

"THE OPEN BIBLE SERVICE STATION"

By Louis E. Latham

On U. S. Highway 70 between Burlington and Durham, N. C., there is one of the most unique service stations in the world. In fact, it is not only a service station for automobiles but for souls; and people from Florida to Canada and from California to the Atlantic Coast have stopped for prayer. A modest sign announces to the passing traveler, "THE OPEN BIBLE SERVICE STATION," and inside on the counter is a well-worn Bible which is never closed. At this spiritual center twenty-two have been converted, one sanctified, one healed of cancer, a suicide averted, an attempted robbery foiled, hundreds of prayers prayed and sermonettes preached and three weddings performed.

It all began six years ago when God led Mrs. Elsie Mulliken, an almost life-long member of the Free Methodist Church, to "Set her face toward the South." She did not want to enter the service station business, but in prayer God whispered to her, "Go into the highways," and there she has been preaching the gospel of Christ to travellers with much success for the past few years. Mother Mulliken, as she is called for miles around, is a quiet, unassuming woman with a genuine spirit of humility and gives God all the glory for what has been done.

Among the many thrilling experiences of this "highway pastor" is the one where two robbers came demanding fifty dollars. She reached for her Bible and prayed silently, "Lord, this is my time of need. Help me, and help me now." After hunting for the place where she kept her money for the third time, one of the robbers roughly demanded her to produce the cash. She knew he meant it and picking up her Bible with both hands she shoved it at him and he wilted like a rag, his strength almost leaving him. He quickly left without the money!

Another time a bus driver stopped and upon seeing the open Bible on the counter pointed to it and said, "That's what I should be doing." She asked him, "What?" and he replied, "Preaching the gospel for I'm a backslidden preacher." She told him he need not remain in such a state and exhorted him to get on his knees and seek God. He did and prayed through in about twenty minutes and went on his way victoriously. Sometime later a truck driver, upon seeing the open Bible also made the statement that he was a backslidden preacher, and with a little exhortation from Mother Mulliken, he too, wept his way back to God. One of the number who has been saved was a colored girl who came through shouting the praises of God!

Perhaps the most wonderful incident which has occurred was the case of a lady named Mrs. Moore who was under treatment for cancer at Duke University. She was finally given up by the doctors and sent home to die. On her way home her party stopped at "The Open Bible Service Station" to request Mother Mulliken's prayers for her. She complied with their request and prayed beside their automobile. The group went on their way with the lady, but three weeks later one of the men of the group returned to tell her that the subject of her prayers was healed and back at work in the mill. Surely, Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever. Amen and amen.—Selected.

BRITISH ISRAELISM

By J. A. McMillan

In the realm of scholarship, British Israelism is discredited. The theory is chiefly concerned with history, ethnology, philology, and anthropology, all of which can be tested by secular scholarship. Tested factually, British-Israelism makes a very poor showing.

In the realm of Philology there is no more affinity between English and Hebrew than there is between English and Chinese.

As to Physiognomy, there is strong contrast rather than striking similarity between the large-boned, fair-haired, blue-eyed Briton and the thick-set, swarthy, brown-eyed Israelite.

As to graphology, Israel has always written from right to left, while the Anglo-Saxons have always written from left to right. Such a radical change would be impossible except by direct compulsion, but evidence of such a change is totally lacking.

Racially, the British, and Americans even more so, are extraordinarily mixed. Unlike the Hebrews, too, they are uncircumcised, and have therefore forfeited any claim to blessing under the covenant. Gen. 17:14; Gal. 6:15).

Historically, it is unsubstantiated. The theory is thoroughly untenable on historical grounds. So far as we are aware, no competent and reputable historian has identified himself with the movement. Some of the "missing links" in genealogical tables in support of British-Israelism, we have perused, would utterly discredit any historian who sponsored it.—Dawn.

