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Christ Triumphant

I sing the risen glory
Of Christ, my Lord and King,
Who reigns above, and reigns in love,
And makes my heart to sing.

Once for our errors smitten,
He bled upon the tree,
And suffered there, our sins to bear
And set our spirits free.

There in the grave they laid Him
And wept with sorrow sore.
Filled with dismay, they went their way
In fear they shut their door.

But ere the sun's bright rising
Came forth that Easter morn,
Our Lord arose, Sweet Sharon's Rose,
All mankind to adorn.

They found the tomb was empty,
And Christ was seen once more
In proofs divine, His life did shine,
In joy they witness bore.

'Twas He their hands had handled,
Restored to life again,
To live anew, so great and true,
The Saviour of lost men.

Upon the sacred mountain
He gathered them around.
"Go forth," said, He, "the message free
To all the world resound."

Then rising, slowly rising,
From earth did He ascend
To heav'n above, a song of love
Inspiring without end.

Unfold, unfold, ye portals,
While we His praises sing.
Triumphantly, eternally,
Christ lives to be our King.

—Leslie Busbee

Be Ready When Christ Comes

"In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." John 14:2, 3.

We have the assurance and Bible proof that Jesus **did** go away. He ascended into heaven and a cloud received Him out of their sight. While His disciples looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, which also said, "Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven." Acts 1:10, 11. The manner of our Lord's ascension was via a cloud. Also, the clouds will reveal Him when He comes again to bring this world to judgment, and to take unto Himself His Holy Bride, the Church, and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn when they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. Matt. 24:30. Praise the Lord! These scriptures prove beyond all doubt that Jesus Christ, our risen Saviour, will return. Jesus said, "But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only." Matthew 24:36.

On one occasion Jesus' disciples asked Him, "What shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?" His first answer was: "Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many. And ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes in divers places . . . For as the lightning cometh out of the east and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be." Matthew 24:4-7, 27.

In answer to their first question Jesus said, "Take heed that no man deceive you." Today, there are false

teachers all around us. New and formerly unheard of religions are arising more and more, even the Church of Satan with its 100,000 members in the U. S. These are deceiving precious souls by preaching and teaching their own theory or doctrine, thereby failing to preach and teach the full Word of God. Reader, be careful of the things to which you listen. They could influence your eternal destiny. Jesus said, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God," Deut. 8:3; Matt. 4:4. 2 John, vs. 7, reads: "For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist." Ephesians 4:14, "That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive." Gal. 6:7, "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." Read also 1 Cor. 3:18. It is God's will that every one should know the plan of salvation, and adjust himself to it, and be ready when Jesus comes.

Do we not hear of wars and rumors of wars today? Definitely so! The leaders of the nations, in their mad efforts to gain power, prestige, supremacy, and authority, seem to give little or no thought to precious human lives. Millions are being slaughtered on the battlefield and millions more are being injured, imprisoned, and tortured, which brings sorrow, heartache, and poverty to loved ones and homes without number. Nations are rising against nations, and kingdoms against kingdoms. When we hear of these things, it makes us to know that Jesus is coming soon.

Moreover, Jesus said that there would be famines (scarcity of food, starvation), pestilences (contagious diseases widespread and fatal), earthquakes, etc. People in India and other countries are starving and dying for want of food. Consider the epidemic of influenza a few years ago that swept the country, killing hundreds of people, insomuch that the physicians hardly knew how to treat it. It seems that earthquakes are becoming more numerous, destroying people and property. All these things tell us that the coming of the Lord is near. May God help us to be ready.

Please read 2 Thess. 2:7, 8, 10b, "For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: . . . because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved." If the mystery of iniquity was already working in Paul's time (about 1900 years ago), it surely has increased an hundred fold in every avenue of sin and ungodliness. Pride is on the increase and morality is on the decline. May God help us to search our own hearts and be ready when He comes.

The disciples also wanted to know what to expect in the end of the world. In Luke 17:26, 27, we read, "And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it

be also in the days of the Son of man. They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all." Dear ones, was there ever a time that we have seen more eating and drinking than we do today? Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed. Jesus warns us in Luke 21:34, 35, "And take heed to yourselves, lest at anytime your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting [excessive indulgence in anything, as eating of food], and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares. For as a snare [anything that entangles or entraps] shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth." Dear ones, the enemy has not only these things to snare or entrap us, but also many, many more. May God help us to shun the snares and pitfalls of the enemy and to stand approved before the Son of man.

2 Peter 3:3, "Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts." Folks that we know and that know us give little or no heed to God's Word which His ministers preach. Many scoff at our way of living, how we dress, how we trust God for the healing of our bodies, etc. But our blessed Saviour said that those who endure to the end shall be saved. May God grant unto us enduring grace that our lives might be acceptable in His sight and we can see His face in peace.

Jesus warned again in Luke 21:26, "Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth." Paul, in his second letter to Timothy (2 Tim. 3:1-5), warns of perilous times in the last days, or just prior to our Lord's return. "For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away." Perilous times are here! Not only do we see these things, but also we hear of strikes, riots, upheaval of nations (including our own U. S. A.), scarcity of oil, gasoline, food, and other commodities, with prices escalating more and more. Let us not be troubled by these things, but realize they are signs of Jesus' coming.

The powers of heaven shall be shaken. And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. Zech. 12:10, ". . . And they shall look upon me whom they pierced . . ." Jude 14, "Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints." Rev. 1:7, "Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him." May the Lord help us to search our hearts according to His Word and be ready when He comes.

—Bro. and Sister S. E. Abbott

"Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." John 3:3.

Satan Desireth Thee!

Teenage friend, Satan desireth you! Christian friend, Satan desireth you! Professing friend, Satan desireth you! You who are living without God, Satan has you! There is only one who can deliver you from the snares of Satan.

Jesus told Peter in Luke 22:31, 32 that Satan had desired to sift him (Peter), but Jesus had prayed for him. Jesus is still the only one who can deliver us from the snares of Satan.

1 Peter 5:8 says, "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary, the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour." As the lion who has startled his prey no longer stalks it, but with a roar takes after it, so Satan is today turned loose upon America and all mankind. Every demon-inspired belief and practice in the world is being tried in our country with the young disillusioned being the chief prey!

May God help us to see these devices of Satan and flee from them! Satan is very much alive today! The Satan worshipers numbered in the 100,000's and spread across the length and breadth of our country are a witness to this attack of Satan. This is only one of Satan's snares!

Witchcraft has become popular and free to practice openly! There is reported 60,000 followers in France. England has between 5,000 and 6,000 practicing witches! Germany and other countries have many followers. Housewives in America are doubling as witches! The practice has become sophisticated! Stores for witchcraft practice supplies are open in many cities.

Many other devices of Satan are popular. The Age of Satan has become strong since 1966! No more campus riots! "Mind-expanding" drugs are not the "in thing" anymore. Astrology, fortune-telling, spiritualism, parapsychology, mental telepathy, ouija boards, and many others, are capturing the attention of American youth today.

Many ex-Satan priests are telling the wierd and gruesome stories of practices less than human! One teenager in Wisconsin put her new-born baby in a pot to boil for a sacrifice to Satan. In the same town, a highschool teacher practicing spiritualism caused a teenager to be possessed by a demon that he could not cast out.

The Bible tells us in Acts 19:14-16 of the seven sons of Sceva who were sorcerers and wanted to add the miracles of God to their list when they saw Paul performing miracles. They tried to cast the demons out of a man in the name of Jesus (whom they didn't know, but who was preached by Paul) and the demons leaped upon them and overcame them! We dare not try to practice the power of God without having His power in us!

The Bible warns us from beginning to end to stay away from all these snares of Satan.

Deut. 29:29 says: "The secret things belong unto the Lord our God; but those things that are revealed

belong unto us and to our children forever. . . ." God knows there are some things under the power of Satan that we are unable to deal with.

God says in Deut. 18:10, 11, "There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, or that useth divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch, or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer [consulter of the dead]. For all that do these things are an abomination unto the Lord."

"Therefore when men will say unto you, 'Consult the necromancers and fortune-tellers,' . . . should not a people consult its God? Should a people consult the dead for the benefit of the living?" (Isaiah 8:19, Berkeley).

When we need guidance, we should get it from God and His Word which covers every aspect of life. The late Bishop Pike, for example, thought he talked with the spirit of his son, but it was probably that same spirit that lured him to his destruction in the great desert by the Dead Sea where he had utterly no reason to be alone. Very often these spirits are known to possess the ones who do business with them.

Our schools have been flooded with many devices of Satan through the so-called "permissive or progressive education" which allows the child free expression without correction. This is a product of philosophers such as John Dewey and others. The Bible says in Prov. 22:15, "Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him."

