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Carest Thou Not That We Perish?

The stormy winds are raging,
The waves are rolling high,
And hearts are filled with terror—
They tremble, and they sigh.

The boats are filled with water,
And will soon begin to sink.
Carest we not if they perish,
Although so near the brink?

Send forth the gospel message,
And lend a helping hand.
It may be we can save them,
And bring them safe to land.

Wait not until they perish,
Or 'til they swoon and die.
They are just across the border—
Oh, hear their plaintive cry!

The foreign fields are waiting
For the gospel message now.
Care we not if they perish,
As beneath the load they bow?

And lost ones all around us
Are filled with sin and glee.
They'll sink in death forever,
Unless the light they see.

Jesus loves the lone and weary;
Hear now His gentle plea,
"Search the highways and the hedges,
And bring them unto Me."

—Ulysses Phillips

Shallow is the soul
That knows no depth beyond its own.
Hollow is the heart
That throbs and beats for self alone.

—Selected

CONTENTMENT

Contentment is one of life's greatest blessings. But contentment is not something that can be sent down, nicely wrapped up like a Christmas gift, from heaven. It is a state of mind. It is not dependent upon our situation or our circumstances. Many people are contented and happy in circumstances where others would be thoroughly discontented. Some people are discontented under the most favorable circumstances. Contentment is a structure we build ourselves. It is a state of mind we develop. It is an attitude toward things that come to us through careful cultivation. It is something that lives inside us, not something that circumstances and conditions create.

"If happiness hath not its seat
And center in the breast,
We may be wise, or rich or great,
But never can be blessed."

Contentment is sometimes spoken of as a lazy virtue. Perhaps that is because some people are content with things with which they ought not to be content. We should never be satisfied to permit things to exist that ought not to exist. We should never be satisfied to be less than our best. There are wrongs that need righting. There are conditions that need improving. There is progress that needs to be made. A sort of contentment that can view these things with indifference, ignore responsibility, and evade duty, should be called by an entirely different name. When we have done our duty, met our responsibility, corrected those things that need correction so far as is possible for us, then we may have real contentment. Contentment does not mean surrender to conditions. It does mean being satisfied in the circumstances and conditions that exist for which we are not responsible.

Contentment is a lesson to be learned. Paul said, "I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content." (Phil 4:11). He goes on to tell some of the things he had learned. "I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: every-

where and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." (verses 12, 13). He had learned a great secret. It was the secret of adapting himself to conditions and being at rest in those conditions. He could enjoy to the full the things that afforded him enjoyment. He could suffer patiently the things that came upon him to suffer. Whether rejoicing or suffering, he had that inner contentment of spirit, the calmness and peace of which enriched his soul and made quite tolerable a life that otherwise would have been intolerable.

We, too, need to learn the lesson of contentment. The command to Christians is, "Be content with such things as ye have." (Hebrews 13:5). Speaking further upon this subject, Paul says, "Godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and raiment, let us therewith be content."

A godly life is productive of contentment, but there are many Christians who at least in some respects are discontented. This discontent produces a constant urge to rebel against things.

It is a singular fact that many of the most contented people are those who live in poverty. In fact, the working people are the most contented of all people. I do not refer to that class of working people who are constantly being disturbed by the agitations of would-be labor leaders who are ever telling them of the evils of their condition. Justice to all there should be, but useless breeding of discontent is a curse to those who are affected by it. Those who live on the common levels of life are the truly happy ones provided they have the attitude of contentment.

There are many things people desire which can never give them contentment. One man says, "If I had a million dollars, I could be contented." Another thinks if he had political preferment, that would satisfy his ambition and he would be content. Another has another thing to attain to make him content. These things when attained do not bring contentment. As already pointed out, contentment is a lesson learned, a state of heart, an attitude toward things. Riches do not bring contentment. Andrew Carnegie, known to all for his wealth and a man who should have known what he was talking about, said, "Beyond a competence for old age, and that may not be great and may be very small, wealth lessens rather than increases human happiness. Millionaires who laugh are rare." Many of us would do well to pause here and carefully study this saying of this wise and prudent Scotchman.

Jesus told His disciples not to be anxious about food and raiment and such things, and added, "After all these things do the Gentiles seek." (Matt. 6:32). The unsaved set possession as the goal before them. The question asked about a man often is, "How much money does he have?" His supposed happiness is usually rated by the size of his bank account. No greater error in the choice of a standard for measure-

ment of happiness could be made. The command of the Scripture is, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness." We should put first things first. If we do this, our needs will be few and our desires not much greater.

The basis of contentment is simplicity of desire. One of the things that is ruining more happiness than anything else is the desire to excel others. "We must keep up with the Joneses," is an attitude of mind that is fatal to contentment. It has caused more heartaches, destroyed more happiness, ruined more homes, produced more divorces, perhaps, than any other thing. This strife to excel often leads people into sin. The wife would outstrip her neighbors, so she makes large demands upon her husband for money. Pressed thus, he sometimes adopts business methods that are highly improper. In many cases it has led to shame and disgrace. In any event it leads to unhappiness for both husband and wife and for the whole family. Through envy, jealousy of others, and coveting what they have, many people have been brought to bitterness of soul and utterly to hate life. Better is contentment in a cottage than discontent in a mansion.

Contentment is not built of gold or of precious stones. It is not constructed of honors or fame or the applause of the multitude. It does not come from outshining others. These may bring a sort of satisfaction but not a satisfaction which is contentment. Contentment belongs to the meek and lowly in spirit. Pride is destructive to it. Arrogance annihilates it. Covetousness curses it. Hatred poisons it. Malice thrusts a sword through it. Contentment can thrive only with the virtues. Faith, hope and charity abide with it. Peace broods over its domicile. Blessed forevermore is he who has a contented spirit.

So many nourish discontent. They are all the time looking at the things they do not possess and coveting them. They are always reaching out, stretching themselves to something they cannot attain. They find fault with the things they possess instead of enjoying them. They minimize the good things. They see all the faults and failures. They often feel their rights are being trespassed upon. There is a frown in their hearts and a frown upon their faces.

Who is to blame for all this? The individual himself. He has adopted a wrong attitude of mind and heart. He is facing the wrong way. He has the wrong standard. He cannot be happy. He needs to turn about, face the other way, adopt a different attitude, look at things from a different angle, set different standards for himself. He needs to learn the secret of the simple life—simple desires, temperate aspirations, bridled ambitions.

In the vale of contentment is calmness and sweetness of spirit, rest of the soul. Through it flow the peaceable waters of quietness. In this vale the song birds joyfully sing. The heart mounts up to God in praise. In it lies the spring of joy which bubbles up in gladsome song.

—C. W. Naylor

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Wait for Hope

Hope is a wonderful thing. The Bible says, "But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it." Romans 8:25. Hope keeps us pressing on and causes us to smile amidst the tears. Hope brings comfort and lifts us up above many problems and perplexing situations. Hope is the driving force within us that takes us through pressures of the day and helps us to cling to God. Hope causes us to see Jesus as our Saviour and God as our Father, who are caring for us.

A deep trouble has touched our lives. Time goes slowly on, and we have hoped for a change. We have been praying, trusting and expecting, but nothing is different. Our hope seems to flee. What are we to do? Does the Bible tell us what to do? Oh, yes! Let us read Galatians 5:5, "For we through the Spirit, wait for the hope of righteousness by faith." What do you mean? Can we really wait for even hope to come to us? Yes, we can, but we must wait for it by faith. Notice that this must be done through the Spirit. The Holy Spirit is our Comforter and through the Spirit we can find hope. Search for it through the Spirit. Amid the tears, when hope seems to have fled, look up to God. By faith search for hope. Wait with faith. Hope will come. Oh, praise the Lord! He does know how to help us. He will help us. He will bring to us hope.

One time, in a prolonged trial, in my tears and distress, when hope seemed to flee, I cried out to God, "Oh, Lord, it has been so long that I have prayed and hoped for an answer. Oh, do help and have mercy. Do answer my cry." As I looked up to God in my desperation, the Spirit spoke to me, "Be not weary in well doing; for in due season we shall reap if we faint not." (Galatians 6:9). Oh, how my soul responded to that sweet Spirit of God who brought comfort and hope to me. It was like a dry, parched ground drinking up the rain. I dried my tears and hope returned to my soul. I was determined not to faint in my waiting or patience, and I began to have hope. What brought hope to me? It was my faith in God and the Spirit of God responding to that faith. Even amid the fleeing of hope, I refused to look to anyone or anything else, but to God. He never failed, and did come to help.

God wants us to hold fast to our hope. When Abraham was told to take his son and offer him as a sacrifice, he had hope in God. When he left the men at the foot of the mountain and took his son on farther with him, he said, "Abide ye here with the ass: and I and the lad will go yonder and worship, and come again to you." Genesis 22:5. I believe his hope in God was strong even when he raised the knife to kill his son bound on the altar. He knew God could raise him to life again, or work in some way. God had promised him that through this son, He would multiply his posterity. He went all the way through that severe test. But God spoke to him and said, "Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou anything unto him: for now I know that thou fearest God,

seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son from me." (verse 12). When God speaks, we can have hope. If hope seems to flee, seek for it. Wait for it by faith through the Spirit. There is hope in Christ. —Sister Marie Miles

To Faithful Parents

"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."—Proverbs 22:6.

