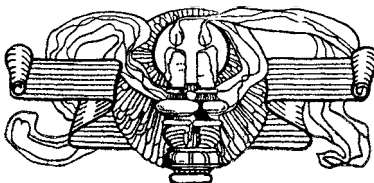


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## BETHLEHEM

Bethlehem, oh Bethlehem,  
I love to think of thee,  
And of thy days so long ago;  
How dear they are to me.

When once the bright and morning star  
Had pierced the shades of night,  
And led the wise men from afar  
To see the King of Light.

It brought to thee, Oh Bethlehem,  
A record of supreme renown,  
For there the sages with delight—  
The precious Babe they found.

To thee, the shepherds of the sheep  
Did come with haste to see—  
The little babe, the "Prince of Peace,"  
That had been born in thee.

'Twas near thy gates the angels sang  
That sweet melodious song,  
Of "Peace on earth, good will to men";  
May we the same prolong.

Oh Bethlehem, we think of thee  
On this glad Christmas morn,  
And praise the God of heaven and earth  
Who gave His only begotten Son.

Good will 'o thee, oh Bethlehem,  
Good will to all mankind:  
May every creature crown Him King.  
When they, thy guest the Savior find.  
—Ulysses Phillips.

## CHRISTMAS

Here we are near Christmas time again, and what does it bring to our mind? Is it of Jesus Christ and His holy birth at Bethlehem, and how the angels of God came and sang his praise to the lowly shepherds who were watching their flocks at night, and

of how the wise men came from the far east and announced His birth to the wicked Herod and the Jews who ought to have been looking for His appearing? When Simeon, a godly man who was waiting for the consolation of Israel, saw Him, Jesus the Christ child he prophesied what great things were to take place because of Him. The prophetess Anna came also into the temple, and when she saw the Child she gave thanks to God and spake about Him to all that looked for redemption in Jerusalem. Luke 2: 38.

Or on Christmas do we think of making and giving presents and receiving them from our loved ones? What does Christmas really mean to us?

When I was a child Christmas was the greatest time of the whole year. Mother and father did their best to make it a joyous time for their little ones with lovely presents and good things to eat. It was their pleasure to make us happy, but is this all that Christmas is, just giving and receiving gifts? Now if we go back to the Word of God we will find out what Christmas really is.

It was a time looked forward to even from the beginning of creation. As soon as Adam fell and was cast out of the garden of Eden God gave a great promise to mankind of a Savior to redeem us. We will read it here in Genesis 3: 15, "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel." God here was cursing the serpent because he was the cause of the downfall of mankind. Satan had entered him and used him to deceive them. God here says that the seed of the woman should bruise Satan's head, and this seed was Christ.

At the time that Jesus was born at Bethlehem all heaven echoed with his praise, for God sent the holy angels from heaven to announce his birth and His mission upon earth. We read in Luke 2, "And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flocks by night; and lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them and

the glory of the Lord shown around about them, and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, fear not, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, which is Christ the Lord, and this shall be a sign unto you; ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." Luke 2: 8-14.

Simeon also prophesied when he beheld Jesus. "And behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Ghost was upon him, and it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost that he should not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And he came by the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him after the custom of the law, then took he him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said, Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace according to thy word; for mine eyes have seen thy salvation which thou hast prepared before the face of all people: a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of thy people Israel." Luke 2: 25-32.

Also the wise men came to tell of the Christ child's birth. We will read of them: "Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, saying, where is He that is born King of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship Him. When Herod the king had heard these things he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born. And they said unto him, in Bethlehem of Judea: for thus it is written by the prophet, and thou Bethlehem in the land of Judea, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor that shall rule my people Israel. Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, inquired of them diligently what time the star appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found Him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship Him also. When they had heard the king they departed, and lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them till it came and stood over where

the young child was. When they saw the star they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. And when they were come to the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh. And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way." Matt. 2: 1-13.

We read of Anna, the prophetess: "And she came in (to the temple) at that instant, gave thanks likewise (as Simeon had done) unto the Lord and spake of him to all them that looked for redemption in Jerusalem." Luke 2: 38.

So God used these holy men and women to tell of Christ's mission to this lost benighted world, that He should restore us back to God. How many that have celebrated Christmas has found this Christ-child, this pearl of greatest price? The most valuable Christmas present ever given to man. Jesus Christ is God's Christmas present to mankind, and if we find Him while we live here below we have found heaven here, and will inherit heaven hereafter when our soul leaves this house of clay.

We read back in the book of Esther how the Jews rejoiced when they had a right to fight for their lives and defend themselves at the time Haman plotted to exterminate them out of all the land ruled over by Ahasuerus from India even unto Ethiopia. over one hundred and twenty-seven provinces, and they rejoiced greatly because of their deliverance. and made gifts to each other in remembrance of this great deliverance, and kept it up many years afterward to remind them of how wonderfully God had spared their lives.

This seems to be all there is to Christmas as it is celebrated today by many who think themselves Christians. but it should be rejoicing because Jesus has redeemed them from sin, delivered them from eternal night, damnation and destruction. We should rejoice in Him, the One altogether lovely. Now He is passed by, and fine meals, good things to eat, pleasures, presents, dances, amusements have taken His place in the hearts of the people, the place that ought to have been given unto God.

Oh, what will awaken people to see the doom that awaits their souls if they don't search and find the Pearl of greatest price. The One who bought salvation for us, and offers it to us: this means more than an empty profession of religion. It means to become a real true saint of God, one who leaves off

all sin, and seeks to please God in all that he says and does. When we do this we will find God. We will find God's Christmas present to this lost world, and we too will rejoice with the angels who came to announce Christ's birth at Bethlehem of Juda on that first Christmas morning. —I. Edith Kriebel.

## The Journey Is Too Great For You

"And as he lay and slept under a juniper tree, behold then an angel touched him, and said unto him, arise, and eat. And he looked and behold, there was a cake baken on the coals, and a cruse of water at his head, and he did eat and drink and laid him down again, and the angel of the Lord came again the second time and touched him, and said, arise and eat; because the journey is too great for thee. And he arose and did eat and went in the strength of that meat forty days and forty nights unto Horeb, the mount of God." 1 Kings 19: 5- 8. "But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved." Matt. 24, 13.

We often hear people say that they are on the "road to heaven", on the "King's highway," on the "way to Glory," and such similar statements. As we look around and see so many that have fallen by the wayside, we think sometimes and ask ourselves the question, how many will hold out to the end. We know that if one has to go a long journey, especially on foot, and does not eat or take food, they will get weak along the way, and may eventually give out, physically speaking, before they reach the desired goal. Therefore it is very necessary that one should eat that they may be able to endure.

Jesus tells us in his Word that "man shall not live by bread alone but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." Now, as it is necessary for the body to have food that it may be strengthened, it is just as necessary that the soul be fed that we might be able to endure the hardships of the spiritual journey, for the promise is not to those that start, "but he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved." Just as the angel had prepared the food for Elijah, so has the Lord prepared food for the soul, and He says, "Eat ye that which is good and let your soul delight itself in fatness; incline your ear and come unto me, hear and your soul shall live."

Dear precious souls journeying toward eternity's shore, take time, hear what God has to say; He will speak the life giving word.

The body receives nourishment through the mouth, where it is masticated, then swallowed and enters the stomach where it is digested to impart the needed strength. Now, the avenue to the soul is the mind; wherefore we are instructed or admonished to gird up the loins of our mind. The mind is reached through the eyes, the ears, and the sense of touch or feeling. "Eat ye that which is good;" search the scriptures, read wholesome literature, think on virtuous things: these will give strength to your soul. Oh how precious is the passage in 2 Tim. 3: 15, "And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus." Remember the journey is too great for thee; you cannot make it in your own strength, you must have strength from on high, "arise and eat."

Don't spend too much time reading the dailies or the mail order catalogues and such, also there is some literature that should have no place with you at all. The Spirit of the Lord will direct you in these matters if your heart is set to do His will.

