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MODE OF BAPTISM.

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The ordinance of baptism was corrupted, first, by admitting in-fants to baptism instead of believing sprinkling instead of immerers; and afterwards, by substitut-

Let us attend to the primary meaning of the word "baptize."
The translators of the Bible have
not translated this word at all for what reason may be easily guessed. The word "immerse" would have condemned the general practice of the church prelates of the time. The word "sprinkle" would not have given the sense of the word "baptize," the translators of the Bible left it, therefore, as they found it in the orig-inal. The abettors of sprinkling inal. The abettors of sprinkling have availed themselves of this circumstance, and tell us that though baptism be immersion, and although those who are immersed are rightly baptized, that yet to baptize may likewise signify to sprinkle; and therefore those who are sprinkled are rightly baptized as well as those who ly baptized, as well as those who fore, notice first, what cannot be denied, that the primary meaning of the word "baptize" is to imerse. The learned can satisfy themselves of this by consulting their Greek lexicons, and the unlearned may satisfy themselves by desiring any ripe scholar, on whose veracity they can depend, to read to them from the diction-ary the first and natural meaning

of the word "baptize."

When John is said to baptize, we are taught that he immersed. John administered the ordinance in the river Jordan. Had John administered the ordinance by sprinkling, there is no necessity for putting himself and such multitudes out of Jerusalem and Judea to the expense and trouble of repairing to the river Jordan. And I must add, had immersion een a matter of indifference, the pirit of God would not have repeated so often what is said of the place where John baptized. This single consideration is sufficient to determine the practice of all, who like little children, earn the mind of Christ from the Scriptures. The enquirer after truth will observe that the Holy Spirit has acquainted us with the cason tohy John baptized at non—"there was much water here." If John administered the mere." It John administered the profinance of baptism by immeration, the veason is good, but if by aprinkling it is simply absurd. So plainly is the mode of baptism determined by the places selected by John for its administration.

Christ at His baptism coming up out of the water after baptism shows that he went into the river

Jordan and was immersed there.

I take it we are bound to obey the Scriptures, and now from the whole record it appears that John administered the ordinance by immersion. To baptize is to immerse. Much water is necessary to immersion. For the purpose of sprinkling it is worse than useless to go into a river. Add to all this that immersion is, and sprinkling is not a symbol significant of the design, duties, and privileges of the ordinance.

The interests of the Church of Christ are deeply concerned in the Scriptural administration of baptism, and of course in the diligent study of the ordinance.

Baptism, like every other ordinance, must be administered in the name of God, and in accordance with his own appointment. The Scriptures of truth are the only rule to direct us, how, in this or-dinance, as in everything else, when God is to be glorified and enjoyed. The Spirit of God must have the honor which is exclusive-ly due to Himself. The disciple of Christ will find her where else, that submission to the directions of God are inseparably connected with the enjoyment of

"What saith the Scripture?"
Having ascertained this, it ought to be of no moment by whom a doctrine is either taught or re-ceived, opposed or rejected. The apostles executed their commis-sion faithfully and completely. They have put us in possession of the whole will of God respecting the institution of baptism, in all its parts and particulars. The disciple must learn the institutions of the Gospel from the New Testament, and practice what they have learned.

Our consciences are charged with the study of the doctrine of baptism by peculiar and affecting considerations. From the line of positive institutions baptism stands prominently out, and attracts special attention. Baptism occupies a large portion of New Testament revelation.

The Churches of Christ are at present, most unhappily, divided. and until this institution be hon estly studied and rightly observed. these mortifying and God dishonoring divisions can never be healed. "One Lord. one faith. one baptism."

Dr. Howard G. Bow, the Dentist, has removed to 634 Fourth Ave., where he will be glad to see all his old patrons and friends.

NOTES FROM THE FIELD.

At the close of four months of labor in the field as State Evangelist, my heart is going out to God in praise and thanksgiving for the mercy and blessings which have been upon the work and for the presence and power of the Holy Spirit manifested in every service. Seven meetings have been held during this time and we are now in the eighth one at Cor-bin, Ky., with the prospects bright for a glorious work here. The order in which the meetings have been held is a s follows: Crab Orchard, Middlesboro, L low, Good Hope church, in Taylor County, Stamping Ground, in Scott County, Hickory Grove ch., in Kenton County, and Augusta. The visible results are as follows: Eighty (89) nine received by baptism and fourteen (14) by let-ter; the churches strengthened in faith and doctrine, missionary spirit stimulated and splendid collections taken for the state work at every point visited.