Paul said in 2 Cor. 4:3, 4, "If our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost. In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them." Satan was the prince of this world. "Now is the judgment of this world; now shall the prince of this world be cast out." John 12:31. Man has made Satan a god just as he raised up and made a god for himself out of the residue of wood. Isaiah 44:17.

Atheism has had a great effect upon our school systems from the first grade on up. The evolution theory introduced by Charles Darwin has had widespread belief in the schools. "Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ." Col. 2:8.

There are many more related philosophies which Satan has and is using to ensnare and enslave humanity. Thank God that "the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds; casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ." 2 Corinthians 10:4, 5.

Saint and sinner, "Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil!"
—George A. Hammond

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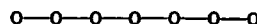
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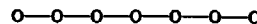


Many thanks and a sincere welcome are extended to the readers who became regular subscribers by returning the subscription remittance envelope attached to the wrapper of the copies of the March issue which was the expiring number of this special three-months trial offer. (If any of our regular subscribers received a second March paper with an expiration envelope, please disregard it, as your subscription has not expired. You received a second paper because someone had sent your name for this special trial offer.) The response to this literature extension effort is very encouraging, as each day's mail brings in more subscription envelopes. Many new readers have already expressed how well pleased they were to receive these trial issues, and they now want to obtain a copy each month. May the Spirit of God open the heart of every reader to the vital Bible truths presented in this and all the future issues.



The winter season is past, and all vegetation is bursting forth with new life in this beautiful springtime. The new green grass has covered the old dead grass of winter, and the barren trees have put forth green leaves and beautiful blossoms.

This marvelous change from the cold, barren conditions of winter reminds us of the miraculous transformation that takes place in a soul when he is "born again," when he is, by faith in the atoning blood of Jesus Christ, resurrected from the dead state of sin to eternal life with all the redeemed. The apostle Paul wrote of this new life in these words: "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." 2 Cor. 5:17. Praise the Lord, this is a present experience available to every believing soul. This spiritual resurrection from death to life in Christ also produces in the heart of the believer "that blessed hope" of that wonderful change from mortal to immortality in the general resurrection at the last day.



"He is risen!" proclaimed the angel . . .

The good news of the resurrection of Christ, our Saviour, from the grave is the fulfillment of the "more sure word of prophecy," completing the perfect plan of salvation which was fore-ordained in the mind of God. The Apostle Paul wrote: "I declare unto you the gospel . . . how that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures; and that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the Scriptures." 1 Cor. 15:1-4. Again he wrote: "Who [Christ] was delivered for our offenses, and was raised again for our justification." Romans 4:25.

To the believer, the resurrection of Christ is the pledge of immortality. Jesus said to His disciples, "Because I live, ye shall live also." John 14:19b. The Apostle Paul wrote: "But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept. . . . For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. . . . And as we have borne

the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly." 1 Cor. 15:20, 22, 49. Our blessed Saviour came forth a victor over death, hell and the grave. Likewise, that is the blessed hope of the righteous in the final resurrection at the last day.

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Bro. and Sister Mart Samons of Kentucky are here at the Guthrie chapel in a revival meeting which began Sunday, March 17. The Bible truth is going forth clearly and definitely, and souls are responding to the gracious invitations. The Lord requires a one-hundred percent consecration to His will. Jesus said: "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven, but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven." Matt. 7:21.

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Our co-workers, Bro. and Sister Gene Beisly and family, Bro. George Hammond, and this writer were privileged to attend the all-day meeting at Coffeyville, Kansas, on Sunday, March 10. In spite of the heavy rain before and during that day, the services were well attended. Bro. Ira Stover and Bro. Charles Smith ministered the Word.

The next all-day meeting in that area will be on Easter Sunday, April 14, at the Church of God chapel in Nowata, Okla., where Bro. Clifford Wilson is the pastor. You are cordially invited to attend these services.

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On Saturday, March 2, Bro. Earl Sharp phoned that his mother, Sister Maudie Sharp, aged 75, of New Carlisle, Ohio, had departed this life to be with the Lord that morning after a lengthy illness. Also, word was received that Sister Melissa Greer of Los Angeles recently finished her earthly course. May the Lord comfort and sustain the bereaved relatives and friends of all those who have gone on to the Glory World. Up to press time neither of the obituaries of the above-mentioned saints has been received at this office.

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Guthrie Work Day Re-scheduled

To Oklahoma Saints: The planned work day on March 23 was too cold to re-shingle the roof of the chapel at Guthrie, Okla., where the Oklahoma State meetings are held annually. Consequently, the work day for that purpose has been set for **Sat., April 27**. We trust the Lord to give favorable weather. Also, the outside woodwork of the chapel needs repainting. Please bring hammers and paint brushes. If you cannot come, and want to help, you may contribute to the fund which is not now sufficient to pay for the materials. Send your offering directly to Sister Frances Deforth, R. 2, Box 34, Guthrie, Okla. 73044. **Remember April 27**, and come to labor for the Lord.

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The 512-page songbook, "Evening Light Songs," is nearly out of stock, and this popular Church of God hymnal, first published 25 years ago, is now being reprinted. By the blessings of the Lord we expect to have this reprint edition available by July 1, 1974.

Because of the spiraling costs of paper, ink and postage, we must increase the price of this hymnal to **\$3.00 each, postpaid**. No discount is allowed for quantities, as this is still a very reasonable price for a cloth-bound book of this size.

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Write for a price list of other excellent books, many of which were written by the pioneer ministers of the Reformation. More of these old out-of-print books of vital truth will be reprinted as the Lord provides time, paper, and printers. Watch for the publication dates of other reprints in future issues.

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The large book, "Birth of a Reformation," by A. L. Byers, has been reprinted, and we had planned to have it completed in the month of March, but the order for the hardboard, from which the cloth covers are made, has not come through because of the paper shortage. We still hope to have some books completed in this month of April to fill the back orders which we have waiting. We are sorry for the delay, but it seems that shortages of many items will be the way of life for all of us from now on. The price of this excellent volume on the life and labors of D. S. Warner is **\$4.50 each, postpaid**. Send your order with remittance, and the book will be mailed to you as soon as they are ready.

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As most of you know, the first class postage has risen in price on an average of 25 percent. Likewise, the postage on second, third, and fourth class mail, which includes our publications, tracts and books, has also risen in varying amounts and is scheduled to go much higher at stated intervals. Since we prepay the postage on all our gospel literature, it may become necessary to adjust our prices slightly. Our firm resolve is to keep our prices as low as possible in order to encourage a wider circulation of the gospel literature. Much literature is **mailed postpaid and free of charge** to home and foreign fields. No one who wants gospel literature in a limited quantity is ever turned away because they are unable to pay. In accord with Jesus' plan, the poor must have the gospel, the good news of salvation through Jesus Christ, brought unto them regardless of the cost.

Printing and wrapping paper is still in short supply, and the prices are advancing steadily, especially since the Government lifted the price controls as of March 4. In the month of March we received only half of the printing paper we had ordered for delivery that month. Next month the paper will cost several cents more per pound, but our faith and trust are in God who owns "the cattle on a thousand hills" and has promised to supply the needs that we may have all sufficiency in His work which He has called us to do.

This is essentially a faith work, and we are grateful to all our readers who are praying for and co-operating with us in helping to carry out Christ's last great commission to His Church. Remember that there is an eternal crown of life reserved in heaven for all the faithful saints.

—Lawrence Pruitt

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Birth of a Reformation—Life and Labors of D. S. Warner by A. L. Byers. A reprint with additional pictures of pioneer ministers. Cloth bound, 496 pages. Price, \$4.50 each, postpaid.

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Dallas M. Hepler was born July 29, 1891, at Cameron, Idaho, and departed this life to be with Jesus on February 23, 1974, at Lewiston, Idaho, at the age of 82 years, six months, and 25 days.

On December 14, 1914, he was united in marriage to Ethel Brown and to this union one child was born. Ethel preceded him in death on January 5, 1963.

Most of his life, except a period of about six years in Arizona and California, was spent in and around the area of Idaho where he was born.

He heard the truth of the Evening Light Reformation through W. J. Baldwin and A. F. Gray who were pioneer ministers of the Church of God in that section of Idaho in the early days. About the second night he attended their meeting, he told his mother, "This is the truth," and he accepted it and never believed in anything else throughout his life. He was saved soon after this.

The first time I met Bro. Hepler was when I was holding a series of meetings in Lewiston, Idaho about 30 years ago. He lived about 35 miles from there and came down to the meeting one night and took me home with him. We talked together that night about the Holy Spirit and His work and other things pertaining unto the plan of God until five o'clock in the morning. I learned later that he was not enjoying the victory at that time, but soon afterward he did recover his victory and, so far as I know, he never lost it again. We visited in his home and he in ours numbers of times through those years and he always had victory. He was constantly reaching out for more of God and greater things, and enjoyed conversing on the things of God more than any other subject.

