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Nothing is quite so strong as gentleness;
Anger is broken by its kindly ray,
And all the troubles that perplex the day
Die out and vanish under its caress.
A smile will win what cunning cannot gain,
A soft word sounds through harsh discordant din,
Bringing a sense of peace to banish sin,
And balm that heals the wounds and stills the pain.
The magic that a gentle touch can bring—
Cool fingers on a hot and fevered head—
Is more than tongue can tell or words can sing,
It brings us rest when all our joys have fled.
True strength is gentleness, and through its power
Life bears the rose of love, its fairest flower.

EDITORIAL

BEAUTY.

Beauty is a touch of Heaven—seen on earth, Love of beautiful is found in every normal human. Beauty has been classified into three kinds: physical, mental, moral. These are delightful qualities, in order, rising higher and higher in ascending degrees of beauty. A contemporary writer says: moral beauty, through the Christian system, is the “pearl of great price.” In this happy state the enlightened mind becomes the master, secures the sceptre, and takes his seat upon the throne. He who can grapple with passion, kill pride, subdue hatred and defeat envy, is a greater hero than the profane general who conquers a world. Moral beauty never falters, frowns or fades; but broadens, blooms and brightens as the days go by. It not only shines, but glows and sparkles until oppressing forces melt in the clouds of peace. It makes home pleasant, multiplies friends, scatters enemies, gladdens the world, plants the seeds of love and garners the fruit of happiness. It does all this and more: it makes the eye sparkle, the cheek rosy, the step light and the voice musical, in the midst of a sin-scarred, pain-palsied and death-doomed earth. It begets humility and not pride, love and not hatred, peace and not war; it insures reward for faithful service, quiets the soul in the night of death, and cheers the wayworn traveller quitting the shores of time. The Sun in its physical beauty looks glorious, but its hidden virtue makes the flowers bloom, the trees grow, the birds sing, and holds the earth from going astray.

But Beauty is not exhausted in this classification of three kinds. I think we may extend the classification to embrace a fourth and fifth, less extolled, but not less important kinds.

Fourth: SPIRITUAL BEAUTY.

“O Zion! Put on thy beautiful garments;” “Clothed with humility;” the beautiful white “Robe of Righteousness;” the “Ornament of a meek and quiet spirit,” which is so beautiful that God values it at a “great price.” “He will beautify the meek with salvation.” “Strength and beauty are in His sanctuary.” This is not paint or stained glass; but the “Beauty of Holiness,” manifested by those

“Born of the Spirit,” “Having the Spirit of Christ,” who “Live in the Spirit,” who are “Led by the Spirit,” “Walking in the Spirit,” “Fervent in Spirit,” “Standing fast in one Spirit,” “In the fellowship of the Spirit,” in “Sanctification of the Spirit,” and bearing the “Fruit of the Spirit,” which is “Love, Joy, Peace, Longsuffering, Gentleness, Goodness, Faith, Meekness, Temperance.” O, this is Beauty, tinted touches from the Master-Artist’s hand—to embellish his chosen vessels here below.

Fifth: The BEAUTY OF GOOD WORKS.

For want of a better name I was going to call it Industrial Beauty; or the Beauty of Service. “I will...that women adorn themselves...with good works.” Ah! here is a kind of adornment of beauty most valuable and most of all admirable. Any and all other kinds of beauty that do not lead up to and culminate in this are like blooming trees that never bear. Trees may be symmetrically beautiful, beautiful in foliage, bloom beautifully, but if the husbandman never finds them, at fruit time, beautifully laden with beautiful fruit, he is not well pleased, and says “cut it down, why cumbereth it the ground.” There is never a sight in our orchards so beautiful as the tree beautifully laden with ripe fruit. This is equally true in God’s orchard. God is not only pleased, but he is “glorified” with this kind of beauty (John 15:8).

We have a specimen of this kind of beauty delineated in the case of Tabitha or Dorcas, a disciple of Joppa: “This woman was full of good works and alms-deeds which she did.” But she sickened and died; and the “coats and garments,” which she had made for the poor, were shown by her weeping friends. But her extraordinary beauty was so pleasing to God, that she was made one of the favored few whose life was immediately restored. “Pretty IS that pretty DOES,” is a maxim which belongs to this class of beauty. It is in itself beautifully replete with truth. When the shadow of Florence Nightingale fell on the wounded soldier’s pillow in the hospital at Scutari, he kissed and blessed it because of the beautiful life lived only to bring help and healing to others.

The most beautiful transaction that ever transpired, in all time—and we may safely say in all eternity, was the gift of God’s Son to save sinners. On our part the greatest beauty is the life of toil and self-sacrifice in giving this Gospel of salvation to perishing men. “How BEAUTIFUL upon the mountains are the feet of him that

bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation."

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We must wake up, or Paul will not only be "afraid" of us, but Christ will be "ashamed" of us—when he cometh in the glory of His Father with the holy angels.

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Bro. Roy Loney has in some of our exchanges a very excellent discourse—not only excellent, but much needed—on the "Mission of the Church." We gladly aid in broadcasting this timely correction of retrograde tendencies already becoming prevalent among the Churches, and of encouragement to the proper development of christian activity on the part of the membership.