I want to commend the pas-

tors in the state for the interest which they have taken in the have given the State Evangelist in his labors. There is Brother Jones, at Crab Orchard; Brother Reid at Middlesboro; Vickers, at Ludfow; Short, at Good Hope; Hill, at Stamping Ground; Adams, at Hickory Grove; Holmes, at Augusta; and Dawes, at Corbin teresther with many others bin, together with many others over the state that are calling for us and with whom we hope to labor in the near future. God bless these noble servants of the most High, my heart goes out to them. I sympathize with them in their labors, and try to pray for them every day. Upon the for them every day. Upon the whole I can truly say the outlook is bright and I thank God and take courage, giving him all the praise for what he has done, and expecting greater things yet to come to us from his bountiful hand in this glorious work. hand in this glorious work.

Now just a word to my brethren the pastors. Fix upon a definite date for your meeting and write

me at once, remembering our
"motto," first comes first served.

I ask that you pray earnestly
for me and the work, that God
may fill and use me for his glory, and that I may be a real help to pastor and people where everI go in this work.

Yours sincerely and fraternally, G. W. ARGABRITE, Box 191 Georgetown, Ky.

gregations are growing, Sunda shool good. Good congregatio at Whitesburg. At several poin in Letcher and Knott counties to people seem greatly interested in

Our main needs are houses of worship. Our house in Hindman has the frame up and the weather-boarding being put on. We must have \$100 from outside sources. If our pasters and churches in the more favored portions of our great state could only realize the importance of this feature. ize the importance of this feature of the work, there would be a rap of the work, there would be a rapid advance in our missionary work in the mountains. I am sure your plan of raising a church building fund is the right solution of the problem of taking the mountains for Christ and the Baptists. It is very hard the result of the control of th for your missionaries to go on a field and undertake to build and have to leave the field and go ou in the state to raise money with which to build, then it is dama ing to the field on which he la-bors. My opinion is let your missionaries go to their stations, begin work, raise every cent they can, get the house as near com-

Then you should have at your disposal a sum sufficient to finish the house at once. This saves valuable time and is true co-oper-ation of the churches in this imation of the churches in tall important work. Brethren, rally to this feature of our mission work in the mountains. The results will be most gratifying.

Yours in Christ,

J. G. Parsons.

RECEIPTS FOR THE CONVEN-TION YEAR.

State Missions, \$5.704.93; Sunday School and Colportage, \$1.597.16; Foreign Missions, \$6.832.60; Home Missions, \$4.560.87; Church Building Fund, \$62.85; Miscellaneous, \$449.22; Minister's Aid Society, \$104.88. Total, \$19,332.49, a gain over last year up to Nov. 29th, of \$1,660.63.

NOVEMBER RECEIPTS State Missions, \$1,070.17; Sunday School and Colportage, \$276.
56; Foreign Missions, \$1,605.60; Home Missions, \$685.90; Church Building Fund, \$9.00; and Miscellaneous, \$6.22. Total, \$3,655.

J. G. Bow, Corresponding retary, was to have spent Sun the 27th at Berea, but owing the fact that his son, S. H. B had to be operated upon appendicitis on the 25th, Dear Bro. Bow:

My work here in Hindman is ary, with fair prospects of reprogressing fairly well. My conery.

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The blue mark by your name on your paper means your time has expired, and you are kindly asked to renew. Help carry the work.

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We send out several copies of this issue to those who are not subscribers hoping they will be-come subscribers.

Our state missionaries reported for September and October 284 conversions and 190 baptisms.

Miss Ella Compton, of Walnut Street church, sends one dollar for the Harlan church house and expresses a hope that one hundren others would do likewise—but they didn't. Why not?

money to build institutions and establish colleges, but the great work of his life was soul-winning, and those who loved him should yet two societies and one church not forget his life purpose, and have become responsible for the strive by all means to perpetuate it. If Mr. Moody could speak to missionaries. This one church us now, he would say, 'Do not however, is not neglecting Forforget my colleges, but place first eign and Home missions, for they ing now in full blast. There have the preaching of Jesus Christ to lost sinners.' Education is im- course every one has a right to month. I have preached every tisms 28; C. B. Althoff, con. J.

portant, but evangelization is all important."

