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## MUCH IN LITTLE.

*In the Cathedral of Lubeck, Germany is the following inscription:*

"Thus speaketh Christ, our Lord to us:
Ye call me Master, and obey me not;
Ye call me Light, and seek me not;
Ye call me Way, and walk me not;
Ye call me Life, and desire me not;
Ye call me Wise, and follow me not;
Ye call me Fair, and love me not;
Ye call me Rich, and ask me not;
Ye call me Eternal, and seek me not;
Ye call me Gracious, and trust me not;
Ye call me Noble, and serve me not;
Ye call me Mighty, and honor me not;
Ye call me Just, and fear me not;
*If I condemn you, blame me not.*"

## FOOTPRINTS OF JESUS.

### HARNESS AND HITCH ENTHUSIASM.

It is easier to be enthusiastic about a doctrine or project, in a large audience of people that believe with you than when you are alone, or before unbelievers. There is something in us that responds to the martial. Martial music, martial numbers arouse our enthusiasm. When we get together a few hundred strong, we feel like donning the feather and war-paint, seizing the tomahawk and raising the war-hoop. Of course, I speak of that warfare against sin that Paul mentions in Ephesians 6 c. Now this is right and good. Almost everything we have accomplished either individually or in concerted action, has been decided upon, and formally laid hold upon in some enthusiastic gathering. We have much to thank our emotions for. In offsetting the methods of the sect, many of us have swung to the opposite extreme. The will is the executive part of the mind and is advised, not by intellect alone, but by intellect and emotions. God made men so, and in dealing with men it is best to recognize their make-up. Of course, long and patient teaching is the platform upon which the final decision must be laid, but the decision itself comes usually at a moment of enthusiasm; and if proper informational work has preceded the inspirational, the decision is seldom regretted.

Now, I have been preparing to say this: Let constant teaching of the Scriptures go on. Let the intellects continue to be addressed. But in addition to what is now being done by way of stirring men to *do* what they *know*, let there be an increase of enthusiastic meetings, designed to stir, move, energize and vitalize. And, above all, let the enthusiasm generated in such meetings be immediately *hitched to some definite task*. It is all too common for people to go away from great meetings, and take out all their enthusiasm in talking about "What a great service we had." That is like permitting the boiler to send its steam through the escape valve instead of making it push the piston. In our protracted meetings we teach and move people to confess and obey Christ, and rightly so. Why then, at the conclusion of a stirring missionary gathering for instance, should we not call for workers to present themselves? It may be objected that confession before men, on a penitent sinner's part, is commanded, while the offering of one's self for the foreign field is not. Yet, if it is right for us to stir men to become missionaries, it is right for them to offer themselves for such work; and if that be right, they may offer themselves publicly, since offer themselves they must, and are not in scripture limited, as to manner, by being told how. Now this principle can be carried out further and that it may even be carried too far is not denied; but the tendency among us at present is not at all dangerous. The plea here made is that Christians be first taught, next stirred, then given something commensurable to do, while they are willing to do it. Thus will our missionaries, as well as other workers, increase in numbers and efficiency.

### A POSITIVE POLICY.

There are, no doubt, as many as two thousand preachers among simple New Testament Christians in America. These all believe that with reference to missionary methods the silence of inspiration are to be respected as well as its utterances; that whatever is of God can prove its origin by reference to God's word. They believe that missionary societies, apart from the Church, can not, by such reference, prove their origin. Now, in declaring this necessary—the negative part of the message—they have been faithful; but in setting before the Church the positive, forward missionary policy of the churches in Judea, they have not been so diligent. Praise God for the mighty strides in that line of the last two years. The work of stirring the churches in America needs to be continued, now that Brother McCaleb is returning to his post.

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The wicked flee when no man pursueth; But the righteous are bold as a lion.

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A needy man that oppresseth the poor is like a sweeping rain which leaveth no food.

# GOSPEL MESSAGE DEPARTMENT

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**S. H. HALL. FLAVIL HALL**

## A SHORT TALK TO OUR READERS.

S. H. Hall.

If I were able, I would write you all a real good *love letter*, and try to make you more determined to reach out and take a strong hold on God and Christ, and drink deeply of Their goodness. But I am not able to write. The Doctors have advised me to make my editorial work light this year; in fact, all of my work just as light as I can. You do not know how hard this is for me. Just now I am sure the idea of my having to stop working is hurting me worse than the work. So many of my friends have told me that I was working too hard. Some have scolded me for it. But I could not believe that I was. But it seems that it is even so. It seems that my energy is all gone. I can hardly sleep.

Now, I am telling you this for the following reasons: (1) I want your prayers to the end that I may continue to work and at the same time regain lost strength; (2) If I do not write as much for our paper this year as usual, please remember that it is because I am not able. This letter is for the children as much so as it is for the older readers. Yes, children, I want you to pray for me. I feel that if I could get to spend just one bright, sunshiny day out on the hillside with all of our children—just *roll* and *tumble* with them—that I would get the greatest medicine on earth. May God bless all of our boys and girls.