I found it hard to understand
What made you worry so
About such things as childhood friends
And places we should go;
I wondered why you always watched
When we stepped out at night.
You didn't trust another's word;
You saw that things were right.

I could not understand why we
Must sit up in the front;
And while the others talked aloud,
We hardly dared to grunt.
I felt that you were hard on us
Because we could not go,
As many other children did,
To ball games and the show.

Our hair stayed long while so-called saints
Trimmed off their daughters' locks,
And skirts and sleeves, and let them wear
Blue jeans and bobby sox.
It didn't seem quite fair to me
That we were held so close,
And taught and trained—we had to mind—
While others lived so loose.

It warped my personality
Till I could never fit
Into the world, nor feel at home,
When I got into it.
I always felt that I was "tagged,"
That all I met could tell
Someway that I was "holiness;"
And I felt bound for hell!

It "ruined" my life so utterly—
These things that I was taught—
That I could little pleasure find,
And that was dearly bought;
For always there were "watching eyes,"
And prayers that could be felt;
Though many miles from home and friends,
The faithful Spirit dealt.

My teaching, faithfully applied,
Through seeming endless years,
Had its effect—and back I came
To God with bitter tears.
How glad I am you taught me right;
All praise to God above!
I didn't understand it then,
But now I know 'twas LOVE.

—Rena Knight

"Take us the foxes, the little foxes, that spoil the vines." Songs of Solomon 2:15.

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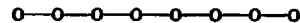
After the omission of the August issue, we now extend hearty greetings to all our readers. During this interim period, most of our co-workers were away from the office work. Bro. Tom Melot and Bro. Gene Beisly were members of the Mexico missionary tour for three weeks, and reported a very profitable time in that mission field. While Brother Tom Melot was on this mission tour, the Lord wonderfully healed him completely of a severe infection in his knee with which he had been suffering for some time. Thank the Lord who is our great Physician!

During July there was not much printing activity in the back shop, but the mailing department in the front office has been busy all summer. Orders for gospel literature and subscriptions to the publications came in every day, and the literature was mailed out in all directions. Now, a number of tracts and books are out of stock and need to be reprinted to meet the increasing demand for good gospel literature.

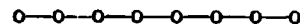
Quantities of gospel tracts, papers and booklets were sent or taken to various campmeetings for free distribution. Remember that your free-will offerings helped to make this literature ministry possible, and may the Lord bless and reward your sacrifice many fold. Jesus said during His earthly ministry, "And the gospel must first be published among all nations." Mark 13:10. Let us continue to publish the glad tidings of full salvation until our Lord returns to reward the faithful.



While the rest of us attended the National campmeeting in Missouri, Sis. Carol Lasiter, our co-worker for some months, kept the office open for business each day and typed copy on the Justewriter machine for "The Beautiful Way" paper. We are especially grateful to her for this service. After our return to the office, Sister Carol attended the Myrtle, Missouri campmeeting, as well as her parents, Bro. and Sister Roy Harmon, of Overland Park, Kan. Also attending the Myrtle meeting were our co-workers, Bro. and Sister Gene Beisly and family who were involved in the kitchen responsibilities. A very profitable meeting with large attendance was reported at Myrtle, Missouri.



Very good reports have come from all the campmeetings and tent meetings held so far this summer, and we pray that the moving of the Holy Spirit will be felt in all those yet to be held. Regardless of widespread skepticism and unbelief, God is still on the throne and He hears and answers the prayer of faith.



The 35th National Campmeeting of the Church of God at Neosho (Monark Springs), Mo. closed with victory on July 30. Many souls were saved, believers sanctified, the sick healed, and the church fortified in the faith. In a number of services, the tabernacle was filled to capacity and overflowed to benches on

the outside. Many states were represented at this national gathering of God's people where love, unity and holy fellowship prevailed. Many people came for the first time and expressed joy in what they saw and felt. The Holy Spirit was the program Chairman and pulpit committee as in all the congregations of the saints. Holy Spirit conviction accompanied the preaching of the Word and the altars were filled with seekers time and again. A number of converts were baptized. Many saints observed the ordinances of the Lord's House—Feet-washing and the Lord's Supper—as instituted by Jesus' example and command. "If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them."

Missionaries attending the campmeeting from Mexico were Sisters Edith Cole, Opal Kelly, Brother Irineo Rama, Bro. Tomas Mendoza and family, and Brother and Sister James Huskey and family. Their testimonies and exhortations on foreign mission work were timely and blessed of the Lord. Following the campmeeting, Sister Opal Kelly helped us for twelve days here in the office, for which we are grateful. She plans to return to Ojos Negros, Mexico later this summer. Pray for all these faithful missionaries.

The dates for the next National campmeeting at Neosho (Monark Springs) Mo. were set for July 20 to 29, 1973, if the Lord permits.

General Ministers' Meeting Scheduled. . .

A general ministers' meeting of the Church of God is scheduled to begin, Lord willing, at 10 a. m. on Tuesday, October 3, 1972 at the chapel in Guthrie, Okla. The sessions will continue three days or as long as the Lord directs. The dormitories and dining hall will be available to the ministers. You may send your free-will offerings to meet the expenses of these facilities to the treasurer, Sister Frances Deforth, Route 5, Guthrie, Oklahoma 73044.

Sisters Bonnie and Ann Matthews arrived here at the office on July 6 by bus from Los Angeles, Calif. and helped us in the office work—filling orders for literature, typing, reading proofs, and preparing meals for the workers—until July 21, at which time we took them to the National campmeeting. This was their first time at this national meeting, and they enjoyed the meeting and the fellowship of the saints. A few days after the meeting they returned to their home in Los Angeles. We certainly appreciate their lives of service and devotion to the Lord, and may He bless them abundantly.

Sister Bonnie Matthews has a call to the ministry as well as a burden from the Lord to come and help us in the gospel publishing work. To do this, she has given up a school teaching position, and, Lord willing, she will return to this office work soon after the California campmeeting which closes on September 3. She is fully assured that the presence of the Lord will go with her every step of the way. The eyes of the Lord are running to and fro to find many more young people, and older folk as well, who will consecrate

their lives fully to His service. No one can receive a higher calling with a greater reward—a crown of life that fadeth not away.

Write for lists of tracts and books which we carry in stock. Other excellent out-of-print books will be reprinted as the Lord supplies the means and necessary printshop help.

Bro. George Hammond drove his Volkswagen Van Camper, the body of which had been badly damaged in an accident in June near Ojos Negros, Mexico, back to Guthrie and has been working many hours already trying to get the body in proper shape and the windshield and glasses replaced. There is yet much more work on it to be done. Although the injury to his back is still giving him much discomfort, he has been printing and folding many tracts in the printshop since the National campmeeting. Pray that the Lord will touch and heal him speedily.

Chapel Purchased in Georgia . . .

Sister P. R. Bowers of Swainsboro, Ga. writes that they have purchased a chapel in which to worship the Lord and are in need of financial help to meet the obligation. They would appreciate a free-will offering for this worthy project, and you may send your contribution directly to Mrs. P. R. Bowers, R. 1 Box 158B, Swainsboro, Georgia 30401.

Word was received that Sister Emma Williams of the Pacoima, Calif. congregation departed this life to be with the Lord on July 29, 1972 after a short illness. She had been faithful to attend the services over the years. Many years ago she was a member of the Guthrie, Okla. congregation. May the Lord comfort the relatives and saints in their loss.

Bro. Mart Samons and other ministers began a tent meeting on August 12 at Prattsville, Ark. near the home of Bro. and Sister E. A. Loftis. Already we have received good reports from that meeting which is now in progress.

Crescent, Okla. Tent Meeting . . .

For some time Sister Emma Dilley has been burdened for a tent meeting at Crescent, Okla. where she lives, which is fifteen miles from Guthrie. Lord willing, Bro. and Sister Mart Samons will bring the tent and start a meeting there in the Crescent city park on Saturday, August 26 to continue through September 3, or longer. All are urged to pray for a soul-saving meeting, and to attend the nightly services if you are within driving distance.

Bro. Mark Spinks, a young minister from Shreveport, Louisiana, stopped here at the office on his return with his parents from the Jefferson, Ore. campmeeting. He helped us a few days in the shop work, then we took him to the National campmeeting. From there he went to the Myrtle, Mo. meeting, and

is now back here at the office. He plans, Lord willing, to attend other campmeetings throughout the season. May the Lord bless and prosper the labors of all His ministers, young and old. The field is great and the laborers are few, so remember the Lord's request for prayer.