This is the plea we have continually made and for which we have been criticized and censured, the plea that has led us to contend that no funds contributed by churches or individuals for the preaching of the gospel should ever be turned into other channels. The plea that the gospel is of prime importance and nothing at an be properly or profitably substituted for it. It can never be predicated of human teaching or mental culture that it is "the power of God unto salvation," "Able to save the soul," "Able to make wise unto salvation through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ," or that "God has ordained to save "all who receive it." The wisest of all teachers said, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness," is not a respectable church building in the town, that 20 leading of the gospel sould ever be turned into other channels. Land of the county in the state. The county has a population of about 30,000, the town about 1,200. It is on the line of the Big Sandy branch of the C. & O. R. R., which branch is being extended to Elkhorn beyond Pike town is up-to-date, has water tworks, electric lights, sewerage, the suit of the county in the place, is elong impossibilities.

Enclosed you will find my port for the month of Novem of God and his righteousness," is not a respectable church building in the town, that 20 leading the membership. I am looking greater success as the days got about 1,200. It is on the line of the Big Sandy branch of the C. & O. R. R., which branch is being extended to Elkhorn beyond Pike town is up-to-date, has water tworks, electric lights, sewerage, the suit of the county seat of the main auditorium, and the main auditorium, and sumaller chairs in Sc. S. room. Have the largest audiences of church in town. In the country in the main auditorium, and the main auditoriu

We plead with the Baptists of

#### STATE MISSIONS.

It is the policy of the State Board of Missions to try to obey the command of the Master, to be witnesses unto him at home and abroad, to unify the great mission work in all of its phases. Bro. G. W. Argabrite, our State mission work in all of its phases.

Evangelist, has just begun a meeting at Corbin with our mission-claimed that "Missions are misary pastor, J. V. Dawes. Pray for sions." Has plead for Foreign the work there under the leadernestly as for State Missions.

Some people seem to have only

Bro. Argabrite has just closed read a part of the commission, a good meeting at Augusta, and say by their words, but more with Pastor J. C. Holmes. they only believe in certain phas-

CULTURE OR CHRIST?

Culture is the process of transforming raw/material into useful articles, the polish which brings the natural products into the realm of pleasure or utility, the erection of the palace from the stone, brick, mortar and undressed lumber, the fashioning of the statue from the rugged ashler, the grinding of the facets on the rough diamond which flash forth the hidden fires of the precious stone.

Culture is not to be discounted, disregarded or neglected, but care must be taken not to substitute it for living principles, nor to exalt it above the fundamentals of true character and vital godliness.

Dr. A. C. Dixon recently writing of Mr. Moody said: "Our friend, Mr. Moody said: "Our friend, Mr. Moody selieved in philanthropic and educational work; he delighted in raising money to build institutions and establish colleges, but the great work of his life was soul-winning, and those who loved him should not forget his life purpose, and

quent in his praise. He says there is not a respectable church build-ing in the town, that 20 leading families can be enlisted at once in the cause of truth as held and We plead with the Baptists of families can be enisted at once
Kentucky not to make a mistake in the cause of truth as held and
along this line. Brethren, do not taught by Baptists. Several
do less for education, but let us missionary Baptists in the place
do a great deal more for the
and many other Baptists ready
preaching of the gospel among the
to come if we convince them that
destitute in our own state. and many other Baptists ready to come if we convince them that the board will stand by them in the work. The people have been deceived by promises until they ar suspicious of new enterprises and we must take hold and establish confidence. A building committee was appointed and in-structed to look after a site, etc.

Bro. Baker writes that now the field is ripe and the way open and we must take it at once for Christ

and the truth.

He says it is the best town and the best site for a Baptist school on the Big Sandy, and a school of 1,000 students can be established there and Pikeville will give \$10,000 to the enterprise, and even a brighter prospect for greater than they have accounted work than at Jackson, the people.

Where the success has been phenominal during the past year. ties of Floyd, Pike, Elliott, More Bro. B. thinks in a very short gan, Magoffin. Harlan, Letcher, time a self-sustaining efficient Knott, Perry, and Leslie are great if we will only push the Now, brethren, what shall we work now.

Now, brethren, what shall we do? Shall we cripple all our mission work and the Lord's cause by the neglect of State Missions?

Shall we ruin our State Missions?

Why will our people neglect by the lack of sufficient funds to carry forward the work? Shall we neglect such open doors as the above until they shall be closed against us? Trusting the Lord and the Baptists of Kentucky it is the purpose of the Secretary to recommend entering the field at once by putting an efficient man on the field without delay. It will take \$1,000 to support the right man on the field for full time. Who will become responsible for all or even a part of that amount to support the missionary on that field? What individual, society or church will respond at once? Brethren, "The King's business requires haste."

Olive Hill, Ky., Nov. 28, 1904.

Dear Bro. Bow:

This has been a pontth of real by the neglect of State Missions?

Sunday and Sunday night.