Notwithstanding my condition, I am glad to say that the Atlanta work moves on gloriously. Bro. Horton and his wife are the best people in the world, and he is so much in love with the work, and is helping us push it onward and upward. The brethren are delighted with him. Certainly God brought him here; for he is the very man we so much needed. We are expecting this to be a great year for this field becausse of our having him here to help us. Our Night School is doing well; the six congregations, in and near the city, that Bro. Horton and I are assisting, are all doing splendid work. The interest is steadily growing at each place. Our contributions are increasing. "Greater things for God," is our slogan.

In conclusion, let me again ask to be remembered in your prayers. And while praying for us, don't forget New Orleans and Jacksonville Fla. May God bless you all.

## "RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD OF TRUTH."

P. G. Wright.

We should study the Bible as we study a history or any other book to be benefitted and get the spirit of the writer. Some people think that the word of God is a mystery and that if they were to study it, they could not learn it. They have been discouraged in a prayerful, earnest study of the same, just as we teachers see boys and girls who decide that a problem in arithmetic or geometry looks hard and give it up without effort. I cannot do it, never accomplish anything; I will try, has wrought wonders. You have only to set your eye on the prize and press toward it with a course of virtuous and honorable action and it is yours.

There are at least three reasons why a Christian should study the Divine oracles, (1) To show himself approved unto God, (2) A workman that needeth not to be ashamed, (3) Rightly dividing the Word of God.

The above are great reasons why we should make progress in its study.

The word contains the language of kings, priests, judges prophets apostles and others . Therefore we ought to observe with care, who is writing, to whom he is writing, when and where it was done.

We see system in the material universe. If it were possible to deprive this earth of one of her companion planets, philosophy with her ten thousand tongues would declare disasterous results. Could we deprive this earth of water, heat, air, or electricity then none of us could declare the results.

I maintain that there is harmony in nature. This being true, we should expect to see system and beauty in the Holy Bible, the book of 66 volumes.

Certainly if the Bible is given by the Holy Spirit, we should expect to find it a harmonious volume full of truth and wisdom.

I hold that if religious teachers would study to divide God's word aright, much of the divisions and debates would cease. There is no greater theme connected with the Christian system than, "Handling aright the word of God."

"Order is said to be heaven's first law."

Look into your geography and you will find a large map with hemispheres one the eastern and the other the western. We might represent the Old Testament by the eastern hemisphere and the New Testament by the western. Let these two divisions represent the two grand divisions of the word of God.

By a further study of these hemispheres, we find that the world is divid-

ed into natural divisions; as, oceans, seas, gulfs, bays capes rivers lakes promontories etc.

So we find the word of God divided into certain material divisions, given by the Holly Spirit; as, dispensations, covenants, and books.

We, also, observe in the study of our geography, divisions made by man; as, empires, kingdoms, republics States provinces, counties districts etc.

So, in the study of the word of God, we observe some divisions made by man. About the year 1240 A. D. Cardinal Hugo divides the Bible into chap ters and Mordecai Nathan divided it into verses about 1445 A. D.

Since these divisions were made by man they might be misleading. You will often find it necessary to read from one chapter into another, ignoring chapter and verse division in order to get the sense, although these divisions enable us to locate certain parts of the word of God, and may give clearness.

As a principle of God's dealing with man he never makes two wills binding on the same people at the same time.

There is not a clearer taught proposition in God's word than that the Old Testament is abrogated. See Gal. 3: 21-24, Col. 2: 14. Paul taught the Roman Brethren that one who keeps the old law and the New one at the same time is in the same condition as the woman who has two husbands at the same time, living in adultery. (Rom. 7: 1-4.)

The gospel is not an addition to the Old Testament. (Matt. 9: 17)

The Old Testament is not useless. (ICor. 10: 11. Rom. 15: 4) The principle of salvation is brought out in it, but the commands have changed. Commands change, but principles never. The church of Christ was not established in the Old Testament age, hence it is not in the O. T. plan,

Baptism into the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit is not in the Old Testament, hence not in the O. T. plan.

There are some things that we have to believe and confess in the Christian age that those living in the O. T. age did not. "Confess Jesus is come in the flesh" (I. Jno. 4: 3.) "Believe God hath raised him from the dead." (Rom. 10: 9.) We are under the new covenant.

Compare Nicodeums "must be born again," with the way they were saved under the Old Testament dispensation.

To be Continued.

—Rienzie, Miss.

## WHEAT AND CHAFF.

A. Ellmore.

Too much chaff, does some one say? Probably, but did you ever see wheat without chaff?

Take pattern from the wiser man, and let the weaker learn from thee.

The Christian who does a wrong and denies it doubles his guilt, the man who confesses it throws off all his burden.

There is one safe thing to do with sin. Keep away from it and let it alone. There is one thing, and but one to do with a command and that is to obey it.

