

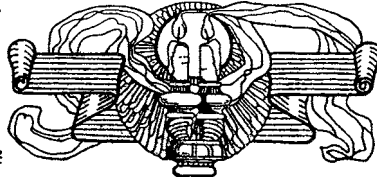
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Thy Will, Not Mine

Once a sinner, I confess it;
I was sinking down in sin,
And my heart seemed almost breaking
In the pit where I had been.
Oh, the awful, awful tumult
That was warring in my soul,
Like a Judas betraying Jesus;
Satan did not want me "whole".

How I hungered, how I sought,
And I prayed—I prayed for peace;
Jesus heard my cries for mercy,
But His love could not be bought.
When at last my heart had yielded,
And I said, "Thy will, not mine",
Jesus filled my heart with gladness,
And with peace and love divine.

Sinner dear, O can you doubt it;
Jesus is your only Friend.
He is waiting to release you,
And with you to Heaven ascend.
Give to Him your life's devotion,
All your love and service too;
Never doubt Him, never question—
He will always "take you through."

With a fervent, earnest desire to glorify Jesus' blessed name, your humble servant, —Harry P. Rager

What Is Salvation

Harden not your hearts toward Christ. He loves you. His tender heart yearns and pleads for you. Jesus said in John 3: 3, "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

What is salvation? It is more than resolving to live better by a moral reformation. Salvation is not merely joining a church. It takes more than water baptism to save a soul. You may read your Bible and pray but that is not salvation.

Salvation is deliverance from sin. It is an ex-

quisite experience everyone feels for himself. Every unsaved soul longs to get right with God. If you will only repent and believe and come to Jesus with your burdens and heartaches just as you are, there is power in the blood to save.

Christ wants to come into your heart. Will you not open up your heart and let him in? Whosoever will can be saved; you can be saved. Only be penitent, (Psa. 34: 18) confess and forsake sin, (Proverbs 28: 13) believe on Jesus, (Acts 16: 31).

Repentance is being sorry for sins committed and then ceasing from sin. Men should be led to repentance by the goodness of God, (Rom. 2: 4). The long-suffering of God, (Gen. 6: 3; 1 Pet. 3: 20; 2 Peter 3: 9) conviction of sin, (Prov. 28: 13; Acts 2: 37, 38; Acts 19: 18) God's chastisements, (1 King 8: 47; Rev. 3: 19).

Examples of repentance: Israelites, Judges 10: 15, 16. Manasseh, 2 Chr. 33: 12, 13. Job, Job 42: 6. Nineveh, Jonah 2: 5-8. Matt 12: 41. Peter, Matt 26: 75. Thief on the cross, Luke 23: 40, 41. 2 Cor 7: 9, 10.

Study these, readers, and bask in sweet communion with God. Break loose from the things of the world and yield to salvation. Abandon yourself completely to your Savior, Christ to whom every virtue is brought to absolute perfection. He will brush away the hard lines of your face caused by sin. Take Him into your confidence, for in Him is truth and reality that knows no pretense.

In Him there is resignation, that in the bitter moments of his intense agony He could say, "Not my will, but thine be done." Christ is all holy, yet He laid holiness on the altar for the impure and the unholy. In Him is an eternal hatred of sin, and yet, oh wayward sinner, He sheds holy tears of sympathy over you. From Him comes such peace and serenity of soul, and yet you turn from Him for worldly joy. I tell you there is no joy except in Christ, the very glory of human excellence. Christ is all light, yet He died for those in darkness. Accept Him now, friend;

turn not your soul away from Him, lest He have to turn away from you in eternity. —Esther Reville.

Arise, Shine For Thy Light Has Come

“In that day shall this song be sung in the land of Judah: We have a strong city; salvation will God appoint for walls and bulwarks. Open ye the gates that the righteous nation which keepeth the truth may enter in.” Isa. 26: 1, 2

“Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth and gross darkness the people; but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and His glory shall be seen upon thee, and the Gentiles shall come to thy light and kings to the brightness of thy rising.” Isa. 60: 1-3

“Awake, awake, put on thy strength, O Zion; put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city, for henceforth there shall no more come unto thee the uncircumcised and the unclean.” Isa. 52: 1.

“Awake, awake, put on strength, O arm of the Lord; awake as in ancient days, in the generations of old.” Isa. 51: 9

“Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light.” Eph. 5: 14

“Awake to righteousness and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak this to your shame.” 1 Cor. 15: 34

Who is this people who are summoned to arise and to awaken?

Who is this people that are asleep and dead, and Christ shall give light to whom? Who is this righteous nation that God will let go through the gates? Who is this nation that God offers beautiful garments unto?

Who is this people who have been living in darkness until Christ has shone unto them? The light of Christ has come unto them until they can arise and shine in the splendor of their God. Who is this people who are called to sin not? Ah, this concerns every body who will hear the voice of God and live; this is a challenge unto all living who will hear the glad gospel message of Christ, the Emancipator from sin, darkness and eternal torment. This message is to all people under the sun; every nation, tongue and people to arise out of sin and darkness and Christ will give light and salvation to all who will hear and live. He will give unto you the bright and morning Star. The sun is the bright and morning star to this

world, and so Christ with His salvation to mankind becomes our spiritual morning Star, and He gives salvation unto all who will call upon Him with all their heart. Jesus himself wants to take up His abode in our hearts, and thereby we will live and not die the death of the wicked, but live a righteous life while we are here upon earth. There is no life only as we find it in Jesus, the Life-Giver, for He turns us to God and through His righteousness and sacrifice we can come to God and be forgiven for Christ's sake and live.

He becomes our righteousness if we receive Him into our hearts, and in Him we can shine in this world and be the light of the world as He was the light of the world.

So this is a message to all who will hear and live the glad gospel message of Christ, and be born again of the Holy Spirit unto God. We must live holy, sinless lives and then Christ will surely shine through us to those who are yet in darkness and blind to the Spirit of grace. Living in sin and folly is no light in this dark world, so let all come to Christ and be born of God and brought back to a pure clean life that will open the gates of heaven unto us; this is the robe of righteousness, this is a life divine.

“Though there should be a thousand messengers of death, not one of them shall wound him: if he should purpose in his heart to turn to the Lord and declare to man his fault and show his folly; he will support him that he should not perish, and will restore his body as fresh plaster upon a wall; and he will fill his bones with marrow, and he will make his flesh tender as that of a babe, and he will restore him among men in his full strength. And he shall pray to the Lord, and his prayer shall be accepted of him; he shall enter with a cheerful countenance, with a full expression of praise, for he will render to men their due. Behold, all these things the mighty One works in a three-fold manner with a man. And he has delivered my soul from death, that my life may praise him in the light.” Job 33: 23-29. (Taken from the Septuagint version).

So we can see how anxious God is that we will arise and shine this holy life of Christ within our soul. Christ, the Life-giver, has come to give us life, light, love, comfort, joy and peace with God forever, and as long as eternity rolls on and on. But we must arise and get out of the death state that holds sinners bound unless they seek their God. We must awaken out of the sin and death state, and reach for God's eternal life with all our heart and with all our soul

and with all of our mind. There is no middle ground, everything else is sinking sand. We must either be on the solid Rock Christ Jesus or we will be a castaway and lost.

Yes, we must build our Christian character upon Jesus, our Foundation. We must be born into the family of God. We must be grafted into the same tree. We must be a branch in the vine and bear good fruit. Oh how necessary it is that we become acquainted with Jesus and live for Him; be acquainted with our righteous Judge who will judge the world. Oh, put on thy righteous garments of praise, of prayer and of obedience and live for Him, and then we can shine forever and ever in the kingdom of our God.