Evelyn and I visited him in a rest home in Lewiston, Idaho last fall, and he told us it would be the happiest day

of his life when God got ready for him and called him Home. He was looking forward to his Home-going. He was faithful unto death and has now gained that coveted prize—the crown of life.

He is survived by one son, Stanley, of Kendrick, Idaho; one grandson, and other relatives; also many friends and saints.

Funeral services were held in Malcolm's Brower-Wann Memorial Chapel in Lewiston, Idaho on February 26, 1974, and burial was in Normal Hill Cemetery of that city.

—Ostis B. Wilson

Bro. Fred B. Allen was born on Nov. 17, 1886, at Grand Summit, Kansas, and departed this life to be with his Lord and Saviour at Pittsburg, Kansas, on March 7, 1974, at the age of 87 years.

In 1911, Fred Allen was married to Mabel Ferguson. Last July he moved from Canyon City, Colo., to Pittsburg, Kansas, to live with his daughter and family.

Bro. Allen was a member of the Church of God by virtue of a spiritual birth. Over the years he attended the National campmeeting at Neosho, Mo., and the Oklahoma state meetings here at Guthrie, as well as being a longtime reader of the publications from this office.

In failing health for several years, Brother Allen was recently taken down with the flu from which complications quickly developed, but he trusted himself fully in the hands of God.

Survivors include his widow who is in a Fort Dodge, Kan., nursing home; three daughters, Mrs. Dale Killingsworth, Liberal, Kan., Mrs. Bacil Smith, Pittsburg, Kan., and Mrs. Basil Dennis, Larned, Kan.; three sons, Kenneth of Marysville, Wash., Cecil of Blue Springs, Mo., and Billy of Commerce, Colo.; a sister, Elsie Hendee, Kansas City, Kan.; 25 grandchildren, many friends and saints.

The funeral service was conducted by Brother Willie Murphey in the Smith Funeral Home, Pittsburg, Kansas. The singers were from the Guthrie congregation. Burial was in the Rosebank Cemetery at Mulberry, Kansas.

Sister Leola White, daughter of Brother and Sister O. L. Britt, was born in North Platte, Neb., on July 26, 1896, and departed this life in Guthrie, Okla., on February 23, 1974, at the age of 77 years, six months, and 28 days.

Sister Leola was united in marriage to Roy T. White on September 1, 1921. To this union two daughters were born, Cledith and Beulah Mae.

While still a young girl, Sister Leola yielded her heart and life to God and embraced the truth of the Church of God through the teaching and example of her godly parents. She loved the Lord and lived a devoted Christian life, and was a faithful wife, mother and grandmother. She was preceded in death by her parents, one brother and three sisters.

Sister Leola moved with her parents from western Oklahoma in the year of 1919 to a farm near Guthrie, Okla., where they all attended the local congregation of the Church of God. For more than 50 years she attended the services of this congregation until prevented by failing health. Many years she lived in the next block from the Lord's Printshop, and was a faithful part-time helper in preparing the literature for mailing, always ready to work for the Lord whom she loved and served. She laid up her treasures in heaven, and now she is at rest with her Lord and Saviour.

She leaves to mourn her passing: her husband, Roy T. White; two daughters, Mrs. Cleo (Cledith) Ochs of Guthrie, Oklahoma, and Mrs. Delbert (Beulah Mae) Flynn of

Loranger, La.; one sister, Maude Britt, of Guthrie, Okla.; four grandchildren, other relatives, many friends and saints.

"There is not a Friend like Jesus—
In the trying scenes of life
He can hear the heart's faint whisper,
Calm the tempest's raging strife.
There is not a Friend like Jesus—
What a blessed tho't to be
Folded in his arms of power,
Ever in eternity!"

The funeral services were conducted by Bro. O. C. Porter, assisted by Bro. Leslie Busbee, at the Smith Funeral Chapel, Guthrie, Okla., and interment was in the Summit View Cemetery, Guthrie, Oklahoma, to await the general resurrection.

Mary Ruth (Reed) Walters, daughter of William and Laura Reed, was born in Monticello, Ark., on October 28, 1894, and departed this life to be with the Lord at Tulsa, Okla., on February 27, 1974, at the age of 79 years.

Many years ago Mary Ruth moved with her parents to Guthrie, Okla., where she attended school and spent her childhood days.

In 1924, Mary was united in holy matrimony to Wardell Walters in Kinta, Okla. Later she moved to Tulsa, Okla., where she made her home.

At a very early age she accepted Christ as her Saviour, by virtue of which she became a member of the Church of God. She was a faithful servant of God until her death, and trusted God to the last. She fought a good fight and kept the faith.

Mary Ruth leaves to mourn: one son, Earl Harding; one daughter, Mrs. Mildred Morris; four grandchildren and six great grandchildren; three brothers, Luther (her twin brother), Albert and Sanders Reed; two sisters, Mrs. Carrie Woods and Mrs. Lottie Buchanan; a host of other relatives and friends.

The funeral services were conducted by Bro. Lewis Williams, assisted by Bro. Woodrow Warren and Brother M. D. Gaines, at the Church of God chapel, Norfolk and Pine Place, Tulsa, Okla. Interment was in the Crown Hill Cemetery.

Franklin Benjamin Perkins was born on December 5, 1929, in Mounds, Oklahoma, and departed this life at Sapulpa, Okla., on March 3, 1974, at the age of 44 years. He was a lifetime resident of the Sapulpa area.

Survivors include his wife, Frankie, of the home; six sons, Richard of Leon, Kansas, Steve of Tulsa, Okla., Robert of the Air Force in England, Arthur of Stillwater, Oklahoma, Craig and Kevin of the home; two daughters, Mrs. Jennifer Foster of Carney, Okla., and Mrs. Jill Smith of Stillwater, Oklahoma; five grandchildren; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Perkins of Bowden, Okla.; four brothers, Earnest Perkins, Jr., of Mounds, Okla., Elmer Perkins of Beggs, Okla., Lee Roy Perkins, Sapulpa, Okla., and Barton Perkins of Bowden, Oklahoma; seven sisters, Juanita Welch of Tulsa, Okla., Francis Perkins of Tulsa, Okla., Thelma LaFavor of Sapulpa, Okla., Alta Bock of Tulsa, Okla., Dorothy Meek of Jenks, Okla., June Moore of Keystone, Okla., and Loretta Trowbridge of Kellyville, Oklahoma.

The funeral services were conducted at the Sapulpa Road Church of God chapel with Bro. Richard Madden officiating. Interment was in the Beggs, Okla., cemetery under the direction of the Smith Funeral Home.

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Campmeeting Dates for 1974

Following are the Church of God campmeeting dates for 1974, and more complete announcements of each will appear in later issues:—

Goulds, Fla.—April 14 to 23.

Oklahoma State at Guthrie, Okla.—May 24 to June 2.

Holly Hill, S. C.—June 7 to 16.

Tulsa, Okla.—June 7 to 16.

Jefferson, Oregon—June 14 to 23.

Oakland, Calif.—June 14 to 23.

General Southern at Hammond, La.—June 28 to July 7, 1974.

Akron, Ohio—July 5 to 14.

National Campmeeting at Neosho (Monark Springs), Missouri—July 19 to 28.

Missouri State at Myrtle, Mo.—August 2 to 11.

Bakersfield, Calif.—August 2 to 11.

Boley, Okla.—August 16 to 25.

Blackford, Ky.—August 16 to 25.

California State at Pacoima, Calif.—August 23 to September 1.

Fresno, Calif.—September 6 to 15.

CAMPMEETING AT GOULDS, FLA.

The campmeeting of the Church of God at Goulds, Fla., will be held, Lord willing, from April 14 to 23. All nations are welcome to these services. The saints are urged to come and help lift up the banner of salvation through Jesus Christ—the only hope for mankind.

Sister Mattie Savage and her sister, Elizabeth McNair, recently moved to Goulds to be in services with the saints there.

For additional information, contact the pastor, Brother H. H. Hargrave, 22345 S. W. 117th Place, Goulds, Fla. 33170, phone (305) 247-4102. Bro. Hargrave advises that gasoline is available in Florida though the stations are closed on Sundays.

REVIVAL MEETING IN OKLAHOMA CITY

Bro. and Sister Mart Samons will be in a revival meeting, Lord willing, at the Church of God chapel at 5900 N. E. 23rd St., Oklahoma City, from Sunday, March 31st through April 7. You are cordially invited to attend every service and hear the messages that God has for you in these critical times.

For further information, contact the pastor, Brother Archie Souder at phone number 427-9666.