A good Christian paper is a safe councellor and a perpetual feast. It is a good thing to have for the children, and for the hired man, for the parents and for the neighbor, when he drops in. Take Word and Work.

There is a difference in letting our light shine, and trying to make it shine. There are many golden deeds done by Christians which are not done as advertising mediums. And Providence often uses the hidden hand in the prosecution of his work. We need not know whose money buys the dress for the little orphan, nor supports the minister as he preaches to the poor. Let us see to it that we do our share of this work. The Master will make public all of our works at the proper time. After we have sown in soils which seemed non-productive and have passed away, the Lord may raise up others who will reap the harvest, and by and by we will rejoice together.

When persuading men to come into the church and be saved, preachers are often met with this excuse: "There are some in the church who are worse than I am, get them straightened up first, and then we may come in."

Just so. And what exceeding joy it will afford those men, after the decision is past in the great judgment, while filing off in that innumerable company of drunkards and murderers and idolaters and thieves, and moral men and women, who have stubbornly and persistently refused the offer of life, how consoling to remember that some who are accompanying them to the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, were once members of the church.—Austin, Texas.


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# CONTRIBUTIONAL

## THE TRUE CHURCH OF CHRIST, ITS WORK, AND THE MANNER OR MODE OF DOING IT.

Joseph E. Williams.

As we have the subject of the true church of Christ—for our starting point we will take (Eph. 5:24) "Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their husbands in everything. Even so Christ is head of the church." Therefore God did not put any other head or guide for us. We are the builders of the true church and should be guided by his teaching. God has not given us any other guide, therefore we should follow in His steps and remember His true builders are workers, not drones leaners and stumbling blocks, See Col. 1:18 - 24. And he is the head of the body, the church; who is the beginning, the first born from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence." There being no other head, and no other body we should be true and upright, always loyal to Him and ever faithful in His service.

If He is the beginning and as the book speaks of no other church, we have no right to belong to any so called churches or denominations.

For it pleased the father that in Him should all fullness dwell. (Col. 1: 19). We then, realize the fact that it pleased God for his only begotten son to have full control of the true church, and not of man-made churches.

"And having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say whether they be things in earth or things in heaven. (Col. 1:20). We would understand by Paul's writing here, that Christ has made for us, or rather given himself through the blood of the cross—that is, he reconciled himself to be crucified for the sins of mankind, therefore laying the foundation of the true church of God. While we do not say there is no good done through human institutions—yet, we, must stand firm and build our foundation sure, ever laboring and building upon the solid rock—with Jesus as our guide. Speaking where the Bible speaks, being silent where the Bible is silent. "For through him we both have, access by one Spirit unto the Father," (Eph. 2:18). This should lead us to understand that we have but one Spirit, the church. The one foundation or one way to get with God and Jesus Christ. "One Lord, one faith, one baptism." Therefore we find only one way in which we can get into Christ, that is through baptism. How plain this is. If we read we must try to understand God's word and do exactly as he commands. We cannot take it for granted that some plan man has devised is sufficient for us. We must do exactly as he commands. When he gives us instruction as we read in His word we must as Elijah of old go at once and always be willing to sacrifice our ideas for His that are much higher than man's. Perhaps this is why many are out of the fold today and professed Christians in many instances are not sufficiently firm. The dividing line between Christianity and the world is too indistinct. A Christian must be a Christian in every sense of the word. If we follow in the footsteps of Jesus, we must do as he did. Don't go where you feel sure he would not be—Don't say things you know he would not say. For if we abide in Him we must be as near like Him as possible. (John 15: 4.) "Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me."

Therefore the members of the true church must be always abounding in the work of the Lord. We must be patient, kind and gentle, though always firm and steadfast.

There is one body, and one spirit even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; then we only have one true body and one true spirit. This we should keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace. Peace in and through the body of Christ—the true church. In order to do this each member must be in his proper place, do the work that God has given him; that is he must develop his talents and use them in the service of his Master. We must not do as the slothful servant did —hide our talents. For God will hold us responsible.

"I am the vine, my father is the husbandman." (John 15:1.) We understand that this vine is the head of the true church, and his father is the husbandman. "I am the vine, ye are the branches; he that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit, for without me ye can do nothing." Then look to the true vine for guidance and support. None other have we. Every Christian is a part of that vine—Then we see that we cannot grow in grace and in the knowledge of the truth except we abide in the vine (that is Christ). Not only must we serve him today, but every day. 'Tis the duty of every Christian to try to win others for Christ. The fruit of a Christian is another Christian.