Feed on heavenly manna. "Then Jesus said unto them, verily, verily, I say unto you, Moses gave you not that bread from heaven; but my Father giveth you the true bread from heaven, for the bread of God is He which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world: then said they unto him, Lord, evermore give us this bread. And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life." John 6: 32- 35. Keep Jesus in your soul, get a new supply of grace everyday, be filled with the Spirit that you may be able to overcome, for "greater is he that is in you than he that is in the world." Have you a Bible in your home? Do you love to read its pages? What place does the Word of God occupy in your spiritual "menu"? Are you feeding on something that brings leanness to your soul? Are you lukewarm, cold or hot? Are you lean or fat? Will you "endure unto the end" of the journey?

It takes time to eat natural food. If one should get into the habit of eating his natural food by snatches and on the run, so to speak, he would soon have stomach ailments of some kind, or his strength would be disappearing. So it takes time to dine spiritually, time to pray, to read, to meditate, etc. Brethren, it takes time. "And now brethren I commend you to God and the word of his grace which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified." Acts 20: 32.

—Ulysses Phillips.

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### EDITORIALS

Christmas time is approaching us again, another year is about to end and no doubt most all of our readers are thinking of the Holy Child Jesus that was born in a stable over nineteen centuries ago; He was to save and govern His people. This was the babe that the prophets had spoken so much about from the beginning of creation. Isaiah spoke of Him as the "arm of the Lord", and said, "For He shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of dry ground; He hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see Him there is no beauty that we should desire him." Isaiah 53: 2

This child was the stone that King Nebuchadnezzar saw that was cut out without hands that smote the image upon its feet which were of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces. Daniel 2: 34 This child was the Shiloh, the rest giver, the Governor, the Prince of peace, the Lamb of God and the Saviour of the world. He was the stone that the builders set at naught, and He has become the head of the corner and of His government and kingdom there shall be no end; the saints are reigning with Him now and will continue to reign with Him forever in that new heaven and earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

As we consider the past year with its joys and its sorrows, heart aches and pains, appointments and disappointments, it makes us rejoice to know that we have a bright hope of a better world, all of which comes to us through the faithfulness of Christ, and we are made to praise God as the apostle Paul did: "Thanks be unto God for the unspeakable Gift."

Perhaps there are very few of our readers who

have not lost a loved one, a friend, a neighbor or a near relative during the year; they were brought face to face with the reality of death. The sad part of it is that the majority who are passing away are not prepared to meet God even though they may profess and have a head belief in Him. Many run well for a while and because of the cares of this world and iniquity which is abounding, their love waxes cold and they begin to put on the things they once laid off and cleave unto the worldly minded, having friendship with the world which is the enmity of God.

As we drove along the highway in northern Oklahoma the other day we saw by the side of the road a sign; the top part showed the head of a human skeleton, and just below this were the words: "Auto crash here, one killed." We thought if they would put up a sign at every place where there was an auto crash, the highway would be lined with monuments. The Spirit brought to our mind the "highway of holiness" and the great number of spiritual wrecks that take place on this highway; it would also be literally lined with monuments bearing such inscriptions as the following: "This brother neglected prayer and his soul was afflicted and slowly died. This brother would not be a 'doer of the word', so became blind, crashed into another blind soul and both died here. This brother was running along very well, but was flattered by the world, began to dress like it or endorse those that did, so he ran against the Word of God and was killed here. This brother became afflicted with great discernment, and his heart hardened and he crashed with God's love and mercy, and suddenly died without remedy. This brother became inflated because of God's favors on him and aspired to be Lord over the 'highway', but crashed with 'Godly humility and lowliness of mind', so passed away with much suffering which he termed was 'for Jesus' sake.' This brother became so sure that he was established and could not be moved that he forgot to work the lever of 'Continue on in well doing', and became chilled with the atmosphere in which he traveled, bringing on much conceit and crashed with God's righteousness, dying with many struggles and much pain. This brother loved the companionship of other men's wives and daughters, and became so full of lustful love that styes appeared on his eyes, injuring his eye-sight, so he crashed with 'shun the appearance of evil,' receiving many cuts and bruises; he was carried by lovely women to a free love hospital and died there surrounded by all the comforts that women can administer." Many other inscriptions would be on these monuments which are to numerous to mention. This world is plunging on at a rapid rate and men have sought out many inventions, many ways to get to heaven as most all want to go there, but few are paying the Bible price. The world now is quite similar to the days of Noah; the destruction of this world is threatened. It is near at hand, and very few are really getting into the "ark of safety". Most folks are

easing their consciences by shaking hands with the preacher or signing a card or joining some man-made church, having very little conception of what it means to be "born again". Most people know how to join the man made churches, but when it comes to joining the Lord, they are puzzled and marvel about this thing; they lack faith in God who performs the operation and joins us to Himself.

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We regret that we were not able to get a paper out in November, but we had much tract printing to do, and having promised the brethren over near Okeene, Okla. to begin a meeting there on the fifteenth of Nov., it was impossible to get a November paper in the mails as we are scarce on office help at present, yet we have been very busy for the Lord which is the delight of our soul. On the fifteenth of November in company with Bro. and Sister G. W. Winn we went over near Okeene, which is sixty-five miles northwest of Guthrie, and began a protracted meeting. The weather was very unfavorable for meetings but the Lord blessed our souls together with the saints, and the few that did attend were sincere and received good from the meeting; God truly blessed our souls and encouraged the saints. On Tuesday night after services my wife phoned to me that Bro. Norcutt of Mapleton, Kansas wanted me to come up there at once as Rachel Norcutt was very sick; he wanted to obey the word in anointing her with oil and praying for her recovery. We came home at once, getting here about three o'clock in the morning, and at six we were on our way up there, arriving there at seven o'clock that evening, having driven over four hundred miles since leaving the meeting. We had an agreement of prayer for her with the saints at Okeene before leaving there, then had prayer at home for her before we left that morning and prayed as we went along the way, so when we got there she had already received relief. We anointed and prayed for her; she improved right along and the next day got up, was feeling quite well when we left that evening. Bro. and Sister Winn carried the meeting on while we were gone and the Lord blessed. We got back to the meeting on Saturday afternoon; other saints came in on Sunday and the Lord truly poured out of His Spirit and anointed with fresh oil. Some souls heard truth in this meeting that will mean life if received and appropriated to their soul's good, or death if rejected.

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Sister Tillie Rogers of Folsom, La. writes us that her husband passed away on Oct. 5, 1929. He was eighty-four years old and a man respected by those who knew him. Sister Rogers desires our prayers as she is not very well, and has a great burden because of her son who is afflicted in his mind. Pray earnestly for him that God will restore him to a normal condition that this mother may have comfort.

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We are pleased for the saints to send in their

testimonies and other writings of interest, but it is not possible for us to print them all, so if your testimony does not appear in the paper you may know that it is because that we did not have room, also we look to the Lord for wisdom and discernment, setting up and printing those that we believe would be most pleasing to Him. When you do what God wants you to do in writing an article or testimony, sending it to us, you can then count your part done, and if we fail to please God about the matter, it will be between us and Him. Some times we keep an article for a long time and then God will have us to use it. His ways are not our ways. Just keep encouraged to do His pleasure and leave all matters with Him, then God will bless you in this humble way.

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The Lord is encouraging our hearts in the printing work by the way He is making the tracts and papers a blessing to many crushed and bruised ones. We love to send the truth to people by the printed page and do pray that God will comfort each and every reader of "Faith and Victory", that He will spread His wings of love over you and shield you from all the fiery darts of the enemy. The Lord gives us love for those who would rise up against us or speak evil of us in any way, and we earnestly pray for all souls that they will keep filled with peace and holiness that iniquity will not be their ruin. Remember us when you go to prayer, and write to us once in a while so we will know to keep your name on our mailing list. We will be going over our lists during the fore part of the new year, and we want to keep your name on the list for the paper if you want it continued. We can only know as you give us knowledge about the matter. We do not want to send the paper to any address unless we know that it is being read and some one benefited. We are expecting your prayers and co-operation in this work, as we are only one among the many members of the body of Christ, and the body does not function properly unless every member is alive and moves as God directs.