Our house is seated with chair,

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of three. We have 234 chairs in
the main auditorium, and 100
smaller chairs in S. S. room. We smaller chairs in S. S. room. We have the largest audiences of any church in town. In the eleva months of my pastorate here the church has almost doubled in membership. I am looking for greater success as the days go by.

We have some notes in the bank to meet about the first of the year, and if we can just do that I will be satisfied. I hope it is possible for us to do it. We have accomplished several seeming impossibilities.

Enclosed you will find my report for the month of November. I entered on my work for full

I entered on my work for full time November 1st. I have cer tainly had a struggle to keep my head above the water, but hope! shall not be in such embarrasing circumstances in the future. Hope your heart is encouraged with the work.

Your Brother in Christ,

J. R. REYNOLDS.

#### CHURCH BUILDING.

No phase of our work is more important than this and yet our pastors, our churches, even the members of our Mission Board will not see the necessity of effort along this line. We have completed quite a number of churches with just a little aid from the Building Fund, but Oh, the needs are so great.

are so great.

The other denominations has such an advantage over us in the mountains. because of their Church Extension fund, and we have a consequentiates (as) we have opportunities (and hence responsibilities) ten-fold greater than they have among

We must aid some of these points and do it liberally and s

bap. 7; Geo. E. Baker, con. 0. bap. 10; R. L. Baker, con. 96, bap. 43; C. J. Bolton, con. 0, bap. 2; J. A. Burns, con. 16, bap. 16; J. V. Dawes, con. 2, bap. 0; C. A. Earl, con. 34, bap. 10; E. M. Eaton, con. 25, bap. 22; J. W. Eaton, con. 25, bap. 26; C. W. Argabrite, con. 110, bap. 0; J. B. Ferrell, con. 3, bap. 2; F. P. Gates, con. 3, bap. 4; W. R. Gibbs, con. 14, bap. 0; J. A. Heileg, con. 6, bap. 0; J. A. Heileg, con. 6, bap. 0; J. R. Hunt, con. 8, bap. 5; T. H. Johnson, con. 16, bap. 10; W. M. Kuykendall, con. 33, bap. 6; Lewis Lytle, con. 6, bap. 2; J. W. Mahan, con. 4, bap. 6; H. R. McLendon, con. 1, bap. 0; W. McMillan, con. 12, bap. 9; S. N. Mohler, con. 8, bap. 0; R. R. Noel, con. 64, bap. 58; M. Patrick, con. 2, bap. 3; A. S. Petrey, con. 5, bap. 5; C. M. Reid, con. 19, bap. 10; J. R. Reynolds, con. 64, bap. 10; J. R. Reynolds, con. 65, bap. 10; J. R. Reynolds, con. 66, bap. 4; W. H. Robinson, con. 66, bap. 4; W. H. Robinson, con. 67. Edwards, con. 45, bap. 40; G. W. S. N. Mohler, con. 8, bap. 0; R. R. Noel, con. 64, bap. 58; M. Patrick, con. 2, hap. 3; A. S. Petrey, con. 5, bap. 6; C. M. Reid, con. 19, bap. 10; J. R. Reynolds, con. 6, bap. 4; W. H. Robinson, con. 11, bap. 0; T. B. Rouse, con. 4, bap. 7; M. E. Staley, con. 24, bap. 24; Amos Stout, con. 2, bap. 2; Charles Martin, con. 13, bap. 3; J. T. Turpin, con. 28, bap. 13; Eben G. Vick, con. 6, bap. 4; A. Logan Vickers, con. 13, bap. 5; T. J. Watts, con. 32, bap. 12; Thos. Murrell, con. 36, bap. 18; W. M. Riddle, con. 33, bap. 0.

Total conversions, 761; total

Total conversions, 761; total baptisms, 398.

A CHURCH ORGANIZED.

A council of the following brethren were invited to meet in Onton, Webster county, Ky., on Tuesday, Nov. 22, 1904, at 10 a. m. to assist in organizing a Baptist church in Onton. Council, viz., Rev. B. A. Geiger and Dr. C. L. Edwards, of Sebree; Rev. J. C. Craig, Delceware; Rev. J. B. Tedder, —; Bro. G. A. Likens, Curdsville; Dr. J. G. Bow, Rev. E. B. Farrar and E. L. Craig, of Louisville.

Rumsey, Ky.