Finally my brethren be strong in the Lord and in the power of his might. (Eph. 6:10). We have a great warfare to be a soldier of the cross. We must be brave and strong—a true soldier always watches and tries to keep the ranks from being broken. A follower of Christ must do his duty each day—he can't serve Christ today and Satan tomorrow. Each member of the true church must be strong in the Lord, in this way the church can be kept in good working order. "Put on the whole armour of God that ye may

be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. "Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day; and having done all to stand." Read all of the 6th chapter of Eph., in order to find what the whole armour is. Unless we have the whole armour, we cannot stand against the kings of this world, things that lead the weak Christians away from God. Christians should be a peculiar people; They must do their whole duty, whatever comes. If we keep on the whole armour the temptations of the evil one will not be so hard to overcome. Let us remember too, when we overcome a temptation that the next one will not be so hard.

"Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful unto the end of life.) And a great many, who for a short period of time are good workers in the church in every particular, who become careless, fall back and fail to work at all, this should not be. The members of the true church must look after those who fall away and bring them back to the fold. The elders are commanded to keep the oversight, feed the flock of God. Let none of us waver, but be faithful unto the end of life. "And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works. Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is, but exhorting one another; and so much more, as ye see the day approaching." This is a serious question, so many profess to be Christians in the church of the living God, and it is a rare thing to see them at the place of worship only on preaching days. These things ought not to be. A great many Christians who have always been accustomed to meeting on the first day of the week, if they move to a new place where there is no church house fail to build or to see that one is erected. If they are not financially able to build, why not meet at some dwelling house? This should be done each Lord's day to remember the One who paid the debt for all who will live up to His commandments. Let the church exhort more and more as we draw near. Not only should the members meet but every one should be present on each Lord's day, and see that their children are there, and teach them the Word of God. Oh the importance of early training! They rarely ever depart from their earliest teaching.

I beseech you therefore by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God which is your reasonable service. (Rom. 12:1). How many today are presenting their bodies a living sacrifice. Many I trust. I fear that many claim to belong to the church of Christ, don't live up to the teaching of His word are injuring the cause. We must be faithful servants of our Lord, for he wants us to serve Him in deed and in truth. (Col. 2:6) "As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord so walk ye in Him." "For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God." So we find as long as we have the spirit of Christ and abide in Him we are dead to sin, and alive to God and to his church. Therefore we are hid in Jesus and are away from the rudiments of the world. Our great hindrance to the cause is this: parents do not on each Lord's day morning get their children ready and say to them, "Children let's go to the house of God and worship Him."

Too many carelessly tell their children they may go visiting or to Sunday School just as they wish. Now how can such as this be remedied? Many times, if you ask them why they don't attend services, they plainly tell you that the church is not straight and they care nothing about it. Now God is able for all things—He desires peace and good will among the brethren. The only way to keep everything moving along smoothly and as God directs is to adhere strictly to the teachings of God's word and press on for the right. Many will say that you are too straight, but we desire to follow Christ in all his ways.

We are commanded to study the word of God; continue in fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers. We must on each Lord's day do these four things, and if we fail to do any one of these we have not done our duty. How important it is to study God's word! We can't learn too much about it, and when we come to the last days of our lives, we'll be truly thankful if our lives have been devoted to the Master's cause.

We must admonish as brethren, and try to win souls for Christ. We should do this in love and in the spirit of meekness. Let us be found doing these things, and we can help build up the cause.

Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering. Therefore true members of the body of Christ are one with Him. They must be holy, meek, and longsuffering with one another. "Forbearing one another and forgiving one another." We cannot be true Christians unless we do these things.

We must remember that the Testament is the Word of God and we must do as it commands in order to be saved in heaven. We must try to be perfect in Christ. "Put on Charity which is the bond of perfectness." And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body, and be ye thankful. The peace of God must rule in our hearts each day of our lives. Peace must rule in the church in order for it to grow and prosper.

One great mistake, too many churches make is, when it has new converts they are not looked after as they should be. They are young in the cause, therefore weak. 'Tis then, that so many temptations arise to lead them away from God, and if not admonished and cared for are apt to fall. They must be taught to meet on the first day of the

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# CHURCHES AT WORK

LESSON 7.

For February 18, 1912.

Title: The Ministry of John the Baptist.

Lesson Text: Luke 3:1-17.

Golden Text: Repent ye; for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.—Matt. 3:2.

HOME DAILY BIBLE READINGS.

M. Luke 3: 1-20 The Ministry of John the Baptist.
T. John 1: 19-28. John's Disclaimer.
W. Isa. 1: 10-20. Preaching Repentance.
T. John 3: 25-36. John's Humility.
F. Matt. 3: 1-12, John's Preaching.
S. Matt. 11: 7-15. Christ's Testimony Concerning John.
S. 2 Kings 1: 1-8. John's Pattern.

## THE OPENING.

John the Baptist was the most highly honored man of his time, or of any since his time. He was chosen to introduce Jesus to the world—prepare the people for his coming. If you should be called upon to introduce the President of the United States to the people of your community, you would deem it a great honor, and you would see that proper announcements were made of the president's coming—you would prepare the people. John the Baptist's honor was greater than this. Let us see how he went about it.