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As this issue goes to press, Sister Thelma (Davis) Busbee, a long-time member of the Guthrie congregation, will be moving with her husband, Ray, to the Springfield, Mo. area after having sold their farm and held a farm auction sale. It is well to note that Sister Busbee, the daughter of the late Brother and Sister B. F. Davis, has attended the services of the local congregation more than fifty years, her parents having come to the Guthrie church in December, 1918. Of course, the Pruitt family has known the Davis family most of this time. The entire congregation will miss her faithful attendance and devoted Christian life. We pray that God's presence and grace will ever be her continual portion, and make her a blessing wherever she resides.

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The Lord's Printshop is still urgently in need of a consecrated, competent letterpress and offset pressman. We request our readers to agree with us in prayer that God will call definitely the one or ones He wants to use in this capacity, and that they will respond promptly. Surely the Lord of the harvest wants the whole gospel to go to the whole world. Who will hear and obey the voice of God?

Agree with us in prayer for other requests which we have before the Lord in regard to His work.

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What we should consider seriously every day is "the whole duty of man" as expressed by the Wise Man: "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil." Eccl. 12: 13, 14.

—Lawrence D. Pruitt

OBITUARIES



Alvin Robert Hightower, the son of James A. and Lou Ellen Hightower, was born on June 11, 1892 at Violet Hill, Ark. and departed this life at his home in Miami, Oklahoma on June 20, 1972 at the age of 80 years and nine days.

He was united in marriage to Mable Kelley on Nov. 3, 1929 at Oklahoma City, Okla. To this union, four children were born. His wife preceded him in death seven years ago.

He leaves to mourn his passing, one son, James, of Neosho, Mo.; three daughters, Lois Hightower and Roberta Hightower of Miami, Okla., and Charlotte Huskey of Guthrie, Oklahoma; one brother, C. H. Hightower of Marion, Oregon, and ten grandchildren.

Bro. Hightower was saved at an early age. God gave him a vision of the true Church while he was young, and he never lost that vision through all his life. He was

very devoted to his family, and he and his wife reared their children in the ways of the Lord. His life was a precious example of humility and steadfastness. During his lifetime he had many tests of faith with afflictions, but trusted the Lord through them all, and was faithful until God called him Home.

Funeral services were conducted at the Church of God chapel on Devon Street in Webb City, Missouri. Brother Kenneth Probst and Bro. Thomas V. McMillian officiated. Scripture texts used were: Psalms 12:1; Proverbs 16:31; and Psalms 116:15. Interment was in the Webb City Cemetery.

Brother Charles Vanoy was born in Jackson County, W. Va. on October 28, 1884, and died June 2, 1972. He was married to Janie Levice Dannahew. They had six sons and one daughter, all of whom are living. He lived most of his life in Charleston, W. Va.

Sister Gladys Weiss, aged 79, departed this life to be with the Lord on June 8, 1972 at Newport News, Va. She had been a resident of that area for 70 years and was a retired employee of Woolworth Department store.

Sister Weiss, a longtime reader of this publication, was a member of the true Church of God whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life. Her devotion was to the old-time Bible truth of the Church of God reformation. Her letters of encouragement to this office will be greatly missed, but it is comforting to know that she is at rest with the Lord.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Dawn Luikart of Holiday, Fla.; two sons, Sherwood McDaniel of Hampton, Va. and Herbert McDaniel of Chesapeake, Va.; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was conducted in the Peninsula Funeral Home by Elder Donald Monk. Interment was in the Greenlawn Cemetery to await the general resurrection.

—Editor

More About Sister Gladys Weiss

Sister Gladys (Butler) Weiss, who went Home on June 8, 1972 from here in Newport News, Va., was a long-time friend and, truly, "A Mother in Israel" to this writer and many others who love the pure Word of God preached in its fullness without compromise!

Sister Weiss lived by "The Word." She knew "truth" from error. Because of her deep-seated knowledge of the blessed old Bible, she was quick to defend the "faith once delivered to the saints." I have witnessed Sister Weiss suffer under persecution because of her strong stand for separation of the church from the sinful world.

Mother Weiss ordered and distributed many booklets, tracts, and hard-back books from Faith Publishing House throughout the 27 years that I had known her. I was a recipient of some of that wonderful, spiritual literature many years ago. My life has been richer, sweeter and brighter through my close fellowship with Mother Weiss. Her prayers, encouraging words and spiritual counsel helped me through many trials of life, discouragements and disappointments. She always reminded me that we have to suffer for Jesus if we would reign with Him.

Only a few months before disease and physical suffering laid hold upon her body, Mother Weiss was put through the furnace again. This was a spiritual battle, when satanic powers of darkness moved in as a surprise attack. The plans had been laid in secret. The cunning strategy was unbelievable. Like many of Satan's schemes, he used "professors of religion" for this attack. A non-professor would not be guilty of such. When I contacted

Mother Weiss by telephone, the blow had put her in bed at first, but she had quickly recognized Satan's scheme and calmly reassured me that this battle was the Lord's. We could not fight it, except with the Spirit of God, and she praised the Lord!

Her life was a living witness of a saint. She reigned over sin and Satan on this old earth. Now she is reigning with Jesus, whom she loved, obeyed and served! Our loss here is Heaven's gain.

One who loved her dearly, —Mrs. Winfield S. Lowe
Newport News, Va.

James Curtis Pierro, the third son of Wade and Elezer Pierro, was born October 12, 1890 in Marksville, Louisiana, and departed this life on June 25, 1972 in Stockton, California at the age of 81 years, eight months and thirteen days.

On September 6, 1911 he was united in holy matrimony to Josephine Greenhoward in Luther, Okla. To this union six children were born, two boys and four girls. One daughter, Rosalie, preceded him in death.

He sought God early in his life. He was a dutiful father and loving husband, always extending a helping hand to others.

He leaves to mourn his passing: a faithful wife, Mrs. Josephine Pierro; one brother, Ed Pierro, of Selma, California; two sons, Jefferson of Earlimart, Calif. and Everett of Stockton, Calif.; three daughters, Mrs. Ethel Dillard, Mrs. Elezer Fuller, and Mrs. Ola Breckenridge, all of Stockton, Calif.; 40 grandchildren, 34 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild, and a host of relatives, saints and friends.

The funeral was conducted in Stockton, Calif. by Brother E. J. Trotter. The pallbearers were six of his grandsons. He was laid to rest in the Stockton Rural Cemetery.

—Eric Ivy

Note of Thanks

Mother Pierro and the family wish to express their appreciation and thanks to each and everyone for the many telegrams, cards, flowers, and the love and kindness shown to them during their bereavement.

Sister Minnie L. Duncan was born in Alabama to Thomas and Josephine Thrasher March 25, 1888 and departed this life at The Golden Rule Home, Shawnee, Okla. on July 25, 1972 at the age of 84 years and four months.

She was united in marriage to Ansel G. Duncan on December 15, 1904 and to this union one daughter was born who preceded her in death. Brother Duncan also preceded her in death in 1960.

She heard and embraced the truth in her younger years of life and she maintained a love for God and His truth until her end. She had a strong desire to trust the Lord and this she had grace to do. It was a beautiful visitation from God. All who were with her in these last battles remarked how faithful God was to help and deliver her from her suffering.

She is survived by two grandsons: Charles Boone and Leslie Boone; two brothers, Eddie Thrasher and W. M. Thrasher; three sisters, Mrs. Belle Kelly, Mrs. Ophie Alexander and Mrs. Bessie Dewitt; 8 great-grandchildren, a number of nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted in the Church of God chapel, Shawnee, Okla., Bro. Charles R. Smith officiating. Interment was in McAllen, Texas cemetery by the side of Brother Duncan.

—Charles R. Smith

NATIONAL CAMPGROUND ENLARGED

For a number of years the campground for the National campmeeting of the Church of God at Neosho (Monark Springs), Mo. has been overcrowded and the saints have been praying and looking for a solution to this space problem. In answer to prayer, we are happy to report that during the recent campmeeting in July a contract was secured for the purchase of four acres adjacent to the present grounds on the east which is the ideal direction for the expansion of the camping facilities. Lord willing, we will have these additional acres for use at the next campmeeting. However, about \$5,500.00 will have to be provided before the papers can be finalized. If you have a free-will offering for this worthy project, please forward it as soon as possible to either of the following: the business manager, Bro. Kenneth Probst, R. 1, Vinita, Okla. 74301, or to the secretary, Bro. Bob Stover, 6304 S. 97th West Ave., Tulsa, Okla. 74107. If you would like to lease a lot on the new ground on which to build a cabin, contact either of the above named brethren.

—Editor

GREEN BANK, W. VIRGINIA TENT MEETING

We certainly want to thank the Lord for blessing us here at Green Bank, W. Va. with such a good tent meeting in June.

Considering the weather conditions, which were rather cold at times with plenty of rain, the meeting was well attended. We are happy to report that a few more souls found the Lord and others received help in different ways. Saints came in from many different places to be in the meeting and we certainly appreciated the efforts of each and every one who came.

If the Lord wills, we would like to make this an annual meeting and we will be looking forward to meeting many more of God's people the coming year. This meeting was truly an encouragement to all here at Green Bank. May God richly bless each one.

Pray that all here at Green Bank will hold fast to God's precious truths and that others may be added to our congregation.