J. C. McQUIDDY.

When Elijah went up, there was at hand an Elisha, ready prepared and waiting to receive his falling mantle, and a double portion of his spirit. Since Bro. McQuiddy has passed beyond the danger of being affected for good or ill, by anything that may be, either derogatively or flatteringly said about him, it may now be in order to institute some comparison between him and his prototype Elijah.

Let us note, in the first place, that both these great men lived and labored in times when the Lord's people had very largely gone into digression. In Elijah's day the larger part of God's people, Israel, had digressed from his appointed worship and service. They forsook His appointments, and changed and introduced corruptions into the worship. They substituted and even worshipped inventions of their own, and the workmanship of their own hands. They persecuted and killed those who remained loyal to God.

In the time of McQuiddy's active career, large numbers of the disciples of the Lord had also gone into digression. They had departed very seriously from the Divine simplicity of apostolic worship, doctrine and practice. They had polluted the Sanctuary of the Most High, and corrupted His own appointed worship, with their own devices and the work of their own hands. The wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all such unrighteousness. Elijah contended against those old-time digressives, and for the true wor-

ship and service of the true God, and was persecuted and chased out of the country for so doing.

McQuiddy, likewise contended against the present day digression, and for the pure, simple, unadulterated and Divinely appointed worship, and for the whole apostolic and uncorrupted doctrine and practice of Christianity, as taught in the Word of God, who "has in these last days spoken to us by his Son."

In one particular, McQuiddy, perhaps, has beaten Elijah. He never ran away from a woman. He was never scared by any Jezebel or Ahab, into a fifty days' race to find a hiding place in a hole among the rocks in the Arabian desert.

In another respect, too, I am not sure but McQuiddy has the advantage over Elijah. There were in the Kingdom of Israel with Elijah, seven thousand loyal followers of God; a mere handful compared with hundreds of thousands of digressives. This number, so far as we know, was not largely increased, nor the tide of digression materially stayed, by Elijah's labors. Digression continued till it culminated in the destruction of the nation. The labors of McQuiddy, and his immediate associates, have been successful in stemming the flood of innovation and digression, which was sweeping over the churches. Amazing evidence of this is found in the predominance of loyal churches in the region of the great States surrounding the seat of his activities; and in the forty loyal churches in his small home city of Nashville; and in the surprisingly large proportional gains, of late years, in the loyal brotherhood.

But now, as OUR Elijah's mantle falls, is there any Elisha standing ready to receive it with a double portion of his spirit? We hope—and God grant it may be so.

OUR QUESTION BOX.

Question—What is the gift of God?

Answer—There are a plurality of Gifts of God.

"He led captivity captive, and gave GIFTS unto men." Of each one of these gifts it may be said "It is the gift of God," as was said of salvation in the passage, "by grace are ye SAVED through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God." Jesus, our Saviour, is the gift of God, who "so loved the world that He gave His

only begotten Son, that we might not perish, but have everlasting life."

Eternal life, itself, is the gift of God; for "the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Holy Spirit is the gift of God, to them that obey Him, as we read in repeated statements of the Word.

These are some of God's gifts—his chief and best gifts to men.

But there are still others: "He that spared not His Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us ALL THINGS?" "All things are for your sakes," and "All things ARE yours—and ye are Christ's, and Christ's God's."

But is there not a special gift so pre-eminent above all others that it is spoken of as THE "unspeakable gift?"

Yes, there is, and Paul, in using that expression applies it to the Grace of God, the "exceeding grace of God." "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift."

But how could grace as a gift have preeminence over all others of God's gifts, including his own Son?

Only in that God's grace is inclusive of all His gifts, even His own Son. They all originate from and flow to us through the channel of God's grace. And so God's grace may be called the unspeakable gift—THE gift of God, because it embraces and includes and prompts all of His gifts.

A PECULIAR PEOPLE.

And Moses went up unto God, and the Lord called unto him out of the mountain, saying, Thus shalt thou say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel: ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bare you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto myself. Now therefore, if ye obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a *peculiar treasure* unto me above all people; for all the earth is mine; and ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel (Ex. 19:3-6.)

But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a *peculiar people*; that ye should show forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light; which in

time past were not a people, but are now the people of God (1 Peter 2:9, 10.)

Ye are the children of the Lord your God; ye shall not cut yourselves nor make any baldness between your eyes for the dead; for thou art an holy people unto the Lord thy God, and the Lord hath chosen thee to be a *peculiar people* unto himself, above all nations that are upon the earth (Deut. 14:1, 2).

The Lord hath chosen Israel for his *peculiar treasure* (Ps. 135:4)

Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a *peculiar people*, zealous of good works (Tit. 2:13, 15.)

It is conclusive, from these utterances of God, that he has never been, in any dispensation, pleased with his people in apeing and following the ways and fashions of the world. But look into the churches of the land, or watch the daily walk of those who profess to be followers of Christ, and note how much—or how little, is peculiar. How many seem to be rushing willingly, eagerly, along with the gay and godless swim of the world, and in whom any marks of a peculiar people are invisible.

Christians—and none else, are, in this dispensation, "the people of God, (1 Pet., 2:10). They are, and essentially must be, a peculiar people (1 Pet., 2:9). If Christians cease to be a peculiar people, they are no longer Christians, and disowned as the people of God.