The word of God came unto John in the wilderness. He obeyed it by going into all the region round about the Jordon preaching the baptism of repentance unto the remission of sins. Read the lesson text, see what he said to those who went out to hear him. "Make ye ready the way of the Lord." He knew that the Lord was coming, he was preparing the people for Jesus. All flesh shall see the salvation of God. Not the Jews only but all people. He understood that the Christ was to be better than any one else. John knew that Jesus meant as much to those who heard him as he did to himself. His fan is in his hand, thoroughly to cleanse his threshing floor; the wheat to be garnered and the chaff consumed with fire. Are you prepared for the coming of Christ to-day? Has there been a John the Baptist in your community to warn you to flee from the wrath to come?

Notice carefully verses 7 and 8. What must we bring forth? Fruits worthy of repentance! So we can't just go alone any old way and receive the baptism of repentance unto the remission of sins, but must bring forth fruits worthy of repentance. We must also bring acceptable worship unto God otherwise our fruits of repentance will be unworthy.

Another thing you will notice is that John stood before the multitudes and told them the truth. The world loves a man that has the courage to stand before an assembly and tell the truth that hurts his hearers. Yet no man should be afraid of the truth.

The people went out to hear him. "He that can preach a better sermon, write a better story, or build a better mouse trap than his neighbor, tho he build his house in the woods, the world will make a beaten path to his door." The man that has something to say and says it will not want for hearers. People generally go to any one to whom the word of God has come. The cross and the resurrection were unknown to John—he preached one thing, repentance. We cannot progress religiously, until there has been genuine repentance.

Some thought John the Messiah, but his great success was not due to his own personal ability, but to the fact that he gave his life to God. He was a willing part of God's great plan. His one greatness the council of God and the guidance of the Holy Spirit. A true Christian is one lead by the Holy Spirit.

In verse 11 you are told what the fruits of repentance are. Read them carefully, store them away in your heart. We seek a change in the future only after we have become ashamed of our past. W repent—turning our back upon sin with a firm resolution to walk no more in the ways of the ungodly. We confess Christ, are baptized into his name, rise to walk in newness of life. We are baptized into Christ and not into any other church.

How many preachers are there today who fail to see that God's plans are greater than their own? John saw God's plans only. Many today are holding own to the creeds and doctrines of men while seeking to lead a lost world to a merciful God.

The proof of repentance is "worthy fruits."

The forgiving Savior meets the penitent soul.

PRACTICAL QUESTIONS.

What is your best definition of repentance?

How will Jesus "purge his floor?" (V. 17.)

Does repentance include restoration?

## BIBLE SCHOOL.

D. L. Watson.

A postal card about your school will encourage others. Write it on Mondays.

Be enthusiastic with your work.

One good woman could not attend Bible School because she was *too busy*. She has no children.

Our attention has been called to others who attend under difficult cir-

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## DO CREEDS BIND?

D. L. Watson.

Apropos of the subject we have been discussing, it is well to discuss the effectiveness and influence of creeds on the unity of all churches. We have been assailed for placing a restrictive clause or creed in the deed to our church property. Such a clause is frequently criticized, always from the same source. The proposition is this: A congregation gives of its means, accumulates a fund, purchases ground and erects a building. Those who give understand that the methods of work and worship are conducted along well defined lines—so distinct that it clearly indicates the church of Christ from any other religious body. In the course of time, others who took no part in the erection of the building unite with the church and decide that the original policy of the church shall be changed to their opinions of methods of work and worship. Common honesty says that this change shall not be made. But the opinion of some people frequently prevails against what is right, and equity says that must be done. The "creed in the deed" simply states the property shall be used for the purposes which the donors intended it should. This kind of deed then binds property rights. That is its only function, or purpose.

A creed is a formal summary of religious belief. It is used as a means of forcing discipline. Creeds, however, have not produced union among religious bodies but increased or multiplied them. A person who can not subscribe to all the articles of a confession is forced out of this particular church; he therefore writes another formulary of belief and he and his followers establish another sect or denomination. The result of this segregation is that we have, according to the last census, 186 distinct religious bodies, besides the numerous subdivisions of each of these. For instance; the Lutherans have 34 denominations; the Baptist, 16; the Methodist, 15; the Presbyterians, 12. All other religious bodies are more or less subdivided. Creeds then have had the effect of dividing the church instead of uniting it, as the Lord prayed in John 17: 20, 23.

God has left man a free agent. He may accept or reject the Bible as suits him, but there is no doubt but that, sooner or later, the various denominational bodies will become extinct and in their stead will grow *the one church*. —That has that oneness of thought and purpose among all disciples for which Christ prayed. This can not be accomplished until the church is made to be a model of Divine perfection in all its parts and in every detail. The church in every community should strive for this perfection in teaching the Word, preaching the gospel, visiting the sick—providing for the poor and alleviating the suffering of all in need. Not only this the moral and business lives of every Christian should approach as near as possible the standard which the Lord has given us.