Much Christian love, —Sister Shirley Carpenter

EVANGELISTIC TENT MEETING REPORT

Kentucky—Dear Bro. Lawrence and workers: We send greetings in Jesus' dear name. I trust this will find all well, and encouraged in the work of the Lord. Surely, there is much work to be done. . . .

I just want to give a little report of the Lord's blessing in the tent work this summer. We would like to have seen more good results, but appreciate what He has done. The tent meeting in Junction City, Ky. was well attended. A number of souls were at the altar to be saved, and for spiritual help. We appreciated all the saints who came to help in the meeting.

Then we went to Green Bank, W. Va. and had a real good meeting. The attendance was good. The Lord wonderfully supplied the needs. Some were saved, and the saints were much encouraged. This is a new field over there. We feel much good was done. The Lord sent different ones to help there. We were at Monark Springs, Mo. National campmeeting and some of the Myrtle, Mo. meeting.

At this time (Aug. 15), we are in a tent meeting at Prattsville, Ark. The Lord is blessing here, and we are trusting Him to save some souls. Our next meeting will be at Crescent, Okla., 15 miles from Guthrie, which is to start the 26th of August.

Then, Lord willing, on September 8, we will start a tent meeting near the saints' chapel in Enid, Okla. We feel there are still a number of souls which can be reached with the tent work. We appreciate the efforts and the support which have been shown toward this evangelistic work. I'm sure none of us will ever know the good we have done, and we really don't need to know. Jesus said, "When ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, We are unprofitable servants: we have done that which was our duty to do." Luke 17:10.

Pray for us that we be faithful in the little work He has called us to do.

Yours in His service, —Bro. and Sister Mart Samons
General Delivery, Junction City, Ky. 40440

Prayer Requests

Nigeria—"Thank you for your letter with the anointed handkerchief for my daughter. Since she applied it, we are sure and believe that God is healing her gradually. Continue your agreement in prayer with us until she may have complete recovery. As for me, I am getting well." —B. Ben Taylor

Ill.—"I called you and asked for prayer for Sis. —. She is better. They couldn't find any trace of the poison, but could see that she had it, as it damaged her eye and probably the sight is gone. So pray for this. The Word tells us that "He is excellent in power" and I know He can restore the eyes, too. He has helped me in so many ways. My arm that I hurt is all right and the knot on the bone where I struck it is almost gone, too. . . . I have some unspoken requests."

—Mrs. Nina Champion

Okla.—"All who read this request please pray for my ears. I am deaf. I do not hear anything when I go to meeting." —Arthur A. Brown

Tenn.—"I am not feeling very well. I thank God that, even though I am over 84 years old, I still can do my work and take care of myself. . . . I hope you will be able to keep up the good work. I feel that you are getting the truth out to the people. I know that I have learned more of the truth from the books that I have ordered from you than from anywhere else. . . . Pray for my daughter. . . . She is needing healing because she suffers a lot." —Daisy Gossett

Okla.—Remember Sister Beatrice Eck in prayer. She had a spell of real high blood pressure and still is very weak and dizzy. She has some trouble in her throat and side of her face and mouth. She is very dear to our family and we do want the Lord to heal her.

Do remember my brother, Lawrence, in prayer. We are still holding on for his complete healing of this place under his ear and on his head. We are thankful that it is no worse, yet it is not healed. We appreciate all who are praying for him. We do know God hears and we are expecting Him to heal.

Remember our daughter-in-law, Berniece Miles, in prayer. She has trouble with a place in her side. At times she suffers greatly with it. It seems to affect her nerves also. She needs her health to care for her four children.

La.—Still remember Bro. Steve Henry who is still fighting the good fight of faith. He is expecting healing from the Lord.

Sister Thelma Halbrook of Missouri desires prayer for her sister who is very much in need of healing for her body.

Md.—"I had a real bad spell on the 18th of July and I am not well from it yet. Some of the saints have been praying for me but as yet the victory has not come. I am requesting prayer for my healing. I know the Lord can and will heal our bodies. I am not taking medicine. . . . I am trusting the Lord all the way. . . . I have hardening of the arteries and a bad heart condition. Please get under the burden for me. . . . I thank God for the dear saints and their prayers." —Myrtle Warner

La.—"Gladys (Cashio) has been doing much better, but she still needs prayer. Those places on her head are bad. But she is trusting and believing that the Lord will heal them, as He has many other ailments for her. . . . God has been so good to me. I can never praise Him enough." —Sister Ada Short

Tenn.—"Please pray for my sister for her body." —Ottie Powell

Calif.—"Pray for a boy who asked me to pray for him. He is in the hospital with nervous trouble. He told me he felt like taking his life. . . . I have other requests." —Opal Williams

Wash.—"I have a very bad growth . . . and suffer greatly." —Bro. Thomas

Colo.—"My face is quite sore during this hot weather. I desire the prayers of the saints for my healing. I have another affliction that is giving me some trouble. 'Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivereth him out of them all.' Praise the Lord." —Frank Kutra

We do thank God for those who were prayed for at the various campmeetings this summer and were touched by God for the healing of their bodies. It is a precious privilege to trust the Lord for both soul and body. The Apostle John wrote, "Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth." 3 John 2. So we know that our bodies can be in health as well as our souls. It seems that the Lord many times will touch the soul in a definite way before He touches the body. I know in the past that the Lord has blessed me richly in my soul and then my faith received a definite touch and my healing came. Sometimes the Lord has given me a definite promise and as I firmly took it as mine and resisted all doubts, the healing came. Other times I have been healed instantly. God works in His own way to accomplish His purpose in our lives. —Sister A. Marie Miles

SAY IT

You have a friend—a man, a woman, a boy or a girl. For some reason you love him very much. Have you ever told him so? Then, Say it.

Your friend has helped you along the way in the days gone by. Gratitude is in your heart. Do not let it lie buried there—Say it.

Your friend succeeds in some task which he has undertaken. You feel a gratefulness that he has done it. You rejoice with him, but he will never know it unless you—Say it.

A sorrow comes his way. Some of his loved ones may have gone wrong. Disease may have laid its hands on

him, taking away the glow of health. You would share the sorrow with him. Then, Say it.

Old age, or perhaps a breakdown in the human machinery, may shut in your friend so that he can no longer go forth among his fellows. Perhaps the end draws near. In your heart you know a word of kindly sympathy would brighten the way—Then, say it.

The messenger of death may have knocked at his door and borne away into the unseen world some loved one. A word of sympathy would help to lighten the load and brighten the way—Then, why not say it?

A personal word, a telephone call, a postcard, a letter, a telegram, and only a few minutes of time! Silent sympathy. Your life may be better because of it; but your friend may go to the end of the journey and never know. You may add to the joy; you may lighten the load; you may brighten the way if you only take time to—Say it.

—Sel. by Sis. Aneita Corteway

Foreign Field Reports

MISSION REPORT FROM OJOS NEGROS, MEXICO

We do thank the Lord for being with us to own and to bless in the Mexico mission work this past year.

Brother Juan Cruz Blanco and his daughter, Betty, from La Mision are now helping in the work at Ojos Negros, B. Cfa., Mexico. His whole family is staying there for the summer.

July 7 through July 12, the Lord blessed us to have a real good six-day campmeeting. There was good attendance from other mission stations, and those of the Ojos Negros congregation were faithful. Eight young people came from La Mirada, Calif. and proved to be a blessing to the meeting. We trust the meeting was a blessing to them.

Continue to pray for all Mexico workers and that more people will be reached with the gospel.

Yours in Christ, —Sister Opal L. Kelly,
1006 N. W. 90 Street, Oklahoma City, Ok. 73114 (for the summer).

NIGERIAN MISSION REPORT

Southeast State, Nigeria (June 29)—Dear Brother Pruitt, co-workers in the Print Shop and saints abroad: We thank and praise our Lord and King, Jesus Christ, for His great love in bringing us salvation. It is wonderful to be saved and encouraged in the Lord to press on for Him. Praise His name!

We are grateful to report the second quarter services held at three sections of the mission field. All stations in those sections attended, and the stations cared for by Pastor J. U. Etuk. First, Section One met at Ikot Ntuen on June 4 with evangelist M. A. Uko who labors there. The Sunday school superintendent (evangelist T. H. Udo) taught the lesson from Acts 27:1-44. Attendance in the classes was 158. Bro. I. B. Ubara conducted the services. Brothers M. A. Uko and D. U. Ekong read scripture lessons. The sermon was preached by Pastor B. E. Udoka (superintendent of missions) on the text, "For I have opened my mouth unto the Lord, and I cannot go back." Evangelist J. J. Udo directed the Feet-washing Ordinance from John 13. Pastor J. U. Etuk served the Lord's Supper to about 200 members.

On June 11 the congregations in Section Two met at Ediene where evangelist S. U. Udo is the minister.

Pastor M. U. Ekpo led in the Sunday school teaching. Services were conducted by Brother S. Akpakpan. Elders E. E. Udom and B. A. Etukudo read Scripture lessons. The sermon came from evangelist S. U. Udo on "Hope." The Feet-washing ordinance preceded the Lord's Supper which was administered by Pastor M. U. Ekpo to 291 souls.