SPRING MEETING IN OKLAHOMA CITY

The spring meeting at the Church of God chapel at Third and Phillips Streets in Oklahoma City, Ok., will be held, Lord willing, on April 12 to 21, 1974.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend these services where the gospel of Christ will be preached by the ministers whom the Lord sends.

For further information, contact the pastor, Brother Herman Kelly, 2304 N. Everest, Okla. City, Ok. 73111. Phone 405-427-7314.

SPRING MEETING IN LOS ANGELES

Lord willing, the annual spring meeting of the Church of God in Los Angeles, California, corner of Walnut and Naomi Streets, will convene Friday, April 5, at 7:30 p.m., and continue nightly through Easter Sunday, April 14.

There will be 10:30 a. m., 2:30 p. m. and 7:30 p. m. services on Sat., April 6, also on Friday and Saturday, April 12th and 13th.

All are welcome. Please pray for this meeting.

For further information, contact Bro. Lawrence Francisco, 719 W. 58th St., phone 778-5669, Bro. Alvin Lucas, 918 W. 62nd Place, phone 759-3962, or Bro. T. R. Summers, 711 W. 85th Place, phone 752-1135.

—Written by Sister Leon Phillips

DATE CHANGE FOR AKRON, OHIO, REVIVAL

Please note that the dates for the revival meeting at Akron, Ohio, have been changed to April 21 through April 28, 1974. All-day services are scheduled for both Sundays with lunch at 1 p. m. Services will begin at 7:30 each evening of the week. Spirit-filled ministers will be here to preach the Word of God in its fullness. All nations are welcome.

The Church of God chapel is located at 421 W. Thornton St., Akron, Ohio. For further information, contact

the pastor, Sister Hazel Clark, 555 Fernwood Dr., Akron, Ohio 44320.

SPRING MEETING AT BOLEY, OKLA.

The spring revival meeting will be held, Lord willing, April 28 through May 5, 1974, on the Church of God campground in Boley, Okla.

We extend a hearty welcome to all nations to attend these services. We are looking to the Lord to send Holy Spirit-filled ministers and workers to help in the meeting.

On Saturday evening, May 4, there will be special singing from 6 p. m. to 8 p. m., conducted by the young saints. Young and old are welcome to participate in the singing. Come one, come all! "Come now and let us reason together, saith the Lord." Isaiah 1:18.

We desire the prayers of the righteous that the Lord will work in a mighty way in the meeting for the salvation of souls. Also, remember the Lord's request, "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that he would send forth labourers into his harvest." Luke 10:2.

For further information, contact Sister Ora Spears, R. 1, Boley, Okla. 74829, phone 918-667-3376, or Sister Katherine Williams, 905 N. E. 15th St., Oklahoma City, Ok. 73104, phone 405-235-2270.

EASTER MEETING IN DAYTON, OHIO

A meeting is scheduled in Dayton, Ohio, from April 7 to 21, 1974. Bro. and Sister Ira Stover are expected to be in this two-weeks' meeting, and possibly Bro. Kenneth Probst will be there. The Church of God chapel in Dayton is located at 622 Tyron Ave. Everyone is cordially invited to these services.

For further information, contact Bro. Wm. McCoy, 619 Tyron Ave., Dayton, Ohio 45404. Phone 236-5903.

EASTER MEETING AT SAPULPA, OKLA.

Lord willing, an Easter meeting will be held at the Church of God chapel on the Old Sapulpa Road north of Sapulpa, beginning on Wednesday, April 10, to continue over Easter, April 14, on which date there will be all-day services. Everyone in driving distance is urged to attend these services where the gospel will be preached in its fullness. Bro. and Sister Mart Samons of Kentucky are expected to be laboring in this meeting.

For further information, contact the pastor, Brother Richard Madden at phone number 918-446-8202.

EVANGELISTIC TRUCK NEEDED VERY SOON

Dear saints scattered abroad, greetings: We are truly glad to be numbered with the redeemed. When we see the deceptions of the devil sweeping the land, it makes us to know we are nearing the end of time. Many are crying "liberty of conscience" and following their own fleshly desires.

For some time we have felt burdened to let the saints know how we are progressing with the fund for the new truck to use in evangelistic tent meetings this summer. We want to take this opportunity to thank each one who has responded to this need. We have on hand to date \$2,100.00, and we have inquired at the local agencies as to the cost. We were surprised to learn that the cash price on a Chevrolet would be \$5,235; Ford \$4,037; Dodge

\$4,050. This is a 1-ton cab chassis, with power steering, air conditioner, tinted glass, large mirrors, full foam seat, spare wheel with 8-ply tire and tube, 4-speed transmission, and heater. Our faith is not wavering. We believe the Lord is pleased with the tent evangelistic effort as we see good results from it.

The Lord has impressed upon us lately the value of one soul. This early morning I was awakened with the thought of seeking the lost. If we can selfishly enjoy the truth, knowing one soul is neglected, my brethren, we do not well. The poet writes: "Seeking the lost, yes, kindly entreating, wanderers on the mountains astray; 'Come unto me,' his message repeating, words of the Master speaking today. Going afar upon the mountain, bringing the wanderer back again. Into the fold of my Redeemer, Jesus the Lamb for sinners slain."

The time is at hand that we must purchase a new truck, because the day is fast approaching for the tent to be in use. Pray for us that we'll make the right move in buying the right truck. We surely covet your prayers and support.

Other brethren have told us they would check prices in their area for us, and we will contact them soon. We have quoted all the extras on the truck. We may leave off some of them as we learn of the express feelings of others. The prices quoted are for the 350 or 360 cubic inch V8 engines.

Yours for the gospel,

—Ralph M. Beisly

(Editor's note: The entire church should be burdened for evangelistic gospel work, home and foreign, and the urgent need for a new truck to use in evangelistic tent meetings through the summer is a very worthy project. A small sacrifice on the part of all the saints would supply the extra \$2,000.00 needed for the truck. Ask the Lord what He would have you to do, and please send your free-will offering directly to the treasurer of the National Missionary Fund whose address is: Bro. Ralph M. Beisly, 407 Eldridge St., Coffeyville, Kansas 67337.)

Prayer Requests

Ill.—"I'm 18 years old and called to the ministry. I praise the Lord for healing me of deafness. . . . Pray that God will lead and guide me in the ministry."

—Keith Nelson

Fla.—"I have been tormented with a breaking out and other serious ailments that I know only God can heal."

—Rosa Miller

Ohio—"Pray for my son's wife who has what is called 'crippling arthritis.' She has suffered greatly. She is about 25 years old. . . . When we agree, God will hear us."

—Anna McCoy

Texas—"Will the saints please agree with me for the healing of arthritis? I am almost past walking. It's in my legs."

—Gladys Morgan

Okla.—"Pray for me. I have sinus trouble in my head. I am hard of hearing. I want to hear the good Word of God."

—Lula Mixon

W. Va.—Sister Olive Keene had a bad spell with her heart on March 19th. She desires complete healing.

Tenn.—"Pray for my mother that she will walk again and have the use of her arm. Pray for my family that they be saved."

—Edna Willis

W. Va.—"Pray for my mother. . . . She is very ill. She loves the Lord and has suffered in body many years. She will be 79 in April."

—Gertrude Smith

Wisc.—"I have been very ill with the flu. . . . Pray that God will solve a problem that I cannot solve myself."

—Sister Myrtle Baerenwald

Isn't it wonderful that God has taught us that He will hear us when we pray? Prayer is a wonderful privilege. Just to think, that through prayer, we can talk to the God of all creation and of all power. It makes us feel very humble, yet, how great is that communion! Then again, we think of how the devil will do everything he can to hinder our praying. We have heard it said that "the devil trembles when he sees the weakest saint on his knees." Prayer is a great tool to use against the devil. In prayer we can pour out our hearts to God. We can tell Him just how great the problem is or just how much we are suffering. Then we can remind God of His great and precious promises that He has given to us in His eternal Word. As we pray, our faith is built up and we can thank God for the answer. What a difference we feel after such a great intercession! Our spirits are lifted up and our souls and bodies are touched. No wonder Jesus has taught us that "men ought always to pray and not to faint." (Luke 18:1.) Fainting would be to quit praying. So we must continue to pray. The Bible tells us that God "is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." (Heb. 11:6.) If you are in the midst of a severe trial, problem, or affliction, take courage. Many times right in the middle of the battle the devil will work the hardest, but in the face of all his opposition, count victory as being yours and thank God for it. Never walk by feelings or sight, for our walk is a walk of faith. I can testify that it works to walk by faith, and then soon we are walking by faith and feelings both because God has worked out that which we have need of. Praises arise from my soul to our wonderful God. Won't you praise Him, too?

—Sister Marie Miles

Foreign Field Reports



NIGERIAN MISSION REPORT

Southeast State, Nigeria (March 11)—Dear Brother Pruitt and saints everywhere: Greetings in the name of the Lord, the Son of God, whose death provided salvation for all. What a wonderful sacrifice!