When the church reaches this goal then, both those who endorse the creed and those who insist on their *opinion* about God's word will vanish as does the chaff before the wind or the dew before the morning sun.

## THE CRIME OF THE AGES.

D. L. Watson.

For the past several years this country and the world has been shocked by repeated dynamiting of various business concerns which employed non-union labor. These outrages culminated in blowing up the building of the Los Angeles Times, in September, 1910, in which twenty-one lives were sacrificed and the subsequent arrest of the McNamara brothers in Indianapolis. These fiends pleaded innocence. Feeling ran high. All labor unions pronounced their arrest and extradition as an outrage. A defense fund of over $100,000.00 was raised by assessment or contribution among the unions and placed at the disposal of the defense. The case was finally brought to trial, but it dragged heavily in the selection of jury. Finally, after every means of escape was exhausted, these moral degenerates, to save their necks, confessed.

The story is this: The Los Angeles Times was a daily paper, whose owner employed non-union labor. His fight with labor unions had been bitter. The McNamara brothers traveled, almost across the continent with twelve quarts of dynamite in a suit case—placed the explosive in the building—attached the fuse to an alarm clock and a live wire, so when the explosion occured they were sufficiently far away to prove an alabi. Hundreds of thousands of dollars of property were destroyed; twenty-one lives were hurled into eternity;

and a number of widows and orphans were made to weep for those whom they loved. Who committed this premeditated and hellish act? *Those two cowards and moral degenerates! But,* who?

Subsequently, Mr. Darrow the able attorney for the defense was arrested for attempting to bribe a juror. Thirty-two other indictments have been found against accomplices in this and similar crimes. *Who made the plot and furnished the money?*

It is not our purpose to enter into a controversy with either capital or labor in this case; but, there are thousands of honest workmen, who are members of these organizations, that believe that these unions will bring unto them ease, prosperity, peace and contentment. But, they are deceived. There is no organization, nor institution, nor doctrine that is not of God that can give the peace for which they strive and are entitled to. The church of God is capable of filling every human need and supplying every human want. It can do it. It will do it. O ye! my brethren come out from among these alien organizations, put your trust fully in God and make of his church what he expects it to be.

## ACROSS THE SEAS.

John Straiton.

In a letter bearing the date of January 3rd., Bro. E. S. Jelley, Jr. acknowledges the following fellowship received from the South Side Church, Fort Worth, Texas.

Bro. Jelley has been in India since the latter part of last August. The month of September was spent in looking for schoolmasters and for a suitable location. At Belapur, he baptized a young man, of whom he writes, "he is a good young man of clean habits, and he came to Christ, because the love of Christ won him."

"India's population is made up of castes, who do not intermarry, and often refuse to eat from one another hands. * * * An acknowledged superior caste will not eat food prepared by a person of lower caste." Bro. Jelley is at present with the Mahars and the Mangs both of whom are low castes. Should a Maratha or a Brahmin or other high caste be so unfortunate as to touch a Mahar or Mang, like the Pharisees in days of old, he must take a bath in order to be clean.

These low castes will eat oxen which have died and other unslaughtered animals, but they will not eat food which has been defiled by passing through a Christian's hands.

At Kalaware, our brother has a school with sixteen day pupils. These pupils can now sing many Christian hymns, and are studying in the Gospel by Matthew. At Dhawadchi there is another school with twelve pupils.

The famine in India has caused the price of food to become very high—three times as high as it was in the Nizams dominions during the famine of 1908. However no one is starving and crops are still growing though the streams are drying up and the Mang well is almost dry.

Bro. Jelley's present home cost only $28. and needless to say it is not a very substantial structure. The sides are covered with bamboo matting which lets in both the east wind and rain. The result was an attack of neuralgia. A permanent home will not cost less than $200.00. If every sufferer from neuralgia will recall his own anguish and send a five dollar bill to Bro. Jelley he will soon have a better home and the old can be used for a schoolhouse for a while. Sixty to eighty dollars would provide a good schoolroom for this work and double the accomodations.

One of the gods worshipped is Khandoba, which our brother translates as Belzebub, or I suppose in plain English, the Devil. The kind of worship can be better imagined than described. Young women are devoted to this worship and their services are an end of their virtue. When worhsip becomes the worst of evils, how great is the spiritual darkness. We, who live in nominally Christian lands, where vice must hide itself in darkness, can hardly realize the condition of people who call evil, good, and make sin, righteous and worship their gods with unnamable sins. Let us dispel their darkness with the light of the glorious gospel of Christ. (For those who wish to send contributions or write to Bro. Jelley notice his address in our mast head.)


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Trenton, Fla. Jan. 1, 1912

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Henderson, Tenn. Feb. 1, 1912.

I am in a fine meeting here. Over 600 students out of twelve states in the Freed and Hardeman school and every one working till six o'clock. I am sure that this is the greatest school in the brotherhood.—J. D. Tant.

Independence, La., Feb. 4, 1912.

