



Mr. Baily and The Church Again.

In his last article Mr. Baily attempts to give an account of the founding of the early church but utterly failed to show where Christ established it in person. The fact still stands that Christ founded it through the disciples to whom He gave the Gospel and the Holy Spirit for that work. In the same way has the Lord continued the work of the church from that day to this. If this were not true then the church could never have been established anywhere except in Jerusalem where it began. Then he quotes 1 Cor. 12:18; to show how the church was organized. By referring to this passage and reading the context we at once see that Paul is not speaking of the church but of the human body which he uses as an illustration of the church. I rather think this passage proves more than Mr. Baily wants it to prove; for it shows that as the body is divided into various parts and organs and yet is one body, so also is the church. There is too much faith among christian people of the various protestant churches, and too many who give assurance in their last moments that they have entered the rest prepared for the people of God, for Mr. Baily to set up the claim that he and his church are the only ones who will be saved. and that God sends down the blessings of salvation on nobody else.

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Now I freely grant that it is not necessary for a church to prove its connection in order to establish its authority. This lies in the faith and doctrines which the apostles taught. That which connects the church of the present with the church of the past is the one faith in the one Savior. This is the golden thread of life and salvation which stretches down through the centuries from apostolic times to the present. No matter where located nor by what name outwardly called, wherever there is faith in the Lord Jesus as the Savior of sinners there is the church. And that church is going to confess its faith to the world. Hence in the early church there arose the formal statement in the Apostles' creed. Every statement of it is a scriptural truth with which the early church met the errors which arose. Yet this Mr. Baily condemns. I have several times asked him to point out what is

he seems to sit with so much pride and selfconfidence. The encyclopedias give the history of Mr. Baily's denomination as a Baptist sect. Their first congregation was organized in Pennsylvania in 1829. They style themselves "The church of God", denounce all creeds, hold to baptism of adults only by immersion, and practice feet-washing, claiming to be the restoration of the apostolic church. Mr. Baily tries to make it appear that this "Church of God" to which he belongs has come down from apostolic times when its first congregation was established less than a hundred years ago. And because they have assumed this title they think it gives them a monopoly on the whole church business and the rest are out altogether. In Scripture the expression "church of God" is a general term which applies to Corinth with its divisions, to Ephesus, and to all bodies of believers as constituting the one church or body of Christ. To claim to be "the church of God" and the only church doesn't make it so any more than my claiming to be an apostle would make me one. There is too much faith among christian people of the various protestant churches, and too many who give assurance in their last moments that they have entered the rest prepared for the people of God, for Mr. Baily to set up the claim that he and his church are the only ones who will be saved. and that God sends down the blessings of salvation on nobody else.

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wrong with it but as yet no answer has been given. Now let us see about his doctrine as compared with the early church. He claims his church is perfect and its members without sin. But Paul didn't claim this for the churches of his day. He rebuked them for fornication. This was foolish to do if they were perfect. He told them not to judge one another and not to put stumbling blocks in one another's way. This too was foolish if they were not guilty. Peter tells the churches to which he wrote to lay aside their malice and guile, and hypocrisy and envyings. Peter was very foolish to do this if they were perfect. Not only this but the Holy Spirit prompted them to write these words and seems to have made a mistake in rebuking perfect men for things they were not guilty of. Also Christ tells the churches to repent but they had nothing to repent of if they were perfect. How can anybody repent when they have done nothing that needs repentance? Doesn't Mr. Baily see that Christ and the Holy Spirit knew what was needed for these churches, and can't he see that his own claim to perfection can't stand in the light of Scripture? But let us look at his proof passage in Eph. 5:27 Christ is there spoken of as sanctifying and cleansing His church "that he might present it to Himself as a glorious church not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that it should be holy and without blemish." In 2 Cor. 11:2, Paul says, "I have espoused you to one husband that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ." Because of such passages Mr. Baily claims the church is perfect now, but this is not what Paul said. He said the church would be presented to Christ holy and without blemish; and if we will turn to Rev. 19:7, 8 and see where God has placed the time of the Lamb's marriage, we thence learn that this presentation of the church as a chaste virgin to Christ will not take place till the church is raised and glorified and thus made ready to meet her glorified Lord. To take a passage like that and make it apply to the church now is a fearful wrestling of Scripture from which every child of God who knows better will turn away with horror. See 2 Pet. 3:16. Yet Mr. Baily does this and tries to claim for it a respectable consideration by calling it "the Bible Way". There is a standpoint from which the church is holy and its members holy, but the Scriptures nowhere apply those terms in the sense of absolute and sinless perfection. Of this we will have more to say later.

