christian Informer and we are hoping its life will be long and its influence wide to serve the people everywhere. The St. Mark Christian Church appreciates being identified with the National Christian Preaching Convention of Churches of Christ.

Our congregation was organized December 12, 1944, and although our number is quite small, we tare trying to put forth every effort in the up-building of God's Kingdom here on earth. We are happy to say that several of the members have subscribed for the Christian Informer.

May God bless you in this work.

Yours in Christ,  
Elder C. J. Malcolm, Minister,  
Los Angeles, Calif.

Inclosed find donation. Am no longer at East Graham, am giving my time to the work here which I will write you about in the near future.

Elder J. K. Dickerson, Elbert, W. Va.

Here is a donation for the Christian Informer. I enjoy it, have the highest regard for you and your stand. I was in Lexington, Ky., when it happened, when the National Disciples (U. C. M. S.) Convention took a "Roman Holiday." Continue to carry on. All have not "bowed their knee to Baal nor kissed his feet."

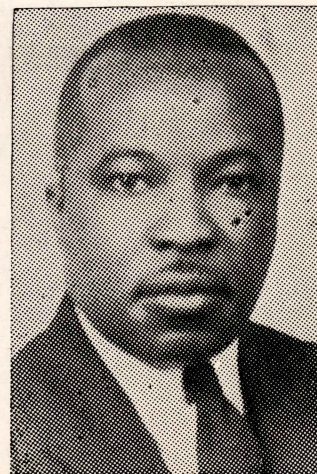
Elder H. E. Fowler, Lockland, Ohio.

Dear Editor Taylor:

I have a few things I would like to tell you about St. Mark Christian Church. St. Mark is a little more than three years old, but we are a live church. We have a wonderful prayer meeting every Thursday evening and that is more than some of the larger churches can say. We are working together in peace and harmony and the Lord is blessing us. I am sending you a book of my poems. You may like to publish one occasionally.

Yours in Christ,  
Sister Martha A. Barr, Los Angeles, Calif.

MY VISIT TO NEW YORK AND CALIFORNIA



By W. H. (BALTIMORE) TAYLOR

On the 19th of January we were invited to New York to preach for the Great Williamsburg Christian Church, Brooklyn, N. Y. They were without a pastor, but Elder Terry, and Elder Oneil were caring for the pulpit. The Williamsburg congregation have a fine membership and a great building. The Williamsburg congregation believes that a pastor should let his light shine as a Christian. They believe, as I believe, that the pulpit is no place for a "rum hound and a woman chaser." They believe what Paul said, that "a pastor then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behavior, given to hospitality, apt to teach; not given to wine, no striker, nor greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous; one that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity; for if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?" I Timothy 3:2, 3, 4, 5. Brother Benjamin Orr, and the officers and members of Williamsburg Church are to be commended for the fine work they are doing in keeping the pulpit clean of un-Christian living.

With the right man in their pulpit they will go to higher heights. Had it not been for the Christian Informer and my work in Maryland, I would have accepted this great church as pastor. I am praying that they will get the right man. While in Brooklyn we had fellowship with the following pastors: Elder D. L. Kinard, of Calvary Christian Church. The Calvary congregation is about three years old. They have a faithful membership and about a year ago they purchased a building for church worship and parsonage, at 122 Albany Street.

Mount Zion Christian Church of which Elder C. R. Murdock is pastor is also a young congregation. They have a building fund to purchase a church building, at present they are located at 208 Lewis Ave. Recently they had eight additions to the church and one minister, Elder Leon Oneill, who took membership with the Mount Zion congregation. Elder Oneill is a good preacher. He was helping the Williamsburg Church when I was there. We do not think that they would make any mistake should they call Elder Oneill as pastor.

The St. Luke Christian Church, of which Elder James Dickerson is pastor, is also a young congregation. They have a building fund to purchase a church home. At present they are located at 809 Gates Ave. They are growing rapidly

and the pastor is loved by the membership.