—I. Edith Kriebel

Notice To Our Readers

Seven years ago last March the first Faith and Victory paper was put into the mails and circulated out to a goodly number of people, and Christians everywhere begun to respond and desired the paper to continue coming to them, and as we looked to the Lord He kept encouraging and helping us to continue on with the publication. Our readers will never know the burdens, the longings, the waitings, together with joy and comfort in God which we have experienced during these seven years. While we have not been able to get the paper in the mails every month, yet the Lord has never forsaken us although at times it would seem so. All the testing times and fiery trials through which we have passed has been a needed schooling for us, given by the hand of God, for we are sure that He is dealing right with our soul and all other souls. During the last few months we have had some prolonged trials which called us to be much in prayer and seeking of the Lord for His will and pleasure in the publishing work.

It has been evident for a good many months that the Lord would have us to make some changes in the publishing of the paper for the betterment of the work and the reaching out after more souls. We have been consulting with some of the Brethren and they with one accord thought the change ought to be made. One Brother said that he thought it was fanatic not to have a subscription price on the paper. We do not think it fanatic, for when Jesus was sending forth the disciples one time He told them to carry no purse nor scrip, (Luke 10: 4) and Jesus is still our Governor and can send us any way He pleases and change us as it suits Him if we keep pliable in His hand. In Luke 22: 35, 36 He speaks to them again and changes His advice to them, telling them to take a purse and scrip. The Lord knows how to test, prove and fit us for His work, each one according as his work may be. Perhaps our readers do not know that

the postage on one issue of Faith and Victory was costing us over forty dollars. Under the second class rates the postage for the same mailing would be less than five dollars. This would mean quite a saving of money to be applied to repairing the machinery and many other neglected things connected with the printing work, furthermore a subscription price would encourage Christians to get subscribers for the paper without adding so much more burden upon us here at the office. It would enable us to keep our mailing list in much better shape and increase the circulation of the truth to a great many more people. By the help of the Lord we shall continue to send the papers to the jails, alms houses, hospitals and invalids together with other poor people, so that none who desire the gospel need to be denied it. There will be an abundance of room for the exercise of our faith in God above the small subscription price.

In securing the second class rates the government requires that the paper be sent out every month or else give them a good legitimate excuse for not doing so. We are sure that this will please our readers, and will also be a satisfaction and comfort to us as we always had much burden whenever the paper failed to go to our readers, for many would always write in and say, "We failed to get our paper this month." We always regretted this very much and shall be glad to send it to you every month. We are enclosing a subscription blank in each paper this month, and you will do us a favor and help the printing work along if you will be prompt in filling out the blank and returning to us, as we will need to have these subscription blanks filled out to present to the Postmaster for his inspection and endorsement before we can secure the second class rates. The Postmaster has to be convinced that we have a legitimate list of subscribers to properly make his report to Washington D. C. where they grant the second class privileges. All those who have previously sent in money to the work and desire this to be used on their subscription to the paper, can just sign up the blank and return, and their names will show on our list as a bonafide subscriber. Please do not neglect to do this, as we will have much to do and many arrangements to make before we can get another paper in the mails, and your promptness in this matter will help us along much quicker as the names will have to be arranged and presented to the Postmaster and application be made to Washington D. C.

We are truly grateful to the Lord and to our readers for past favors in the publication of Faith and Victory paper, and today we have a deep desire in our heart to do all we can and to reach as many souls as possible with the clear plain gospel of Christ, determining to "know nothing else save Jesus Christ and Him crucified." May God richly bless each and every one of our readers is my prayer.

A servant of the Lord,

—Fred Pruitt.

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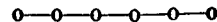
"O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together." Psalms 34: 3. This is the Scripture the Lord brings to our hearts as we begin to write the editorials for this May issue of Faith and Victory paper. Truly my soul doth magnify the Lord for His powerful delivering hand, and we realize deeply that Christ is an "unspeakable gift" and that there are unsearchable riches in Christ. We cannot speak all that ought to be spoken about the gift of God, neither can we search out all the riches hidden in Him. Our minds are too finite to fully comprehend the greatness of God nor to fathom the depths of the ocean of His exceeding deep love in giving His Son as a sacrifice to bridge, as it were, over the space that separated us from Himself.

Then to exalt His name together is very becoming of saints and proves the law of love written in their hearts by the hand of God, for God has quickened us together with Christ and raised us up together, (not apart) and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. Eph. 2: 6.

Raised up together, as used in this verse, does not mean or refer to the resurrection at Christ's coming, but the apostle has reference to the first resurrection

which takes place in this life when we are born of the Spirit, resurrected from a dead state of sin to life in Christ, and the same Christ that raises us up together makes us sit together in heavenly places in Him. It is very evident by this scripture and many others that the will of God is that His people be together and not separated one from the other by the creeds and doctrines of men; to teach and indorse the Church of God as scattered fragments in a thousand or more sects is upholding and fostering division which is contrary to the unity taught, practised and prayed for by Jesus and taught, upheld and manifested by the apostles. While there are saved souls lodged in the various sects and creeds of men, yet God has an exclusive body of believers separated unto Himself; loose and free from all man-organized creeds and isms, and they are kept in the Father's name as Jesus and Paul prayed they should be. They are known as the family of God, (Eph. 3: 15) the Church of God, (Acts 20: 28) Church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth, (1 Tim. 3: 15) and those who are lodged in man-made creeds are called "to come out of her" and to abide only in Christ, and not to be yoked up with unbelievers. 2 Cor. 6: 14, 18.

Satan is doing his utmost to cover up and hide from view the true, clean, spotless, divinely-organized Church of God by having many clicks and clans assuming the name "Church of God", but these "eat their own bread and wear their own apparel." They desire the true name to take away their reproach, or keep it covered from dim-sighted men. Read Isaiah 4: 1. To make it seem more confusing and improbable he goes further than that and often crowds his agents right in among the true children, keeping up a stir with whisperings, evil surmising, causing envy, jealousy, strife and sometimes seditions and heresies. The Prophet Zechariah says, "But it shall come to pass that at evening time it shall be light." I fully believe that before Christ's appearing that the true Church will shine forth as it did in the morning when great oneness was manifested and great grace was upon the assembled body of believers. The Holy Ghost manifested Himself through the believers in mighty power, performing with boldness great miraculous healings, together with persecutions in like manner. It seems to me that conditions in this world at this time are rapidly shaping and forming themselves with this end in view. These are perilous times; the time is apparently ripe for a distinct gathering together of all real true saints to shine for God as saints in the morning time. Brethren, let us watch, pray and be sober.

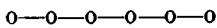


The Lord's hand of quickening power has been upon us for service in many and various ways since the April paper was put in the mails. We were called to Anthony, Kansas on April the seventh to conduct the funeral of Sister Askins. Wife and I went, and after we had visited in the homes of a number of the saints

it was decided to have meeting that night as the funeral service was to be the next afternoon. The little church assembled together at Sister McAdam's house and the riches of His goodness was manifested among us in prayer, song, testimony and teaching. It was a great pleasure to meet with the saints there again and we experienced a mutual benefit together. We had a good visit with dear Bro. and Sister Helm again. They live alone in their little home there and have grown very feeble in body, but the inner man is very fresh and filled with courage and hope. Remember these faithful servants in your prayers. Another pleasure we had was to spend the night with Bro. and Sister Prouse who are also aged and have past the eightieth mile stone. Bro. Prouse is very poor in health; although he sits up in his chair some he is not able to get out doors. He is holding firm in the faith of the Lord, and when we asked him about the future, he calmly replied that he was ready and had it all committed to the Lord, insomuch that he would not turn his hand over as to his will in the matter. He was quite cheerful as we talked to him and was keenly interested in spiritual things which showed a healthy condition of the inner man. Remember Bro. Prouse when you pray, ask God to deal very graciously with him in his last days; he has been a faithful servant of the Lord's for many years.

(Since this editorial was written Bro. Prouse has passed on to his reward. See obituary on next page.)

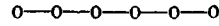
The funeral service was held on the afternoon of the eighth of April, and the Chapel was well filled with people; the Lord anointed and gave liberty in teaching the truth. When people are gathered together in a solemn assembly realizing freshly the reality of death, it is a good time for the Lord to seal truth upon their hearts by His Spirit. We thanked God for the opportunity.