Word and Work is a good paper. Bro. W. J. Johnson is doing a good work here. He is a sound gospel preacher and is worthy of a better support. We consider him the right man in the right place.—R. L. Leard.

Enterprise, Ala.

We have a very good Bible School. A large number of children as well as older people, attend and take great interest in the study of the lessons. Bro. Jones of Ozark, preaches for us once a month.—Miss. Anna Watson.

Zolfo, Fla. Jan. 30., 1912.

I have preached several days at Sweetwater, Fla., and Union, (near this place) with good results. Had a discussion with D. R. Akin, (Materialist or Russellite) of Ft. Myers, which I am sure will silence him here. I am now preaching to good crowds here, just began last night. Bro. J. H. Morton, and Bro. J. H. Peden, were here last night. Bro. Morton will remain a few days and has promised to preach some.—W. H. Sandy.

Doddridge, Ark., Jan. 29, 1912.

We are to have a camp meeting beginning Wednesday night before the 3rd Lord's day in July, 1912. It will continue indefinitely. Bro. Ben West will do the preaching. We will gladly welcome any other Gospel preachers, brethren or sisters, who will help us to point sinners to the Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world; come prepared to camp.—J. N. Thomas, Eldridge Westbrook, F. C. Hicks, elders.

Richardson, Miss, Feb. 4, 1912.

I closed a meeting 9 miles north of this place last Lord's day. Walked 7 miles and back last night to fill appointment at Lauiselle's Mill. So far I have received $1.00 from a sister in Ill., to help support the Gospel here. Brethren,I must have your fellowship if I stay in this destitute field.—G. W. Johnson.

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Bro. J. M. Norwood spent last night with me, he went to Jacinto, Miss., where I preached two discourses last evening and Sunday at eleven. I am to preach at Morton's Chapel next Lord's day, 9 miles West of here. My school closes April the 19th. I shall then begin devoting my entire services to preaching the word, until time to open school again.

I would like to visit or make a trip through Ark., and likely La.

I think that I shall write an artiele once a month if I can possibly do so, for Word and Work,

Your Brother, P. G. Wright.

## A PLAN PROPOSED BY A FRIEND OF THE NEW ORLEANS WORK.

Dear Brother and Co-worker:

I certainly rejoice with you in reducing the debt on your property. After the first great conquest of Canaan and the division of the land of the Lord said, "there remaineth yet very much land to be possessed." So with you New Orleans brethren, there remaineth yet a very great debt, the conquest of which is only begun—too great indeed to be subdued by sallying forth now and then. It will take a constant, systematic and prayerful campaign. Friends of the cause should plan a regular systematic giving for 1912 to be given to this work.

Plans are more easily gotten, perhaps, than money. You have a plan for the larger donors but have left the smaller ones without a working system. Let me suggest a plan which I believe will be appreciated by many friends of the work with limited means.

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My wife and I decided at the first of this year to give, at least this much to the New Orleans work—I have brought the plan before the congregation here and am doing my best to get others to join me. I have felt the need of some such card as I have herewith proposed. The plan is only suggestive—I think that with such large and prosperous brotherhood from which to draw, it would be a modest request to ask for 1000 penny-a-day pledges for the year. This would be easily paid and the aggregate would be no mean sum—$3660.00.

The New Orleans work is worthy—it can be relieved of indebtedness in 1912. It must have our contributions and prayers—Trusting that from these suggestions you may be able to draw up a plan to interest and enlist many in the work.

I am your brother,

Chas. Neal.

Bro. Neal is not a theorist as he sends $7.47 of the amount asknowledged in this issue under "Help New Orleans." This in addition to $25.00 raised by him at Dugger in December. Are pennies worth saving? A church of a hundred members at a penny-a-day would give $366.00 in a year. Two hundred and seventy-five members would give $1000.00. *Save the pennies.*

I reached San Francisco, Dec. 30, 1911. Visited my sister and her husband whom I had not seen for over sixteen years. I preached for the congregation in this city on Lord's day. Bro. Max Longpaap, a loyal preacher, labors in this city and surrounding country. I went with him on Wednesday to Santa Rosa and visited the office of the Pacific Tidings. Bro. Love and his earnest Christian wife


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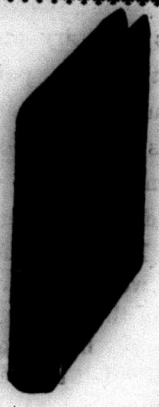
are doing an excellent work here. Also met several young preachers at this place. On Thursday I went to Ferretville, where I held a ten days meeting. We had good and attentive audiences. This is one of the oldest congregations in the state. They have a number of noble and earnest friends of our Master who are striving to do a good work. Bro. Geo. Winter, who began preaching about the time I did, labors in this field. I then returned to Santa Rosa to attend the debate between Bro. Love and a Latter Day Saints. It was to continue 14 nights and large crowds were in attendance. I returned to San Francisco on Sunday where I preached. Two were immersed. I will visit other congregations in California and make another report later.—Andrew Perry.