But let us see in what particulars these people are peculiar. These particulars do not pertain largely to the physical man. They are not notably whiter in complexion, or taller in stature. They are, though, generally, of a more wholesome and happy countenance. The joy and peace of the redeemed soul radiates from the happy heart and glows in the smiling face.

1. They are peculiar in

NAME,

in being called by the Name of the Lord.

The Lord's people, even in the former dispensation, were "called by the name of the Lord" (Num., 6:27; 2 Chron., 7:14). Also Deut. 28:10, and Jer. 14:9).

Isaiah, looking forward to the coming salvation, and the "Redeemed of the Lord," says they "shall be called by a new name, which the mouth of the Lord shall name" (Isa. 62:2). "And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch" (Acts 11:26). This is the

"New Name," which the mouth of the Lord named first in Antioch. Those who wear this name wear the name of Christ and honor Him. The church, as the bride of Christ, should wear *His Name*. For the bride to wear some *other* name than that of her husband, it to be untrue to her husband and dishonor him. She should wear his name, and no other.

2. These people are a peculiar people in that they are

A PURIFIED PEOPLE.

"Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; that he might *sanctify and cleanse* it with the washing of water by the word, that he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle, or any such thing; but it should be holy and without blemish" (Eph. 5:25-27). "Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and *purify* unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works" (Tit., 2:14). "Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? Or who shall stand in his holy place?" And the answer returns: "He that hath clean hands and a *pure heart*; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully. He shall receive the blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of His salvation" (Ps. 24:3-5).

"Ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth." "If we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son, cleanseth us from all sin."

"Holiness (purity) without which no man shall see the Lord."

"Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and of the spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God." These people are those who have "washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb." They shall walk in the light of that celestial city, wherein there shall "by no means enter anything that defileth or worketh abomination, or maketh a lie."

3. These people are peculiar in being

A SEPARATED PEOPLE.

The Lord's people in the olden time were a separated people: "I am the Lord your God, which have separated you from other people" (Lev., 20:24). "For thou didst separate them from among all the people of the earth, to be thine inheritance" (1 Kings, 8:53).

"What agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are

the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore, come out from among them, *and be ye separate*, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean, and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty" (2 Cor., 6:16-18). These people copy the peculiarities of their Exemplar, who is "holy, harmless, undefiled, *separated from sinners*, and made higher than the heavens" (Heb. 7:26).

4. These are a peculiar people in that they are

"ZEALOUS OF GOOD WORKS."

Christ "loved us and gave himself for us, that He might redeem us from all iniquity and purify unto himself a peculiar people *zealous of good works*" (1 Tit., 2:14). O, what a lovely peculiarity is this: "zealous of good works;" "zealously affected always in a good thing;" "abounding in every good work," "fruitful in every good work," "established in every good work," "diligently following every good work," "prepared unto every good work," "ready to every good work," "adorned with good works," "rich in good works," "thoroughly furnished unto all good works," "a pattern in good works," "careful to maintain good works," "perfect in every good work," "provoking (stimulating) others to good works," "glorifying God by good works."

Wherever christianity prevails, and these peculiar people dwell, is found abounding the beneficent fruits of this peculiarity of this peculiar people.

5. These are a peculiar people in that they are a

HAPPY AND REJOICING PEOPLE.

Christianity—the Gospel of Christ, has a peculiarity, a power found no where else; it enables its followers to "live rejoicing every day;" to rejoice even "in tribulation;" to be "always rejoicing." "In whom, though now we see him not, yet believing, we rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory." "Rejoicing in hope of the glory of God." Not only that we shall behold, but that we shall be "partakers of His Glory."

O, what a valuable possession—what a precious treasure is this, which we have found in the Gospel of Christ! This heavenly gift, this priceless treasure, we have in earthen vessels. This Gospel, these "glad tidings of great joy to all people" "have come to us; this

Gospel of gladness is now preached—and "I therein do rejoice, yea, will rejoice."

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PARAGRAPHS.

POINTED, PITHY, PRACTICAL AND PUNGENT.

By H. M. EVANS.

We have recently received circulars from "The American Institute of Sacred Literature," of Chicago, Ill., offering correspondence courses in "The Religion of the Bible," and kindred subjects. We call the attention of our readers to the fact that this institution belongs to the "New Thought," or higher critic school from which they hope to spread their infidelity which they call "Modernism." Among the teachers and text books in this School we find the names of such infidels as Harry E. Fosdick, Herbert L. Willett, Edgar J. Goodspeed and many others who are straining every nerve to "overthrow" the faith in the Bible. Where evolution and the Bible conflict right away is given to evolution, and the Bible discarded. We advise our readers to have nothing to do with either these infidels, or their school.

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This Edgar J. Goodspeed, already referred to, is the author of a new translation of the New Testament. This translation, coming as it does from an infidel, is without doubt, a dangerous book to read, for if there is a shade of a shadow of a chance he will, of course, give the original Greek the infidel coloring of "Modernism;" this would only be the natural procedure for this Modern Anti-Christ to

follow. To overthrow faith in the Book of books—God's Book—the Bible is the unquestioned determination of these Satanic professors of this so-called "Institute of Sacred Literature." Darwin, Huxley, Spencer, et al, with their evolution theory and monkey-man doctrine, is called by one scientist, the "Anti-Genesis." To "Anti" Genesis is to "Anti" the whole Bible. We advise our readers to give all these fellows a wide berth.