On the twelveth of April, accompanied by Bro. and Sister G. W. Winn, we went to Boley, Okla. to attend a meeting of the saints at that place. The blessings and refreshings from the throne of God was very clearly evident in the meetings. The Church appeared to be in good healthy spiritual condition, and the saints were greatly exalting the Lord; the anointing of God on the preaching of His Word was truly and clearly given. We enjoyed our four days there with the saints very much. We took lodging while there with Bro. and Sister Phillips who oversee the work at that place. Their hospitality and fellowship in the Spirit was greatly appreciated.

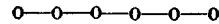
When we returned to the office we found many pressing duties awaiting us, which we went at with renewed courage. We held meeting in the jail and at the county farm. Oh, there is so much to do for the Lord. Young men and women are hurrying rapidly down the broad way to destruction, and middle-aged men and women are grasping for the dollar, honor and fame in this world, closing their eyes, ears and hearts to the humble crucified way, sealing their

own doom. Old men and women with feeble bodies and gray hairs are chewing, cursing and telling smutty yarns—the fruits of corruption and bitterness in the soul; these in a few days or years will go to meet a sin-avenging God unprepared. Oh, the scene is horrible; who can withhold their means, time and talent from the rescuing of these poor perishing souls?

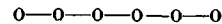


Bro. Slate of Missouri visited us here at the office for nearly a week; he was on his way to Texas. He is much interested and burdened for the salvation of souls. On Sunday at the Chapel he gave us some messages which we enjoyed.

On Friday the 18th of April Bro. John Strech, wife and little daughter, Ruth, visited with us here at the office. They stayed till the next morning, and Bro. Strech preached to us at the Chapel that night which was encouraging to our hearts. They were on their way to Anthony, Kansas where they were to begin a protracted meeting on Sunday the twentieth. We were pleased to have Bro. and Sister Strech in our home over night and enjoyed their visit and fellowship very much. He has charge of the work at Neosho, Mo.



We received a telegram from Sister Frank Bate-man of Tyron, Nebr. saying that she was sick and wanted immediate prayer. We called the office force together and earnestly agreed together that God would touch her body, also agreed for her at prayer meeting that night. The next week we got word from her that she was coming to Guthrie to be with the saints here for a while, and she arrived on the eleventh of April. She suffered with a paralytic stroke and when prayer was offered the Lord definitely touched her body, so she could make the trip to Guthrie. She has continued to improve in health and is feeling good at this writing. She is an old minister in the evening light truth and the water of salvation is still flowing in her soul. She is anxious to do all she can for the cause.



We ask our readers everywhere to remember us here at the office in prayer. We have a warm burden to do all we can as we see the lack. We need our "hands held up" by other functioning members of the body. When every member of the body is pliable, in working order and doing their duty properly, much more can be accomplished than otherwise would be possible. Paul compares the family of God (Christ's spiritual body) with or to the human body and declares that every member is needful. The healthy spiritual soul is continually giving out something to help along the cause of Christ in the earth, and as they give out God pours in and the soul is kept free and vigorous and filled with living water. It seems that many have grown luke-warm, and are more interested in getting and having temporal perishing things than they are in getting the truth to souls that

are perishing. Jesus says, "Because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold." Dear reader, let us not be among the number of the many, but seek opportunities to do good; continue on in well doing for we shall reap if we faint not. One time when we were feeling fainty and rather discouraged, the Lord gave us the seventh verse of the second chapter of Rom. and it helped us. Turn and read it; it may help your soul to take new courage. Our aim, desire, and prayer is that "Faith and Victory" be filled with such reading matter as to be a rebuke to all manner of sin and at the same time set forth the truth of this glorious salvation so clearly that souls will hunger and thirst after Christ and His righteousness. We implore your co-operation in this needed soul-saving work. "O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together."

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There are a number of "Faith and Victory" readers ready to begin taking up subscriptions just as soon as we get the subscription blanks ready for them. The price is twenty-five cents a year for a single copy. Five copies for one dollar and twelve copies one year for two dollars. Send in for a supply of subscription blanks, and in this way be serving the Lord and do all you can to get the truth of the Gospel to your friends and neighbors. Any one to whom you can do good is your neighbor. Sending the Faith and Victory paper to a friend for one year might mean his salvation which would be worth more than if you had gained the whole world. Let us each one exercise ourselves in the service of the Lord.

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Bro. Phillips of Boley, Okla. writes: "The Lord continued to bless in the meeting here and five precious souls claimed salvation in Jesus, one sanctified and the Church greatly edified.

He also states that the Church of God Camp-meeting at Boley, Okla. will commence on August the 15th and last to the 24th inclusive. Particulars will be given later.

The camp-meeting season will soon be on and the next issue of Faith and Victory will contain notices of various camp-meetings in different parts of the country.

Obituaries

Bro. Joseph Fleming Prouse, son of Philip and Nancy Prouse, was born in Stark Co. Ohio, March the 7th, 1850. He departed this life, May the 4th, 1930 at the age of 80 years 2 months and 27 days.

He was married to Mary A. Fishbough Oct. 2sd, 1873. His wife survives him. To this union was born seven sons and one daughter. Earl J. of Anthony, Kans., Geo. E. of Emporia, Kans., Frank M. of Long Beach, Calif., Herbert S. of Anthony, Kans., Alvin S. who preceeded him in death one year ago., Joseph M. of Anthony, Kans., Dollie M. Stage of Wichita, Kans.

and James A. of Bluff City, Kans.

He also leaves 22 grand children, one brother and 10 great grand children, four sisters. Mrs. Buckingham of Cherokee, Okla. was present.

Bro. J. F. Prouse brought his family to Kans. from Ohio in 1884, settling 4 miles north of Anthony, Kans. In 1917 he moved to Anthony, Kans. where resided until his death

Bro. J. F. Prouse was saved over thirty-five years ago and was a staunch supporter of the truth taught by Bro. D.S. Warner. When the compromise came he stood firm and could not be induced to put on the things the Lord had showed him to lay off. God saw fit to bestow upon him the "Gift of healing" and through this ministry many have been healed and his firm steadfastness in God with encouraging words was a comfort to the saints. We believe that this sainted man will shine as the stars for ever and ever. Daniel 12 : 3.

Because of the many friends and relatives who wished to attend the funeral, the family thought it best to have the services in the First Christian Church. The remains were laid to rest in the Anthony cemetery. His wife, who is past eighty years old and has been a faithful companion through life will continue to make her home at Anthony.

Funeral services was conducted by Fred Pruitt. The text used is found in Jer. 29 : 11.

Sister Elon Brown, daughter of S. D. and Eliza Brown, was born at El Paso, Texas and in 1903 was moved to Okla. where she spent the major part of her life. She departed this life in the year of our Lord 1930, March 17th.

She was a devoted daughter to her parents, kind to all she met, done good to others with a smile, embraced a hope in Christ in 1924 at Hoffman, Okla. and was baptised. She claimed victory to the end and sent word to her mother to give her up that her soul was clear with God, being laid to rest in the cemetery of San Bernardino, Calif. Funeral by the writer. Text, Matt. 16 : 27.

—S. T. Walker

I went to the house of mourning,
I went where the dead one lay;
Her spirit had been released
From its prison house of clay.

Her testimony before she died was: Jesus healed and relieved my pain, but the summon is that I must go and with Christ forever to reign. This message she sent to her mother: Dear mother, don't weep for me; I am going home to heaven with Jesus forever to be. So mother, don't weep for your darling: she is home in heaven at last where all the trials of this world are over, with her they forever are past. Oh brother and sister, let us be ready to meet her who has gone on before that we may make a happy reunion and meet never to part any more. —By F. M. White of Oregon in sympathy with Eliza Brown mother of the deceased.

