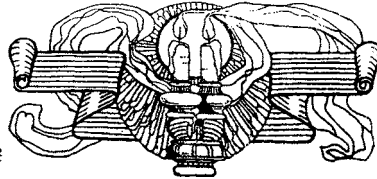


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Must I Go Empty Handed

"Must I go, and empty handed,"
Thus my dear Redeemer meet?
Not one day of service give Him,
Lay no trophies at His feet?

"Must I go, and empty handed,"
Must I meet my Savior so?
Not one soul with which to greet Him,
Must I empty handed go?

Not at death I shrink nor falter,
For my Savior saves me now;
But to meet Him empty handed,
Tho't of that now clouds my brow.

Oh, the years of sinning wasted,
Could I but recall them now;
I would give them to my Savior,
To His will I'd gladly bow.

Oh, ye saints, arouse, be earnest,
Up and work while yet 'tis day,
Ere the night of death o'ertakes thee
Strive for souls while still you may.
—Selected.

"Coming To The Water"

During the Civil War many of the soldiers sought God in prayer and found Him precious to their souls. I wish to relate one case here.

A soldier from the Anderson troop (15th Penn. Calvary) was brought late one afternoon to the general hospital. As the nurse was tending to his comforts, he asked him if he ever read in the wards? To which the nurse said that he did. So he said to the nurse, "I wish you would read a bit for me this evening." The nurse said, "What shall I read?" The soldier said for him to take a Bible from his knapsack.

"Find that chapter about 'coming to the waters.'" The nurse found the place in the 55 chapter of Isaiah. "Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Incline your ear and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David." "That's it," said the sick man, "that's it! come to the waters." The cavalryman had the nurse read it over and over again; then he had the nurse to pray for him. The next morning he asked the nurse to read about that "coming to the waters." He did it twice in the morning and twice in the evening, and the next morning he read it again, then he said, "I must pray for myself, nurse." Then he asked to be put in the attitude of prayer on his cot; he would not be denied the privilege. They placed him on his knees with his hands on the head of his iron cot. He began praying for himself in the words of the petition of our Lord; —and so the Messenger found him, and took him home to Glory. God forgave him of all his sins as He did many a soldier who looked to Him on the battlefield for forgiveness.

We too, are now, as it were, on a battlefield, rescuing the sick, sinful, and dying, but it does not look so bad, as there is no war such as then, but souls around us are dead in their sins; and when death overtakes them, they are lost; never to have another chance to make their peace with God.

Men, women, and children go on today as if there was no God, and that there was nothing to fear should they die in their sins. Oh, that people would fear God, and turn from unrighteousness and sin not.

Many people are dead in their trespasses and sins, and yet making a big profession of religion.

David, in the scripture just quoted, means Christ, and we will go on with it. "Behold, I give him for a witness to the people, a leader and commander to the people. Behold, thou shalt call a nation that thou knowest not, and nations that knew not thee shall

run unto thee because of the Lord thy God, and for the Holy One of Israel; for he hath glorified thee. Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon." Isa. 55: 4 -7.

The whole Bible points to Jesus our Deliverer. He is the only One under heaven who can give us life, eternal life. Jesus said, "I go my way, and ye shall seek me, and shall die in your sins: whither I go, ye cannot come. Then He said unto them, ye are from beneath; I am from above: ye are of this world, I am not of this world. I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am He, ye shall die in your sins." John 8: 21 -24.

If we remain in our sins until death overtakes us, then we can never, no never, repent and see God in peace, but we have the sentence of death upon our soul. If we repent and find Jesus and partake of Him, we have eternal life abiding within our soul, and nothing can take it from us if we remain obedient unto God. Our natural body will perish in the natural way, yet the soul lives on and on with God. This is life, this is light, this is the joy and peace of God in the Saviour. Jesus paid all the debt that we owed to God, for the Word says that through grace are ye saved.

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God. Not of works, lest any man should boast.

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them." Eph. 2: 8- 10.

We make our choice of life or death, good or bad, heaven or hell, while we live here upon earth. We either turn to God with all our heart, or else we are content to live on and on in sins, and transgress God's laws, when we could have been saved by looking to Jesus Christ the Righteous and been washed whiter than the snow.

A FEW LINES ADDRESSED TO THOSE WHO HAVE
FOUND CHRIST.

"Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness. Therefore let us not sleep as do others; but let us watch and be sober. For they that sleep, sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night. But let us, who are of the day, be sober.

putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation. For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ who died for us that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him." 1 Thess. 5: 5- 10. —I. Edith Kriebel.

Significations

While sitting in my room today musing and meditating, the above heading came to my mind, and the more I thought of the word the greater the meaning of it impressed me, until the thought came to my mind like this: There is not anything but what has a signification, either literal or spiritual; at any rate many literal words have a spiritual signification, or in other words, a spiritual fulfillment. Now I don't mean in word altogether, but in literal happenings in many cases signify a spiritual fulfillment.