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Two of our young ladies left for the Normal School in Hamilton, today. Thus our children leave the parental home one by one, to begin the struggle for themselves. Parents may look back upon the child life of their offspring, with either pleasure or regret, according to the manner in which they have discharged their duties to their children. Home life at Mother's knee is really the beginning of the child's education. Great are the responsibilities of the parent during the home life of the child.

Away from home, the tempter may say, "What the old folks don't know will not hurt them," and in spite of early training Satan wins, and mother's and father's tears and prayers are forgotten. Is it possible that a boy or girl can be led to go contrary to the parents' wishes, and thus, if their sins are discovered, bring their hoary heads down in sorrow to the grave? Such sometimes occurs. My dear son, or daughter, did Satan win the fight with you? Could you conscientiously do behind your mother's back what you would not do before her face? If you could, do you really love her? "Be sure your sins will find you out," is the warning of an inspired prophet. "The lust of the eye, the lust of the flesh and the pride of life is not of the Father, but is of the world."—I Jno. 2:16.

Remember, REVELLERS shall not enter the kingdom of God—Gal. 5:19-21. "Whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap."

—Gal. 6:7-9.

My young friend, "God is not mocked."

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D. M. Panton, Editor of an English Magazine, says, "If every man of Science on the globe rejected Christ, not one iota of The Faith would be affected, not one splinter of the rock beneath us would quiver, not one atom of the glory of Christ that shall one day flood the world would be quenched; all mankind together could never make us UNKNOWN what we KNOW." Prof. Hegard, of the University of Copenhagen, once a leader of Atheism, also says in the

Preface to the last edition of his Works: "The experiences of life, its sufferings and griefs, have shaken my soul and broken the foundation upon which I formerly thought I could build. Full of faith in the sufficiency of science, I thought to have found in it a sure refuge from all the contingency of life. The illusion is vanished; when the tempest came which plunged me in sorrow, the moorings, the cable of science broke like thread. Then I seized upon that help which many before me have laid hold of. I sought and found peace in God."

Selkirk, Ont., Sept. 23rd.

GOOD OR BAD TEACHERS OR LEADERS.

S. WHITFIELD.

The importance of having good and loyal leaders in the Lord's work is not realized and appreciated as it should be. Churches do not give this matter the attention and consideration that should be given to it. There is sure to be trouble in the Churches when this question is neglected.

The Lord's people cannot rise above their teachers. When we have good teachers we do very well; but when we have bad teachers we do not do so well. Our teachers and leaders have a wonderful influence over our lives either for good or evil.

Any one who has observed the influence of the Kings of Israel over their subjects, will see that this question is important. When Israel had good kings the people were very good; but during the days of bad kings the people wandered far away from the truth and from God.

"Now the days of David drew nigh that he should die, and he charged Solomon, his son, saying, I go the way of all the earth; be thou strong therefore, and show thyself a man; and keep the charge of the Lord thy God, to walk in his ways, to keep his statutes, and his commandments, and his judgments, and his testimonies, as it is written in the law of Moses, that thou mayest prosper in all that thou doest, and withersoever thou turnest thyself." (1 Kings 2:1-3.) David was the best king of Israel; and from this charge that he gave his son Solomon, we can easily see that he realized the importance of good leaders; but Solomon was not true to the charge, and his sin and departure led to division in Israel.

Jeroboam perverted the worship that was ordained by God, and

he made Israel sin. He set the wicked example before the people, and they walked in it. The same is true now, and always will be. Conditions are much the same in all ages of the world.

Churches are responsible for the preachers that they have to teach them; and when they have a certain man to preach for them other churches are likely to have him too. Brethren and churches should be careful as to whom they recommend.

"Wherefore, I take you to record this day that I am pure from the blood of all men. For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God." (Acts 20: 26, 27.)

Paul was pure from the blood of all men because he taught just what men needed, regardless of whether they were pleased with it or not. I am afraid that too many preachers are anxious to please the people, and, therefore, do not teach all that should be taught. Paul taught all the counsel of God, and we should try to do the same. The truth of God is what people need to hear, and we need men who are not afraid to preach it. Of course, the truth should be taught in the spirit of Christ, and we must use our best judgment in teaching it. Paul said that if he sought to please men that he would not be the servant of Christ. The great object we should have before us is to please God by doing His will.

While Paul lived he kept back the tide of error by his strong teaching. He warned the people night and day of false teachers and the great errors that were before the Church and the world at that time. He was interested in all the Churches, and wanted them to prosper in the Lord's work. The church and the world need men now like Paul. Let us pray for such workers.

I am afraid that too many of the people who call themselves disciples of Christ are more anxious to have a preacher who can please the people than they are to have one who is loyal to the truth of God and is not afraid to tell just what the Bible teaches. If we get too anxious to please, we will soon wish to be like other people as fleshly Israel was when they asked for a King. The world will always need the word of God in its purity and simplicity. We should preach the word of God without adding to it, taking from it, or changing it in any way. We should not wish to be popular, but humble servants of the Cross of Christ. The plea of the Bible alone, is what the world and Church need, and if we do not preach it, who will? There is a place for true and loyal disciples of Christ, and always will be; but if we wish to be popular and please the world, we will

soon cease to be that peculiar people who delight to do God's will.