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## Assembly Meeting Notice

The Oklahoma State Assembly meeting of the Church of God will be held at Guthrie, Okla. beginning on Friday, Dec. 20th and lasting over the 29th. This meeting will be held at the Church of God chapel located on the corner of Sixth and W. Warner Sts.

The saints at Guthrie are making all preparations for a good meeting, and are expecting the saints from all over the state and many from other states to attend. We are extending a hearty welcome to all, especially to those who need help from the Lord in soul or body, as we are expecting God to verify His promises and to confirm the Word with signs following. Make arrangements to attend this meeting and thereby get your portion of good things from Faith-

er's table. The soul is of more importance than the body, but God has a care and concern for both, and we should not neglect either one as they will die if left without food.

As this meeting is held in the winter it will incur more expense than the summer campmeetings, and the committee desires that all should feel free to give as the Lord lays it upon their hearts. If you have provisions of any kind for the meeting you can send them to Bro. G. W. Winn, 1309 W. Mansur Ave, Guthrie, Okla. If you have means to send to aid in the meeting you can send it to Faith Pub. House, 920 W. Mansur Ave., Guthrie, Okla.

All Bible truths will be taught and proclaimed in this meeting by ministers that have long proven to be faithful servants of the Lord. We are sure that if you miss this meeting you will be doing your soul an injustice. So look to the Lord to remove all hindrances, and to give you victory over all excuses and come; be one among us in these holiday meetings.

—Assembly Meeting Committee.

## OBITUARIES

Paulina Stahnke was born in West Prussia, Germany, June 17, 1860 and passed away Sept. 30, 1929 at the home of her brother, Fred Stahnke in Norwalk, Wis. She came with her parents to America in the year 1882 and settled in the vicinity of Norwalk, where she resided until her death. She was married in 1883 to August Rapp who preceded her in death. To them four sons were born; the eldest dying in infancy, and three survive, Fred, Edward and Emil, all of Marshfield, Wis. Besides the three sons she leaves to mourn her passing, three brothers; Fred and Emil Stahnke of Norwalk, and Gustav Stahnke of Tomah, Wis., and three sisters; Mrs. Julie Mahnke and Louise Stahnke both of Norwalk and Tillie Stahnke of South Bend, Ind., also many other relatives and friends.

About thirty-two years ago the deceased accepted the Lord Jesus as her Savior and held firmly to the trust committed unto her and to the faith and hope that she had in the better world beyond. In all her affliction during the past seven years she has exhibited patience and manifested true Christian character and left behind a testimony that she was ready and waiting for the summons. —Fred Stahnke

Bertha A. Crow was born Jan. 16, 1883 in Appanoose county, Iowa, and departed this life Oct. 20, 1929 at her home west of Guthrie, Okla., at the age of 46 years, 9 months, and 4 days. She was united in marriage to B. F. Davis Dec. 15, 1901, and to this union nine children were born, eight of whom survive: five girls and three boys, namely; Audney, Evelyn, Thelma, Paul, George, Polly, Beatrice and Ruth. One boy died in infancy. One grandson, Harold Lee

Davis, and two sisters and four brothers survive. These are Mrs. J. C. Monteith, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Mrs. E. M. Thompson, Texhoma, Okla.; John Crow, Talihina, Okla.; Will Crow, Sapulpa, Okla.; Tom Crow, Olathe, Kansas; and Frank Crow, Oildale, California.

A precious one from us has gone,  
A voice we loved is stilled;  
A place is vacant in our midst,  
Which never can be filled.  
God in His wisdom has recalled  
The one His love had given,  
And though the body slumbers here,  
The soul is safe in heaven.

Funeral services were conducted by W. H. Shoot.

Mary Patricia Miles was born at Burbank, Calif. March 16, 1927, and departed this life Oct. 9, 1929. Age, two years, six months and twenty-three days. Her death came very suddenly; she was sick only five days. She leaves a father, mother, brother, relatives and friends to mourn the loss.

Funeral services were conducted by the writer.

Another bud is caught away—  
To bloom in heaven's brighter day,  
On angel wings, oh glorious race,  
To behold the Savior's smiling face.

A lamb has gone to the heavenly fold,  
Escorted by an angel bold;  
To live with Christ forever more,  
Where we'll meet again on yon bright shore.

—G. E. Harmon.

The baby was with her mother and a friend in Los Angeles on the 3rd of Oct. We went to town to get the baby's picture made, and after that was done we were shopping in one of the big department stores, and in going from one floor to another we rode on the escalator; just as the baby went to step off she caught her big toe in the escalator, and it tore the nail off her toe and cut a big gash in the side of her toe. Infection set up, also pneumonia developed from the infection and the shock she got at the time of the accident; she lived only five days.

Bro. G. E. Harmon conducted funeral services, and the funeral was held in Fillbach's Chapel in Burbank, and she was laid to rest in Valhalla Cemetery at Burbank. Sisters Edith Kriebel and Vera Forbes, Bros. Erle Forbes and Myron Forbes furnished the singing, and the pall-bearers were Angus Flynn, David Joiner, Mack Simpson and Charlie Nichols.

Her death certainly came as a shock to us, as she had always been in such good health. It seemed more than we could bear at first, but the good Lord has wonderfully helped us, and we know our darling baby is better off with Jesus than in this wicked world of sin. While it is very hard to give her up, yet we know our loss is heaven's gain.

—Clarence and Pearl Miles.

Sister Emily E. Myers passed away Nov. 4, 1929 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. E. A. Young at Lamar, Colo. Age, seventy-two years. Emily Ellen Reeder was born Aug. 22, 1857 in Mo. She was united in marriage July 4, 1875 to Amaziah Myers of Grant City, Mo. To this union were born seven children; Mrs. W. H. Eaks of House, N. Mexico, Cyrena Myers of Pueblo, Colo., Mrs. John Johnson of La Junta, Colo., Geo. W. Myers of Kaw, Okla, Meril S. Myers of Golden, Colo., Mrs. E. A. Young of Lamar, Colo., and Pren Emmanuel Myers of Kendrick, Colo., all of whom are left to mourn their loss. Bro. Myers was called to the reward of the faithful, March 2, 1909, and since that time the deceased made her home with her two daughters, E. Coral Myers and Cyrena Myers of Ima, N. Mex. In 1919 Cyrena and her mother moved to La Junta, and have made their home with E. C. Myers. Since the marriage of Mrs. Johnson, the deceased was taken ill with tuberculosis and though God lengthened her life last Feb. when prayer was offered, yet He now called her home to her reward. Sis. Myers was converted in the Church of God in 1903, and soon after she was near death's door, and her loved ones were called to bid her farewell. When she was almost gone, she recovered and said she had heard angels singing and she began to sing the words and music; "I'm sitting with Jesus, oh wonderful grace, with Him I am reigning in heavenly place. I'm filled with His glory, transported above, yes sitting with Jesus in heavenly love," etc. Sis. Myers remained faithful to death. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Jacob A. Heatwole and Rev. E. W. Glatz, using the above song and another, "She is not dead, but sleepeth", used by the spirit of the Lord in the still hours of night to comfort her daughter's heart as she lay weeping. Remains were laid to rest in Fairview Cemetery, La Junta, Colo.

—Mrs. John Johnson.

Enel Allan Brown, son of B. F. and Mary Brown was born at Newlandville, Texas April 22, 1896, died Oct. 19, 1929. Age, 33 years, 5 months, 27 days. He was one of a family of eleven children; seven sons and four daughters. In 1917 he was married to Miss Vergia Martin of Grayson, Okla. To this union were born four children; three boys and one girl. He leaves to mourn the loss, his wife, four children, his father of Tallahassee, Okla., four brothers, three sisters and a host of friends.