Mr. Baily further denies that Paul confessed himself a sinner after he was saved. In 1 Tim. 1:15, he says, "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners of whom I am chief." If Mr. Baily is correct Paul was still an unsaved man when he wrote this. Yet he wrote it after God called him to be an apostle. He calls himself an apostle at the beginning of the chapter. He is writing this not only as a letter to Timothy but also as a part of the New Testament by inspiration of the Holy Spirit. So then here is an inspired apostle and yet not a saved man if any one is foolish enough to believe Mr. Baily's statement. This is impossible. Nor does this passage refer to

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Farmers Buy Autos

Half the Cars Sold in U. S. in 1915 Went to Country.

According to records kept in Washington, there were 2,000,000 motor cars registered in the various states in July, 1915, indicating a marked increase in the number of motor vehicles in use. There were 30,000 automobile dealers' garages, repair shops and charging stations in the country.

Last year nearly half the cars sold in the United States were purchased by farmers. In the four years from 1911 to 1914 the number of cars registered in Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, Wisconsin, Minnesota, North and South Dakota, Kansas and Oklahoma increased from 130,000 to 560,000. Of this number more than half are owned by grain farmers, who paid \$250,000,000 for the vehicles.

Christmas Weather

For Past 46 Years.

Hickory Democrat.

Col. G. M. Yoder of Jacob's Fork township, has furnished The Democrat with a record of the condition of the weather on Christmas Day for the past 46 years; the record having been taken from his diary.

The record:
Christmas Day 1868 was clear; 1869, rainy; 1870, very cold; 1871, cloudy; 1872, rained; 1873, clear and cold; 1874, clear; 1875, clear; 1876, clear; 1877, rain; 1878, sleet; 1879, rainy and cold; 1880, rain; 1881, cloudy; 1882, clear; 1883, clear; 1884, clear and cold; 1885, clear; 1886, clear; 1887, rain; 1888, clear and warm; 1889, rain; 1890, rain; 1891, clear; 1892, clear and warm; 1893, clear and warm; 1894, clear; 1895, clear; 1896, cloudy; 1897, cloudy; 1898, clear; 1899, clear and warm; 1900, clear and warm; 1901, clear; 1902, clear; 1903, cloudy; 1904, drizzly; 1905, clear; 1906, clear and cold; 1907, clear; 1908, thunder shower with hail; 1909, snow; 1910, cloudy; 1911, cloudy; 1912, clear; 1913, cold and rainy; 1914, rained all day, worst Christmas weather in 46 years and also the coldest and wettest December within my recollection; 1915, cloudy, and has been the coldest and driest December and also the deepest early snow in December in 46 years.

New York Passes London.

New York has passed London in population and is now the largest city in the world, a dispatch from London says. The 1911 London census has just been made public and gives the county of London, which is London proper, a population of 4,521,358 counting in "Extra London," which is London outside the county, the total population in 1911 was 7,251,358. In 1910 New York had 4,766,833, but counting in Greater New York and the Westchester and New Jersey suburbs, New York had a population of 7,383,871.

\$100 Reward, \$100

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is catarrh. Catarrh being greatly influenced by constitutional conditions requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts through the blood on the mucous surfaces of the system thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in the curative powers of Hall's Catarrh Cure that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials.

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MONUMENTS—JESSE CALDWELL

The Baneful Cigarette Habit.

By O. S. Jones, Danville, Va.

Dear Mr. Editor, will you grant me space in your valuable paper to express myself as I see it in regard to the one particular cause that is undermining the physical health of the young men of our nation and, not only the young men but shame to say our dear little boys also, and that is the cigarette habit. There is two reasons which prompted me in writing this article, one is my own personal knowledge of the extensive use of cigarettes and the other one is an article I saw in the Western North Carolina Christian Advocate of recent date written by Bro. Moose, one of our missionaries in Corea. I was surprised to learn that the cigarette business was so strongly advertised and used in those heathen countries and what astonishes me the most is that men will engage in such an illegitimate and degrading business and then call themselves christians and have their names on the church register. I will not personate any one but I have in mind a man, I cannot call him a gentleman, who is engaged in the cigarette business very extensively and is a member of the Methodist Church, to which I belong. I think christian people ought to speak out against the cigarette fiend until public sentiment becomes so strong that we can abolish the business and drive it out of the land. I appeal to every man of humanity to lend your voice and influence in every way you possibly can until our land is relieved of the great curse.