It was not convenient for me to see Elder W. C. Kinard, pastor of St. Philip Christian Church, but I was told that he is making progress. About three years ago they purchased a fine church building and have a good membership. On the 26th of February we left Baltimore, Md., for Los Angeles, California, to attend the Fellowship Meeting of the National Christian Preaching Convention of Churches of Christ.

Passing through the states of Pennsylvania, W. Virginia, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska, Wyoming, Utah and Nevada, we arrived in Los Angeles, California, on the first day of March, and was met at the station by Elder C. W. Arnold and President A. G. Nelson of Kansas City, Missouri. I do not kiss men but that was one time two men kissed me. I suppose they thought of what Paul said in Romans 16:16, "Salute one another with an holy kiss." Elder Arnold took me in his Cadillac and carried me to his parsonage where I was greeted by his fine wife and mother-in-law, Sister Keelen.

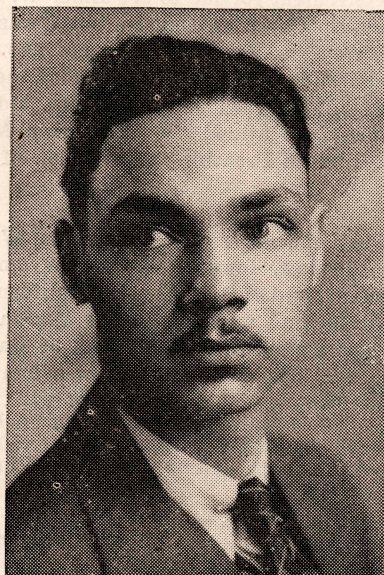
Time will not permit me to tell of the beauty of Los Angeles and California; but I will say that DEMOCRACY IS IN ACTION in Los Angeles. There is no such thing as White school and Colored school, but just school for all children, regardless of race or color. There is no such thing in Los Angeles as a White hospital and a White ward or a Colored hospital and a Colored ward; it is just hospital where sick folk go regardless of race or color. Mrs. Arnold is one of the teachers in the city school system and her pupils are of all races. I did not see the SIGN FOR WHITE OR FOR COLORED IN THE ENTIRE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. When I saw firemen, policemen, judges, police commissioner, clerks and cashiers of my race, I said to Elder Arnold, that this must be the kind of America that the signers of the Declaration of Independence had in mind. Because they said, quote: "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." My friends, if you want to see DEMOCRACY IN ACTION go to California.

The Fellowship Meeting held at the 92nd Street Church of Christ of which Elder Arnold is pastor was a success. Elder Arnold killed four birds with the same stone. We arrived in the midst of his anniversary celebration and preached Lord's Day morning at 11 A. M. At 8 P. M. the sermon was delivered by Elder W. J. Bryant, minister of 28th Street Christian Church. Elder Bryant is a great preacher and his choir and congregation rendered excellent service. At 8 P. M. Elder A. G. Nelson, of Kansas City Missouri, preached. Our hearts were thrilled to hear the old Jerusalem gospel preached. Monday night was the anniversary banquet celebration. Elder A. W. Jacobs, who ordained Elder Arnold, presided. Elder Jacob like Elder M. F. Mitchell, went to Los Angeles when the work there was young and the going was tough, but now they are happy to see the work among the churches going forward. There vere ministers and civic leaders throughout the city at the banquet to do honor to Elder and Mrs. Arnold. The church and friends of the church gave near three hundred dollars in a purse. Space will not permit me to tell all. The Committee was Mesdames Connie Dallas Lena Green, Christine Gilbert, W. Simmons, McDowell, G. Glymph, A. D. Henry, O. C. Davis.