## MISSION WORK IN FLORIDA.

Atmore, Ala., Feb. 9, 1912.

On last Lord's Day, Feb. 4, we closed a grand, good meeting at Ponce DeLeon, Fla., in which we succeeded in establishing the cause of Christ in that place and in smashing what remained of the Presbyterian Church and the "Union Sunday School" by baptizing the leaders of both into the one Body.

We arrived at Ponce DeLeon on Wednesday evening, January 24, and found Bro. B. C. Young already at work with a good interest. We began our work on Thursday night, Bro. Young left us Friday morning. The preaching was done in the school house. We conducted a Bible reading in the daytime at the home of Brother J. L. King. In a day or two the people were carrying their Bibles from house to house searching the scriptures. One night after the preaching, The Presbyterian School Commissioner arose and asked that the Bible Reading be moved to the school house for the benefit of the pupils. The proposal met with unanimous approval and the next day we went to the school house. The professor was one of the most interested pupils of the reading and was the first to come forward to make the good

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confession. He was followed by the Presbyterian leader and Supt. of the Sunday School. This seemed to arouse the preachers and the first opposition begun, but the truth had gained its foothold and its was impossible to turn the people away from it as they were reading for themselves. A young Methodist preacher just out of college came, or was sent for, for the evident purpose of taking us down, but after coming twice, stated, in the presence of a number of witnesses that we preached nothing but the truth and that no one could meet it and said that we would soon take the community. We believe that he himself will soon obey the Gospel. At least he invited us to preach in their house.

A number of the colored people came out and expressed a desire to have us preach for them. We expect to go back to this place as soon as possible, at which time we hope to baptize many more. Questions came so fast that we were obliged to have two special services of about an hour and a half each for the purpose of answering. All answers were read from the book.

We outlined our Bible lessons from Bro. Smith's "OUTLINES OF BIBLE STUDY," and a number have ordered copies of the same, also have ordered copies of Bro. Nichols "POCKET BIBLE ENCYCLOPEDIA," so all are well armed.

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Striving for the faith of the gospel,

M. E. Pennell.

Our readers will remember that Bro. Pennell was highly recommended in a recent issue of Word and Work by his home congregation. There are two points to be considered. 1. Let some congregation send his family to him. 2 There are a number of small congregations and many isolated Christians in that region. Let each one pledge a given amount for the work for this year. Whatever is lacking must be supplied by some congregation. Now, brethren let us have a card from all of you by return mail. Then we will find help for you if you need it.

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## The True Church of Christ.

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week, and partake of the Lord's supper. They should be taught the importance of these services and the duty they owe to God, and themselves. Wherever they are they must remember that if we keep his commandments he'll abide in us. "The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed." (Ist. Peter. 5: 12.) It seems that Peter was an elder and was exhorting the elders in these places in which he was located. He was an elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ and also a partaker of the glory of Christ. Peter exhorted them to feed the flock which was among them taking the oversight thereof. Not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre; but of a ready mind.

We find by closely studying the Bible that few are really prepared to fill an elder's place. In the majority of cases the younger are willing to be subject to the elders.

Let us suggest, where there are no members prepared to fill an elder's place, let them go right ahead with the work and build up the cause as best they can. In due time all things will come out all right. Before we can build up as God directs we must study the Bible closely and find what He would have us do. In fact we cannot do our duty as Christians unless we study. We must be zealous in His work. Unless we humble ourselves to the teaching of God's word we cannot be as God would have us. The work of the church is a grand and glorious one, and one in which we can be very happy if we have the true spirit of Christ and do the work willingly and well. "Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies and all evil speakings. As new born babes desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby." If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious. How beautiful are these words! Here we find we have to lay aside all malice, and all guile, hypocrisies, envies, evil speakings in order to become good and upright members of the true church.

There must not be any of these evil things dwelling in us. We must be as new born babes—desiring to know the word of God, seeking after knowledge.

If we are not growing in grace we are going backward; therefore we must be living stones, that the church of God may be built up as a spiritual building of God and not man.

We are then a holy priesthood and prepared to offered up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God by Jesus Christ. God has placed Jesus Christ as our mediator to make intercessions for us. Think he ever liveth to make intercession for us! The one who turns his ear away from the teachings and plans of Christ will not find an entrance into the holy city. Christ is our God and our exceeding great reward. We must follow in his footsteps day by day in order to enter that heavenly kingdom.

We find that Peter preached to the multitudes. Then they that gladly received the word were baptized; and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls, and they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers. And fear came upon every soul; and many signs and wonders were done by the apostles. And all that were together had all things common, and sold their possessions and goods and parted them to all men as every man had need. And they, continued daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, praising God, and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church such as should be saved. This is he that was in the church in the wilderness, with the angel which spake to him in Mount Sinai and with our Fathers; Who received the living ora-

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