Neva Nutt was born May 1st 1915 at Carthage, Mo where she lived and died, departed this life March 27, 1930. Age, 14 years, 10 months and 27 days. Neva from a child loved to attend Sunday School and church, loved the saints and the Lord and always trusted Him for her healing when sick and has been healed many times. Her life was a life of faith in God. Her last sickness was about four months duration. Many prayers were offered for her and she would get help, but God saw fit in His infinite wisdom to take her. She bore her sickness with much patience. When at different times some would talk to her, wanting her to have a doctor or take medicine, she replied saying that if God did not want to heal her He would take her home to heaven. Her mother died when Neva was a small baby. Her grandparents took her and two older sisters to rear; soon after that her father left and I do not know his whereabouts.

Funeral conducted by the writer,

—Mrs. L. V. Anderson

Gertie May Massey was born in Sevier County, Tenn. August 31, 1888. She came West in 1912 and was united in marriage to W. H. Askins at Independence, Kansas Feb. 17, 1912. To this union were born three children; Ruby, Ruth and Ralph who at present are with their father at Nibble, Mont. She came to Anthony in hopes she could regain her health but to no avail. She grew weaker and a few weeks ago she was compelled to take her bed and passed away April 5, 1930 at the age of 41 years and 8 months at the home of her sister, Mrs. I. T. Smith

She made her peace with God a short time before her death. The death angel was welcomed as she was a great sufferer and could really say, "Oh death, where is thy sting? Oh grave, where is thy victory?" We know it is our loss and her gain. A husband and three children survive her, also three sisters; Mrs. C. H. Smith and Mrs. I. T. Smith of Anthony, Kansas and Decey Habin of Knoxville, Tenn. and many other relatives and friends to mourn the loss.

Funeral services were conducted by Fred Pruitt in the Saint's Chapel at Anthony, Kansas and the remains were laid to rest in the cemetery there. The text used is found in John 11: 26.

The Tulsa Ministers Meeting

In the last issue of this paper we had a notice inserted giving the dates of the Minister's Meeting at Tulsa on the 21st to the 25th of May. The saints at Tulsa have asked us to recall that announcement as they are not ready for the meeting at that date. The meeting will convene on the 27th of July and last to the 30th.

Remember this is not a meeting to bring your grievances for settlement, but a place to come and have our vision made more clearer on the doctrine of the lovely Lamb of God, yet if anyone is needing help

in soul or body they can surely find their desires at this meeting.

For further information write S. E. Smith, 1352 N. Iroquois St or W B Bryant, R 6, B 57, both of Tulsa, Okla.

—Committee

Notice of Campmeetings

An old-time Campmeeting of the Church of God at Akron, Ohio will begin on the first Friday in July, (the 4th) lasting ten days. People in this state and elsewhere are invited; come prepared as much as possible to care for yourselves as this is a new field. We are praying that the Lord will send such ministers as He can use to His glory. We are very few in number but we are holding up the old-time truth; salvation from sin, sanctification for believers, and divine healing for the body. If there is a Brother any where that has a gospel tent that we can get, let us know as soon as the notice of the meeting is received.

The meeting will be run on the free-will offering plan. For further particulars write E. D Robinson, 640 Roscoe Ave., Akron, Ohio.

Campmeeting Notice

The Church of God camp-meeting at Neosho, Mo. will begin July 17, continuing ten days and as much longer as the Lord may lead. Everybody is welcomed. Saints, come to work for souls and enjoy the Lord's presence. Sinners, come and find Him ever ready to forgive. No troubles will be dealt with only at the altar. Those having strange isms to teach or are out of harmony with the body of believers will be looked as god-like if they keep quiet.

This Campmeeting is held for the purpose of exalting the Lord, for the edifying of the saints, for the healing of bodies, for the saving of souls and the sanctifying of believers.

The temporal needs of the meeting will be supplied by free-will offerings. Rooms and beds will be furnished free to all. Please let us know who all want rooms or beds, also bring your straw ticks. We desire all to have a comfortable place to rest.

Don't forget to pray for the success of the meeting. Last summer it was a glorious success, and we expect even better this summer. We will be glad to furnish information concerning train connections, also highways No. 16 and 71 come through Neosho. Those having means or provisions to help in the temporal expense of the meeting, may send them to our address. —John Strech, R. 2, Neosho, Mo. Phone 650J

Deeper in God's Love

Dear Christian, God wants us to spread out in His divine love. A divine love is that which people

can see in us and can see the fruits of it, so let us go deep with the Lord. Jeremiah 17: 7 says, "Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord and whose hope the Lord is." If we are trusting in the Lord and he is our hope, let us prove it to the world. Jer. 17: 8 says, "For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and that spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drougth, neither shall cease from yielding fruit."

Dear Christian, let us go deep in the Lord every day that we may spread out in God's love, so when tests come upon us we may be like the tree planted by the water; be so full of divine love until we will not cease from yielding fruit. The deeper we go in God's love, the more power we have, so let us love each other in deed and in truth. —A. W Morgan

India's Unsaved Millions

The Hindu priests are busy with the task of the propagation of religion. They take advantage of the religious scruples of the people and derive the maximum benefit out of it. The ignorant mob dance at the will of the priestly class. The priests administer the religious drug of superstition to profusely that the common people cannot easily shake themselves out of it.

Some people think that a religious trip to Benares, or a pious pilgrimage to Ramaswaram will make them fit for "Moksha" (heaven). Others hold the opinion that visiting the "Palani Hills" (holy place for Hindus) or having a trip to "Srirangam" can bring about the forgiveness of their sins, seeing "Kandri at Nagore" before death brings peace to the soul. Yet others think that they should see the "Holy beacon" before death.

The "Palani Hills" which conducts the religious business is the place where queer things take place in the name of religion. People rush to the place with full grown hair and beard and return bald headed. The god at Palani has a great fascination for the human hair. The pilgrims, both men and women, sacrifice their hair to the god and return home clean shaved. Is that all? No, they take with them pots of milk which is poured on the idol of the "god", either to run in streams and join the ditches (the pilgrims think it holy to drink since it had fallen down from the body of their god) or to be re-sold to the coffee hotels with a harmonious mixture of oils and other dirt forming part of the image.

Oh, what all terrible things are done in the name

of religion. The pilgrims pierce their tongues, cheeks, hands and body with hooks, needles and pins and dance about with "Kavadi" (an ornamented and arched pole to carry offerings to a temple) on their shoulders. After all, is religion an intoxicating drink which often keeps its possessor out of his senses?

The "Savarna Poigai" (name of a holy lake) in which the pilgrims take their holy bath is a dirty little pool. A pious deep plunge in this water forms an important part of the pilgrimage, and gives a finishing touch to the barbarity of the worship.

After all, what do they derive from such pilgrimages? Instead of attaining "Moksha" they return home loaded with diseases, and become a burden to society and eternal patrons to the doctors. Spending much money in such pilgrimages in the hope of pleasing gods, and returning home with diseases! Pause a while, and think about the foolishness of such worships.

When Bro. Robert Longley was in India recently he visited similar holy places as Benares, Madura etc., and saw and heard much about these things. Those who are acquainted with him can know much about these from him. He was with us a few days and we had a very happy time. He was just like an uncle to us. It is really a matter of great pleasure to get acquainted with such missionaries.

We would like to get him as a missionary to these places, so that we can work jointly to show the people that there is a better and true form of worship, and to make them realize the fact that these kinds of pilgrimages will never take them to the city of "Eternal cheer" or the "Royal city of happiness", or the "Eternal city of salvation."

The sufferings of Christ cannot of itself accomplish the eternal purpose of God without the added sufferings of each one of us for the furtherance of the Gospel. Christ has sacrificed himself but that does not save the world until and unless we carry the Gospel to the unsaved millions. This involves sacrifice and suffering on our part.

What are you going to do about carrying the Gospel to the unsaved millions of India? Yes, you can pray in faith, and surely something will be accomplished through it. Prayer is the beginning of a forward move, and without prayer nothing will be done. Pray for us that we may be shining lights before the people, and that we may live for the great purpose of spreading the pure Gospel so that the unsaved millions may see Christ through us.