Bro. Brown was religiously inclined from his youth up, and he loved and accepted the Truth, and lived the life before all men and died in the Faith. The memory of his loving kindness, faithfulness to the cause that he loved so well for which no sacrifice was too great, his patience, tenderness to others, love for the brethren and trueness to God shall long remain with all that knew him:—

Servant of God, well done,

The glorious war is past;

The battle fought, the victory won,

And thou art crowned at last.

Funeral services were conducted by the writer. Text, Heb. 11: 24.

—H. Robinson.

### MEETING REPORT

The Payson, Okla. meeting which was held from Nov. 1 to 10th inclusive is numbered among the events of the past, but the effects of the same is still felt in our community, and will be for a long time. Truly the Word of the Lord went forth in purity and power. A number of people acknowledged that it sure was the truth and in accord with the Bible.

One person, Mr. Cambel, said that he was somewhat prejudiced against the meeting at first, having heard a good many things second-handed, but he was determined to find out for himself. After attending services a few nights and listening to the Word as it went forth under the anointing of the Spirit, he testified publicly that it was not what he first thought, but that he liked it very much and was favorably impressed with the truth presented. Others said they enjoyed the meeting and everything that was taught during the services. Of course there are some who are yet bias minded, but cannot successfully refute the truth as it was held up. The services were not attended by as many people as they would have been had it not been for the inclemency of the weather.

The ministers present were Bros. G. W. Winn, C. S. Forbes, W. W. Crawley, and U. Phillips. The Lord willing we expect to have meeting here again next year. We desire an interest in the prayers of the children of God that we be true light-holders in this community, and do what we can for the advancement of the Saviour's cause.

—T. B. and Rena Armstrong.

### MEETING REPORT

Bro. John Strech of Neosho, Mo. and Sister Lizzie Harper of Delaware, Mo. came to Fremont and began meeting Nov. 2nd which lasted until Nov. 12th

The truth sure was preached in all its purity. The way of salvation was pointed out so plain that souls saw their privilege in Christ as never before. Some were convicted on the last night of the meeting. The saints were edified and encouraged to live on for God. The truth has been established in the hearts of some of the people here. This place is worth your prayers.

After the meeting at Fremont they went to Delaware, Mo. and had seven nights meeting. Many were interested in the truth there. The saints were much encouraged by the wonderful sermons inspired by the Holy Ghost. The presence of God was felt in the house of worship from time to time. God blessed every soul that came out to hear Him out of His Word.

—Ellen Glass.

## MEETING REPORT

To the saints and readers of Faith and Victory scattered abroad, greeting in Jesus' name.

It is with much gratitude and thankfulness to the dear Lord for His extended mercy and goodness to me that I report through the columns of the Lord's paper that today finds me saved and satisfied with Jesus who is the way, the truth, and the life of all who will believe; praise the Lord.

I feel led to tell of some of my activities in the vineyard of the Lord throughout the past summer. I left home about the first of May for Ashland, Ky., and held a meeting there which was very much blessed of the Lord. One precious soul found her way to the Lord, and the few saints who live there together with Bro. Wm. Artup, who is looking after the work, seemed to be much encouraged to press the battle on for the Lord. I returned home from there, and was here for the campmeeting held at Hammond, La. in July. From here I went to Charlotte, N. C. the latter part of July, and began meeting which lasted ten days. The opposition there was great in some ways. The sectarians were greatly stirred, and their leaders did what they could to keep their members from coming out to hear the truth, but in spite of all their efforts, the people came out to hear the Word of God. Some few took their stand for God: I left the little band of saints rejoicing in their souls, and even sinners asked that the meeting go on longer, but on account of previous arrangements for other meetings I could not stay any longer, although a number of sinners, as well as the few saints, got my promise to return next spring, if the Lord wills, and hold another meeting. Let us pray God to keep the interest up and glean out the few honest-hearted sinners there, and else where who really desire the whole truth of God.

From there I came by home, stayed a few days. Then in company with Bro. and Sis. Joiner and Sis. Martin we left in an automobile for Blackford, Ky. campmeeting which began the 15th of Aug. The meeting there was a real success for God; the Lord proved His promises to all who sought His blessings.

From there we came to Unionville, Tenn., and held a few services for the encouragement of the few saints in those parts. There Bro. and Sis. Joiner and Sis. Martin left for home, and I went from there to Athens, Tenn. where a week's meeting was held. From there to Red Clay, Ga. where we began meeting Sept 14th; it was truly owned and blessed of God. Five were saved, one sanctified, and some healed of various diseases. Conviction rested upon the congregation from time to time; the saints were built up in the faith which was once delivered unto the saints. We left them much encouraged to live true to God.

From there I came home, and with some of the home ministers, we began a meeting about six miles from our home on the 4th of Oct.; it lasted over two

Sundays. God blessed in every service, and honored it with His presence. Five were saved, and others seemed to be under conviction.

As we look back over the year, we are made to praise God for the few honest souls that He has caused to hear His voice and have given their hearts to Him. My soul is greatly encouraged to press the battle on, and fight the good fight of faith, and do all I can for the dear Lord and precious souls for whom Jesus died.

My prayer is that God will call and send more real consecrated laborers into the field of service that will preach the Word at any cost. So let us, as the ministers of God, be true to our calling, for the time is drawing near when we must meet the record of our lives, and give an account of our stewardship.

Yours, in the service of God, —L. L. Perry.

## NOTICE

In regard to the confession of our beloved Bro. C. E. Orr of Hammond, La., I feel like adding a few words more.

We, the ministers that are acquainted with Bro. Orr and know of his returning back to Zion, have confidence, accept and endorse him as a minister standing for the old-time truth as we had it in the beginning. We advise saints and ministers to rid themselves of all superstition and fear. We know we are in perilous times, but people can yet humble themselves, pay a Bible price, and come to Zion clean-cut for God. Oh how I do wish that many more of our brethren would see their mistake and come shouting home with their trumpet in their hand, and get back on the wall and blow the trumpet in Zion. Brethren, let us open our arms, stop folding them up, but receive all that will come the Bible way.

—S. T. Walker.

Closer, Lord to Thee!

On the mountain top with Jesus,  
Oh what happiness is mine;  
With what joy my soul is thrilling  
In His presence so Divine.

But we need the valley also,  
Need the testing and the tears;  
If we strength would have to serve Him  
Through the coming, trying years.

So it is in joy or sorrow;  
We would trustful ever be,  
Knowing that each test and trial  
Brings us closer, Lord, to Thee.  
—Mae Baker.

# LITTLE FOLKS' PAGE

"HE SHALL GATHER THE LAMBS WITH HIS ARM, AND CARRY THEM IN HIS BOSOM" (Isaiah 40: 11).

## CHRISTMAS DAY

In a quaint old Hebrew city  
In a lowly manger, lay  
The little baby, Jesus,  
On that first great Christmas day.

He was just a tiny baby,  
All cuddly, round and fair—  
Few dreamed the Holy Savior  
In the hay was cradled there.

Yet because of that wee baby,  
Life is bright and hearts are gay,  
And we gladly sing our carols  
On this blessed Christmas day.  
—Virginia Fain.

Loga: Sport, La. —Dear Bro. and Sister in Christ: I have been reading the Faith and Victory, especially the testimonies of the saints. I feel like I should write through the paper too.

I am a girl of sixteen years. I have been a child of God for a short time only, but the Lord is helping me. He has healed me too. I just thank God for finding this way; praise the dear Lord. Pray for me that I might press on.

Your Sister in Christ, —Birdie Cameron.

## A Talk With The Children

"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:11

Come children, and we will have a talk about Christmas, and about the one that arrived that day to make us happy and joyous in God.

I wonder how many knows who was born on the 25th day of Dec. Jesus was born on Christmas day. He is a gift that God sent to this world and every one that receives this gift will have life everlasting abiding in their souls.