The more numerous disciples of Christ become the more likely we are to depart from the good way of the Lord. The more numerous we get the greater danger there is of wishing to be like others. As long as we are despised, rejected, and persecuted, it is not so hard to keep us in our place, but when we get numerous, the religious world begins to look upon us as they do other religious people, then our trouble begins. We need to pray to the Lord to keep us humble, and willing to walk in the narrow path that leads to eternal life.

"Woe be unto the pastors that destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture;" saith the Lord. Therefore, thus saith the Lord God of Israel, against the pastors that feed my people; ye have scattered my flock, and driven them away, and have not visited them; behold, I will visit upon you the evil of your doings, said the Lord." (Jer. 23:1, 2.)

Paul said of Timothy, that he had no one like-minded who would care for the real welfare of the Church, for all seek their own interest. How different Timothy was from these pastors! There have always been lots of false teachers, but true teachers of God have always been scarce. While Jesus was in the world the Gospel was preached to the poor. If there ever was a day when the world and the Church needed faithful and true men as preachers and leaders, surely it is now.

OUR CONTRIBUTORS

THE BIBLE.

The Bible is by far the best of all books. It tells the story of creation and the fall of man. It tells of kindred tongues and peoples, tribes and nations. It tells of law, justice and mercy; and warns the weary ones of earth of the danger there is in living without God. It points men to life beyond the grave, and tells of the realm of the blessed, and of joys that are immortal in a land of beauty and of rest, in the Home of the Soul; and it speaks to us of God and of the Angels, of Light in Glory brighter than the rising or the setting of

the Sun; and of rivers of living waters, flowing from the throne of God, and the Lamb; and of the City of God, the new Jerusalem coming down from God out of Heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband; having the glory of God and her light, like unto a stone most precious. Wonderful! Wonderful! are the ways of God. This Book reveals to us the Laws of God to his people Israel, and their history down to the close of the Mosaic age. It tells us of great and mighty princes and peoples of earth, who worshipped not the God of Heaven but the creation of their own hands. Nations long perished and their altars lost or buried in the sands, and whose fires long since have ceased to burn. Such is the way of them. But our God liveth and is kind and merciful to all who will obey the Gospel and take refuge in the Cross. The banner of our Lord, and sheltered beneath the blood once shed as an offering for the sins of His people will be safe in the everlasting arms and amidst the scenes of burning elements and tumbling worlds, they will find a place safe from harm in the everlasting abode which Christ has gone to prepare for those that are His.

Have you ever given a thought to what the Christ has done for you? Why are you living today? Is it not that God has given you ways and means to provide for the wants of the body? Who makes the earth gender and bring forth substance for the food of man? Who gives you water to drink and air to breath? Who made the intricate parts of the body, and who designed the working of the brain?

Surely the Book of God is marvellous when it tells us all these things. But know this, oh mortal man, that every drop of blood that fell from the Saviour's body, or His hands, or His head, or His feet, while hanging on the Cross, was so much given to redeem you and me and every man of the race of Adam from eternal death, and to win them back to God. Life and death stand before you; and the man of God has said, choose ye this day whom ye will serve. Which will you take, Jesus, the man of sorrows and everlasting life with the redeemed, or will you choose the world with its pomp and giddy splendor, that like a mirrage that soon fades away? And the cold hand of death will reach out to you and say come to me. Sorrow and anguish will be yours. Your day of grace has gone by and passed—forever. Can it be?

Will you continue in sin, setting at naught a Saviour who died to redeem you? One who loves you, gave himself for you, and who

says, come unto me; will you reject the offered mercy? Oh that God will open the blind eyes.

Now is the accepted time, now is the day of Salvation.

VINCENT LIGHTHEART,
West Hamilton, Ont.

MODEL CHURCH.

RENFREW, Ky., Sept. 5.—While at Willlow Grove, Tenn., I had the pleasure of visiting the Church of Christ at Rock Springs, Tenn. This congregation has a church book one hundred and four years old. The book is headed, "Church of Christ." There was an older church book, but it has been destroyed. This Church of Christ is at least one hundred and twenty-five years old. "Raccoon" John Smith once preached there. No one but loyal gospel preachers have ever preached there. There has never been any innovations, and it can be called the true pattern of the Church at Philadelphia. (Rev. 3:7-13). This Church meets on the first day of the week the year round. I was told by the old members that during the dark and bloody days of the Civil War the Church did not fail to meet each "first day of the week." What a wonderful record! I am sure that the recording angel rejoiced while recording the deeds of this true Church of the First-born. This congregation is located in the foothills of the Cumberland Mountains of Kentucky and Tennessee. The members of the congregation are industrious, yet simple, God-loving and God-fearing people. They have never caught the mad spirit of money-making, but, having food and raiment, they are content. God help us ministers of the Church of Christ to labor earnestly to build up our congregations so that their history may be such as the history of the Church of Christ at Rock Springs.

"For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind." (II Timothy 1:7.)