Your loving Brother, — K. C. Abraham,
son of Bro. Cherian, Kunnankulam, India.

LITTLE FOLKS' PAGE

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

Who Will Roll Away The Stone?

Long ago when Christ had suffered
 Death on Calvary's cruel tree;
 Where He cried out, "It is finished!",
 Salvation's plan so full and free,
 There stood near his cross awaiting
 Faithful women watching there,
 And when they saw where He was burried,
 Precious spices did they prepare.

As the next day was the Sabbath,
 They betook themselves to rest;
 Waiting, watching for the dawning,
 When they should go to do their best
 To preserve and keep that body,
 Wherein all their hopes had grown;
 But one question did confront them—
 "Who shall roll away the stone?"

Going with determination
 Early at the break of day
 To the place where Christ was burried,
 Lo! the stone was rolled away;
 For the angels had descended
 From the glory world above,
 And rolled the stone from the sepulchre:
 Christ arose! for God is love.

Would you follow Christ the Saviour,
 His disciple true to be?
 Stones of doubt and fear, you question
 Who will roll them back for thee?
 Unbelief you will surely conquer;
 Doubts and fears will flee away,
 If you with true determination
 Turn from sin's destructive way.

If you will draw nigh to Jesus
 As the women to the tomb,
 You will find the way of entrance
 Into life as clear as noon.
 He'll take away thy stony heart,
 And give you a heart of flesh today,
 If you will turn by faith to Jesus,
 He will roll the stone away.

—Ulysses Phillips

A Letter From Robert Longley

Beni Suef, Egypt —Dear Bro. Pruitt and family:
 May God in His sovereign love, grace and mercy bless

each of you abundantly. Hope and trust each of you are well and enjoying the joys of salvation and the natural beauty, freshness and loveliness of spring time with all its fragrance the Lord has provided for the joy and benefit of mankind.

I just felt to write you a few lines as it seems I have a little time while in a manner recovering from a little seige of illness I had three or four days past. I am feeling almost myself again; praise the Lord. I am certain that any little and light affliction we might have now only works out a far more and exceeding eternal weight of glory if we but receive it joyfully that Christ might be glorified.

After being here at Beni Suef in meetings most every night for about three weeks, Bro. Arsanious and I left on March 18 for Maghagha, a town not quite so large as Beni Suef and some forty or fifty miles further south. Bro. Arsanious had been there some time before and preached, there being a good interest and quite a number of people who had once been in connection with a holiness sect, but for some years were alone or somewhat independent from the sect. They had also written to Bro. Arsanious that they would like for him to come and hold some meetings and expressed a desire to identify themselves with him and the saints. We went to an Egyptian hotel, as the places to rest and sleep among some of the people are not very inviting. This little hotel is owned by a back-slidden Egyptian Christian, and though the regular charge just for sleeping would have been equal to about fifty cents per day for us both, we stayed nine days and he would not charge us anything; we offered him pay so as to have a clear conscience in the matter, but he said (speaking Arabic and Bro. A interpreting) that if he accepted anything he would be robbing himself of a blessing. He came many times to talk and ask questions in the Scripture, etc.

The first night we went to the place of meeting—a very humble place of mud floor with mats to sit on—quite a crowd had assembled and it seemed that everything went well until they had sung a few songs and prayed, then a disturbance took place at the rear and soon there was a general uproar. Really, I could not imagine what in the world it was all about; of all the loud speaking and gesturing I never had heard. Bro. Arsanious had gone back to try to quiet things, but it seemed the uproar became more furious. I wondered if they were going to come to blows, and had about come to the conclusion that the whole crowd needed to be taught the first principles of the Gospel—repentance unto salvation. When Bro. Arsanious returned I asked him what the matter was, and he said a rather fanatical man who had influenced a

few others did not want us to have meetings, but about that time one Bro. said they would go to his house, so we went and a large crowd followed. I shook hands with the dissenter before I left as I did not know a thing about the matter. I feel I understand a little better what an Oriental uproar is like. Really I was glad when it ceased! Those who came to the Brother's house seemed anxious that we conduct some meetings, so we continued each night. The place was crowded each time, and as the door opens onto the little street, many came and stood and sat on the outside. Sometimes soldiers on patrol would come in, lay their guns at the door and stay until the meeting was over. Several Mohammedans also came and especially one young man seemed greatly interested. During the day at the little shops, etc. we came in contact with some Mohammedans who were anxious to listen and ask questions, though they are very tightly bound by their religion. It was touching to see how eager the people were; seemed they were most famished for the Word of God and strengthening spiritual food, and would come and sit on mats and endure the flees (perhaps they were used to them). The Auxiliary Ry. station waiter attended the meeting, also a very nice young man who is in charge of the medical dispensary at the little hospital. On Saturday they rented a more central place, also more space—two large rooms and a hall way for \$2.25 per month and we continued the meetings there as the Brother's place was too small. After being at the hotel nine days and not wishing to impose on the man's good nature, we left, as also we were urgently invited to come out to a village, Dier-el Ganos, about twenty miles distant. Thus we went to a friend's place to stay for the night and intending to leave for the village next day. But as for me, sleep was about out of the question. Bro. Arsanious slept some, but a short time after lying down I found the place was literally alive with flees and bugs, and it seemed they had been observing the Orthodox Fast during the day and reserved their appetite for the night. We fought them for a long while; a small lamp was put in a pan of water to attract and catch them and a large lamp lighted to frighten them away, but still they came. We thought of going out, but no place to go at past midnight. I got up and tried to recline on two chairs, but the thirsty insects were there and seemed greatly to relish "new blood". The night seemed long and I certainly wished for the day. About 3 A. M. I felt somewhat sick, and from that had fever and some other disorders, but to fulfil our promise we went to the village—the houses all huddled together, sheep, goats, chickens, donkeys and people all living in the same house. I was not feeling well at all, but we had a little service with a few of the people in the man's house where we were staying. At first we were invited to lie on a thin mat spread on the dirt floor, but afterwards they borrowed a mattress and two quilts. However, for the second night I had scarcely no sleep, and both Bro. Arsanious and

myself felt we must return to his home, so when we returned to Maghagha we took train and returned, being away eleven days. Sister Arsanious is a nice and clean housekeeper, so I have begun to feel well. When we returned I was very weak, but am almost my normal self again. The Lord blest in the meetings, and the severe experience with the creeping insects has deepened my appreciation for the goodness of the Lord, and also intensely quickened my longing to again be among my friends and loved ones at home, at least for a season of refreshing.

Now Bro. Pruitt, I hope you'll pardon all this lengthy and detailed letter, but it seemed I got started and felt free to let you know as one who understands. The Lord willing in a few days Bro. Arsanious and I will visit two or three more places for only a short time, as I feel I have spent about as long a time as I should here to get a first-hand understanding of the work, etc. We may cross over into Palestine for a few days also.

Bro. and Sis. Arsanious and family are well and send greetings. I surely must close now. Love to all in the Lord, remembering all the saints.

Your Bro. in Christ, —Robert Longley.

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Silverdale, Pa. —Dear Bro. Pruitt: Greetings with much Christian love in our Savior's dear name, the one who has provided such a great plan of redemption for us unworthy creatures to enjoy. "While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." Just think what love it was to leave a home in glory and come down to this sin-cursed world that He might save us from our sins. We recognize Him as a risen, living Saviour, one that has conquered the powers of night and gives us victory by looking steadfastly unto Him.

To-night finds me still in the narrow way with a desire to follow close by His side. Oh how easy it is for us to be led astray, if only we give heed unto the devil's deceitful ways. I realize that many precious souls are being blinded by the influence of those who have gone wrong, and their influence is so magnetic that they who are under their influence are drawn in like a floating object into a whirlpool. We are living right in the times when Satan has the saints in a stir continually. If it were possible, he would deceive the very elect, but thanks be unto God who always gives us discernment if we desire to walk in the truth of the Gospel.