Jesus' mission to this world was to save souls from sin and give us a pure heart.

We remember back in the beginning of time that God made a man and a woman and placed them in a beautiful garden where they could have every thing that heart could wish, but in this garden was a tree, of whose fruit God told them not to eat of. One day Satan in the form of a serpent came into the garden, and began to talk to the woman and told her if she would eat of the fruit on that tree she would be as God, knowing good and evil, so the woman, Eve, ate

some of the fruit and gave some to the man, Adam. God put them out of the garden for disobeying Him. Sin was planted in their hearts when they disobeyed God. The Father wanted to free his people from sin, so He sent Jesus as a gift down to this world that we might be set free from that sin that was planted in our hearts when Adam and Eve disobeyed God. "Whom the Son makes free is free indeed." We must love Jesus and be very careful that we do not displease Him for He gave His life a sacrifice for our sins on the cross. Cruel men nailed our Lord to a cross and there He died for you and for me.

I read about a little girl that loved Jesus, and wouldn't do anything that would grieve Him if she knew it. She was eight years old and was going to school. They just had school in the morning. One day the teacher told all the children (just six) if they would get their lessons good that she would go out driving with them. The teacher left the room and expected them to get their lessons so that when she returned they could recite them to her. This little girl tried hard to do just as the teacher had told her, but a little boy that was very naughty came across the room and tickled her on the neck with a feather and repeated it of'en, and she would ask him kindly to please not do it, but he kept talking to her, pulling her hair, twitching the book out of her hand and pestering her in many different ways, but she never got angry or hit him, nor said any harsh words to him. The teacher came in, and the little girl was the first one she called on to bring her work to her so she could see what she had done. Her copy-book had ink blots on it on account of the boy jerking her arm when she was writing. Two figures were wrong in her arithmetic problem, and she didn't get her geography lesson just because the boy was naughty, but she continued to keep sweet in her soul. Of course she didn't get to go out for a ride.

This little girl had received the gift (Jesus) into her heart. God sent this Gift to the world on Christmas day. She was happy, and knew it would displease Him if she returned any naughty words when she was being persecuted.

Children, all of you can be just like this little girl if you let Jesus into your heart. Some of you no doubt have Him reigning in your hearts. May God bless all of you. Yours, in Him, —Mary Pruitt.

## CORRESPONDENCE

Quakertown, Pa. —Dear Bro' and Sister Pruitt and family: With holy love I send greetings in the name of the only begotten Son of God. As we look

by faith unto Him who has delivered us from the powers of the evil one, we are continually kept by the mighty power of God, and are made to lift our voices in praise unto Him. The apostle Paul was made to see the mighty power of God when he said, "By the grace of God I am what I am." This plainly draws the picture of the cause of his faithful life, and that is what the children of God today should manifest unto this world. An exalted spirit is an abomination in the sight of God.

I am truly glad this evening to report that the Lord has given me a safe journey all the way home. Praise His dear name forever. It makes us feel how unprofitable we really are before the Lord when He manifests Himself so precious and near unto His trusting children, does it not? All the way home I could feel the guiding hand of God leading the way, and making riding so easy and pleasant. Oh, it's wonderful what Jesus will do for us, if we only keep our minds and hearts fixed on Him. I had but very little trouble on the way; still have the first flat to fix yet. Just this alone makes me feel that the Lord has favored me, and blessed me with His protecting hand all the way along. I was just thinking how easy it is for us to be snatched away in a moments time, and be ushered into eternity. On my way home I had the opportunity of witnessing the ruins of a car accident, which I were told was a pitiful sight. I did not see the happening, but saw the ruins of it about two hours afterward. It was truly a smash-up; could hardly see how that any person could escape alive. In an event like this we have no time to prepare for eternity, but we must go whether we are prepared or unprepared. Oh, the sad state of many a poor soul that is in this very condition every day of their life. The words spoken in James 4: 14 are very true when it says, "Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away." By this scripture alone we are warned of the uncertainty of this mortal life, so then we should take heed unto the things which we have learned.

I arrived at Bro. Houck's place on Sat. the 5th; stayed with them until Thurs. morning, then left for Scranton. Had a profitable time while at Brother Houck's. Was surely glad to again meet them; how our hearts were made glad because of the Spirit of God which blends and binds us into one. As Bro. Houck had some business to attend to near our home, he thought it best to go along, so he went along home with me from there; was glad for the company. The trip from Bro. Houck's was very nice; the scenery was grand. The landscape of the forests was so beautiful that no artist could begin to compare with its grandeur. The handiwork of God is perfect; man cannot improve on what God has done. Also we saw many large coal mines as we were traveling on to Scranton.

We left Scranton Friday morning about 11 o' clock for Silverdale, and found the saints all well there, and rejoiced to again meet them.

Am glad to again meet the loved ones at home. I hope all are well there, and looking to the Lord for guidance and wisdom in all things. May the Lord have His way in the publishing work there is my prayer. Give my best love to all the saints. I am as ever your Bro. in Christ, —William Cramer.

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Dear beloved: I am going to write of my experience in the Christian life with an earnest, fervent prayer that some soul might receive some benefit from reading it.

Quite some years ago I was gloriously saved, and I promised God that I would walk in His light and obey His commandments, and I truly meant every word I said, but, beloved, when the Lord told me to give up certain things, I failed to do it, consequently I lost God from my heart. For a long, long time I lived on in my sad backslidden state, until Jesus sent such a mighty conviction upon me that I fairly shook the seat I sat in. Oh if I could I would have given all this world to be freed from that conviction; I did indeed get up from my seat and start for the door to go out, but thanks be to Jesus, I never got to the door. Beloved, I seemed to hear a voice saying to me, "Now or never." I fairly saw myself and my life in the true Light, and beloved, it was far, far from being a pleasing sight. The voice of Jesus pleaded, pleaded, but, oh friends, my stubbornness and the enemy of my soul kept saying, "Oh it's no use, you failed once and you'll fail again," but still Jesus kept calling, "Come, come, come" and I went on resisting until it seemed that I must either yield or die in my sins. Beloved, I knew if I left that meeting without forgiveness the the Spirit of God would leave me forever. Oh I thank God for showing me that, because I did pray and received forgiveness. Friends, before I did yield to God I suffered untold agonies. I knew hell would be my reward, if I did not yield, and yield that very night, that very hour. When I arose to go to the altar of mercy and love, I had a hard fight until I was half way to the altar; from then on Jesus gave me glorious victory. Beloved, I heard the sweetest music when I knelt in prayer, but we have no music whatever in our church. I do not know where the music came from unless it was from heaven. I do not know whether others heard it or not, but it filled me with peace, joy and happiness. Again, to my shame I say it, when Jesus showed a certain thing I must do I tried to pray around it; I didn't want to give it up. Every time I prayed I would come to that one thing (tobacco), and could get no farther. I was miserable, unhappy, and I sought hard for "some other way," but Jesus said, "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life," and again, "This is the Way, walk ye in it." Today, beloved, by God's grace and strength I am what I am. I can

say and I do say amen, Lord, thy will, not mine. I would to God I could put in writing just how good, kind, loving merciful Jesus is to me. I would to God I could tell the joy, the peace and happiness I have through Jesus' atoning blood. If I could just give you a glimpse of my life in my backslidden state, you would sing with me, "Great is the goodness of God."

May God in His all-wise judgment use this for the good of some soul. God bless you one and all. Yours, for sacrifice or service, —Harry P. Rager.

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Sullivan, Ky. —Dear Bro. Pruitt and co-workers: Greetings in the precious name of Jesus who has broken asunder the chains of darkness and brought life and immortality to light which had been hidden from the foundation of the world, but is now made manifest to the saints in light. Bless His precious name. May our God abundantly bless and supply your every need for the furtherance of the gospel and the salvation of dear eternity bound souls is our prayer.