Tuesday, March 4th was the beginning of the Fellowship Meeting. A large crowd attended every night to hear the preaching done by preachers out of the state. The Fellowship Meeting was so interesting and so many souls were being added to the church until we turned the Fellowship meet-

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EVERETT AND KENTUCKY



By ELDER H. E. FOWLER

Minister, Maple Street Christian Church, Lockland, Ohio

I have just read February issue of the Christian Informer. Enjoyed it as I have previous issues. However, I take Bro. Everett's statement, regarding "Gospel Preachers," as an under estimation of our young ministers. I can speak for others but I prefer to mention one H. E. Fowler, who has just started his 10th year in Lockland, Ohio, and is far into his 7th year at Oxford, Ohio. Preaching in both places each Lord's Day. I don't compromise for anybody, anyplace. I never have and never will. I receive no stipend and expect no hand-out. I declare thus: "saith the Lord" even if I have to knock down or be knocked down (I have been knocked down) and was challenged in Nashville Convention because I spoke up for "Baltimore" Taylor as an ex-president of National Convention.

In Brother Everett's sight I may not be a Gospel Preacher. But I hold fast to that "faith delivered to the Saints." What does he mean anyhow? Any man called by God to preach is a Gospel Preacher. I can and here name several "sons of the soil of ole Kentucky" who are of recent vintage: R. L. Saunders, C. B. Gentry, M. J. Dabney, E. B. Toles, J. A. Johnson, Dee Botts (deceased). These men are serving Kentucky. H. E. Fowler a native son, serving Ohio. I can name some others who have come along in the last two decades who have had to leave the church because of unjust criticism by ministers their senior in years and service.

I can recall when one minister reported for at least 6 churches in one district, when Kentucky had young men without a charge. The writer recalls being undermined by a fellow minister old enough for his granddad.

Brother Everett speaks of our cause suffering and in many instances being lost, and he says this is true because Kentucky hasn't produced any Gospel Preachers. He seems to forget, "How shall they preach except they be sent?" He might also remember the "talents." When we don't use what we have been given by God, oft time it is taken. Our cause in Kentucky is suffering because we haven't used to the limit our resources. Kentucky has lost good men, gospel preachers if you please, like Blair, Hayes, L. L. Dickerson, Poston, Pierson (died in Warren, Ohio) and others for the above reasons. I might mention a group of short sighted, narrow minded, self satisfied ministers as well as "Christians"—spiritless, unconverted, luke warm and cold congre-

gations. Many of our own forget "we are many members but one body." I wonder if Brother Everett remembers the Christian minister who as a circuit preacher and college student, asked him to open his pulpit one Lord's Day in summer that said student and preacher might be able to further his training, and was told he was too far out of the Brotherhood. If he has forgot, I am that person. Only one minister in Kentucky at that time (1932) received me—G. E. Letton. In 1933 I was told by G. K. Lewis of U. C. M. S. to go to N. R. A. as they were making loans to worthy students. I had received a loan of fifty dollars the previous year, but refused to leave Kentucky as I was serving two churches and was a sophomore at K. S. I. C., Frankfort. I was entitled to three hundred dollars in all over a 4-year period, but feel, I was refused because I would not go to Jarvis or S. C. I. Kentucky and the world for that matter needs Gospel Preachers. Christ said: "One thing thou lackest." Kentucky churches lack that too. They need to be "born again." If the churches were populated with "live" members and officials who were as set on "spiritual rebirth and tithing" as they are on the other essentials, and remember the "laborer is worthy of his hire" and that "he who preaches the Gospel should live by the Gospel," God would send reapers.

Our churches members have too many complexes—color, hair, looks, dress, diction, U. C. M. S.—to name a few. The preacher isn't to do it all. Everyone win one is the task of all Christians. We are laborers with God.