"What purpose has the King of Saints in view?
Why falls the Gospel like a gracious dew?
To call up plenty from the teeming earth,
Or curse the desert with a tenfold dearth?
Is it that Adam's offspring may be saved

From servile fear or be the more enslaved?
To loose the links that gall'd mankind before,
Or bind them faster on, and add still more?
The freeborn Christian has no chains to prove,
Or if a chain, the golden one of love;
No fear attends to quench his glowing fires,
What fear he feels his gratitude inspires.
Shall he for such deliv'rance freely wrought,
Recompense ill? He trembles at the thought:
His master's int'rest and his own combined,
Prompt ev'ry movement of his heart and mind;
Thought, word, and deed, his liberty evince,
His freedom is the freedom of a prince."

NEWS AND CORRESPONDENCE

GREAT BRITAIN.

Latest reports show the following additions to the Churches:

Lake Street, Birmingham	23
Moseley Road, Birmingham	1
Twynholm, London	3
Netherfield	3
South Wigston	7
Stackford	1
Gatehead	1
Chorley	1
Sunday School Scholars during year	478

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UNITED STATES.

The Gospel Advocate's one week reports, Sept. 10th, aggregate 691 additions to the Churches, and the next week, Sept. 17th, 748 additions.

RETURNING DIGRESSIVES.

Reported by W. D. Bills: 44 additions, 2 from the Digressives
 Reported by A. S. Reynolds, .. 12 2 " " "
 Reported by W. M. Oakley .. 34 20 " " "
 Reported by John B. Hardman 27 7 " " "

NEW CONGREGATIONS AND CHURCH HOUSES.

A new congregation of 40 established in Overton Co., Tenn., reported by W. M. Oakley. Congregations of 40 organized at Harri- man, Tenn. F. B. Srygley, in the beginning of his Mission to the Northwest, reports 9 additions at Great Divide, Col., with prospects of establishing a congregation. New church houses at Harriman, Tenn., Hampton, Va., Gadsden, Tenn., with preparations for many others.

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DIGRESSIVES RETURNING.

Mt. Juliet, Tenn., Sept. 17th, 1924.

I have been very busy this season in protracted meetings, and will not get through before Nov. 5th. I just closed a great meeting at Nicholasville, Ky.; in the blue grass region of that state, and near Lexington, Ky., right in the hot-bed of the radicals of the Christian Church. We had about twelve from the Digressives in the meet- ing mentioned above, and set to work a scriptural church.

Command me when I can serve you.

Fraternally,

J. L. HINES.

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Thessalon, R. 2, Sept. 22nd, 1924.

To the Christian Monthly Review.

DEAR BROTHER MACDOUGALL:

We are glad to report another baptism. We have commenced a Wednesday Night meeting, in which we have the subject announced the week before, and all have opportunity to study and speak on it, the sisters write essays and read them or get someone to read it for them, and at our last meeting one woman came forward and made the good confession and was baptized on Lord's Day morning.

I was well pleased with the way you answered my question in your last number, it seems to me that the Churches should be a train- ing school; that preachers should go out from the Church: be sup-

ported by the Church. It is not right, nor is it fair for young men to go out in the Gospel field without being trained at home where they can be under discipline and be taught "The whole Counsel of God" and "learn not to go beyond the things that are written." It seems to me that a careful study of Eph. 3:10,11, would be in order.

T. W. BAILEY.

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Dickinson, Pa., Sept. 15th, 1924.

DEAR BROTHER MACDOUGALL:

Enclosed find one dollar for renewal of C. M. R. I enjoy the Monthly, and like to read the good news of the Churches in Canada, especially of those we are acquainted with. Hope the good work goes on and all prove loyal to the Master. The world is going on at such a rapid pace, and prophecies are being realized. We know surely, the end is not far off, and it is up to all of us to be wide awake and work harder than ever to save dying souls. The Churches of Christ here seem to be careless and indifferent, and are not doing their duty. We know Bro. S. Whitfield, and enjoy his writings. He lived among us some 20 years ago.

Your Sister in Christ,

MRS. WM. CRAMER.

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GOSPEL MEETINGS.

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Mr. G. E. Claus, of Valdosta, Ga., will preach each night this week except Saturday, at 8.00 o'clock. Sunday, 11.00 a. m. and 7.00 p. m. You and your friends are invited to attend.

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P. S.—Thought you might like to see this. The meetings were held for two weeks ending Sept. 7th, 1924, with one addition.

OLIVER H. BURDETTE.

Arlington, Texas, Sept. 10th, 1924.

Christian Monthly Review.

DEAR BROTHER MACDOUGALL:

Am sending you \$1.00 for renewal of my subscription, and oblige

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I like your magazine wonderful, it keeps up the old book.

OUR EXCHANGES.

God alone giveth the increase, but we must plant and water, that the garden of God may bloom throughout the earth, whence its fragrance may be wafted heavenwards, to the glory of God and the manifold blessing of mankind.—*Dr. W. F. Shearer.*

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OUR BRITISH EXCHANGES.