On June 18 the congregations in Section Three, where Pastor A. J. Ubaka is the area pastor, met at Nduo Eduo. I regretted that neither Bro. B. U. Udemé nor myself could worship with the saints there due to bicycle trouble on the way. Later, news reached us that the assembly was profitable.

Satan is vehemently fighting the progress of the work of God but we rejoice that God is conquering and subduing the devil's power.

I am thankful to my God for His healing hand on me. I had been sick with boils along my shoulders coupled with fever for the past three weeks. I trusted in God and waited for His answer. He quickly touched me and said to the devil, "It is enough!" The boils are gone! Praise His name!

We earnestly pray for you, and request the same for us and the mission work.

Yours in Christ Jesus, —Nse B. Umanah,
Field Secretary

MISSION REPORT FROM INDIA

S. India (July 25)—Beloved Brother L. D. Pruitt and other saints of the Church of God in America: Greetings again in the most wonderful name of Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life and the "Desire of all nations." "Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation." (Psalms 68:19).

Thank you very much for your good letter dated July 6, 1972, and the enclosures were noted with maximum gratitude. I trust your National Campmeeting is in progress now and we earnestly pray for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on all services and also on the preached Word which can open the hearts of many. . . .

Last week I was at Thrikkannamangal Bethel chapel and participated in the assembly there. All believers there seemed to be very happy and everything is going on fine there, except a little more maintenance work is needed on the Bethel chapel. The plastering of the walls is not finished and the windows are still open which are to be shut with wooden sheets. They are praying for those needs also. This year in December we wish to conduct a convention at Thrikkannamangal, if God allows. We expect your prayers for that also.

As I mentioned in my last letter, for several years I have been praying for certain new places where I wish to start the Lord's work for the glory of God and to win some more souls. Karuvatta and Thuruthikkad are some of those new centers. Karuvatta is a non-christian center, and last week while I was praying for that place with a plan to start a work there, one brother from Karuvatta by the name of T. K. Varghese, came to me with an appeal to come over to that place and to help them spiritually. He is a full-time gospel worker and he said that through his hard work he could win a few souls and thus a few believers are arising there. He also added that a work must be started there in the name of Church of God without delay. Even today, while I write this letter, he came to me again to invite me to come over to Karuvatta on August 13 to start the work. I agreed, and with great faith and prayer I wish to go over to Karuvatta on August 13 to open the gospel work there in the name of the Church

of God. At present the believers assemble in one room of Bro. Varghese's home. But it is inconvenient, so later we shall hire a convenient room for a very low rent. . . . Your earnest prayers in this matter are requested.

Similarly, within one or two months we must start work in the next new center of Thuruthikkad. Dear brother, in these days I have been ruled by the great burden to spread the gospel by expanding the Lord's work throughout the country in the name of the Church of God. Jesus commanded, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." But money is a great problem, because as our working centers are expanding, funds must also expand for which I am always praying with tears. . . . I wish someone from the church in America could come over here to visit and see directly all these fields and working areas and to find out the urgent needs in each place. Let us co-operate in prayer. Please do not forget to pray for the stability of the work that we started in Andhra State.

Many thanks to God who miraculously saved Brother George Hammond from great injuries in the accident in Mexico. May God heal and recover him completely from all pains and injuries.

Concerning my trip to the U. S. A., the fare to travel from Kerala to the U. S. A. by airplane will be about \$900.00, and there may be some other expenses to get the visa. I am still praying for the way to open for this purpose very soon if it is His will. Please extend our most loving greetings to . . . all the faithful workers at the Faith Publishing House. May Heaven heal you completely and bless all your labors. With prayers,

Your younger Brother in Christ,

—John Varghese

(As this issue goes to press, we have in this special fund about one-third of the \$900.00 required for the plane fare to bring Bro. John Varghese from India to the United States for a personal contact with the congregations here. Continue to pray that the way will be fully opened if and when the Lord wants him to make this tour. —Editor)

From The Mail Box . . .

Arkansas—To the saints abroad greetings of Christian love: I am still walking in this precious way of the Lord. I find everything I need in Jesus my Lord. I mean to continue in this way until the day of Homecoming when the Lord shall say, "Well done." Praise His holy and glorious name forever!

I am still enjoying the Faith and Victory paper. My prayer goes up for all of you. You will find a small offering enclosed to be used wherever needed.

Yours in Christian love, —Cherry R. Alba

Jamaica—Brethren: Greetings from Jamaica, in Jesus' dear name. Thank you so very much for the leaflets, "The Beautiful Way," which I received this week. I took them out today and distributed them in the hills of Saint Mary. May God bless you.

Please remember me to God when you pray.

Faithfully yours in Christ, —John B. Rollins

S. Carolina—Dear Bro. Lawrence and all of the saints at the Print Shop: This leaves me still pressing on to make heaven. All of God's saints are now in a battle, and if we fight like little David did, we will make Heaven. We are going up against spiritual wickedness in high places, but God is able to fight for us. Today finds me still just like we read in James 2:5, "Hearken, my beloved

brethren, Hath not God chosen the poor of this world rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which he hath promised to them that love him?" So that sounds sweet to me. Praise His dear name!

The "Faith and Victory" paper means so much to me in my Christian living, and I do love all of the testimonies from the saints of God. It is so good to hear from one another so we can pray for one another.

I am sending a little offering to help at the Print Shop. May God supply your needs.

Your Brother in the One Church, —Eddie Driggers

Penn.—Dear Sister Marie, greetings in the wonderful name of our Savior and Lord! When I read the "Faith and Victory" paper, it makes me feel as though I know all who write letters of testimony or their prayer requests. I am so glad we can send them in and the saints can pray and God hears and answers in His own way; not always the way we want Him to, but His way. We must say, "Thy will be done."

My brother is back in the hospital. . . . Please pray that he will surrender his life to God now. . . .

An offering is enclosed, and I do pray that all you do for our Lord will bring precious sheaves into His kingdom. We are here such a short time. We must redeem the time, for Jesus will come some day and we can't work any more.

Please pray that God will heal my bladder. It is so painful. I know He is able and will do it in His own time.

Your Sister in His service,

—Eva Cox

Tenn.—Dear Sister Marie and all the saints: Greetings in Jesus' precious name. I appreciate the good letters you write and the good paper "Faith and Victory." It seems we are living in perilous times. Surely the devil is deceiving people. He surely knows his time is short. It burdens my heart to see my loved ones that are deceived, besides the many others.

I thank the Lord for those that are putting out the good literature. Here is a little offering. May the Lord bless all His workers.

I will appreciate your prayers for my loved ones and friends.

Your Sister in Christ,

—Mary Williamson

Wash.—Dear Sister Miles, greetings in the name of Jesus: I do want to thank you for your nice letter.

My husband and I were in the ministry and also worked in missions. We have seen many souls accept Christ and we were dedicated to His cause. The Lord touched our bodies many times and raised us up to good health. We could never praise our dear Saviour enough for all He has done. The Lord called my husband Home over one year ago, but I go and call on the elderly and I give your tracts out and always give a testimony for my Lord. Yes, "He Is Real." I love that song and "How Great Thou Art!"

May the blessings of God be with you in your work for Him is my prayer. Please pray for me.

In Christian love,

—Sister Florence E. Miller

Ohio—Dear ones in Christ: Greetings in the name of our wonderful Lord who is my all in all. Praise His dear name! He gives me strength for each day, so I can care for myself.

I am praying all is well with you all and that the dear Lord will soon send healing to Brother Pruitt. I appreciate all of you and thank you for your prayers and

for the truth that you are sending forth each month, which is so badly needed.

Enclosed find a check to help in the printing work. May God richly bless all of you as you work for Him.

Love and prayers, —Sister Adah Smalley

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Florida—Dear Sister Marie and saints everywhere: I am so glad to be saved, and do appreciate all that the Lord has allowed to come my way, such as: the accusations of the devil, sufferings, and all, for they have caused me to learn some of the things that have been a great help to me on life's journey up the hill of difficulty. I am thinking of the Scripture in 1 Peter 5:10, "But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you." Oh, yes, it takes suffering before we can be made perfect. I thank God for what He already has brought me through. I mean to stand firm in the truth through all the suffering He sees good to send my way. . . .

We are very thankful to each of you for your prayers for us here in Florida. Continue to agree with us that the Lord will raise up a congregation here in Fort Lauderdale. We had a very good service last night, as some of the saints from Goulds were over. Brother Hargrave brought a very good message from the Lord. . . .

I am so thankful we are overcoming the affliction which the devil has tried to bind on us. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

I am enclosing a . . . check and a tract list. Please send the tracts

May God's richest blessings rest upon each of you.

Yours in Christian love, —Sister Mattie B. Savage

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Calif.—Dear Sister Miles and workers at the Print Shop: Greetings of love through our precious Lord and Saviour. . . . Truly, the Lord has been good to me. He has elevated me from a life of years in backsliding, to deeper depths and higher heights. It has been twelve years and one month since the Lord did what no other could do for me.