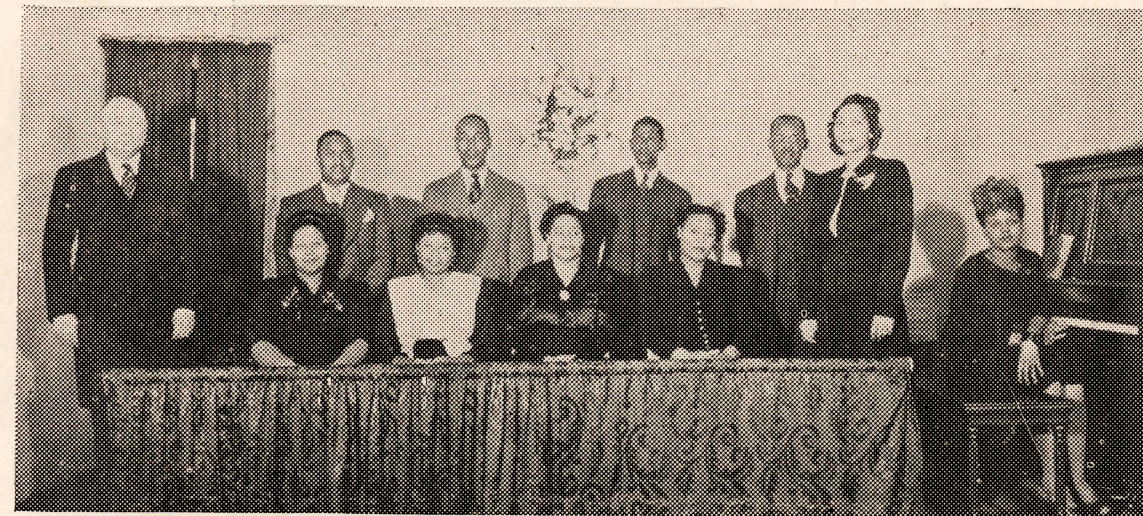
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ing into an old time revival and 17 men, women, boys and girls came to Christ. Baptizing was done during the week twice on the Lord's Day. The ministers of Los Angeles who attend the Fellowship Meeting are a fine group of preachers and they love the doctrine of the church and freedom in Christ Jesus. They hate open-membership, modernism and U. C. M. S. bondage. We are thinking of the things we heard Elder M. F. Mitchell, pastor of Cosmopolitan Christian Church say. We are thinking of the things we heard Elder W. J. Bryant, pastor of 28th Street Christian Church say from his pulpit.

We are thinking of the things we heard Elder C. W. Arnold, pastor of 92nd Street Christian Church, say from his pulpit. We are thinking of the things we heard Elder C. J. Malcolm, pastor of St. Mark Christian Church say. We are thinking of the things we heard Elder James F. Irvin, pastor of Pasadena Christian Church say. We are thinking of things we heard Elders Arthur H. Patterson and Elmer W. Faulkner, G. P. Peyton and R. R. Turnage say. We thank God for preachers who take orders from Heaven and not from Indianapolis, Ind. We thank God for preachers who are determined to stand for the faith as in the New Testament. We thank God for preachers like those mentioned above.

We left Los Angeles on Monday, March 17th, passing through the states of Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri, into Chicago, Ill. We arrived in Baltimore, Md., Friday, March 21st. Being away from my desk for 25 days is the reason why your Christian Informer is late.

Thanks to Elder and Mrs. Arnold, Elder and Mrs. Mitchell and all the members and friends for the hospitality shown me while in their city.



Choir of East Side Christian Church, Kansas City, Mo.  
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**LOOKING FOR MY GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY—  
BUT NOT NOW**

By ELDER J. K. DICKERSON, Elbert, W. Va.

Text: II Cor. 6:2

There are many people today who are dissatisfied with the age in which they live, the place where they live and the conditions that surround them. Moreover, many folk are dissatisfied with the powers and talents which they possess and the heritage which happens to be theirs. These people seemingly delight in observing the talents, powers and conditions of others and grieve because they too have not been so endowed. I have talked with people who expressed a desire to be some one else, to be some where else, or to have the other fellow's job. These folk have a desire to perform some noble service, but they feel that the time and conditions are not right. They feel that the opportunity to do this service lies in the distant future. These are they who are looking for their golden opportunity but not now. Most people want to do something worthwhile, but because they fail to take advantage of NOW, their golden opportunity often passes unrecognized. The text says that now is the accepted time. Now is the best time for us to live. Where we are is the best place to begin, and the talents and powers we have are those we are to use in living the more abundant life.