I was very glad to hear that all are well and above all that you are encouraged in the Lord's work. May the God of all grace supply your every need as He sees fit and best. Surely He is able, and not only able but, thank God, willing to do even above that which we can ask or think. Praise His worthy name.

Bro. Longley has said that he expects to stop with us a while. No doubt you are at the very verge of receiving your dear Bro. again. Many days have past and gone into eternity since you have seen Bro. Longley, but through the providence of God's great

love and mercy, He has thus far spared each one to again meet face to face if time will continue. Surely the Lord has been good to all.

I am working for a printing company here. I like the work very much in the printing office. I was glad to hear how the Lord was blessing and keeping you all well for the work which is before you. May the richest blessings ever rest upon you and the work there, that through your labors much good might be accomplished. May nothing turn you from the "old path" which was so perfectly marked out by our Savior that we should follow in His steps.

Well I will close for this time, hoping this finds all well. My heart is with you in the work, and in spirit I am with you. I am praying that you will have all sufficiency in the work of the Lord. Remember me when you pray as I need your prayers much. Yours in Christ, —William Cramer

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Dear Sister Pruitt and all: Greetings in the dear name of Jesus. As I was hustling around about my work I felt led to sit down and write a few words to the glory of God.

I am happy in my Lord today, feeling His presents near. Here of late I have been thinking of the near coming of our Lord and Savior. I believe it is even nearer than what we think it to be. But what we need to be concerned about is this: "Is our heart right with God?" We should be sure we are ready, for in such an hour as we think not the Son of man cometh. If we are cold or indifferent about these things, we should ask God to make us in earnest about our soul, for eternity is not just for a season but forever. What does it profit a man if he should gain the whole world and lose his soul. Friends, let us become concerned about eternal matters. Let God search our hearts while it is still day, for soon night will come when no man can work. I, for one, cannot see any thing out side of the Lord to live for. I find when a person begins to sum up the world there is nothing to it, for all of happiness and contentment is in the dear Lord. We see so many things happening of late which just points to the coming of Jesus. The world is so corrupt that one feels like closing their eyes to the sin that is about, but the Lord is so patient, long-suffering and kind that He is waiting for souls to come to Him, yet I believe God's time is about come to an end, for I feel we are living in the days as it was in Sodom and Gomorrah. whatever we have to do let us do it quickly, for there are a great many yet who are standing in the balances, wanting to give their heart to the Lord but just putting it off from day to day. Let us be up and at the Master's business now. Whatever the Lord puts on our heart let us be ready to do it; whatever our hands find to do sparing nothing. Let us get the whole armor of God on that we may be able to withstand the fiery darts of the wicked. Be of good cheer, saints, it won't be long now that we shall be with our dear Saviour. May the dear Lord bless all.

—Ethel Lasley.

Hennessey, Okla. —Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt: Today finds me still saved and trusting in the Lord for free salvation. I can say I am truly glad that the Lord came into my life and cleaned me up from all sin and shame. I have been saved only about one year, and thank the Lord I can say He saved my husband on the 1st Sunday in March. He used to drink, play cards, dice and do everything in the devil's line. Praise His holy name. Oh, what a mighty God we serve; one who can clean us up from everything and own us as His child if we will repent and believe the Gospel.

Dear Sister Pruitt, will you please send me two Faith and Victory papers each month as we are anxious to read the papers. We ask all the saints to pray for us that we may keep saved and do the will of the Lord. Your Sister in Christ, —Edna Daniels.

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Okeene, Okla. —Dear ones at Faith Pub. House: Greetings in our Lord's name. I am fully saved today and more decided than ever to press on. Please continue to send Faith and Victory which gives me instruction along life's way and helps to brighten my pathway as through this world I go. Inclosed find small offering of fifty cents to help care for dear faithful Grandma Spradling and the rest as the Lord directs.

If you can spare them, please send me ten or twelve copies of the April number containing husband's obituary. Several relatives desire a copy of it, and perhaps they might become interested in the precious little paper. Wife of the departed John Q. Miles and Sister in the Bible way, —Ethel K. Miles

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Natchitoches, La. —Dear Sister Pruitt and all the saints: Tonight finds me still under the blood of Jesus, and still have a self-sacrificing mind to be all that He wants me to be and have made up my mind to do all that I understand to do. Please pray that I may understand more and gain strength. Through His mighty power I have overcame old Satan in the use of medicine; haven't used any medicine for about two years. Last week one of my little boys taken sick with a hot fever and pain in head. I laid hands on him and prayed for him and he began to sweat freely; the fever left him, so he was up next day and has been up ever since. Praise God's dear name.

Tonight I have truly given up all to follow Jesus. The way seems brighter and brighter and this old world grows dimmer and dimmer. I do pray that it may be this way with every true soul. I read the April paper and enjoyed it to the highest. Pray for the people here at this place and ever pray that we may keep our eyes on Jesus.

Yours in the one Body, —Sidonia Benjamin

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Springfield, Mo. —Dear Bro. Pruitt and family: Greetings to, you dear saints. Wife and I are well

and in the battlefield for the Lord with all our heart and soul. We came here from Blackford, Ky, beginning meeting here yesterday morning. Had meeting last night, not very large attendance so far but trust the people will come out more.

After we left Hammond, La. we came to Louin, Miss. and held a meeting. There is a nice congregation of saints, and we had a good meeting. Several of them said they wanted your paper. We had a good meeting at Nashville, Tenn. There were three saved and baptised. I want you to send them your paper; I will send you their addresses.

We did not hold but a few nights meeting in Blackford, Ky. because of the rush with the farmers with their work. The saints there are mostly farmers and some live quite a distance from the meeting place, and the roads are so rough that they cannot drive their cars but go in lumber wagons.

I want to attend the minister's meeting at Tulsa. I suppose you will come to the minister's meeting. We would be glad to see you and tell you of the good meetings we have had and of the precious saints we have met. I do not know just how long the meeting here will continue.

Your saved Bro. in Jesus, —C. S. Forbes.

Fayetteville, Ark. —Dear Sister Pruitt: Greetings in Jesus' dear name. Enclosed please find \$2, this month's insurance remittance. Oh the joy it gives to know this mite is working for the Lord; it's a much different feeling than I had when I gave it to the agent. Use it for tracts this month. A friend of mine and I conduct a Sunday School in her home every Sunday. Will soon have some funds for missionaries. In service for souls for the Master.

Delaware, Mo. —Dear saints of God at Faith Publishing House and those scattered abroad: Greetings to all in the dear name of Jesus. Today finds me saved and decided for heaven at any cost. I truly praise the good Lord for his goodness to me a few weeks ago. I had the Flu, and my head was so full of cold and hurt me so badly that I was real weak. But praise our God He came to my rescue and healed me. Praise His holy name; He never does forsake those that put their trust in Him. I have trusted Him now for over 24 years and He never has failed me. So dear ones who read this, don't be afraid to trust God for soul and body, for if we live for Him He surely will care for us. It is my utmost desire to win souls for Jesus. I want to do all I can to rescue perishing souls and be a help to suffering humanity, to tell them how Jesus still saves the soul and heals the body, for He is the same yesterday, today and forever.

I love to read the little paper. Faith and Victory, as it is always clean, Biblical, encouraging and uplifting; I love to read the testimonies. May God bless the workers there in the office and may you keep the good work going on. Pray for me,

Your Sister all on the altar, —Lizzie Harper

One Way of Gambling

To the readers of Faith and Victory: I have seen in the paper an article with this heading, "Is insurance right or is it not?" I can heartily indorse what has been written about it, and will strengthen it by adding that life insurance is a gamble. I will verify this assertion by comparing it with the gambling games, such as poker, crap etc. First, take a simpler game of gambling, such as throwing up a quarter; if the head is up when it lays on the floor, I win, if not, you win. The very minute the quarter is still on the floor one of these gamblers becomes the loser, the other becomes the winner. Did the winner earn it? Oh no, he won it; money won by gambling never represents earnings. We can say in this game the quarter becomes the medium of gambling, whereas in the poker game the cards become the medium of gambling, in crap the dice is the medium of gambling, and in the insurance game your life is the medium of gambling. One minute after you enter into this game and the Company has obligated itself to you and you have become obligated to it, if the insured falls to the floor dead that same minute, the benefactor of the policy becomes the winner of the face value of the policy. Did she or he earn it? Oh no; she or he won it gambling on their God-given life.