"He has cleansed my inner being,
Changed my life of wrong.
How His touch of healing virtue
Fills my heart with song."

Sister Bonnie Matthews, whom the Lord has dealt so graciously with and who has expressed her calling to serve there at the Print Shop, is a younger cousin of mine. May she be a blessing there.

May Bro. Lawrence know that he has our prayers. The Lord has brought it to my mind to be more concerned with fasting for his healing.

This July "Faith and Victory" was especially stirring to my soul.

Please send me a Cruden's concordance, and the remainder is to be used as the Lord leads.

Your Sister in Christ, —Gracie L. Dillard

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Florida—Dear Bro. Lawrence: Greetings to you and the saints at the Lord's Print Shop. We were very thankful to the Lord for permitting us to be in the Guthrie campmeeting, and if He wills, we desire to come again. It was a special blessing meeting the saints, old and new.

We are thankful to the Lord for the other meetings we attended at Wichita, Kansas and Boley, Oklahoma, then the revival at Tulsa, Okla. From Tulsa we went to Ohio to visit my precious mother and other loved ones. . . . From Ohio the Lord permitted us to travel to Swainsboro,

Georgia to be with Bro. Friendly Green, Bro. James Green and Sister Precious Bowers in seven nights of meeting. We believe there are many souls in Georgia that could be reached by the saints praying for and holding a campmeeting in this area. The brethren are interested and we truly pray for the Lord to work all this out. Thank the Lord for Sister Elizabeth McNair being in the battle there this year. She was a blessing to us all. The Lord sent us His pure Word! . . . We had a precious time this year and surely feel the seed has been planted. We observed the ordinances of God's House on Saturday, and the rejoicing reached a great high. . . . The meeting was held from June 25 to July 1, 1972 in a Baptist building. We understand the saints have their own chapel now which makes it much better. . . . Thank God for our own chapel in Georgia.

Praise the Lord that He permitted us to return to Goulds safely after being away for over thirty days and driving more than 5,000 miles. The Lord has blessed us here with a house with enough yard that we have stretched the tent and are holding services. Goulds does not yet have a chapel and we pray the Lord will help us in every area wherein we stand in need. Keep us on your prayer list. Here is our latest address: 22345 S. W. 117 Place, Goulds, Fla. 33170.

Your Brother in the Truth, —Herschell H. Hargrave

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Ill.—Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ: I returned home from the Myrtle, Mo. campmeeting, and surely do thank the Lord for the opportunity to attend this meeting and for traveling mercy to and from the meeting—no trouble at all. It was a real blessing to me, and I sure did enjoy it. I want the meeting to continue to live in my heart for days to come.

I love the Lord and all the saints, and want to live for God in every way that I know.

I hope all are well there, and remember us in prayer.

—Albert Green

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La.—We greet you dear ones again in Jesus' precious name: We trust all of you are well in body and soul. We are yet encouraged to press on and fight the good fight of faith. Our physical condition has made little change of late.

The summer meetings are about over. We were thankful to have the privilege to be in three services at the Hammond, La. campmeeting.

You will find enclosed a check to be used in the work of the Lord as is needed.

Yours in the Body of Christ, —G. A. Nichols

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Tenn.—Dear Bro. Pruitt and co-workers: Greetings once more in Jesus' dear name. We thank the Lord for His goodness, love, and mercy to us, and for His redemptive power, saving and keeping grace. We thank Him also for the saints everywhere and for their help and encouragement to us from time to time as we come in contact with them.

Wife and I got to attend a few of the services during the tent meeting in June at Junction City, Ky. These were good and helpful to our souls; also the saints and fellowship were wonderful.

May God richly bless and reward each of you there and all others who, under the direction and anointing of the Holy Spirit, labor here and there in His great vineyard.

Your letters, thoughts and prayers are appreciated. Enclosed is an offering for the publishing work. It is

a great responsibility, but God is able to provide and sustain it. We do appreciate you dear ones and the work you are doing, keeping it clean, scriptural and unadulterated—the Bible standard.

With Christian love, —Charles B. Williams

Oregon—Christian greetings: A check is enclosed for another 100 copies of "Touching Incidents." I am 85 years old but still able to give these books out where needed.

I accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as my Saviour and was baptized 72 years ago. Blessed be the Lord!

—Frank D. Kropf

Ontario, Canada—Dear Brothers and Sisters, greetings of love through Jesus Christ. It seems a long time since I wrote to you, but we moved last December and we have been busy people ever since. I keep up my work with teen-agers. I do praise the Lord for giving me this kind of work. I love these young people very much.

I still get the "Faith and Victory" paper and like to read it very much. I also pass it on after I have read it. Here is a dollar to extend the subscription. . . . I almost feel I know all of you. I pray that we shall keep in touch at all times. May God bless all of you.

Christian love, —Mrs. Leslie Smith

Testimonies and Answers To Prayer

Indiana—Dear Brother Pruitt and all the workers at the Lord's Print Shop and saints everywhere: I greet you once again in the wonderful name of Jesus. I hope all are well in body and happy on the way to heaven. Praise the Lord!

As for me, I can't complain. The dear Lord saves me and sanctifies me now, and I have better health than many people my age. My heart's desire is to do all I can for the saving of souls. I am sending a small offering to be used where you need it most.

When you pray, remember wife and me, and also our children and families.

As ever your Brother in Christ Jesus and the One Body,

—Nathan Mobley

Louisiana—Dear saints, greetings in the name of our precious Lord and Saviour: I trust this finds all well at the Print Shop.

Thank the Lord, I am better and able to do my work again. I appreciate every prayer that was prayed for me. The telephone calls meant so much, also the cards and letters. We have a mighty God. I am still praising Him for that wonderful peace and assurance that He gave me and made me able to rest on His promises when my suffering was so great. I had the sweetest peace deep inside, and His presence was always very near to me. "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name!"

My eyes are much improved and the bad sores on my head are healing. Praise the Lord!

Another campmeeting in Hammond, La. has come and gone. We surely looked to the Lord and prayed for this meeting, and He blessed in a wonderful way. Precious truths went forth from the pulpit, and a sweet spirit was present throughout the meeting. Heaven will reveal the good that was accomplished. We were happy to see the precious saints coming in from different places. We enjoyed them every one. . . .

Please keep praying with us for the work in general here in Hammond. We appreciate so much the way the Lord meets our spiritual needs, and we are continually looking to Him for even greater things. We have a heavy burden for precious souls.

I am encouraged to go on for my Lord. I do want to do His precious will and make it to heaven at any cost.

Enclosed is an offering for the work of the Lord there to be used as the Lord directs. We appreciate the gospel literature. The Sunday school material is a great blessing. We are thankful for the way the Lord uses both Sister Miles and Bro. Wilson to help explain the lessons.

Let us be faithful until life's work is done, and as it was said in our meeting, "At the end we will all receive a penny and eternal life." Praise our God forever!

In Christian love, —Gladys Cashio

Oregon—Dear Sister Marie, I greet you in Jesus' dear name: I can report victory in soul and body. The Lord healed my eyes some time before our Jefferson, Ore. campmeeting and touched my limbs for those red spots and weakness of body. Up to Friday, fasting day, I had been using my walker to get to services and back to the cabin. I was anointed in the morning service and used the walker to get to the cabin, but haven't used it since. Thank the dear Lord! He helped me to attend every service, four every day for ten days. I do give Him all the praise for it.

We really had a good campmeeting and heard such good messages with the Spirit's anointing. It was precious. We had four out-of-state ministers, and Brother Charles Elwell was here a few services and he brought us, I think, three messages. Bro. Mark Spinks preached three or four times. . . . It does my soul so much good to see the young folks move out for the Lord. There were several souls at the altar for help during the meeting. . . . We had good attendance most of the time.

May the Lord bless all of you at the Print Shop. We all are especially praying for Bro. Lawrence's healing. Love and prayers,

—Sister Emma Busch

S. Carolina—Dear saints: I thank the Lord for faith and victory in my soul. I am very much encouraged to live for the Lord.

Matthew 13:16 says, "But blessed are your eyes, for they see; and your ears, for they hear." I am happy because I heard the Word of God. It is food to my soul and a light to my pathway.

I want all the saints to know that we had a wonderful revival meeting which began here at Ridgeville on the 20th of June. Bro. and Sister Samons came from Kentucky and labored in the meeting. God really did bless the services. Twenty-two were saved and baptized, and on Sunday night we observed the Lord's Supper. We are praying for Bro. and Sister Samons to come back in the fall. I am asking all the saints to pray for our community, and all the saints across the country.

Your Sister in Christ, —Georgia Davidson

Ohio—Dear saints of God: I believe God would be pleased for me to testify of a wonderful healing He performed on my body on Sunday, June 4, of this year. I was home by myself, as my wife and children had gone to my oldest daughter's home in Columbus, Ohio for the weekend. On this morning the phone rang, and mother was needing prayer, so I went to prayer for her, asking God to touch her body. After prayer I arose and went into the bathroom to wash and shave. I felt well during this time, but in a little while I started feeling real sick.