Those people who go through life thinking that there is plenty of everything SOMEWHERE and belong to SOME BODY ELSE, are those who are failing to live the abundant life. Any man who thinks that NOW isn't the best time for him to live, that where he is isn't the best place for him to begin living, has the wrong conception of life. Any man who thinks that the talents he has, along with those

he may acquire, are not the best for him, has an argument with God. Men are constantly making two great mistakes. The first is WAITING for the golden opportunity and the second is failing to recognize the opportunity when it comes. The Jews had looked forward with great expectation to the coming of the Messiah, but when He did come they failed to recognize Him. In fact they were so hostile toward Him that they even sanctioned His death upon the cross—the criminal's implement of death of that day. The fact that men have wanted to do the heroic, but have waited for a heroic age in which to do it, has robbed them of their most valuable possession—their time, the stuff that life is made of. Procrastination—waiting—is the thief that steals our time and opportunities, neither of which can ever be recovered by any possible means. No man is true to himself who places his golden opportunity in the future. Many come to the end of life not having made any contribution thereto, not because they have deliberately chosen it so, but because they waited for a more convenient season and failed to act NOW. Surely men need to “redeem the time because the days are evil.” There are those too who place their golden opportunity in the past. On every hand we hear men talk of where they came from, of the trials and struggles they have had and where their ancestors were. We hear them talk of what their lives used to be like and how they used to serve. It would be well if these folk would ask themselves the question, “What am I doing with NOW?” It has been said that China has worshipped the past so long until she has become a backward nation. The apostle Paul's formula for living was: “Forgetting those things that are BEHIND and looking forward to those things that are BEFORE, I press toward the mark.”

Press—this is in harmony with Christ's command to one,

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**ALONG THE PACIFIC**



By ELDER C. W. ARNOLD

Minister, 92nd Street Church of Christ, Los Angeles, Calif.

Two years ago Mrs. Arnold and I came to California to make our home in Los Angeles, with the idea of starting a New Testament Church. Also with the hope of getting other churches started that will be loyal to the Plea and Teachings of the Book. The first Lord's Day night in 1945 we found a building to hold night services, with the understanding that we could buy the building if we could build a congregation and handle the debt, which was \$15,000.

With faith in God we went to work. After we had put out a few bills in the community to call the citizens to the fact that a Church of Christ was about to open in the community, Mrs. Arnold went to the piano and the preacher went to the pulpit, with only two members in view. That first Lord's Day night a young lady put her membership in the new congregation and on the following Lord's Day night another person united. With those two we had a total membership of four with the pastor and his wife. We met each Lord's Day night for one year and the second year we had secured the building, through the help of God and many loyal New Testament Christians in California and throughout the nation. Today we owe \$3,000 on the building and six room parsonage with eighty members. We have taken in new members every Lord's Day this year with the exception of one.

We were happy to have the Fellowship Meeting of the National Christian Preaching Convention to meet in our church. The Fellowship Meeting was so wonderful and the preaching was so great until the brethren turned it into an old fashioned revival which lasted for two weeks; with Elders A. G. Nelson of Kansas City, Mo., and W. H. (Baltimore) Taylor of Maryland, doing the preaching. Both men as you know are true to the Book. The second week Elder Nelson was called home on business and Taylor had to do all the preaching; and he did it with power. Baltimore Taylor in his preaching, did not have any regard for the U. C. M. S., Open-membership, sectarianism nor anything that is not contained in the New Testament.

It was a high spiritual week when he stood each night and preached the Gospel with power and without favor. Many of our ministers preach with doubt which often weakens the church. Baltimore Taylor was the “order of the day” at the Interdenominational Ministers' Alliance of Los Angeles, Calif. He preached from the subject: “The Faultless Christ.” His text was this: “Take ye him, and crucify him: for I find no fault in him.” John 19:6.

Brethren, I wish you could have heard that sermon.