Thank you for your letters of February 6 and 11, together with the contents. The February "Faith and Victory" was real food to our souls. Praise the Lord! The fund specified to aid Ukpom congregation has been delivered to them to pay for cement flooring in order that their chapel may be ready to use during the coming camp-meeting on April 25-28. Pray for us and the meeting.

The Efik Bibles will be bought and distributed to the inquirers before this month is out, and reports will follow. Thanks to God for supplying the need, but the price has increased 15c per book. . . .

Congregations in Sections 1(a) and 1(b) assembled at Asana on March 3, 1974, to observe the New Testament ordinances of feet-washing and the Lord's Supper. The participants numbered 172. We had some new converts in attendance from Asana, Ibagwa and Ikot Ebak congregations. Praise the Lord for adding these souls to His Church. Similar services will be held in the other Sections.

The people of this world are sinking down and down, and soon the Lord will come the second time to judge all mankind. Who will hear Him say, "Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world"? He that walketh uprightly,

worketh righteously, and speaketh the truth in his heart.
We love and pray for all of you. Do likewise for us.
Yours in Christ, —Ben E. Udoka

LETTER FROM NIGERIAN MISSIONARY

Western State, Nigeria (March 2)—Dear Bro. Pruitt, greetings of love to you and all at the Printshop: Your registered letter with its enclosure of \$. . . draft to help in the Lord's work and the roll of "Faith and Victory" papers were received the same day. I am so grateful for your kind assistance. May the Lord bless you real good is our sincere and earnest prayer.

Last month I visited the Church of God at Ilesa, and spent four days with them, including Sunday, when they observed the Lord's Supper. Souls were saved, and now some converts are ready to be baptized. The afflicted were healed in answer to the prayers of God's people.

Please pray for us that we will do all we can for the salvation of souls in the most needy places of Africa.

Yours in Christ, —Sammy A. Elatuyi

MISSION REPORT FROM INTERIOR MEXICO

Michoacan, Mexico (March 20)—Beloved Bro. Huskey: I salute all, hoping that all are joyful with victory, as all should be that have been renewed by the blood of Christ. I give thanks to the Lord for victory. He has promised to be with me until the crown is gained. I feel much joy.

The Lord was with us yesterday at Sitimicuaro. They are now very encouraged and have seen signs and wonders. Maria's oldest girl was very sick. The doctor said that if she did not go to the hospital, she would suffer much. But instead, she was committed to the Lord that He might manifest His power. We prayed for her and she received instant healing. Maria promised to be true to the Lord and teach her children to trust the Lord, as she is so grateful for what the Lord has done. Luke 11: 28, "Blessed are they that hear the word of God and keep it." I have a very heavy burden for these people of Sitimicuaro. I wish to help other souls there who are hungry for God.

I feel blessed spiritually even though I have great problems in material things. I am walking across the plains and hills because of love for Christ. I am ready and willing to sacrifice my body wherever God leads me. I am looking more to God, as He is my refuge in all my battles and tests.

I am praying for you. I always remember all the saints there. Pray for me. —Irineo Rama

[Bro. Irineo is afoot because he was unable to keep up the payments on his pickup truck, and it was repossessed. —James Huskey]

LETTER FROM NATIVE MEXICAN MISSIONARY

Valle de la Trinidad, B. C., Mexico (March 3)—Bro. Pruitt and Sister Marie: Beloved Brothers and co-laborers in the work of God in Mexico. May the peace of my God fill your hearts with grace each day. I trust that all are joyful for the peace of God in your hearts. This is my prayer each day for all the Church of God.

I know that all of us have many tests and battles, but thanks be to God for the promise of life eternal, and for this cause we fight against all evil. . . .

Dear Brothers, look to Christ and prove to be motivated by Him, and you will feel the power of God working in your lives, going from triumph to triumph. . . .

I ask you to pray much for the work and workers in Mexico that we may walk righteously according to all the

Word of God. Please pray for me as I need much of the grace of God in my heart.

Let us all keep encouraged and walk in the light that God gives us.

Much thanks for the offering which I received on Feb. 25, along with that from the Brethren in Anthony, Kansas. I hope that God will bless all of you richly.

Your Brother, —Tomas Mendoza

MISSION REPORT FROM INDIA

S. India (Feb. 25)—My beloved Bro. Pruitt, and all the dear saints in America: Greetings in the precious name of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and the "Horn of our salvation."

Thank you very much for your letter dated Feb. 6, 1974, and the enclosures were noted with measureless gratitude. I was away from my home the last two weeks to participate in meetings at two northern places, Trichur and Challissery. All these meetings were highly profitable with the blessed truth from the Word of God. Much lasting good was accomplished at the Thrikkannamangal campmeeting which was held from Jan. 31 to Feb. 3.

During my northern trip I visited Bro. L. K. John at Calicut who is now seriously ill with diabetes. May God touch him and restore health to his body. It is decided, Lord willing, to conduct the campmeeting at Calicut during the first week of April. The church at Calicut is highly grateful for the help that you sent for that purpose.

Looking unto Christ, we accepted a full time gospel worker by the name of K. Samuel to our fellowship. Please remember him and his family in your prayers. May God strengthen our faith, as Jesus is right near us waiting in concern and compassion to shoulder our burdens if we pour out our hearts to Him. I trust He shall wonderfully open unexpected ways of financial help for the expansion of the humble work that we do in India for the glory of God.

Yes, I am getting ready to come over there by the end of May, Lord willing. I have not had much practice in speaking English, yet I trust our Lord, the Source of all knowledge, will use me as a suitable instrument in His hands. Yes, the airline ticket will cost a little more this year. . . .

Our continued prayers are for your complete healing, and for the rapid progress of the precious gospel work you are doing in America.

Your younger Brother in Christ, —John Varghese

(Editor's note: As some of you remember, a round-trip airline ticket was purchased for Bro. Varghese to come to the States last summer, but he did not receive his visa in time. His ticket was redeemed and the fare held for his coming in May for a stay of four months to attend the summer campmeetings. Of course, the fare is higher now, and as of March 15, 1974, the round-trip excursion fare was \$813.18, subject to change without notice. Brother Varghese is scheduled to take the plane about May 22 from Cochin, India, flying via Bombay and the Atlantic Ocean to Oklahoma City. Pray that he will have a safe arrival in the order of the Lord.)

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ETERNITY! O what a word!

'Twill never, never end;

Death ne'er shall come to close its years

Or some deliverance send.

Ah, no! I must forever live

In anguish and in pain,

And think how I have bartered heaven

For folly, pleasure, gain.

—Sel.

From The Mail Box . . .

Calif.—Dear Sister Marie and all at the Printshop: I greet you in Jesus' dear name. I received your encouraging letter. . . .

I am in a closer walk with the Lord. He does so much for me. Now that I am in my 95th year, I know we must have the Spirit of God and love Him with all our hearts.

Pray for me as I do for you. —Mary (Forrest) Worley

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La.—Our dear Sister Marie and all: Greetings of much love in Jesus' wonderful name. We are so very thankful for our good workers in the Printshop. I pray much for all of you and the work, and I am still thankful for the "Faith and Victory" paper.

I am still doing missionary work, but in the home field now, and find much visiting to do.

Love and prayers, —Carrie Sheppard

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Ind.—Dear Christians: I want to tell you that there are Brothers and Sisters in the Lord here in Indianapolis who are thanking God for your work. I myself have been blessed so much by the truths I have already read in the books I have gotten from you. I am just three years old in the Lord and He has watched over me so well. I love Him so much.

All the saints here salute you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost be with all of you.

Your Brother in Christ, —Rodney Mullen

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New York—Dear Bro. Pruitt: I love to read the "Faith and Victory" paper. It surely proves by the testimonies of healing that our God is not dead. . . . It certainly is a blessing to every one who reads it.

Please pray for me, as I fell some time ago and my left hip is causing me trouble. I am 75 years old. I am saved and have been healed by the Lord, and I know He can fix this hip with only the touch of His hand.

I pray every day for all of you.

Yours for souls, —Mrs. Mae Smith

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Minn.—Dear Bro. Pruitt: Greetings of love in Jesus' holy name. This leaves me well in soul and body, for which I thank the Lord, and also for His wonderful keeping power. The Lord grows dearer each passing day.

"What if my hair is turning grey, What if my eyes are growing dim; I still can see to follow Him, Who sacrificed His life for me upon the cross of Calvary. Why should I care if time's old plow has made its furrows in my brow? 'Ere long this soul will fly away and leave this tenement of clay. This robe of flesh I will drop and rise, and seize the everlasting prize. I will meet you on the streets of gold and prove that I am not growing old."