For instance, let us notice the present current times. There are many wars and rumors of wars. Now there are two significations to that. 1st. It signifies the lack of spirituality. 2nd. It signifies death, destruction and misery. It also signifies the fulfillment of prophesy, that the end is drawing nigh. See Matt. 24: 6. There are many earthquakes these days. They signify that the end is drawing nigh. See Matt. 24: 7. There are famines in divers places. There are many, many false religions in the world today. What does that signify? Can we get any signification in that? Yes, a great one! It literally and spiritually signifies that the end is close at hand. Many deceivers in the world today signifies that the end draweth nigh. See Matt. 24: 5 -24. Marrying and giving in marriage signifies a fulfillment of God's Word. The awful flood of marriage and divorce which is flooding the world today signifies the approaching of the end. Marry and divorce, then marry and divorce again and again; this signifies the drawing nigh of the end. See Matt. 24: 37, 38: Many feasts, such as box suppers, ice cream festivals in the so-called leading churches, commercial clubs serving luncheons for visiting 'high-ups', is some of the fulfillment of the 38th verse. Speaking of marriage and divorce, I remember an event of just a few days ago. A certain hard working man had only one wife and two small children, and there was another man who had two wives and yet he was not satisfied, so he goes over and takes the poor man's wife away from him, and then hires the poor, hard-working man to work for him. This also signifies the closing of the

present dispensation of time.

Notice regarding building as a fulfillment of the Word of God. Nearly every city is building great lakes, great schools, theater halls, municipal buildings of many descriptions, and pleasure driveways paved for nothing but automobiles to be driven thereon. See Luke 17: 28, 29. Note, dear reader, the building of the great airships. At first they built a small airplane just large enough for one person, then came the monoplane, the dirigible, then still larger so as to carry large companies of people, and to carry tons of explosive bombs to destroy miles of territory. Also at first the small motor buggy was built, then the larger automobile on up to the great motor buses and the huge freight trucks. They jostle one against another in the broad ways (highways). Note the serious wrecks along the highways; many lives are being destroyed every day. Note in the beginning of this verse "The chariots shall rage in the streets." In the business districts of our cities of today the raging automobiles seemingly cannot stop to let another one pass; in a mad rush, raging in the streets. Notice, dear reader, that in the verse above it says that this shall be in His preparation (end of time). See Nahum 2: 3, 4.

Now dear reader, please take notice to the following which is even at our doors. Now, men are swindling on every hand. For instance, the cotton grower gets 9 to 12 cents a pound for his cotton, and that same cotton comes back to him at the price of 50 to 80 cents per pound. See James 5: 1-8. This signifies that the end is drawing nigh. Today children are disobedient to their parents. Let us read the whole verse. "For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, (so much pride that women and girls dress indecently) blasphemers, disobedient to parents, (90 percent of the children today do not respect their parents, unthankful) unholy, (many, many who claim to be in some holiness movement are full of sin and their hearts are black, yet they will shout) without natural affection, (have no love for any one but themselves) truce breakers, false accusers, incontinent, (lewd) fierce, (outrageous) despisers of those that are good, (professing yet hate the true children of God) traitors, (one who betrays his trust) heady, (rash, hasty) high-minded, (having pride) lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God, (lovers of revelry, picture shows, ball games and any thing pertaining to worldly amusements). This all signifies that the end is drawing nigh. See 2 Tim. 3: 2, 4. Note that this was to take place in the last days.

Now turn to Luke 21: 27-31, "And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh. And He spake to them a parable: Behold the fig tree, and all the trees; when they now shoot forth, ye see and know of your own selves that summer is nigh at hand." Now dear reader, please note carefully the next verse. "So likewise ye, when ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God (end) is nigh at hand." Also read Matt. 24: 32, 33. Now in the 35th verse it reads like this, "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away." Now here is another point we wish to bring to the reader's mind. There are many anti-Christ's in the world which signify the soon coming end of all time. There are some anti-Christ's teaching that God is so merciful that Jesus will come back to earth and reign a thousand years before the end of time. We have many scriptures to refute this poisonous doctrine, but we will quote only Luke 17: 29, 30. "But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom, it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all. Even thus shall (positively) it be in the day (not days or years) when the Son of man is revealed." Thus reads 1 Thess. 4: 13-17, "But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them (not reign here a thousand years, then be caught up together with them) in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words."

Paul said to Timothy, "I charge thee therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ who shall judge the quick and the dead (after He has reigned one thousand years? No!) at His appearing and His kingdom." 2 Tim. 4: 1. Now all these things signify the fast approaching of the last day in which the world shall be judged. Dear beloved saints scattered abroad, look up, for our redemption draweth nigh.