I had a severe hurting in the left side of my back where, I suppose, my left kidney is, and it hurt all through the lower part of my abdomen. I called for prayer, as I was getting very sick and suffering very much. I kept getting worse, so I called my nephew, Bro. Jimmy Neff, and his wife and asked them to come out and on the way to stop and ask Brother and Sister McCoy to pray for me as they had moved and their new phone wasn't installed yet. Bro. Jimmy and his wife came and, oh, how they got down and called on God for help in this time of need. Bro. and Sister McCoy had gone on to the chapel, and while there they decided to come on out. When they came, they saw my condition and went right to prayer. It was a real battle and testing of faith. I could find no way to get rest to my body. I would lie down, sit, lie on the floor, walk the floor, but all the time the dear saints were pleading to God to come to my rescue. I would feel like I could vomit at times and nothing would come up. Then I did vomit and it was so bitter with a green or yellow color. Brother McCoy was praying for God to melt the stone as they felt sure it was a kidney stone attack. Sis. McCoy called Guthrie for an agreement in prayer. Sometime after 12 o'clock noon I went into the bedroom and got on my knees and laid my face downward on the left side of my face. Bro. McCoy came in the bedroom and had prayer again for me. Right after prayer was offered this time, I told Brother McCoy that I didn't have a pain in my body. Sister McCoy came to the bedroom door, and I told her the same thing, that all the pain was gone. Oh, how they did rejoice! I was still on my knees, but decided to stand up, and when I did I knew I was healed. Praise God, He had confirmed His Word of James 5:14, 16. Oh, how all of us did praise God for His healing power. I guess it was four hours or more of a battle of faith, but thank God for His saints who will hold on when the battle is raging. If I had put my trust in man, I know I would have been rushed to the hospital and no telling what they would have wanted to do to me. It pays to trust in God. The Lord has also healed me of other afflictions since I came back to God on April 11 of this year. Sister McCoy had called for my family to come home when I was so sick, but when they got home, I was up—a well man and they were so happy.

Saints, pray for me that I will be faithful to God this time as I desire to please Him with my life.

Christian love, —Earl L. Sharp

Alabama—Dear Sister Marie and all the dear saints everywhere: I am still praising the dear Lord for permitting me to be in all the good campmeetings that I have been in this summer. I met many of my dear sisters and brothers in the Lord. I will be praying for each one of you, and I do want you to pray for me. I know there are many that I will never get to meet in this life, but God knows them all so let us pray and look to Jesus that we may be found ready when He calls for us.

The dear Lord healed me of a hurting in my arm while I was in one of the meetings, but I do have another affliction in my body. I wish all of you would be agreed in prayer for me.

Won't it be a wonderful time when we get to heaven? There will be no more pain or sickness. I do want to live in heaven with Him eternally.

Your Sister in Christ, —Pearlene Whitson

La.—Dear Saints and Christian workers: May God ever bless and keep you is my prayer.

I am so glad we are serving a great and mighty God. He hears and answers us when we pray. He has answered

prayer many times and blessed us in so many ways. I know He has healed of some real serious things. I have written and called for prayer. He has always answered prayer for us.

I have five sons that are veterans. Two did not serve in the armed forces. One was a paratrooper. I was very burdened for him and prayed for God to watch over him and protect him. I got a call that he had come down in a tree and hurt his back. I could not understand why my prayers had not been answered. They flew him to Washington and operated on his back. When they were sending all of those paratroopers to Vietnam, I could plainly see that God was answering my prayer all the time and I did not know it. I did not doubt God and what He could do, but just because it did not come just like I thought it should, I felt just a little let down. It surely pays to wait on God, because He knows best. My son is getting along fine.

Husband and I surely do need your prayers very much. He has had a light stroke and is getting to a place where he can't bear much. He suffers a lot. I have a lot of trouble. I am better in some ways, but I have some real bad colon trouble. Please pray for us. We are expecting an answer from God. I know He is able.

Yours in Christ Jesus, —Mrs. Beulah Johnson

Arkansas—Dear ones at the Print Shop: May the Lord bless you each one this lovely morning. Oh, what a dear and wonderful Saviour we have! Thank God for His unspeakable Gift! I am so thankful I have learned to love Him, to trust Him and not be afraid. Oh, the sweet peace and confidence we can have in Him! What a blessing to be saved from the awful ways of sin! It is grievous to see the way precious people are living. Thank God to be delivered from the wrath to come.

The Lord is still healing me of the light afflictions that come on me. Oh, what a mighty God we serve! I plan to be in the Myrtle, Mo. campmeeting part of the time. I love the dear people of God, and how my heart goes out in prayer for those who make this world their god. How sad it will be when it is too late for them to repent!

I do enjoy the "Faith and Victory" paper, and pray the Lord to continue to bless and keep each one, and to send the help needed. Let us all watch, pray and be faithful to our calling.

Enclosed find a love offering to help in the gospel work.

Trusting, —Sister N. E. Adams

Calif.—Dear Sister Miles: Greetings in Jesus' name to you and all the saints. I am still saved and sanctified and much encouraged to live for the Lord.

I am happy to know that the Bible is true and I am blessed with some Scriptures. I hope they will encourage others also.

1 John 2:16, "For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world."

Hebrews 2:1, "Therefore, we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip."

1 Peter 2:17, "Honour all men. Love the Brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the King."

I know the Word of God will carry us through. "For there is no respect of persons with God." Romans 2:11.

I have enclosed an offering today. Please remember us in your prayers.

Your Sister in Christ, —Geneva Norling

The Upper Limit

When something is operating at full capacity, it means it is using its maximum power output. Maximum is the greatest quantity or value attainable in a given case—it is the "upper limit," not the lower limit. Today, many people are not operating at full capacity for God, but are satisfied to function considerably below their capacity.

Jesus tells us that we shall receive power after the Holy Ghost is come upon us. Power is the ability to act, authority to do and to resist pressure or attack. Are we using the power God has made available to us or are we content to do nothing and let the work of God suffer?

Let us see why many are failing to operate at full capacity. Never has there been a time when people are so busy, yet doing so little for God. Do not feel that just because you are busy and the hours of your day are full, that you are not being idle and slothful with the power God has given you. When we do nothing for God, we will find it extremely easy to do something for the enemy. We need to be about our Father's business now! Jesus said in John 9:4, "I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work."

Many are just too lazy to do anything for God. They have no self-discipline and will not use the ability they have. Often we hear someone say, "Oh, I could do it if I set my mind to it." Then, sadly, the days go by and the work remains undone. People do not lack strength; they just lack the will.

Some hide behind the cloak of timidity and say they just don't have the nerve to pray in public, testify and witness for God. Yet when they were unsaved, they were very bold and certainly were not timid. Even if one is timid by nature, God is able to give boldness to speak out for Him. Also, the devil hinders people with accusations, doubts and depression until they feel no leading to pray or testify. The enemy will also tell us that we cannot accomplish anything for God and will point out work already done that appears to be useless. However, we know the devil is a liar, and even though we don't see the harvest, we must be faithful to continue planting, watering and expect God to give the increase.

To work for God, we must first see the need and then be willing for God to use us to do something about it. The prophet Nehemiah is a good example of a man who recognized a need and did something about it. He saw the walls of Jerusalem were broken down and in waste and should be rebuilt. He was concerned about it and wept, prayed and fasted about the need. He was humble before God, but reminded Him of His promises unto the people. He was bold to approach the king with his request that he be allowed to go repair the walls, and God blessed him and this work in a wonderful way. Not only was Nehemiah operating at the upper limit, but the Scriptures tell us that when he returned to Jerusalem he found a people who "had a mind to work."

Let us begin in our own congregation to see what needs to be done and then have a willingness to do the job. Do not complain and criticize because a service is seemingly lacking in the Spirit of God, but rather search yourself to see if you did what God had for you to do. How long has it been since you really carried a burden for the one who would bring the message; how long since you testified of God's blessings in your life and how long since you spoke a word of encouragement to a discouraged brother or sister?

When we talk about working for God, people quickly say, "Oh, God has not called me to preach." He may not have called you to preach, but He does have something for each one of us to do. The twelfth chapter of 1 Corinthians tells us about the gifts in the church and stresses the importance of using each gift whether it be large or small. Just as we are hindered in our own body by a non-functioning member, so is the Church (Body of Christ) hindered by our failure to function.

Saints, let us each one search our hearts and ask ourselves, "Are we operating at the 'upper limit'?"

—Dixie Hand

Thanksgiving for Deliverance

Thanksgiving (the act of expressing gratitude for blessings and mercies) is always in order. Our hearts are so full we can hold it no longer. For some time we have felt as the Psalmist, "O Lord: that I may publish with the voice of thanksgiving, and tell of all thy wondrous works." The devil will surely try to hinder one, and if you think that you cannot do as well as someone else, that is just another trick of the devil to cheat one out of a blessing. Regardless of how we express it, God loves to hear our praise and thanksgiving just as we delight in words of appreciation no matter how inadequate they may be. Let us hold back no longer, but be diligent to openly thank and praise God for His goodness to us all. Our main concern is to be acceptable before God—not man.