—Bro. Andrew Senti

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La.—Dear folks: I hope this finds all of you doing well. Bro. Lawrence, we do especially call on the Lord in your behalf. Be encouraged; He will see you through.

We are striving to please the Lord, and do enjoy so many of His blessings each day. I am so glad to be one of His little ones.

We know that you are doing a great work to spread the Word to the lost, and I enjoy reading the writings of different ones. . . .

Please pray for me as I am suffering with arthritis in my hands. Love and prayers, —Sister Pearl Bailey

Colo.—Dear Bro. Pruitt and all the workers: Just a note to let you know that Bro. Wollert has been home since Feb. 2, and is doing fairly well. He gets around with his walker. Although he has days when he gets rather discouraged, we feel we have much to be thankful for. Continue to remember him in prayer. . . .

I hope all is well with you. —Mary Wollert

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Georgia—Dear Sister Marie, Brother Pruitt, and the helpers in the Printshop: Greetings in the name of the holy Child Jesus. Your good letter was received. Thanks for the encouraging words and the tracts.

I am happy to be able to report victory over sin and the devil. My body is some better, but I am still very weak. I am trusting in the Lord for my healing and everything. I am preparing my soul to be ready when Jesus comes for me. I am working out my salvation with fear and trembling. Praise His name! Please keep me before the Lord, as I am doing the same for you.

Let us pray earnestly for the people today who are living just as the people did in the days of Noah. The Bible is certainly being fulfilled. . . .

In Christian love, —Sister P. R. Bowers

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Ark.—I enjoy the "Faith and Victory" magazine. Please keep it coming.

I want to testify to God's goodness and mercy to me and mine. He has blessed in so many ways. I do love Him and want to serve Him better each day and be always thankful.

May He continue to be with you folks and bless your work. It is so good to be a worker in His kingdom.

Sincerely,

—Belva Howard

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Mich.—Dear Sister Marie: Your article, "What Is Truth," came as an answer to prayer. I agree 100 percent with you, and also on the editorial advice to hold to the King James version of the Bible.

Four years ago, my wife and I decided that we better get our two teenage boys in church services. So we went to a . . . Church because a friend of ours wanted us to go. I started to read the Bible to see what it said so I would know for myself. The only Bible I had was a King James version. God saved me one night while I was at work. The Holy Spirit called and I said yes, repented, and Jesus saved me. . . . It didn't take me long to see that members of that church were getting more out of their Bibles than I was getting out of mine. I started comparing Bibles, and in their foot-notes I could see that man had injected his own opinions. I started seeking the truth, and in a little over a year God called me out of the denominational prison and into the Church of God. Then a little later God sanctified me, after which I could see the beauty of the one church. You see, I know the King James Bible is the divinely-inspired truth because I know what Jesus has done for me by my reading it. I know He saved, sanctified, and healed me—all by faith in Him and His Word. But when I took my stand for the King James Bible I caught criticism from all sides. I felt like old Elijah when Jezebel was after him. Other people know that the King James Bible is right, but they are afraid to take a stand. That is why this issue of "Faith and Victory" means so much to me. May God bless all of you.

Yours in Christian love,

—Bob Randolph

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Testimonies and Answers To Prayer

Ind.—Dear Bro. Pruitt and all the saints of God everywhere: Greetings in the name of that One we love so dearly. It's wonderful how that great love of our God can reflect from one child of God to another even though we have never seen one another. Praise God forever!

I am so happy that I can report victory in my soul, and the way gets more wonderful and brighter every day.

I want all the saints to remember my children when you pray, that God will never let them be led astray. If I had known of the saints, the old-fashioned Church of God, many years ago, I would have moved my family to where I could have been with the saints. I never could see how all of these churches could be right, but I did the best I knew. I always felt that Jesus was the builder of only one church. After my children were all grown and married, I came in contact with the saints of the Church of God, and I am so happy I found God's Church.

I want the saints to pray for me. I have an affliction on my body that God knows all about. I know He can heal me. Also, remember Wife when you pray.

As ever your Brother in the work of the Master,
—Nathan Mobley

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Baja Calif., Mexico—When I was about six years of age, I had a large wart on my left elbow. One day my brother, swinging a bucket on his way to get water from the neighbor's, cut off the wart except for the skin on one side. My father finished cutting it off. For fifty years, I forgot about it. Last summer, while I was at home, it began to grow, and look real angry. It pained me much at times, too. Later, I hit it several times and would, by that, cut it half off. I would bandage it, but it would not heal. It kept bleeding at times. It grew in height until I had to put an open corn-pad on it, which yet was not sufficient to keep me from hitting it against something. All this time, I could feel the roots deepening into my arm. It was very painful. It has been necessary to drive a lot this year, but sometimes it was so painful I thought I couldn't go on.

All this time, it seemed the Lord didn't want me to tell anyone about it, as He wanted to heal it in answer to my own prayers. It was a lesson He was teaching me personally. Many times, I believe He would have us to get an agreement of prayer, or be anointed, but He also wants us to be able to get hold of God for ourselves.

One day, while I was in San Diego, I had to drive all day with one hand. I just could not bear the pain it would bring to use my left arm. I had this on my arm for six months. I was called upon to do many things in that time that I was tempted to tell someone I just could not do, like unloading the whole pickup of boxes full of clothing, or lifting something else really heavy, but just as I was about to say something, the Lord would remind me, and I knew He would give me strength and grace to bear up under all, and He did. About three weeks ago when I was bathing, I was being careful as usual not to touch it, but accidentally raked across it and it was smaller. About two weeks ago, I was getting ready to put another corn-pad over it, (It had gotten to where I could use the covered ones), and when I got a mirror to be able to see to put it on, it was gone! Praise the Lord! It has been a precious lesson to me and an encouragement to my faith. As I didn't go to a doctor with it, I don't know for sure, but I firmly believe it was a cancer. A regular sore just doesn't last for six months, neither does it have such deep roots as this had. Whatever it was, God knows,

and He alone healed it. I do praise His name for it! Let's all be faithful and trust Him through every trial, regardless of the nature of it, for Romans 8:28 is still true to His trusting children.

Yours in the One Body, —Sister Opal Kelly

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Va.—Dear Sister Marie and all: I want to tell you of how the Lord has saved me. I had been away from the Lord for some time. I thank Him for having mercy on me. The devil has a way of making the things of this world look appealing, but I find that the only real peace is in Christ.

With the condition the world is in, I think it's time we get where we ought to be with the Lord. While I was serving the devil he made me think that things would get better. The Lord showed me that the world may have had troubles, but never had sin like it is today. The world is not only troubled, but the sin that is accepted is terrible. These so-called churches really don't call much of anything sin. They do anything they want to do. Women today have little concern as to what they have on—the less the better. The bathing suits they wear today are no more than their underclothes.

People all around us are living in adultery. They all seem to have an excuse for their sins. The worst thing about it is that the so-called churches uphold them. I wonder how much of this God is going to stand for before He burns this world up? I see the end so close that I am making no earthly plans for the future. Oh, how I thank God for the truth!

I need much prayer. I have a long way to go to be where the Lord would have me be. I have never before had such a desire to serve the Lord. Also, remember my two little boys. In this day and time we need all the prayer possible to protect us and keep us saved. Remember my husband in prayer.

Do you remember my writing for prayer concerning my husband's getting a two-year early discharge from the service? Well, praise the Lord, he got it. The beautiful thing about it is that it was said to be almost impossible. No one ever got it for his reasons. He had so little to go on. The Lord answered prayer and we have been here in Staunton for four years. I told the Lord I wanted to be near the saints. Here I am, just an hour's drive from my two saved sisters and only two hour's drive from the saints at Green Bank, W. Va. Praise the Lord! He still answers prayer today if we only believe.

Love, —Nancy Wagoner

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Ark.—Dear saints: I thank the Lord for His goodness and mercy to us. It seems of late He has been so near and present to help us when we call.

I would like to tell some of the things He has done for us. First, my brother and his two children were saved about six weeks ago. His boy, Byron, is 13, and his girl, Lisa, is 15. They surely have been an encouragement to our little congregation. The other day, Lisa came home from school with a real high fever. Her face was flushed and her head was hurting. She was crying and wanted us to have prayer for her. We all agreed in prayer for her healing. The Lord caused her to go to sleep, and when she woke up her fever was gone and she ate some supper. It is just wonderful to be able to trust the Lord.

The next day (Saturday) our boy, Mark, fell out of a tree, landed on his foot and hurt it quite badly. He couldn't walk, so Byron carried him home. (They had been hunting in my parents' [Bro. and Sister E. A. Loftis] field.) He couldn't stand for us to touch his foot. The

bottom of his foot was swelling, and he couldn't move three of his toes. We went to prayer and the Lord relieved the pain. He still couldn't walk on it, so we got some crutches for him to get around, but he didn't have any more pain, and was walking on it Monday when I picked him up at school. We surely did thank the Lord.