THREE TESTS FOR CHRISTIANS

R. Barclay Warren

All Christians do not believe exactly the same in all details of doctrine nor are they uniform in all their usages. But John in his first Epistle sets forth three tests for Christians which are imperatives.

The first is the test of belief. "Every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God." "This is his commandment, that we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ." It is not sufficient to believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and that He came in the flesh; we must trust in Him. Only as we turn from sin and are saved by faith in His name, do we become Christians.

The second test is the test of ethical conduct. "He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him." If we do not live in our daily life as we are commanded in the Holy Bible, we do not pass the test for Christians.

The third is the test of brotherly love. "We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death." John's conception of the practicality of this love led him to ask, "Whoso hath this world's goods, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up the bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?"

Do you pass the tests? Have you a living faith in Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour? Is your daily conduct in harmony with the teachings of the Scriptures? Is your heart filled with love toward your fellowmen? Then you are a Christian?

The man who forms a good habit helps God.

BEDDING DONATIONS FOR BEULAH CAMP

Northport, N. S., Mrs. Will Brander's Sunday School—1 quilt, 2 pillows, 3 pairs pillow slips.

Millville Church—3 quilts.

Moncton Church—Women's S. S. Class—2 quilts, 2 pairs blankets, 5 pairs pillow slips. Berean S. S. Class—2 quilts. Mary Ellen MacCallum's S. S. Class—1 pair pillow cases.

Woodstock Bible Class—1 quilt.

Victoria Corner—16 pillows made and filled, 1 sheet, 4 pillow slips.

Hartland Church—10 pairs pillow slips, 3 quilts, 2 pillows.

Calais S. S. Bible Class—1 quilt.

Saint John Church—3 quilts.

Port Maitland—1 quilt, 4 sheets, 2 blankets, 4 pairs pillows slips.

Fredericton—2 quilts, 1 pair pillow slips.

Sandford Y. P. S.—1 quilt, 1 pair pillow cases.

Mrs. Frank Justason's S. S. Class—1 quilt.

Mrs. Walter Long—1 quilt.

Mrs. Ida Patterson—5 pairs pillow cases and 4 dish wipers.

G. A. Rogers' sister—1 pair pillow slips.

Mrs. Frank Weade and Mrs. Merton Smith—1 quilt.

Mrs. Judson Mullen—1 quilt.

Mrs. Willie Mullen—1 quilt.

Mrs. Perley Briggs—1 pair pillow slips.

Mrs. L. McLeod—2 pairs pillow slips, 3 pillows, 2 sheets.

Mrs. Emma Downey—2 pairs pillow cases.

Mrs. Herbert McCrae—2 pairs pillow slips, 2 sheets.

Mrs. George Steeves and Mrs. Eldon Killam—1 quilt.

Mrs. Nason—1 pair pillows, 1 pair sheets, 1 pair pillow cases.

Mrs. Fred Barr—1 quilt, 1 pair pillow cases.

Mrs. Bert Jewett—2 pairs pillow slips, 1 sheet, 1 quilt.

Mrs. Dr. Thomas—1 Mattress.

North Head Ruth Class—1 quilt.

Mrs. Norman Moore—1 sheet.

Mrs. Nathaniel Beale—2 pillow slips.

Mrs. J. A. Owens—2 pillow slips.

Mrs. Guy Hall—2 sheets.

Mrs. George Somers—2 sheets, 2 pillow slips, 1 quilt.

Mrs. Clarnece Goodspeed—2 pillow slips.

Mrs. C. C. Patterson—1 pair pillow slips.

All received for Hotels and Dormitories by R. H. Parks.

WHEN YE SHALL SEE ALL THESE THINGS

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despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, high minded, lovers of pleasure, more than lovers of God, having the form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away." II Timothy 3:1-6.

All such happenings may be found on the pages of dailies in the land. Yes, within the last five decades the Book Daniel ordered sealed has been broken open and the things recorded are coming to pass by leaps and bounds. Only the spiritually blind do not see them. How true these words may be understood as having the divine stamp!—Midnight Cry.