Zephaniah 1:12-18 seems applicable to our day, and if we sin against God, we may have the wrath of God upon us as did these people. "I will search Jerusalem with candles [nothing is hidden from His all-seeing eye], and punish the men that are settled on their lees [the dregs or worthless part of anything; in other words, just neglecting to do the worthwhile things], that say in their heart, The Lord will not do good, neither will he do evil." They are thinking they can get by doing what they want to instead of doing God's will. But it says, "The great day of the Lord is near." Distress will come and they shall walk like blind men because they have sinned against the Lord. Neither their silver nor their gold shall be able to deliver them in the day of the Lord's wrath. Their earthly possessions were their main concern.

When we want deliverance, what is going to seem the more important to us—deliverance, or our silver,

gold, etc.? Would God accept any of these in exchange for deliverance or pardon? No, and neither would any of these things be of any more importance to us at that time than they are to God. All we would be concerned about is deliverance.

When everything is going well, we may wonder what we want to be delivered from. When reverses come, we can cry for deliverance from a lot of things, as is mentioned in the Scriptures. Here are a few: From every evil work (2 Tim. 4:18), in famine, in war, from the scourge of the tongue, destruction, from death, the snare of the fowler and afflictions. (Psa. 33:18, 19; Psa. 91:3). Above all, a person needs deliverance from sin!

Who, you may say, is worthy to be delivered? "Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear him, to hope in his mercy, to deliver their soul from death." "The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth and delivereth them out of all their troubles. . . . Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the Lord delivereth him out of them all." Psa. 34:17, 19.

As we noted in the case of the people mentioned in Zephaniah, "Riches profit not in a day of wrath: but righteousness delivereth from death. . . . The righteousness of the upright shall deliver them . . ." Proverbs 11:4, 6.

"Thou art my hiding place; thou shalt preserve me from trouble: thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance. . . . Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, ye righteous: and shout for joy, all ye that are upright in heart." Psa. 32:7, 11.

How blessed it is to live righteously and godly in this world! —Unsigned

How to Obtain Sanctification

The doctrine of sanctification, however well understood, is of little value unless it leads us to the heart-experience of sanctification. The atonement was made for all men, but it avails only for those who by an act of personal faith appropriate the boundless blessings it affords. Yet an understanding of the doctrine of sanctification and a knowledge that the atoning blood of Christ will purify the heart and fill it with the divine Spirit are necessary to our obtaining the experience. A man who, like the disciples at Ephesus, has never heard "whether there be any Holy Spirit," can not be filled with the Holy Spirit. Though a man may receive sanctification without first understanding technically and thoroughly every phase of the doctrine, yet he must have sufficient knowledge to know that sanctification is a Bible doctrine. He must, for example, know that there is such a thing as sanctification, that it is attainable in this life, and that it is for him.

The knowledge of the doctrine of sanctification is fruitless without a fervent desire for the experience. A fervent desire for a pure heart, guided by a knowledge of God's provision through the gospel, will begot sanctifying faith in the believer, will set him to praying, seeking, striving for the perfect salvation

experience. Since a man cannot intelligently desire that of which he is ignorant, enlightenment must precede desire; but unfortunately, fervent desire does not always follow enlightenment. A man must not only know the nature and tendency of depravity, know that its eradication is possible, but he must also feel the dangers of allowing the depraved nature to remain in him, and feel the desirableness, the profitableness, and the blessedness, yea, the necessity, of a sanctified experience.

Both the intellect and the sensibility, knowledge and feeling, then, have a part in the Christian experience. Jesus says, "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:32). Yet the kingdom of God is partly feeling, for Paul says it is "righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Ghost." (Rom. 14:17). Knowledge without fervent desire may take a man through a formal consecration and lead him to a profession of sanctification; but without fervent desire to propel the heart to action, the religious sensibilities remain dormant, the faith is not a living faith, and the experience is not perfect. The necessity of feeling, desire, conviction, however, does not make knowledge unnecessary. The intellect and the sensibilities in Christian experience stand related like body and soul in man. As the body without the soul is dead, so knowledge without feeling is lifeless and cold; as the soul without the body is insensible and incapable of practical earthly life, so feelings without the guiding power of knowledge are unstable and unenduring. We receive knowledge of sanctification through the truth (John 17:17), but desire is the wings that waft our prayers to God and brings a speedy answer down. "What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them" (Mark 11:24). It is the "fervent prayer," the prayer that burns with holy desire, that "availeth much" (Jas. 5:16).

Even though God understands our faintest desire as well as He understands our spoken request, yet it pleases Him—to say nothing of the good it does us—to have us ask. "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: for every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh, it shall be opened" (Matt. 7:7, 8). It appears from the following texts that the disciples were in prayer when the Spirit descended upon them on the day of Pentecost. "And when they were come in, they went up into an upper room, where abode both Peter, and James, and John, and Andrew, Philip, and Thomas, Bartholomew, and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon Zelotes, and Judas the brother of James. These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren" (Acts 1:13, 14). "And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto

them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance" (Acts 2:1-4). It was while in prayer that the disciples on another occasion were filled with the Holy Spirit. "And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness" (Acts 4:31). Prayer was offered, too, when the people of Samaria received the Holy Spirit. "Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the Word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John: who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost" (Acts 8:14, 15). Jesus says plainly that the Holy Spirit is given to them that ask. "If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?" (Luke 11:13).

Knowledge, desire, and prayer, though necessary, are still not enough to cleanse the human temple in the blood of Christ and thus fit man for the Holy Spirit's complete indwelling. There must be a fuller dedication of oneself to God than was possible before conversion. The convicted sinner who has never known Christ as his Savior can not fully comprehend the deep meaning of an entire consecration, but the justified believer who has "acquainted himself with God" understands more fully what it means to give spirit, soul, and body completely and unreservedly into the hands of God. Whether or not Paul had in mind entire sanctification when he wrote the words of Romans 12:1, that verse expresses the idea of complete surrender of the body to the service of God. In his letter to the Thessalonians, Paul speaks of sanctifying as being "wholly," or entirely, and of the preserving grace of God as reaching "spirit, soul, and body." "And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it" (1 Thess. 5:23, 24).

"When thy all is on the altar laid,
Guard it from each vain desire;
When thy soul the perfect price has paid,
God will send the holy fire."

But we are not sanctified by knowledge, by desire, by prayer, nor by dedication or consecration. Not even by all of these necessary steps are we sanctified. "Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate" (Heb. 13:12). The Apostle Paul says that he was sent to the Gentiles "to open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me" (Acts 26:18).

To sum up what we have thus far learned, the justified believer must, in order to be sanctified, receive a knowledge that sanctification is attainable, must have an impelling desire to obtain the experience, must dedicate, or consecrate, himself "wholly to God," must pray for the Holy Spirit and finally, must believe, must have faith that the blood cleanses and that the Holy Spirit in His fullness comes in.

Just at the "faith point" however, is where many falter. We are sensation-loving creatures. We often think more of the blessing and pray more for the blessing than we do for the Blessor. Sanctification by faith, the only sanctified experience known in the Bible, is often overlooked through over-attention to feelings, demonstrations, and mere externalities. Reader, if you wish to be sanctified, you must receive that experience by faith. Feelings, blessings, and glory are not the heralds of faith, but the fruits of faith. Emotions have their seat in the human mind and are played upon by all kinds of circumstances; they vary, rise and fall: but faith is grounded upon the immutable Word of God; it continues unmoved and unchanged by varying circumstances and changing environment.

Some people trouble themselves a great deal about "the witness" of sanctification; yet, in truth, "the witness" is the one thing about which man need never trouble himself. Man's part is to believe, the Spirit's part is to witness; so see that you believe, and let God attend to the witnessing, for "he that believeth . . . hath the witness in himself" (1 John 5:10). Some latter-day teachers would have us believe that the gift of tongues is a necessary accompaniment, or witness, of the Holy Spirit's infilling. Such a position is refuted by the experience of the Samaritans. In the account of their receiving the Holy Spirit, nothing is said about their having spoken in tongues. (Read Acts 8:5-17). Other Scriptures also refute the above position.

To put the instructions in few words: if you are a justified believer in Christ, desiring to be wholly sanctified, you must believe that sanctification is for you and obtainable in this life; you must desire it fervently enough to prize the experience above everything else, to seek it diligently, to pray for it earnestly; you must dedicate your spirit, soul, and body forever to the service of God; finally, you must believe—unwaveringly believe, regardless of mere emotions, that the blood sanctifies, that the Holy Spirit comes in. Do these things from the heart, and you are sanctified. Doubts may assail you, temptations may come, emotions may rise and fall, but "He that believeth . . . hath the witness in himself."

—D. O. Teasley

WIN THE LOST AT ANY COST

As we look around us, all the fields are white,
Ripened unto harvest, and so swiftly comes the night.
Christians must get busy, there is work to do.
Here's an urgent task awaiting you.