We want to thank the Lord again for how He has blessed Poodle, my husband. We can never thank Him enough for what He has done for him and also for taking care of Julie when she had the flu. We have no other desire than to trust the great God of heaven for all things. I want to thank Him also for healing a rash on my body. I was anointed and prayed for during the last Hammond, La., assembly meeting. We are thankful for the privilege to trust the Lord.

We remember the work at the Printshop and the faithful laborers. We surely do appreciate the paper.

Pray for us that we will be all God would have us to be.

Christian love, —Lenora and Clarence Bennings

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Virginia—Dear Brother Pruitt, greetings of love: I want to testify for the Lord. I was very ill with the flu while in Florida this winter. I thought my time had come to go Home, but after the Lord let me go through a real test, He miraculously healed my body. In a few days He gave me strength to travel back to Va. I want Him to have all the praise. I am on victory's side, standing on the mountain of holiness, God's blessed Word, determined to go all the way with Him. The world with its pleasures has no attraction for me. Heaven is my goal.

With love, —Wm. J. Preston

The High Price of Petting

Petting by unmarried couples has its very high cost to pay. Did you ever stop to think about just what that cost might be? Petting brings about tensions and disappointments. Petting will cause one to be irritable with his partner, blaming him or her for those tensions and disappointments. This might be done unconsciously, but if thought is given, it will be traced to this very thing.

There is also the high price of the loss of self-respect. It is such a high price to pay for indulgence in petting. Some have said they hated themselves for their indulgence in petting, and vowed never to do it again, but after the barriers have been let down, only God can help those persons to quit petting.

Many young people are not willing to face the battle of restraint after they have started petting. Thus their petting progresses, and it's harder to be satisfied with less. Their petting takes on an even greater intensity with their feelings of frustration. Their close contact has not given them a true sense of intimate sharing and satisfaction, which is right only in marriage. These greater tensions, which are created by habitual petting, will often be sufficient to break up friendship altogether. This is another high price of petting.

Many times a girl will pet to be popular. But there are bitter heartaches ahead for that girl. She is sought after only because of her petting and not for her own personal qualities, nor just for herself. She

becomes just a convenient means to an end. It's such a shallow way of thinking if she regards petting as the necessary price for an evening out to repay a fellow for the money and time he has given to her. Her heartache will be greater if she continues, and the price she will pay might affect not only her, but it also might be the means of some child having to grow up with a reflection he will have to live with because of her sin, and its father's sin. (The boy is just as guilty as the girl.)

Petting is condemned by Jesus. He knew all of these things, therefore, He has condemned the beginning of adultery. Jesus said, "That whosoever [boy, girl, man or woman] looketh on a woman [or man] to lust after her [or him] hath committed adultery with her [or him] already in his [or her] heart." Matt. 5:28. Jesus says that lusting begins with the eyes. Petting gives the imagination an opportunity to look and lust through the sense of touch. One who pets must answer not only for the stimulation of lust in one's own life, but also for the unknown degree of lust, self-contempt, guilt and spiritual defeat brought about in the partner to the petting. This is the high price of petting you will pay.

Young people, plan your evening together. An unplanned evening can lead to petting. Do not isolate yourselves in a parked car on a lonely road. Yes, you need to be alone together to talk, but it can be done in a place where you are not so isolated that you will be tempted to petting. Christian young people can visit the sick or sing for some shut-in. They can search out a Bible question, or they can play a game that will increase their knowledge. Even some games that take physical exercise are good, or some project of work is profitable. A long walk together is profitable. Plan to make a scrap book together or collect stamps or make a picture album. Everyone has his own abilities and clean desires or likes. Pursue one of those together and enjoy a clean, pure, refreshing, profitable friendship that will bring you a deep sense of satisfaction that will please God, and you will be built up spiritually and morally. Pray for the Lord to help you to let both your body and spirit be servants of Jesus Christ. Let Christ always be the Master of your body and soul.

Petting will cloud one's mind as to the true character of the one he has petted. A person will believe that those feelings that they have are love, and might be led into a marriage which would be disappointing. In marriage there are more things to think about than just someone to pet. The one you marry must have true virtues and high ideals of Christian principles. That one must be one with firm convictions and who can be a true parent to your children. If you are saved, you must "marry only in the Lord." If you are not saved, but have religious convictions, it is important that the one you marry would share those convictions. Petting will cause you to forget these very important things, and your disappointment will be great if you, in a weak moment, promise to marry. Petting this one and then that one prevents you from knowing true love. Oh, young peo-

ple, the price for petting is too high. Do not indulge in it, is my prayer. —Sister Marie Miles

I'd Rather Have Jesus

The cry of a new-born infant announces that another soul has gained entrance into this world. As time advances into years, this soul, or individual, will be faced with many temptations. The forces of wrong and evil will do their best to capture the affection of the soul, thus keeping it from yielding to the pleadings of the tender Spirit of God. Many times this individual will be faced with decisions of great importance concerning the welfare of his soul. Dear one, my advice to you is: Always take Jesus.

A few years have gone by, and we now find a nice, young boy in the early age of adolescence. The tender years of childhood have passed. During these early years, this boy has learned many things. He has been very fortunate to have good, Christian parents that have endeavored to teach him about the things of God. They have tried to instill in his tender heart the importance of living for Jesus and the joy, comfort, and peace that only Jesus can give. They have also warned him of the dangers of living a life of sin, and what the end is of those who reject Christ. We now find this young boy facing a very important decision. The boy feels the convicting Spirit, showing him the need for repenting of sin and giving his heart to Christ. A verse of scripture comes to his mind: "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them." (Eccl. 12:1.) But, oh! he now hears another voice. It is the voice of the enemy of his soul saying, "Now wait a minute. Don't make a hasty decision. You have many years ahead of you. Wait until you finish school and get married; you will then have plenty of time to live for the Lord. Now while you are young is the time for you to have lots of fun." The young boy listens to the voice of the wicked one and decides, "Lord, I do love you, but let me wait until I am a little older—I will be able to serve you better then." With much sorrow and heaviness of heart, the Saviour ceases His knocking and departs for a short time. Oh, dear boy, what a sad choice you have made! Don't you really wish you would have taken Jesus?

We see the young boy again in his last year of high school. He has been outstanding in his studies and is well liked by all of his classmates. He is a member of many of the clubs, and because of his high scholastic abilities, he is a member of one of the "honor" societies. The teachers (and, yes, the devil, too) have told him what an "honor" it is to be a member of this club! He has been very busy working with the club in various activities which have included sponsoring a couple of dances, etc. The gentle Spirit of Christ has been faithful to follow him and to convict him of his wrong-doings. Oh, what guilt and remorse of conscience he has suffered as he would partake of the follies of sin. Yes, if I were he, I'd

rather have Jesus. But the young man continues to spurn away the Holy Spirit with, "Just a little longer, please. I promise I will give you my heart—let me get a good job first."

Several more years down the journey of time brings us to a young man about 35 years of age. He now has a nice family, has been successful in obtaining a good job and has rapidly advanced until he is now one of the top executives of the company where he works. His name is well known among the business circles, and he was recently appointed as a director of the local bank. How "fortunate" (?) he was to obtain this position. Why, only the very top business men are appointed to such a position. Is this young man really as successful as he appears to be? What about his soul? The Holy Spirit has continued to deal with him concerning his need of salvation, but these dealings have become farther and farther apart. He now says, "Oh, it is impossible for me to turn loose now. I must keep my good job to pay our bills. You see, Lord, I have to pay for our home and furnishings, the new car, and I would like to get a few other things. I want to be a good provider for the nice family you have blessed me with. And what will people think—my business associates? Lord, I thank you for all of these blessings, but first let me get some of these obligations out of the way. I am still a young man, so please wait just a few more years." "So he that getteth riches, . . . shall leave them in the midst of his days, and at his end shall be a fool." (Jer. 17:11.) "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." (Matt. 6:19-21.) "Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth." (Col. 3:2.) "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." (Matt. 6:33.) Yes, dear one, you have failed to obtain the most valuable possession of all—salvation. Yes, I'd rather have Jesus than all the wealth and fame this old world has to offer. "Consider the lilies how they grow: they toil not, they spin not; and yet I say unto you, that Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these." (Luke 12:27.)

"Hello, Mrs. —, this is a fellow-employee of your husband. It seems that your husband has suffered a severe heart attack and has been rushed to the local hospital. He was calling for you as he left, so you better rush to the hospital." Oh, what a tragedy! Only 43 years old, and now this dear man seems to be staring at death. How suddenly the scene of his life has changed! What will become of his career? Will he be able to continue working? Will he live?