Two religious Journals are published by Churches or persons connected with churches of Christ in Great Britain. One of these, a worthy successor of the papers long conducted by James Wallis and David King, The Bible Advocate, is a loyal and staunch advocate of apostolic teaching and practice, and maintains unswerving fidelity to the teaching of the New Testament. It is therefore in very full accord with our loyal papers on this side of the water. The sterling integrity and fidelity to the truth, always manifest in this Magazine is most commendable. We love this paper—"for the truth's sake" The other paper alluded to, The Christian Advocate, seemingly conducted, at present at least, by leaders of the Digressive element, we cannot endorse nor commend as either a safe or sound religious journal; but on the contrary, as being more than tinctured with the poorly veiled infidelity, so blatantly flaunted by modern shallow-brained Higher Critics, so-called.

Brethren, we have a very solemn, important and two-fold duty: to "Prove (test) all things," and to "Hold fast that which is good."

VILE MAGAZINES.

It is some relief to know that a few of our big men have the courage to speak out on behalf of pure literature and the present danger from the cheap magazines displayed on every news stand. Judge Ford, of the Supreme Court of New York, recently delivered a lecture in which he denounced the frivolous and destructive character of the majority of cheap magazines on sale. He characterized them as "weak, unmoral, and barren of principle, and fill the empty heads of the readers with the dress and manner of the common harlot."

It is also some relief to know that the Canadian Government has forbidden the entrance to Canada of twenty-eight of the cheap American magazines. The Canadian Government evidently has some concern for the morals of the young, but on this side of the line it seems to be the mighty dollar that rules the day.—*Christian Leader.*

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We should simply take God at His word—that is, believe what he says, do what He commands, become and be what He requires, live as He directs, and trust Him for what He promises; believe what He says because He says it; do what He commands because He commands it; live as He directs because He so directs; and lovingly trust Him for what He promises, because mortal man has never trusted the Lord Almighty in vain.—*T. B. Larimore.*

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SOMETHING THE MATTER WITH HIS RELIGION.

A Brother is responsible for the suggestion (which we heartily endorse) that when a man does not love the Gospel Advocate or the Christian Monthly Review, there is something the matter with his religion.

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The best worship and the most acceptable service is that which proceeds from the heart, whose only desire is to commune with God; from a soul that longs for union with its Creator; from a mind that craves the plain, simple truth, regardless of who does or does not believe it; and from that life that allows the divine will rather than selfish interest to control its daily conduct.—*W. F. Ledlow.*

GOD'S BOOK SUPREME.

One rough-and-ready test of any book is how many readers it has won.

In days when each copy had to be made by hand, scribes multiplied only such works as were in demand. We can judge how far a book is popular by the number of its manuscripts which have come down to us. To take a single example, the plays of Æschylus survive in about fifty manuscripts; but of the New Testament we possess over four thousand Greek manuscripts, more or less complete, besides eight thousand Latin manuscripts of the Vulgate version.

The earliest book to be printed in Europe was the Latin Bible, and one hundred editions of it appeared during the first half century of printing.

The most popular modern English author is Charles Dickens, and it has been computed that, since "Pickwick" appeared, twenty-five million copies of his books have gone out into the world. But during the four years of the World War the Bible Society alone circulated forty million copies of the Scriptures. Since the society was founded, in 1804, it has sent out two hundred and ninety-three million volumes.

One Book is always in constant demand, and far outsells every other volume published. As an American bookseller said: "You may talk as you will of your multitudinous editions of popular novels, but the Bible leads them all, year in and year out."—*British Weekly*.

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DAILY BIBLE READING.

EDITED BY DON CARLOS JAMES.

This little leaflet, made up mainly of quotations from others, is designed to encourage people to read the greatest of all books each day. I shall not now enter into a discussion of why Christians should read the Bible daily. But one reason will be assigned, and that is, BECAUSE IT IS THE BIBLE, God's Word, a revelation from the Creator to the created. The Bible is addressed to man; it concerns him; and it should have careful consideration each day of our lives. That this leaflet may accomplish some good is my sincere desire.—*D. C. J.*

SOME EXPRESSIONS FROM GREAT MEN.

The Bible is the best book in the world.—*John Adams*.

That Book is the rock upon which our Republic rests.—*Andrew Jackson*.

There is a book worth all other books that were ever printed.—*Patrick Henry*.

I account the Scriptures of God to be the most sublime philosophy.—*Sir Isaac Newton*.

There are no songs to be compared with the songs of Zion, no orations equal to those of the prophets, no politics like those which the Scriptures teach.—*John Milton*.

All the wonders of Greek civilization heaped together are less wonderful than is the simple Book of Psalms—the history of the human soul in relation to its Maker.—*William E. Gladstone*.

We plead for a closer and wider and deeper study of the Bible, so that our people may be in fact, as well as in theory, "doers of the Word, and not hearers only."—*Theodore Roosevelt*.

I have read the Bible through many times, and now make it a practice to read it through once a year. It is a book of all others for lawyers as well as divines, and I pity the man who cannot find in it a rich supply of thought and of rules for conduct.—*Daniel Webster*.

Alone it has civilized whole nations. It is the one book that can fully lead forth the richest and deepest and sweetest things in man's nature. Read all other books—philosophy, poetry, history, fiction—but if you would refine the judgment, fertilize the reason, wing the imagination, attain unto the finest womanhood or the sturdiest manhood, read this book reverently and prayerfully, until its truths have dissolved like iron into the blood. If you have no time, make time and read. The Book Daniel Webster placed under his pillow when dying is the book all should carry in the hand while living.—*Newell Dwight Hillis*.