Bro. E. L. Craig writes: "On November 6 I began a meeting in Ashbyburg, Hopkins county, which lasted 19 days, and by all means should have gone on longer, but I had to close to meet other engagements. During the meeting there were 15 professions, a general revival and I closed with a packed house and many interested about their souls. On Monday and Tuesday nights, Nov. 21 and 22, Bro. J. G. Bow was with me and preached two of his best sermons, which God was pleased to use to the conversion of three souls and the conviction of many more. There are only two Baptist families in and near Ashby-

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burg. I held the meeting in the Methodist house, and had to contend with modern holiness, apostasy and tough characters coming to the meeting, drinking whiskey, but, by the help of the Lord, I checked and partly stopped the mouths of false doctrine, and ere the meeting closed good order prevailed. Onton church decided to take up Ashbulurg as a mission. I am to go back there this month, and hope to Baptize some of the converts into the fellowship of Onton church."

Pastor J. C. Holmes writes: I have just closed a ten days' meeting with my church at Augusta, assisted by Bro. G. W. Argabrite, which resulted in 9 accessions to the church, 6 by baptism and 3 by letter. Bro. Argabrite is a strong and forcible preacher. He preaches the truth without fear or favor. His afternoon Bible readings were extremely helpful to Christians."

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mearly a year, but thanks be to God for the victory.

The other was at Russell Springs, in Russell county. This is the largest town in the county, and they have never had a church house, save a house that was used by everybody for every purpose. God has given us a great victory here. Our hearts overflowed with joy to know that God had need us to do some worth in his name. We had Bro. J. G. Bow with us at both places, and we feel sure we had the man for the occasion. We had but little indebtedness on the first, but that on the last was much greater. However, with the unpaid subscriptions which we considered good, we secure money enough to meet all demanda. This house, with its furniture, makes the nicest church house in the county. We predict a bright future for both of these new churches. The State Board helped some on both church houses. We pray for the time to come when Kantucky Sapitiats will help our Secretary to build houses all over our mission territory. Success to the RECOMER.

NOVEMBER RECEIPTS.

Book Fund, per C. S. Treadwell, \$1.30; North Bend Association, Hickory Grove ch., per G. W. Ar-Hefory Crove ch., per G. V. Argabrite, \$30; Long Run Ass'n, Walnut st. church, per J. G. Bow, \$8 for Church Building Fund; Greenup Association, Salem ch., per J. J. Jordan, \$1; Elkhorn Association, W. M. Soc. First ch., Lexington, per Miss Sallie E. Adams, for salary of Thos. Murrell, \$10; Concord Ass'n, per R. J. Walker, \$1,137.82; Book Sales, per J. Leslie Adkins, \$6.15; Tates Creek Ass'n, per J. F. Holtzclaw, \$6.01; Campbell County Ass'n, Newport ch., per Leslie R. Clark, \$36.50; Simpson Ass'n, Franklin ch., 50r their Foreign Missionary, H. W. Provence, \$90; Lynn Ass'n, per B. F. Hutcherson, \$31.50; Book Sales, per J. W. Bodine, \$10.55; West Union Ass'n, First ch., Paducah, for their Foreign Missionary, W. H. Tipton, \$41.67; Long Run Ass'n, per T. P. Samuels, \$1,190.69, \$500 of which is from New Salem ch., for J. F. Ray, Japan; Long Run Ass'n, per T. P. Samuels, \$1,190.69, \$500 of which is from New Salem ch., for J. F. Ray, Japan; Long Run Ass'n, S6th & Grand Ave. ch., per J. A. Heilig, \$2.22; Campbell County Ass'n, Bellevue ch., per J. A. Heilig, \$2.22; Campbell County Ass'n, Bellevue ch., per J. A. Heilig, \$2.22; Campbell County Ass'n, Bellevue ch., per J. A. Heilig, \$2.22; Campbell County Ass'n, Bellevue ch., per J. A. Heilig, \$2.22; Campbell County Ass'n, Bellevue ch., per J. A. Heilig, \$2.22; Campbell County Ass'n, Bellevue ch., per J. A. Heilig, \$2.22; Campbell County Ass'n, Bellevue ch., per J. A. Heilig, \$2.22; Campbell County Ass'n, Bellevue ch., per J. T. Points, \$115.30; Bethel Ass'n, per J. T. Points, \$115.30; Bethel Ass'n, per J. F. Garnett, \$316.32; Simpson Ass'n, Providence ch., per J. M. Wade, for M. Patrick, \$10; Bracken Ass'n, Augusta ch., per G. W. Argabrite, \$70; Greenup Ass'n, Salem ch., per John Jordan, \$1.50; East Lyan Ass'n, per J. T. McFarland, \$33.93. Book sales, per J. W. Bodine, \$11.15.

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