I want to ask this: How would have Job's name ever came into Holy Writ if he had been insured for every dollar he was worth and had each of his sons' and daughters' lives insured? Again: How would have the poor widow came into Holy Writ if her husband had left her the amount that policy holders hope to leave their widows? I believe and know that the poor widow sought first the Kingdom of God and knew that all these things would be added unto her.

— S. J Baumgartner

Is Thine Heart Right With God?

As true religion means a change of heart and that "old things pass away and all things become new", it is a good thing for us who are in the way to often look into the perfect Law of liberty (the Bible), and see what manner of persons we really are, as all who pretend to follow Christ are, or should be, greatly interested in having a healthy spiritual heart condition.

The more we are in harmony with the Word and Spirit the greater will be our peace and assurance

the brighter will be the light to illuminate Christ larkened souls.

“Sanctify the Lord God in your hearts.” 1 Pet.

5. One definition for sanctify is: “To set apart”. definition for the word saint is: “Sacred property”. When we build a chapel or a house in which worship God we set it apart for a sacred use; just with us who have “presented our bodies as a living sacrifice.” We are set apart for the sacred use of the Lord. What would you think if a group of people would come into the Lord’s house which was apart for worship only and go to pulling off uncleanly stunts, reveling, gambling and fighting, or acting evil toward one another.

I think I hear some one say: “We would do like us did; get some whips and drive them out of the se.” Yes, I believe every real saint would be indignant and stirred because of the intruders. As this is literally, so it should be much more in a spiritual sense, as there are unholy and slimy evil spirits always ready to intrude upon the saint of God, clamoring for attention and reception, often feigning themselves to be the Holy Spirit in order to defile and destroy the soul. How we ought to obey the Lord in watching and praying and being sober, lest our thoughts or revenge get into the soul and defile our consciences, bringing the displeasure of God upon us. We are warned in the Word against giving way to the lusts of the flesh which war against the soul, and we are exhorted “not to be deceived, for the seed is not mocked; if we sow unto the flesh, we shall the flesh reap corruption, but if we sow unto the spirit we reap life eternal.”

“Keep thine heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.” Prov. 4: 23 This keeping of our heart is a very important and an essential matter with the child of God, for out of the heart the issues, and if we allow evil things to enter into our heart they will issue out. You may think you will not allow it, but when tests and trials and pressure comes this evil that was nursed or tolerated will come out. God, the Potter, is greater than we, the clay, and will bring it out if it is there.

Let us consider the lives, acts and deeds with circumstances of some of the characters of the Bible. I see the tests that they underwent to prove them. The Bible says: “Many shall be purified, made white, and tried.” Daniel 12: 10. So we understand that in many various circumstances that a saint has to pass through while in this life are only appointments of God to prove us that God may know that our love

for Him is greater than any thing this side of glory. There are a few characters in the Bible that, when they were put to the test, proved unfaithful and sin in the heart was brought to light; some were punished and others were put to death. Take Cain for instance; when he was put to the test he was found to have jealousy, envy and murder in his heart, and he rose up and slew his brother Abel because his own works were evil and his brother’s righteous.

Ananias and Sapphira listened to a covetous spirit and lied to men, not only to men but to God and was rebuked by the apostle Peter and fell down dead. It is also contained in the scriptures that Simon the Sorcerer believed and was baptised and continued with Philip. An evil thought entered into his heart and that was to buy the power of giving the Holy Ghost; he was rebuked by Peter because he thought that the gift of God could be purchased with money, being told that, “Thine heart is not right in the sight of God.” Acts 8: 21. Peter perceived that Simon was in the gall of bitterness and iniquity.

“Hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow in His steps.” 1 Pet. 2: 21. The saint of God is called unto suffering; they have appointments of God according as He sees the need. The greater the suffering with faithfulness, the better fitted one will become for God’s use. Moses understood that by his hand God would deliver his brethren the Israelites from Egyptian bondage and was very zealous. He hastily went at it in his own strength, so God caused a fear to come over him and he ran away from the country and herded sheep in the wilderness forty years. During this furnace of schooling he got humble and dead enough so that God got forty years service. He was faithful in all the trying scenes and hard circumstances through which he had to pass. The delivering of the children of Israel was God’s appointment for Moses, but first He had to school and prepare him for it.

Jacob’s son, Joseph, had an appointment of God, and his brethren whom he loved had envy, hatred and even murder in their hearts. When he was sent to them on a kind errand to bring them food and to take back word to their father of their welfare, they laid hands on him and dumped him into a pit, but afterwards through the persuasion of an older brother they drew him up and sold him to traders going down into Egypt. This was quite a blow for a young lad of sixteen to be taken away from his beloved father and all of his kindred, but he meekly

accepted it and continued to love and honor God. Joseph was sold to an officer of Pharaoh who trusted and gave him liberty and much authority in his house, but the officer's wife wanted him to do wickedly and he would not, so finally she falsely accused him and his master had him thrown into jail. He was there for two long years, though still loving and honoring God and God brought him out, giving him favor with the King. When there was a famine in the land, they had corn and the sons of Jacob (those who had envied and hated Joseph) came down to Egypt to buy corn. Joseph was made a "life preserver to them." When their father Jacob died, the brethren thought that Joseph would treat them evil now for the evil that they had done to him. Joseph was surprised that they thought this and exclaimed: "Fear not; for am I in the place of God." Joseph would not take vengeance but left that all with the Lord, and he dealt kindly with those who sought to do him evil. Thus we see that he proved faithful through all the hard tests and trials of life and God used him to preserve many lives.

Although Job was a perfect and upright man who feared God, yet God literally turned the devil loose on him, and through all of his afflictions of sore and grievous troubles he did not charge God foolishly, but believed and trusted in him. In the sorest time he said, "But He knoweth the way that I take: when He hath tried me I shall come forth as gold." In the fourteenth verse of the 23rd chapter he says, "For He performeth the thing that is appointed for me, and MANY SUCH THINGS ARE WITH HIM."

Brethren and sisters, we have appointments of God today, so let us deal kindly with or toward the instruments that He may see fit to use against us, so that nothing will get into our hearts to defile the temple of God that we may truly be a life-preserver in the hands of God.

Many more could be mentioned that had appointments of God and they stood true and are in glory today. If all the professed saints of today would possess and manifest the unrevenging spirit that Joseph, Job and Moses manifested, how sweet and heavenly would always be their assembling together.

But alas! many who profess with us allow the enemy to lodge evil thoughts in their minds and hearts; envy, jealousy, pride and revenge which defile them and causes grief and trouble for the real sheep of the flock. We exhort the saints everywhere to remember that they are sacred property of the Lord's, and you should resist the devil and draw nigh unto God. Refuse to let Satan use you to re-

venge, or in thinking evil thoughts, but bless those that curse you, do good to those that do you evil or defame or dishonor you, and patiently and meekly accept all circumstances and conditions as the very best for your soul's welfare or the welfare of others. We should never allow circumstances and conditions in life to change our attitude of love and devotion to God or the love and concern for the souls of men. We should "keep our hearts with all diligence, for out of them are the issues of life." Whatever we let into our hearts will sometime issue out; God is not mocked. He is greater than we and He will bring it out sometime to our sorrow and shame. If we let our minds and hearts fill up on pure, clean, righteous thoughts and ways, God will also bring them out to His glory and to the preserving of other souls. If we, in order to keep our conscience clear before God, endure grief and patiently suffer wrongfully, this act is worthy of thanks; in other words the pleasure and approval of God will rest upon us for this deed. Commence at the 19th verse of the second chapter of first Peter and read to end of chapter; read carefully with prayer and see how your acts in life measure with this precious truth. Is thy heart right with God?