"Oh, Husband, what has happened? What are we going to do? Is there anything I can do for you? Please tell me—I'll do anything you say."

"My dear wife, I am so glad you have come. We have been very foolish. We have forgotten to attend

to the most important business of our lives—the care of our souls. Call Bro. —, and ask him if he will come and pray for me. I need help! Oh, how I wish that I had Jesus now! If only I would have yielded to His pleadings the first time He dealt with my heart! Oh, Jesus, I need you so much—please hear my prayer!

"Oh, Death, is that you? You have come so soon! Please, please wait! I am not ready to die; I must get right with God! Wife, it's getting so dark! Please turn on a light! Oh, Lord, please have mercy and save my poor soul! Lord, I'm not ready to die—please have mer—." He's gone. Oh, how sad!

This story was written with no particular individual in mind, but how true-to-life it is. It is so sad, but yet 'tis true of the millions of souls that are rejecting Christ just for a little taste of the pleasures of this world. If only they could realize that they are rejecting their only hope of eternal life. Yes, you may think you have gained honor and fame, but is it real? Is it eternal? What greater honor could be bestowed upon one than to have his name written in the Lamb's Book of Life? Yet there is nothing we can do within ourselves to be worthy of this honor, but only by the merits of the shed blood of Christ can this be realized. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16.) "To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne." (Rev. 3:21.) Aren't these precious promises? Dear reader, wouldn't you rather have Jesus? Can you testify, "I have Jesus?"

"Men strive for the wealth of this wide, wicked world,
They seek after honor and fame;
So lavishly sporting their diamonds and pearls,
They put the dear Savior to shame.

"They seem not to know that their treasures will rust,
And thieves often break through and steal;
Contented with pleasure, they follow their lust,
With sorrow their destiny seal.

"What profit is found in earth's silver and gold?
How sad at the close of life's day,
If for the exchange one must lose his own soul,
From heaven's door be turned away.

"I'd rather live in heaven
Than to own all earth's silver and gold.
I'd rather have Jesus, my Savior,
Than the diamonds of a palace to hold;
I'd rather be a beggar,
Live in a little shack by the road,
Than to own all of earth's treasures,
With no title to a future abode."

—Randall Flynn

In the face of all our natural graces and good works, God hath said, "... All have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23), that man's "heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked" (Jer. 17:9); "the tongue can no man tame" (James 3:8); and declares man "must be born again."

Every Trial Is a Mountain

Every trial is a mountain,
Heights of glory unexplored.
We must strive to reach the summit
Where our strength can be restored.

We must conquer, we must triumph,
Leaving earthly cares behind,
Climbing higher, pressing onward,
Reaching forth to joys sublime.

Every trial is a challenge,
Unknown blessings in disguise,
Stepping in the path of wisdom
Will unveil the promised prize.

Trails of sorrow, trails of gladness,
Climbing onward here we plod,
We must hold to faith and courage,
Supported by the hand of God.

Kites do have their heights of glory,
And the upward pull we feel,
Holding fast the thread of promise
Reassures us God is real.

Every trial is a mountain,
Be it large, or be it small,
Let your burden be unloaded,
Christ will gladly bear it all.

Strip yourself of earthly treasures,
Run with patience all the way;
Soon you'll reach yon peak of glory
In a brighter, golden day.

—Donald Sharp

The Consecration of D. S. Warner

A covenant is an agreement of two parties in which both voluntarily bind themselves to fill certain conditions and receive certain benefits. God is the party of the first part of the contract, and has bound Himself.

1. "I will put my laws into their minds and write them in their hearts."

2. "And I will be their God."

3. They "shall know me from the least unto the greatest."

4. "I will be merciful to their unrighteousness."

5. "Their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more." O Thou Most Holy God, thou hast left this covenant in Thy Holy Book, saying, "If any man will take hold of my covenant."

Now, therefore, in holy fear and reverence I present myself as the party of the second part and subscribe my name to the holy article of agreement, and following Thy example will here and now write down the conditions on my part.

"They shall be my people." Jer. 31:33. Amen,
Lord, I am forever Thine.

The vow is passed beyond repeal,
Now will I set the solemn seal.

Lord, thou hast been true to thy covenant, though I have been most unfaithful and am now altogether unworthy to take hold of Thy most gracious covenant. But knowing that thou hast bound Thyself in thine own free offer to "be merciful to their unrighteousness," I take courage to approach Thee to fulfill Thy wonderful offer to be my God: and I do most joyfully yield myself entirely to be Thine.

Therefore, this soul which Thou hast made in Thine own image is placed wholly in Thy hands to do with it as seemeth good.

This mind shall think only for Thy glory and the promotion of Thy cause.

This will is Thy will, O God!

The spirit within this body is now Thine; do with it as thou wilt, in life and death.

This body is Thy temple forevermore.

These hands shall work only for Thee.

These eyes to see Thy adorable works and Thy holy law.

This tongue and these lips to speak only holiness unto the Lord.

These ears to hear Thy voice alone.

These feet to walk only in Thy ways.

And all my being is now and forever Thine.

In signing my name to this solemn covenant, I am aware that I bind myself to live, act, speak, think, move, sit, stand up, lie down, eat, drink, hear, see, feel, and whatsoever I do all the days and nights of my life to do all continually and exclusively to the glory of God. I must henceforth wear nothing but what honors God. I must have nothing in my possession or under my control but such as I can consistently write upon it, "Holiness unto the Lord." The place where I live must be wholly dedicated to God. Every item of goods or property that is under my control is hereby conveyed fully over into the hands of God to be used by Him as He will and to be taken from my stewardship whenever the great Owner wishes, and it is not my business at all.

She whom I call my wife belongs forevermore to God. Use her as Thou wilt and where Thou wilt, and leave her with me, or take her from me just as seemeth good to Thee and to Thy glory. Amen.

Levilla Modest, whom we love as a dear child bestowed upon us by Thy infinite goodness, is hereby returned to Thee. If Thou wilt leave us to care for her and to teach her of the true Father and Owner, we will do the best we can by Thy aid to make her profitable unto Thee. But if Thou deemest us unfit to properly rear her or wouldst have her in more immediate presence, she is Thine, take her. Amen and Amen.

And now, great and merciful Father, Thou to whom I belong, with all that pertains to me, and Thou who art mine with all that pertains to Thy fullness and richness, all this offering which I have made would be foolishness and waste of time were it not for what I have obtained to confirm the solemn contract. For were it not that Thou art my God, my promises would be but idle words. I could fulfill

nothing which my mouth has uttered and my pen has written. But since thou, Almighty, Omniscient, Omnipresent, and Eternal God, art mine, I have a thousandfold assurance that all shall be fulfilled through Thy fullness.

My ignorance is fully supplied by Thy own infinite wisdom. My utter weakness and inability to preserve myself from sin is abundantly supplied by Thy omnipotence to Thy everlasting praise.

Glory to Thy holy name! Though I have solemnly pledged all things to Thee, yet, as Thou art my "all and in all," I have nothing to fear. Now, O Father, my God and Saviour, I humbly pray Thee so to keep me that all my powers of soul, body, and spirit, my time, talents, will, influence, words, and works, shall continually, exclusively, and eternally glorify Thy holy name through Jesus Christ, my Lord and Saviour. Amen and Amen.

In covenant with the God of all grace and mercy, who has become my salvation, my all, and whose I am forever, to the praise of His glory. Amen.

Entered into by the direction of the Holy Spirit and signed this Thirteenth day of December, in the year of our Lord Eighteen Hundred and Seventy-Seven.

D. J. Warner

The Wages of Sin

A wail! A wail! rends the sulphuric air,
A wail from hell—Dear soul, how came you there?
A wail throughout the ages of eternity.
Sad wail, in bondage nevermore to be free.
A wail so sad, still others drown your cry—
A shrieking of the demons which can never die;
A writhing 'neath the liquid fire and foam,
A thousand miles from God, or friends, or home.
No one to bring a drop of water there,
No God to hear your oft repeated prayer.
No mother there with broken heart for you,
No soul on earth to care for what you do.
Why did you choose, poor soul, the way of death—
Inhaling liquid fire at every breath?
Then being there ten hundred thousand years,
There'll be no less stay; no less of tears.
God's people, whom He loved, you did reject,
Salvation that He offered, would neglect:
The Holy Spirit came to "woo you" on the way—
Alas! you put Him off from day to day.
Did you not know the wages paid for sin,
And that the devil waiteth for the souls of men?
Ah, yes, you knew—you meant to turn some day;
But 'twas so hard to leave the "great broad way."
Alas! how sad, forever is your plight
To spend eternal ages in hell's delusive night.
Why are you there? poor soul, I'm sure you know.
"Yes, I've rejected God; there's nowhere else to go."
—Sel.