Your encouraging letter received a few days ago, and am truly glad to know that God is blessing you dear ones there in the work, and though at present you are short of help yet you are determined by the grace of God to keep the press going. It is good that your son can take Bro. Cramer's place at the linotype, and thus push the work on; God bless him. We are sure that the little silent preachers are doing much good for lost humanity, and are finding admittance into places where the gospel could not possibly be conveyed otherwise. We rejoice at this, for our heart is burdened for souls and we are very desirous to see every honest soul have an opportunity to hear or read the glad tidings of great joy, the gospel of peace which brings deliverance to all who will meet conditions.

Well dear ones, this still finds us saved and kept by the mighty power of God with a burning desire in our heart to sink deeper and deeper into God and eternal things. We have so much to look forward to that there is no time to be looking back on the things that are past. Even at the present time we may be passing through temptations and disappointments, so we need to keep our eyes on Jesus and press forward, for they are but for a moment and worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory. Yes, it takes endurance and a great deal of grace to have patience under all circumstances, but God's store house is full and running over. May the Lord stir our hearts and help us to come boldly unto the throne of grace that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. The Lord has it for us, and His eyes run to and fro throughout the whole earth to show Himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward Him. Bless His precious name.

I am encouraged to press this battle right on to victory. Though my healing has been delayed for a

time, I know there is a purpose in it, and I am determined by the grace of God to see the fulfillment of His promise in the complete deliverance from my affliction. God has promised, and His promises never fail. I claim the promise; deliverance is in God's hands and time. Having done all I know to do and being willing to do anything else God makes known unto me, I expect by His help to wait upon Him with patience. Dear saints of God, continue to be agreed in prayer that my complete deliverance come in God's time. I mean to keep pliable and submissive in His hand. Wife is much better and now able to resume her household duties again. The dear Lord has also healed our boy. I tell you dear ones, we have much to be thankful for; it pays to commit our ways unto Him who gives us the victory again and again. To Him be all the glory now and forever. Your humble Bro. in the one Bible way. —Thos. A. Bean

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Shawnee, Okla. —Dear Sis. Pruitt: May the rich blessings of heaven rest upon you and your dear family and all the dear saints that are helping with the printing work. Today finds me saved the straight old Bible way. I am on victory side; praise the good Lord. Though the enemy is raging so fierce, yet I have it settled deep in my soul that if I cannot preach the gospel in all of its fullness and purity I cannot preach anything; it is all to me or nothing. Praise the dear Lord for full and free salvation.

Write me when you have time, and be sure to pray for me. Your Sister, —Sarah B. Tacker

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Porter, Okla. —Dear Bro. Pruitt: To the dear saints scattered abroad, I feel led this morning to testify for the dear Lord. I thank the dear Lord this day for the victory that is reigning in my soul. I find it joy to live for the dear Lord. Thank God for the spotless church; thank Him for the dear ministers that He has chosen to preach His pure Word. I am glad this morning that I am willing to live a spotless life; so I can rejoice when we sing the song, "Without spot or blemish". It is stirring my soul this day to know that the dear saints have found the blessed church and I am so willing to be with them; just to think the Word of God says blessed is the man that keep my commandments. Just think what blessings the dear Lord has for man. I find joy in his Word that I cannot express. I am willing to live for the dear Lord the rest of my days, never to go back in sin any more, always ready to praise God, His commandments is my soul's delight; I'm on my way to glory happy as I go.

I am enclosing one dollar for you to continue the little paper. Your saved Bro, —D. R. Jones

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Laranger, La. —Faith Pub. House: Dear ones, greeting in Jesus' precious name. May God ever bless you all and keep you encouraged is my prayer.

This leaves me still saved and sanctified and a

greater determination to go through for God at any cost. Dear ones, here is a little offering God provided me. I have been praying for it to send to you so God heard my prayer. Last night I was at church and Bro. L.L. Perry handed me a letter that was sent in with his, and as I unfolded it there was a dollar bill and I just had to say praise God, for I knew God had answered prayer. You folks came into my mind, then I remembered I had prayed for the Lord to send me some money, so I could send you folks. I am certainly encouraged to press on, so I am asking you all to remember me and family in prayer that we will hold out faithfully. I sure do thank God and you for the little Faith and Victory; it is food to my soul, so be encouraged to press on and do all for God you can. I will send more as God provides, so send my little paper regular as the Lord permits.

Your saved Sis. for the whole truth, —Etta Averett

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Forest City, Mo. —My dear Sister Pruitt: Greetings of love divine in Jesus' dear name. May the divine presence of God continually be with you, guiding you safely over the billows of time.

This evening finds me sitting at Jesus' feet, listening for His voice, pressing forward to the goal, my face heavenward, climbing upward and my determination strong. We are on our way to the city of light where a crown of life is awaiting the faithful few who have washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb. To Him be all the glory now and forevermore, amen. I sure do love the Lord this evening and appreciate what He is to a little creature like me. I love to keep up close to Him where I can feel His presence and know that He is with me.

I was so glad to get your good precious letter. You must be very busy caring for your family, keeping up your writing and no doubt helping some in the office. I expect you will greatly miss Bro. William and Sis. Rachel, but God can send them back or raise up others. Surely some one will hear the call, come over and help us (at Guthrie). The Lord is blessing even amidst trials and tests as we look to Him instead of the waves we can journey safely on.

The Lord is blessing in the meetings here; most of the seats at the schoolhouse where we have meeting were filled Sunday night. Pray for us and write as the Lord leads.

Your humble Sister, —Susie Whipple.

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Hartman, Colo. —Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt, and all the readers of Faith and Victory.

We now have the little church finished on our place and have a union Sunday school in progress. I am glad, even anxious to spread the truth on the one church and holiness that this community will not be deceived any more by false prophets. I truly love the Church of God; I am completely spoiled for every thing but the one church and holiness. I love the way better every day, and am more anxious that

others see and accept it and get on the highway and be delivered from bondage. What we need now is a revival before it gets too cold and stormy. We now have about five or six inches of snow, but it is warm now and melting. We are praying that God will send the right one here that can really do something that will count for God and eternity. Of course if God sends us an evangelist or preacher it won't be one that has returned to the things of the world and ungodliness. I certainly enjoyed the two copies of Faith and Victory, the Sept. and Oct. numbers, and especially the article by Bro. Harmon on "Oneness" and the explanation of Bro. Orr in the Sept. paper. The Bible tells me "If we build again the things we once destroyed we make ourselves a transgressor." Jesus said, "For whosoever shall do the will of God, the same is my brother and my sister and mother, and of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought into bondage." But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb: "The dog is returned to his own vomit again, and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire." 2 Pet. 2: 19-22.

Pray that He gives us an old time revival soon. Yours, in His service and love. —Rosa Enfield.

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Hennessey, Okla. —Dear readers: I am praising the dear Lord for free and full salvation. He is my Savior; He keeps me every day free from sin. Praise His dear name. I am expecting to follow him all the way. I am not tired of the way; it is precious to my soul. He is my helper; He is my keeper, what a wonderful Savior. Dear ones, I need your prayers that the Lord continue to stir my heart on the line of doing for Him. I want to be faithful in the little things. The Lord surely blessed in the campmeetings this year. Your Sis. in one body, —Annie Wiley.

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Woodburn, Ore. —Dear ones in Christ: I feel like writing a few words of testimony.

I was saved nine years ago this month. I was delivered from an awful life of sin, and from an eternal hell where I would have been tormented day and night forever and ever. What an awful time it will be for all the poor lost souls in that awful place. Oh how I thank God for sending Jesus down here to die for me. Praise His holy name forever. Oh praise God for Jesus who bore my sins and set me free. Oh how unworthy I feel when I think of the time when we shall see him face to face, and that time will surely come and it may be soon. May we do all in our power to bring lost souls to the feet of Jesus where He may lay His nail-pierced hands on them and speak peace to their souls. Praise His holy name. I am still in the service of the King and use thousands of tracts in the work. The devil surely is doing terrible things to God's children by teaching false doctrines.