Don't Let Cows Eat Mustard.

Lincoln County News.

"Put in your paper that mustard will kill cows," said Mr. J. B. Dellinger of Iron Station, who was here last week. He said to a News man that he cut some mustard from his garden and threw it in the pasture, and that one of his young cows that was destined to furnish much cream for the new creamery, died from eating of the mustard. Other cows of his herd also sampled the mustard and they were very sick, but were saved by heroic efforts. The young cow's stomach was cut into and it resembled the back of a fellow's neck blistered by mustard plaster.

CHERRYVILLE PEOPLE GET INSTANT ACTION.

Those who have used it in Cherryville are astonished at the INSTANT action of simple buckthorn bark, glycerine, etc., as mixed in Adler-i-ka. Because it acts on BOTH lower and upper bowels, ONE SPOONFUL Adler-i-ka relieves almost ANY CASE constipation, sour stomach or gas. It removes such surprising foul matter that a few doses often relieve or prevent appendicitis. A short treatment helps chronic stomach trouble. J. F. Weathers, druggist.

Mr. Bowling Operated on—The many friends of Mr. Lewis Bowling will regret to learn that he was taken to Lincolnton Hospital last week where he underwent an operation for appendicitis. The latest report was that he was doing nicely.

Whenever You Need a General Tonic Take Grove's

The Old Standard Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic is equally valuable as a General Tonic because it contains the well known tonic properties of QUININE and IRON. It acts on the Liver, Drives out Malaria, Enriches the Blood and Builds up the Whole System. 50 cents.

Another Victory for the Basket Ball Team.

The Cherryville High defeated the Kings Mt. Highs, last Saturday afternoon, in a splendid game of basket ball, played on the Cherryville Court. The visiting team was defeated by the decision score of 39 to 8. The features of the game were the playing of Ormand, and Davidson for Kings Mt; also the all round playing of the Home Squad, Friday, Mauney, Boggs, Stroupe, and Warlick. The playing of Friday was more especially a feature, he landing 11 field goals.

Line up.	
Pos.	No. goals.
Ware C.	0
Neisler R. F.	0
Ormond L. F.	1
Hambright G.	0
Davidson R. G.	2
Davidson 2 fouls out of	3
Line up. C. H. S.	
Pos.	No. goals.
Friday R. F.	11
Mauney C.	2
Boggs R. F.	3
Stroupe L. F.	0
Warlick R. G.	2
Friday 3 fouls out of	4
Lester C. Sipe, Reporter.	

Our Newspaper Public.

In 1915 we had 326 newspapers in North Carolina with a combined circulation of 1,406,214. It is an average of three papers for every home in the state, counting both races. We had 51 papers with a combined circulation of only 38,839. That is to say only one paper in circulation for every five families upon an average; only one for every three families counting whites alone.

A tremendous increase in our newspaper public in 65 years.

Commissioners Sale of Land

Under and by virtue of an order of the Superior Court of Gaston County, made in the special proceeding entitled "David P. Dellinger Adm'r vs. Ovie Homesley and others" the same being upon the special proceeding docket of said county, the undersigned commissioner will, on

Saturday, February 26th 1916, at 12 o'clock noon

on the premises near Cherryville N. C. offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash, that certain tract of land lying and being in Cherryville Township, Gaston County, North Carolina, adjoining the lands of Amos Homesley and others, and more particularly described as follows, to wit: Beginning at a stake on the south side of the Cherryville-Bessemer City macadam road, in Amos Homesley's line, and runs thence S 52 W 54 poles to a maple; thence S 64 W 20 poles to stake; thence S 25 E 29 4-5 poles to a stake, dower corner; thence N 60 1-2 E 36 4-5 poles to a stake; thence N 31 E 52 poles to a stake on the south side of said road; thence N 60 1-2 W 12 4-5 poles to the beginning. Containing 12 acres more or less.

This January 21, 1916
David P. Dellinger,
Commissioner.

Hickory Democrat.—Roy Correll, a young white man, was arrested in Maiden last week on the charge of swearing falsely to a girl's age in order to get marriage license. The offense took place in Gastonia and he was taken to that place and jailed to await a hearing.