THE BIBLE.

"The Bible, best of books. The perfect gift of heaven. Happy is he who meditateth thereon day and night. Not the gold of Ophir nor the precious things of time compare with it—the oracles of heaven. In them is disclosed the full fountain of everlasting love, the counsel of peace, redeeming grace, the unsearchable riches of Christ. The Bible opens a door of hope into heaven. It banishes despair; it enlivens the drooping spirit; it illuminates the dark valley of the sha-

dow of death, and gives us a view of the holiest of all. To read, to understand, to believe and to practice it—this is salvation, this is life eternal, this the gift of God. Read it devoutly and devoutly practice it; compare things spiritual with things spiritual, and remember the words which you there read will judge you in the last day.”

This book contains—The mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, doom of sinners, and happiness of believers. Its doctrines are holy, its precepts are binding, its histories are true, and its decisions are immutable. Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe, and practice it to be holy. It contains light to direct you, food to support you, and comfort to cheer you. It is the traveller's map, the pilgrim's staff, the pilot's compass, the soldier's sword, and the Christian's charter. Here paradise is restored, heaven opened, and the gates of hell disclosed. Christ is its grand subject, our good its design and the glory of God its end. It should fill the memory, rule the heart and guide the feet. Read it slowly, frequently, prayerfully. It is a mine of wealth, a paradise of glory, and a river of pleasure. It is given you in life, will be open at the judgment, and be remembered forever. It involves the highest responsibility, rewards the greatest labor, and condemns all who trifle with its holy contents.

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If you wish to read the Old Testament through in a year and the New Testament twice, divide the number of pages in the Old Testament by 365, and the number of pages in the New Testament by 182. The quotients will show the number of pages you should read daily to accomplish this important end. I have been reading the Bible through each year in this manner for about thirty years.

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MOTTO: “What manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness.”—(II Peter 3:11.)

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What a rebuke to our ladies did Mexico give recently! A number wanted to cross over the border dressed in men's garments, and the authorities said: “You can't go over.” The ladies protested that they went over our own country that way where they pleased, but the reply came from the Mexican officials: “We can't help that, nor do we dispute it; but you must go back and dress like women.”

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The soul must be filled before it can overflow to others. It must seek God and receive from him if it is not to remain empty or shallow.—*Selected.*

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Sinner friend, you who are out of Christ, will you take warning? God is good and kind, loving and gracious, “not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to a knowledge of the truth.” It is God's prerogative to command; it is man's duty to obey—not only his privilege, but his duty. It has been so all along the line ever since the morning stars first sang together, and will continue to be until the final roll call up yonder, when the dead in Christ shall rise and time shall be no more.—*G. F. M.*

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Show me the books a preacher reads, and I will tell whether or not he is sound in the faith. The mind, like the body, grows on that on which it feeds. When a preacher had rather read the books of David Whitby, Ellen G. White, Charles T. Russell, Swedenberg, or Blackstone, than to read the books of A. Campbell, Benjamin Franklin, David Lipscomb, F. D. Srygley, T. W. Brents, or T. B. Larmore, I know there is something wrong with that preacher. No man can read wrong and preach right.—*J. A.*

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MEAFORD, ONT.—Church meets on Lord's Day at 10 a. m. for Bible Study. At 11 a. m. for Worship; at 11.45 a. m. and 7 p. m. for Preaching; Monday 8 p. m., for Bible Study. Wednesday at 8 p. m., for Prayer and Bible Study. First Lord's Day in each month Business Meeting at 8 p. m.

THORNBURY.—Church at Thornbury meets in the home of W. A. Whitfield, Lord's Day at 10 a. m. for Bible Class, and 11 a. m. for Communion; also every Tuesday at 8 p. m. for Bible Study.

KIRKWOOD ALGOMA, near Thessalon.—Bible Class Lord's Day at 1.30 p. m. Preaching and Breaking Bread at 2.30 p. m. T. W. Bailey, Evangelist.

McRORIE, SASK.—Church meets in Monmawala School-house, at 3 p. m. each Lord's Day. T. W. Banting, Sec.-Treas.

GLENORA, MAN.—Church meets in the Private House of Bro. C. Johnson, on Lord's Day at 3 p. m. for Worship and Breaking of Bread. Sec., Bro. W. W. Adams.

TORONTO (FERN AVENUE)—Lord's Day Services.—Bible School 9.45 a. m. Meeting for Worship 11 a. m. Preaching of the Gospel 7 p. m. Wednesday 8 p. m., meeting for Prayer and Bible Study. Visitors welcome. D. H. Jackson, Evangelist, 78 Marion St.

SELKIRK, ONT.—Church meets Lord's Day at 11 a. m. for Worship and public teaching. 7.30 p. m. for preaching the gospel. H. M. Evans, Evangelist; W. M. Hoover, Clerk.

ESTEVAN, SASK.—Church meets at 1014 Second St., on Lord's Day at 11 a. m., for Bible Study and Worship. At 7.30 p. m. for preaching. Wednesday at 8 p. m. for Bible Study. H. A. Rogers, Evangelist; Thos. Orr, P. O. Box 442, and J. E. Turner, Elders.

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