May God bless all of you is my prayer,

—C. E. Yoder.

## The Report of My Trip East

I left home the 9th of July, and arrived in Hammond, La. the 12th, where Bro. Orr is pastor of a little congregation of old time saints. Ministers present were Bros. Austa Wilson, Artrup, and others. We had ten days meeting, approved of God; souls were saved, sanctified, and healed. The love from heaven flooded all our souls, and the hailstones of His Word swept away every false way, and some mis-understandings were apparently cleared up. All seemed to be in perfect harmony when the meeting closed. From here we went home with Bro. and Sis. Watson, twelve miles in the country where they are pastoring a nice little congregation of great big hearted saints. Here I rested a few days in a lovely home with Bro. and Sis. Watson and Sister Joiner and her two daughters. Here we also had a few days meeting and closed with a good ordinance meeting. Sunday the Hammond saints came out to be with us in this meeting. All of these dear saints are a real example in dress; we certainly enjoyed ourselves with all of these saints; everything possible was done for our comfort. God blessed our association, and true fellowship abounded. From here we went back to Hammond: preached one night to both congregations, as the saints came in from the country. It seemed like leaving home when we finally had to say good bye. God bless dear Bro. and Sis. Orr and dear Bro. and Sister Watson in their labor of love in those two congregations.

From here we went to Okla. City, where the campmeeting was in session, and as they had no pastor we were asked to take the oversight of the meeting, but we decided to put it into the hands of the Holy Ghost. The results: crooked spirits were bound, the fire of heaven came down on consecrated souls, many were saved, sanctified, and healed. We advised everybody present, that as every city had its dumping ground, the City of God had its dumping ground which is at the altar, and if anyone that had a load decided not to leave it at the altar he should take it back home with him. They took our advice; the camp ground was kept clean and we had a glorious meeting. Some said the best ever at that place. From here we went home with Bro. Pruitt for few days rest after bidding farewell to all the dear old-time ministers: Bros. Robinson, Phillips and others.

Bro. William Cramer took me in his car to Shawnee campmeeting where we found another wonderful congregation living in peace and harmony as far as I could see. Bro. O. B. Wilson is doing a good work here as pastor. This meeting went on record as the best ever held on these grounds. The two pole tent was full every night, and autos all around the tent with people in them. The altar was full every night except one.

The last night of the meeting Bro. Orr and my-

self received a telegram to go to Springfield, Mo. where Bros. Pruitt, Forbes, and Strech had just closed a very successful campmeeting. We went up with Bro. O. B. Wilson to help in a council meeting which seemed necessary. On our way back to Shawnee we stopped for a few minutes at Webb City, and visited a few of the old time saints that were at home. It seemed good to stop here where dear old Sis. Sunderland lived and died in the true service of the Lord. Her dear exhortations of love and peace still ring in my ears; her life lives on. At Shawnee I found Bro. William Cramer waiting to take me on to Guthrie where we found Bro. Pruitt and family back home from Springfield. We rested a little, then held a few days meeting which resulted in complete victory over every schismatic spirit, and everything is now in perfect harmony and fellowship as far as we know.

From here I went to Clovis, New Mexico where we found a few saints living the best they knew how, and staying together for the old-time truth. A few have endorsed the Trumpet divisional spirit, inasmuch that they would not come out the last week of the meeting. Here is where we previously lived for seven years and pastored the little congregation, keeping out every false and crooked spirit. Saints, pray for those few that God will grant them repentance and deliver them from the trap the devil has set for them. I love them even though they cast my name out as evil.

Oh brethren, let me, in the name of Jesus, warn all of you that the devil is making inroads in some of the congregations. We are living in a time of spiritual drowsiness; many of the saints do not seem to be awakened to the exceeding sinfulness of sin. The cause of Christ is reproached by division, contention, strife, and still they are singing, "I'm on my way —"; no one doing wrong, no one seems to think they should confess and ask forgiveness. This is caused by a little pride, a little compromise, broken promises, a little back-biting, selfishness, love of money and earthly things, praying little, talking much, love of self, jealousies, love of ease, fussing, quarreling, wrangling, headiness; so sleepy, so dull that they cannot see the little "foxes, no harms", and little wrong things in their lives; have lost their vision of the true church, and the line between right and wrong has become almost invisible; they are weighed in the balance and found wanting. Awake! awake! put on thy strength, O Church of God.

—G. E. Harmon.

## Do We Abide In The Vine?

Jesus said, "I am the vine, and my Father is the husbandman. Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away, and every branch that beareth fruit he purgeth it, that it may bring forth

more fruit." John 15: 1, 2.

There are three conditions of a fruitful life; first is cleansing, second, abiding, third, obedience. The very first step to take is that the sinner must come under the blood of Jesus, and be washed from their sins. John 3: 7, says ye must be born again. To be born again is to repent of our evil deeds, and be made into new creatures; when once we loved the world, but now we love God and all that is good. In order to abide in the vine we must first get into it, and the only way to get into it is by obeying God's eternal Word. To abide in Christ is on the one hand, to have no known sin unjudged and unconfessed, no interest into which he is not brought, no life which he cannot share on the other hand. The abiding one takes all burdens to him, and draws all wisdom, life and strength from Him, and nothing is allowed in the life which separates from Him.

Third, in order to bear fruit we must obey. First repent, then abide in Him, and then be sure to obey his Word. We must go where He sends and do as he says. Isa. 1: 19, tells us if ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land. If we obey God and step into the light as he is in the light, we will have fellowship with Him and his servants. We must take the first step which makes us joint heirs with Jesus Christ, then we should take the second step by accepting the Holy Spirit. We find no other way under heaven that will do; and if we come any other way we are as thieves and robbers, for Christ is the only true way. He says He is the way, the truth and the life, and all that come through Him shall be saved. In order to bear the fruit of the Spirit, we must take up our cross daily and follow Him, laying aside every sin which doth so easily beset us. We must obey his commands to the very letter, making no excuse for the flesh.

Jesus is the true vine, in Him we live and move, and have our being. Without Him we are spiritually dead; no spark of life at all in us, doomed for darkness and despair. Why? Because we are not connected to the vine which is Jesus Christ. Take a tree for instance; it may be beautiful to look upon and it may bear wonderful fruit, then in some manner a limb is broken off from this tree, it falls to the ground, it dies and therefore it has no more fruit on it. Why? Just because it has gotten away from the main source or body from whence it drew its strength and life. There it lays still and lifeless, cannot have beautiful leaves as the other branches which are still on the tree. It has no roots to keep it alive,

also no sap to give it strength. Just so it is with us, dear ones; if we get away from the Lord, we will surely die, for we cannot have his strength flowing through us and His blood does not cleanse us from our sin if we are away from Him. Christ is the light and life of man; He is our strength and all and all. John 15: 6. If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered, and men gather them and cast them into the fire, and they are burned. Matt. 12: 30, says he that is not with me is against me, and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad. So my friend, if we are not connected to the vine, we are not doing any good for ourselves, nor any one else, for whatever is done outside of Christ is dead. We can think well of ourselves and believe that we are good enough, but God says if we do not abide in the vine, we are cast forth as a branch and withereth away. Prov. 14: 12. "There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the way of death." My friend, no way will do but the way of Jesus. As I have already said before, He is the way, the truth and the life. John 15: 7, "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will and it shall be done unto you." Now Jesus says every branch in me that beareth not fruit, He taketh away. Let us see just what kind of fruit Jesus is speaking of. In Gal. 5: 22, 23, we find the fruit which God really expects us to bear. He says the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. Are we as Christians bearing the fruit of the Spirit, or are we bearing the works of the flesh which we will find in Gal. 5: 19- 21. Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, craft, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. Friends, there are many who are going under a cloak of religion, but we find that they do not bear the fruits of the spirit of God, therefore they are none of Christ. The Word says we shall know them by their fruits.

