

The Christian Church.

[The following in reference to the tenets of the Christian church is written by Rev. S. L. Baugher of Needmore.—Ed.]

While driving to one of my appointments on Sunday afternoon, I passed a stranger walking, going the same way that I was. I asked him to get in the buggy and ride. Then we drove on.—Then the stranger asked, Who are you? Well, I am a minister of the Gospel.

Question. To what church do you belong?

Answer. To the Christian church.

Q. Please tell me something about that church.

A. It is a church whose members are supposed to be believers of Christ—Christians.

Q. The name is a very good one, but where did they get it—where did they originate.

A. The church was organized by Jesus Christ.—Matt. 16:18.—They get their name by Divine authority as I will presently show you.

Q. Has your church no other name?

A. None but Christian.

Q. Where did you get that name?

A. That is the question I am always glad to answer. We get that name from the Bible. Read Isaiah 62:2, where the Lord promised to give them a new name when the gentiles should be admitted to the church. Then turn to Acts 10:45, where you will see that the gentiles were admitted. Now, turn to Acts 11:26—the very next chapter—and you will see that the name Christian was given and fulfilled. So this is a Bible name.

Q. What kind of a doctrine do you advocate?

A. Our doctrine is not of man but of God. It is found in the Bible. See II Tim. 3:16.

Q. Who is the founder of your church?

A. Christ and His holy apostles. Read Eph. 2:20

Q. Who is your head and the leader of your church?

A. Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Read Col. 1:18. Eph. 1:22.

Q. What is your mode of fellowship?

A. We fellowship all Christians as brethren.

Q. What about your Communion?

A. It is God's table, and our communion is with all of God's people, of every denomination; for all of God's children have a right at His table.

Q. Have you a creed?

A. We have. The Bible is our only creed.

Q. What is your test of fellowship?

A. Christian character is our only test of fellowship.

Q. Do you believe in the Trinity?

A. No; the word "trinity" is not found in the Holy Bible.

Q. Tell me where the word "trinity" is found.

A. The word "trinity" is found in the Hagerstown almanac.

Q. How old is your church?

A. Nineteen hundred years.

Q. Do you believe in missions?

A. Yes, because Jesus Christ was the first missionary.

Q. I am glad that I have learned of a church that has no leader but Christ, and no name but Christians. Thank you, Reverend, for your kindness; the ride has saved me a muddy walk.—Good bye, and may the Lord bless you.

S. L. BAUGHER.

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"How did you keep your boys from smoking?" I asked a friend from smoking? "I gave them examples in arithmetic," was the reply.

How this could keep three wide awake boys from smoking was an enigma to me until she explained:

"During the long winter evenings James and Charles and Cornelius were always teasing me to give them sums to do. Very frequently I would give them examples like this: If a man should smoke three ten-cent cigars a day how many would he smoke in a year? Or, how long would it take a man to spend \$78.00 for cigars, if he smoked 2 cigars a day?"

"They soon figured up how much the \$109.50 of the man who smoked three cigars a day would gain in ten years at four per cent interest. Then they began to give examples to one another.

"One day Cornelius asked at the table: 'Father, do you know how much money you have smoked up since I was born?'"

"This was rather a hard question for his father to answer, but Cornelius had it all figured out in this way. His father had once said in his hearing that he averaged about five cigars a day, and that the best were none too good for him. As his father did not answer, Cornelius went on: 'Well I gave the sum to Charlie last night and he says you have smoked up \$2,199.00.' And the boy was right. Cornelius was 12 years old: and in that time at the rate of five ten-cent cigars a day, his father had used up that amount of money smoking.

"Charlie was anxious to tell what the interest on the money would amount to at four per cent, but his father stopped him saying, 'My boy, you have told me enough. If I have spent over \$2,000 for cigars in twelve years, it is time I stopped.' He never smoked a cigar after that.

"As the boys grew older and got to work they got into the habit of saving up what they called cigar money, and by the time they were 21 years old, each boy had several hundred dollars in the bank."

It is needless to say that all three of the boys are now successful business men, and that they do not smoke. They have had no money except what they have earned, and they date their success back to the time when their mother began to give them examples on the cigar question.

Early in life James went to California. At this time this was the Mecca of all boyish aspirations as being the place where money was quickly accumulated. Here the lad carried the same thrifty zeal which had characterized him when he began to save up his small earnings at home. His honesty and strict attention to business soon opened a career for him, and in less than ten years he had accumulated thirty thousand dollars. Then came a financial crisis, and James' fortune vanished in a day. In a letter to his mother soon after, he said:

"I am a poor man again, mother, but I have the same hands and head to work with, and I am not discouraged."

Never for a moment did he allow his misfortune to daunt him. "The same hands and head" went right to work again, and James was soon mounting the ladder of success. He gave no thought to the past and its failure, but kept his eyes ever ahead. His pluck and perseverance won the admiration of all.

When asked what he should do if he lost his fortune again, he said: "Begin over again; there is no satisfaction like that which comes from success out of failure."

And this is what he has done all through life. He is now an old man but he never tires of giving the credit of his business success, which has been unusual, to the wise forethought of his mother in teaching her boys not to smoke.

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The Utah-Arizona Boundary.
H. B. Carpenter, a civil engineer who has just completed the survey of the southern line of Utah, says the boundary between that state and Arizona does not cross a foot of cultivated land. It traverses a desert, which is cut up by great canyons that are almost impassable. The length of the line is 277 miles. Landmarks along the line will make it possible for the boundary to be located without any difficulty in the future. Just east of the Colorado river a sandstone butte rises 1,000 feet above the plain, and the very peak of this butte is exactly on the boundary. Mr. Carpenter named the peak State Line butte. Not far from this butte is another which stands 1,300 feet above the plain and was named Tower peak. These two gigantic stones will always be a guide to persons who have enough curiosity to penetrate the desert in search of the state line.

Continuous Performance.
Into an ounce of brandy put a small dose of cocaine, drink the mixture and in ten minutes you will find yourself in the mental and nervous condition which is the normal state of the citizen of Butte, Mont., says the Boston Transcript. Men work in the mines and smelters in three eight hour shifts, and the stores, restaurants, theaters, etc., are regulated accordingly. So the life of Butte is literally a "continuous performance." There is no distinction between night and day. It is glare and hustle all the time, and there are no idle men in Butte.

Big Neck.
The marquis of Salisbury wears the biggest collar in parliament; it is exactly nineteen and a half inches in circumference. The biggest collar in the house of commons encircles the neck of Sir William Harcourt and is eighteen inches around. Sir William designed his own collar, and if it is not a thing of beauty it is expansive and comfortable. The highest collar ever worn in parliament was that which graced the neck of Bobby Spencer; it was four and a half inches in depth.

Jarred the General.
General Fred Grant's son, U. S. III, is at West Point, now a first class man and cadet adjutant. Earlier in his course his father was somewhat anxious about him and wrote to an official of the academy, a contemporary of his own, asking how the lad was getting along. He received this reassuring if somewhat dissembling reply: "You needn't worry. The boy stands higher in everything than you did in anything." The general tells this story himself.

"War's Hideous Din" No More.
Colonel Humbert of the French Colonial artillery asserts in La France Militaire that he has invented an apparatus which can be affixed and adapted to all rifles, pistols, revolvers and cannon of any caliber and which completely does away with the flash, the sound and the smoke. The colonel asserts that the use of his instrument will end by making war an impossibility.

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A Change of Heroes.
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