Taylor preached to the ministers of all denominations about “The Faultless Christ.” There were tears in the eyes of the preachers, and “Amen” was heard every where. In his sermon Taylor said to the Alliance, quote: “As a Christian preacher and a member of the Church of Christ, I find no fault in Him. I find no fault in the church he established. Matthew 16:18. I find no fault in the name of His church. Romans 16:16. I find no fault in the name that the members of His church should wear. Acts 11:26. I find no fault in His mode of baptism. John 3:5. I find no fault in having the New Testament as my rule of faith and practice. I find no fault in the creed of His church.” Elder M. F. Mitchell is president of the Alliance.

Our revival closed with 17 added to the church. Baltimore Taylor also brought an inspiring message to our Christian Ministers Union of which Elder James F. Irvin is president and Elder C. J. Malcolm is Vice President. Elder Malcolm is pastor of St. Mark Christian Church and is sponsoring a rally on the third Lord's Day in April for their building fund.

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“Strive to enter in at the straight gate.” The apostle again speaks of the race that is “set before us,” not behind us, nor round about us, but before us. Life then is a race—a striving and pressing toward the mark NOW and every day.

Longfellow says, “Act—act in the living present.” Many people speak of going to heaven as if it were only a matter of changing places. Thus we sing, “If I could just make it in. Frankly, I don't like the song and don't sanction Christian folk singing it. Men are candidates for heaven or hell according to the lives they live here daily. The men and women who are confined in the various penal institutions, the boys and girls confined in institutions of correction, are so confined because they were candidates for these places by reason of the lives they lived. They received the fruits of their doings. Men who are unable to walk circumspectly on the cement streets of this earth, will hardly “make it in” to walk those golden streets of the New Jerusalem. On the other hand if men live, love and serve here on earth NOW and every day, they won't have to worry about “just making it in.” Instead they will sing with the poet:

Like wandering sheep o'er the mountains cold  
Since all have gone astray;  
To life and peace within the fold,  
How may I find the way?  
To Christ the way, the truth, the life,  
I come, no more to roam;  
He'll guide me to my Father's house,  
To my eternal home.

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Is it true or false that a certain lady resigned the United Christian Missionary Society because of discrimination?

If it is true, she should have fought with Baltimore Taylor and others instead of fighting against them.

Is it true or false that one of the leading Disciple Churches of Los Angeles had tickets which read something like this: DINE, WINE AND DANCE FOR THE BENEFIT OF OUR CHURCH. If it is true, all I can say is this Lord have mercy on that church.

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## Letters To The Editor.

Dear Brother Baltimore Taylor:

How are you today? I thought I would write you to let you know how I enjoyed those two great sermons you preached at the Williamsburg Christian Church, Brooklyn, N. Y. The two sermons you preached were so powerful, until it made me think of that storm they had in Miami, Florida, a few years ago. If we could get you for our pastor, we deacons, elders and members would have to straighten up or you would break us up. When you were here you preached the socks off the men and the hats off the women. One thing I like about you is this. You are not afraid to his sin anywhere. When you spoke of some deacons buying drinks for the preacher you hit me, and I am glad you said it. We want you to come back again and drop another of those gospel bombs. I am going to be a better deacon from now on.

Yours in Christ,

Asbury Kirkland, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Keep the good news going because the True Gospel is badly needed in our Brotherhood.

J. E. Banks, Bluefield, Va.

Washington, D. C.

Dear Editor:

A congregation of Christians are holding services in the American Legion Hall on Vermont Ave., N. W. We are looking forward to organizing a new church here in Washington. At present we have 12 members on the roll. We also have an attendance of about 25 each Lord's Day. The writer called these people together along with Brother and Sister Tyree. Brother David Cole, a student of the College of the Scriptures is doing the preaching.

Yours in Christ,

Elder John P. Grover, Washington, D. C.

## GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

While I was in California the death angel visited the Second Christian Church, Hagerstown, Md., and took from our midst Sister Maude Henry, one of our most faithful members. We wish to thank Pastor Pinn, Pastor Campher and Elder Coffee for the fine service they rendered in my absence; for our deceased Sister Maude Henry.