—Fred Pruitt.

A Trip To California

Wife and I left Oregon on the 11th of Dec. in company with dear Bro. G. E Harmon and his grand daughter, Verda Lorane, arriving in Fresno, Calif. the 15th of Dec. From there we went to visit our daughter near Visalia where we remained until the 26th; then on to the Los Angeles Assembly meeting where we enjoyed a most glorious meeting with many of God's dear children, and oh such love and unity did prevail; not a jar or discord, but all saw eye to eye. As the Word went forth in the old time power and victory under the anointing of the Spirit, hearts were melted in praise to God; the meeting was good from beginning to end. When the Assembly was over, we in company with dear Bro. S T Walker and others went to Whittier, Calif. where we held another precious meeting of over two weeks, then from there to Glendale, and were there two weeks. Will say from the 26th of Dec. to the 13th of February there were only three nights we were not in meeting.

On the 14th of Feb. wife and I came to our daughter's home again, remaining there a few days, then we came to Fresno, holding a two weeks meeting there which we do believe was owned and blessed of

the Lord. We remained a little over a week after the meeting closed, as they have no regular Pastor there. They surely do need some good consecrated man and wife to go and stay with them; it is a beautiful little church, and they have a nice house to worship in. From there we came home finding our dear children well and happy, (they are living on the place near by us) and glad to see us as we were to see them. We can truly say that God's dear children are getting their true vision of the real body of Christ, and the old-time ring is in the meetings as it was twenty-five and thirty years ago. Thank God, we believe God is bringing back again Zion, so let us all strive together for the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace and be workers together with Him. We are in this glorious reformation with all our hearts to remain until the end, for this way just suits us and we are looking for no other: it is the only way, the Bible way.

As ever your Bro. and Sister for a clean work,
—H. W. and Lydia White

Scriptural Christian Conduct

"I therefore the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, with all lowliness and meekness with long suffering; forbearing one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling: one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all who is above all and through all and in you all (Eph. 4: 1-6). Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ; that whether I come and see you or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs that ye stand fast in one spirit with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel (Phil. 1: 27) That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God (Col. 1: 10) In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works; in doctrine shewing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity, sound speech that cannot be condemned, that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you (Titus 2: 7-8) Who is a wise man among you and endued with knowledge? Let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom (James 3: 13). Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles; that where as they speak against you as evildoers they may by your works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the

day of visitation' (1 Peter 2: 12). That ye may be blameless and harmless the sons of God without rebuke in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation among whom ye shine as lights in the world (Phil. 2: 15) Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them, that thy profiting may appear to all: Take heed unto thyself and unto the doctrine, continue in them; for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself and them that hear thee (Tim. 4: 15-16) But be ye doers of the word and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. For if any be a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass; for he beholdeth himself and goeth his way and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was, but whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the word, this man shall be blessed in his deed (James 1: 22-25). And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly, and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ (1 Thes. 5: 23)"

"Words are things of little cost;
Quickly spoken, quickly lost,
We forget them, —but they stand
Witnesses at God's right hand."

—Selected by a Believer in Christ.

The Seventh Commandment

(Continued from last Issue)

But if marriage is a divine institution such as we have conceived, the prohibition of adultery has a retrospective force. The twain should be able to present themselves to each other in virgin purity. And, for this, wise instruction is needed on the part of parents—wise, lest the children should get it elsewhere in unwise and hurtful form. In addition to a serious sense of the significance and importance of marriage, other safeguards may be suggested, such as—

(2) Avoid idleness. If mind and time are not kept well filled with pure and exalted interests, Satan will find good opportunity for evil suggestion.

(3) Shut your ears to ribald talk, rebuke it, and avoid those who indulge in it. So also with lewd pictures and books. The morality of some of the literature of today is worse than pagan. "Alas!" cried Byron, referring to a book that had been his inspiration to evil: "alas! I believe all the mischief I have ever done or sung—and it has been plenty—has been owing to that book." "Don't dally with

the devil's delights! The fire of passion may inflame you to the verge of madness, and then you will be forever haunted with regret and perpetual anguish."

(4) Abstain absolutely from strong drink, which weakens the reason and excites and invigorates the animal passions. "Only those who are familiar with the law courts of the country," says a report, "are fully aware of the sinister part which drink plays in crime and immorality. It is very frequently disclosed in the divorce court that the worthless husband or the unfaithful wife was addicted to drink."

(5) There are certain forms of amusement which should be tabooed if we are to avoid having impure thought suggested and impure feeling inflamed. The titles and pictures on our theater bills are sufficient indication of the injurious tendency of the generality of our plays. And I suppose there is no one profession so prolific of immorality and divorce as the dramatic. Shall I take my pleasures at the expense of the morals of those who purvey my amusement? Diversion, relaxation, recreation—these we all need; but let them not be derived from the moral murder of our fellows.

Of the late Dr. Jowett's student days in Edinburgh, his fellow-lodger writes:

"Jowett had never been inside a theater till I took him there, and he possessed even more than I the feeling that theaters stood a long way down 'the broad road that leadeth to destruction.' One evening we were in the pit stalls of the Lyceum, whither we had gone to see Ristori play Elizabeth. During one of the intervals I pointed out some women in the upper circle who were quite obviously of bad character. Jowett was horrified. He was as innocent and clean-minded as a child, and he was so upset that the evening was quite spoiled for me as well as for him. On the way home we talked things over, with the result that we resolved never to go to theaters again."

"If any man can invent a more speedy way for sinners to go to hell than the theater," says Dr. Lyman Beecher, "he ought to have patent right for his infernal ingenuity." and Dr. Sylvanus Stall opines: "Here, under the influence of exposures and postures which bring the blush of shame to the cheek of the delicate, previously pure young men feel the awakened power of ungoverned passion; and thousands of them, dazed and bewildered, every night fall an easy prey to the barrooms, the gambling dens, and the brothels which cluster under the shadow of every theater. Here 'the strange woman' lurks for the destruction of those who, in no other hour of their lives, can so

easily be led into the paths of sin and vice."

(6) I have no hesitation in adding to these the modern dance, as a prolific source of immortality. Whatever may have been the case with the simple folk-dances of earlier times, before the invention of the waltz, and the non-sex dance of Scripture, the popular dance of today can hardly be other than provocative of evil. And how largely the craze is on the increase!

Dr. Charles Inwood at a recent convention, uttered his protest and warning in these words: "Twenty-five or thirty years ago the things that are now tolerated in our homes would not have been allowed to go on; now dancing is dragged into every festal occasion. My heart burns, not only with pity, but with indignation, when I see all this. I say dancing carries with it a perilous and an inevitable excitement of sensual passion; and that is enough to damn it in my eyes if there was no other reason."

When the Divine wisdom had besought us to "abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul" (1 Peter 2: 11) what can we expect but soul-disaster if we ride full-tilt against such a counsel?

A Roman Catholic Bishop places it on record that the confessional shows that nineteen out of every twenty prostitutes traced their fall to the dance. "The insufficient dress, the undue exposure of the person, the suggestive attitudes, the personal contact, the passionate excitement, and the undue license allowed while whirling upon the floor to the strains of music, is such as cannot but arouse the strongest sensual tendencies and propensities."

Another (7) deterrent from this grave offense will be found in the wise consideration of its consequences. David's sorest trials date from his crime against Bathsheba and Uriah; Jeroboam became the thorn in Solomon's side after the latter had turned sensualist. Samson and the sons of Eli present other grave warnings. And there is the infinite variety of disease that follows sexual sin, infecting body, mind, and spirit with its poison. All these are danger-signals on the perilous course of the sensualist.

—Horace E. Govan.

David, the Psalmist says, Pride goeth before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall." Let us cry out against it; it is dangerous. Do not wait for the destruction to come, do not wait for the fall. Let us sound an alarm, lift up your voices like a trumpet against the deadly foe.