Quite a number of folks are trying to build a new foundation, but God says there is but one foundation and that is the Rock Christ Jesus; all else is sinking sand. We can see for ourselves that men are making new ways of serving a god; they serve the creature more than the Creator which is accord-

ing to the Word. Just turn over to Romans 1: 25, and you will notice that man is sure doing his best to have his way about the matter, and he will end up a forlorn creature, in fact, if you will read the whole first chapter of Romans, you may get a great deal of light on the subject. According to Paul's writing in first Cor. 3: 11, Christ is our only foundation, for he says, "For other foundations can no man lay than that is laid, which is Christ Jesus." Jer. 17: 7, "Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord and whose hope the Lord is." Isa. 30: 1, "Woe to the rebellious children, saith the Lord, that take counsel, but not of me: and that cover with a covering, but not of my Spirit, that they may add sin to sin."

—Ethel Lasley.

## The Second Coming of Christ

"And as He (Jesus) sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, tell us, when shall these things be, and what shall be the signs of thy coming, and of the end of the world?"

The Saviour answered the disciples' question, not by telling the year or day, but by telling them of some signs; that when the signs spoken of begin to come to pass that we would know that His coming draweth nigh. When a man is eighty or ninety years old, we know that his departure is nigh at hand. We do not know the day or hour. It is the same with the second coming of Christ; we do not know the day or hour, but when the signs spoken of begin to come to pass we know that His coming is nigh at hand. Notice the following signs: First one, "For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many, and ye hear of wars and rumours of wars." Matt. 24: 5, 6. This is one prophecy fulfilled, because there are wars and rumors of wars; more fighting in these days than there ever has been before in all history. Remember the last war, the most cruel and bloodiest war in history, and all nations hasn't been at peace since. Second sign, "For nations shall rise against nations." Nearly every nation was involved in the late war, and is in trouble with some other nation. "There shall be famines and pestilences and earthquakes in divers places." Here is another prophecy fulfilled. There are people starving to death in the foreign countries. In most any newspaper you can read of famines. Pestilences means sickness, pests, etc. Insects are so numerous today that is a species to damage any

kind of crop that is raised. Diseased are worse today than ever before; the physicians are discovering more different kinds of diseases every day. I read in a tract some time ago that the Spanish flue took for its toll over 120,000 people out of the world, it also stated that in Russia there were 80,000 deaths caused by typhus plague, and in 1919 the Chinese famine caused the death of millions, and over 300,000 died in India from the famine there. See, the Scripture is being fulfilled fast. Everyone knows that there has been more earthquakes in the last few years than ever before. The whole world has felt the trembling of earthquakes in the last few years; something never known before. We all remember reading about the terrible earthquake in Japan in 1923; thousands of lives were lost and thousands of dollars' worth of property was destroyed. History gives three terrible earthquakes in the last few years. In 1902, 1914, and 1923 there were billions of dollars and millions of lives lost. This is fulfillment of Christ's words concerning His coming.

"They shall betray one another, and hate one another." Anyone can see the betraying and hatred that there are in this day and age of the world.

"Many false prophets shall rise and deceive many." There is more false teaching today than ever before; deceiving and being deceived. Such as Russelism, Spiritualism, Christian Science, and many other isms are doctrines of the devil, deceiving good honest people, and dragging them down to a devil's hell. Here is another scripture fulfilled. Also in the last days perilous times shall come. The word perilous means the time of perils or dangerous times. Reader, just look how dangerous times is today; many more killed by accident and murder now than ever before in all history. Another fulfillment concerning Christ's second coming. "For men shall be lovers of themselves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God, having a form of Godliness, but denying the power thereof." Notice covetous; people are coveting so much that they are cheating and stealing and lying and everything that they can for a nickel. Disobedient to parents; children are getting so unruly that they do not mind their parents at all, and when they get old they cast them out. Lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; it is plain to be seen that people are lovers of worldly pleasures more than lovers of God. Look at the place

worship; how few come out to worship God. Look at the people at the ball games, the movies, and all other worldly entertainments, and then look how vacant the places of worship are. I read of a minister telling how much money was spent for amusements in the year of 1923 in the U. S. Nine hundred million dollars was spent for amusements, one billion dollars for tobacco, two billion dollars for liquor, four hundred million for confectioneries, fifty million for chewing gum, and only fifteen million for the cause of Christ. Any one can see how the world is getting. The scripture being fulfilled fast is a sure proof of Christ's soon coming. The place of true worship is just about gone.

"But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words and seal the book: even to the time of the end many shall run to and fro and knowledge shall be increased." Daniel 12: 4. This prophecy is fulfilled. Many shall run to and fro. Never has there been a time in history in which there has been so much traveling as there is today. They are going to and fro in cars, trains, motorcycles, airplanes. People are traveling now just as Daniel said they would near the end.

I will give one more prophecy of Christ's coming that is already fulfilled. Nahum 2: 3, 4. "The chariots shall be with flaming torches in the day of his preparation. The chariots shall rage in the streets, they shall jostle one against another in the broad ways: they shall seem like torches, they shall run like lightnings." Now dear reader, turn to this scripture and read and study it, and you will see that this means the automobile. Notice he said the chariots will be flaming torches in the day of his preparation. Preparation means the act of preparing. The chariots shall rage in the streets and jostle against one another in the broad ways just exactly as the cars are doing today, and they run like lightning and look like flaming torches too. The Lord said in the day of His preparation these things would happen. We can see that this prophecy is fulfilled, and that the coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ must be close at hand.

Dear reader, are you ready to meet Him when He comes? If not, why not?

(Please fill this out and put it over your bed before retiring to rest); IF I DIE TO-NIGHT, I WILL GO TO—

SIGNED. ....

ADDRESS. ....

DATE. ....

Dear reader, if you are unsaved and should die

to-night, how terrible the fact that you are going to be lost forever. Just imagine pinning up over your head the awful words: If I die to-night, I will go to HELL, and yet remaining so satisfied that you can sleep as soundly as if you were perfectly safe. "For God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish but have everlasting life." John 3: 16. "Whosoever was not found written in the book of life, was cast into the lake of fire." Rev. 20: 15.

Your Bro. in Christ,

—Joe F. Gooesby.

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"God be merciful unto us, and bless us." Ps. 67: 1.

A prayer that, by God's blessing on his people, his salvation and praise may be extended over the earth. Saints as well as sinners need to cry for mercy sometimes. Throughout the ages, martyrs and missionaries have been closely allied. "If it had not been the Lord who was on our side, when men rose up against us: then they had swallowed us up quick, when their wrath was kindled against us." Ps. 124: 2-3.

Not so very many years ago, a Presbyterian missionary conference was held in a large hall in London, and some of the persecuted Huguenots were present, to tell of the work of the Lord in their ancient abodes, and to recall their heroic sufferings for Christ's sake. Pasteur Bersier of Paris, said: "We cannot forget that the effect produced by the singing of the psalms by our martyrs on the scaffold, in the highways of Paris was so powerful that the magistrates decided that their tongues should be cut before they appeared in public. All our ancient families have old editions of that sacred book, which they keep as precious treasures. I am myself in possession of the smallest psalter which ever was published, a miniature volume, about two inches long, containing in very fine characters all the psalms, with our Confession of faith, the Catechism, and the order of public service. It was called a *gantier*, a glove psalter, for the Protestant ladies used to hide it in their glove. I have another, which I cannot touch without emotion, for it belonged to a girl who was arrested at the age of fifteen for having gone to worship on the mountain, and who was shut up in the famous Tower of Constance, where she had to remain forty years, and where on one winter's night she had *her foot half eaten by a rat*. There, on these old pages, you may clearly see the traces of her tears, chiefly on some Psalms such as the forty-second, where David says that he will once more go into the tabernacle of the Lord and sing his praises in the great congregation."

"Rejoicing in tribulation!"

—Sel.

And when you pray, dear friend, I ask of thee,  
That thou will seek of God not mine own way;  
Not what I want, but His blest thought for me,  
Do thou through Jesus Christ implore, I pray.