—C. M. Hicks.

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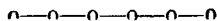
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EDITORIALS

The force here at the office have been extra busy of late as we have printed two booklets and are now working on a 48 page booklet for Bro. C. E. Orr. Besides these booklets we have also printed a large quantity of tracts which, together with our regular work, has kept us going early and late. Bro. Orr's booklet is entitled, "Helps To Holy Living." It is filled with rich soul food which he has prayed down from heaven and should be an inspiration to any soul. Those reading this book and abiding by its teachings will be lifted up into an heavenly atmosphere and a nearness to God that will mean sweeping victory over the powers of darkness and a deep realization of the "more abundant" grace in the soul. We will soon have this book finished. Bro. Orr is putting a price of 15 cents per copy or two copies for 25 cents on this booklet. His address is Box 370, Hammond, La. You should order a copy or two of this booklet, not only for your own soul's good but also for others whom you know loves and needs soul food.



In the spring of this year we realized that it was the pleasure of the Lord that we should go to Okla-

homa City on Sundays and hold services there. The congregation there at that time was without a pastor as Bro. W. H. Shoot who had been pastoring them for more than a year was busy at home with pressing duties. We have been going there regular since that time and our attachment to them and for their soul's welfare has increased. The Lord has some precious souls there. Bro. Luster is superintendent of the Sunday school and it is a real pleasure to be in this Sunday school and the Lord blesses much. The children are anxious to learn about Jesus, and we are praying that as they grow in stature that the Word of God will also grow and increase in their souls.

A few Sundays ago, just before the evening service, we performed a wedding ceremony at the chapel. The young man was Sister Irvin's son. Quite a crowd came in to witness the wedding and the regular service followed which God blessed and owned. We are anxious to do all we can for souls while God gives life and strength, and shall do His bidding as He makes it known unto us. Our stay here on earth will only last a short time compared to eternity and we each one ought to redeem the time because the days are evil.

The prophecies are fast being fulfilled and His coming is no doubt at hand. If there ever was a time when people were heady and high-minded, it certainly is now. Iniquity is abounding on every hand and the "love of many is waxing cold." Folks that drift off after worldly amusement, adorn themselves with gold and pearls and costly array and cater to the fads, fashions and customs of the carnal minded, have grown cold toward God inspite of all their pretense otherwise. There never was a time when confidence is betrayed so much. If there ever was a time when God was doing lots of sifting, it surely is now; so much division and strife, some backsliding in heart, continuing to profess, picking and finding fault with the clean and pure, accusing another falsely, reflecting on their character and reproaching another in various ways,—such is the bewildered condition that exists in these last days.

This confused state need not discourage the clean and pure; it should only cause them to draw closer to God and keep filled with His warm love, continuing to pour out the truth in word and deed and keeping themselves unspotted from the world, lifting up their heads for their redemption draweth nigh as Jesus will soon come without sin unto salvation. Linen, pure and white, denotes the righteousness of the saints. Let us keep on the "robe of righteousness" and be ready at His coming.

We do not know the day nor the hour of His coming; but by observing the signs of this day and age we know His coming is near at hand. Watch and pray.

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NOTICE

Bro. and Sister Clarence Miles who lives at 147 S. Valencia Ave., Burbank, Calif. desires to obtain a book that used to be published by the Gospel Trumpet Co. entitled, "Bible Readings for Bible Students and for the Home and Fireside." Anyone having this book that they would sell, please write to them about it at once.

Meeting Report

The Red Clay, Ga. camp-meeting has come and gone with real victory from beginning to end. Seven were saved, one sanctified, five baptised and the sick healed. Twenty three observed the ordinance of the Lord's house. Ministers present were: W. F. Manuel, L. L. Perry, W. C. Hughs, Paul Clark, R. Justuse, H. E. Evans, and Sister Lottie Joiner. The meeting was well attended from beginning to end with good interest. Some were still seeking the Lord when the meeting closed. —J. C. Kuittel.

Hennessey Meeting Report

The Hennessey meeting is now numbered with the events of the past, and we are praising the Lord for the way He manifested Himself among us from the beginning to the end.

The saints and friends to the truth met together Wednesday and Thursday to make preparation for the meeting and to erect the tabernacle that everything would be in readiness for service Friday evening, Aug. 29, 1930, which was the first of the meeting. "So built we the walls for the people had a mind to work."

The ministers present were: Bros. Robinson, M. Spears, G. W. Winn, C. S. Forbes, W. I. Miles. Bro. and Sister Johnson was with us the second Sunday of the meeting. We were glad to have Bro. Shoot and wife, Bro. Robert Longley and Sister Taylor (now Sister Longley) in our midst one day of the meeting. They were on their way to a point in Kansas and took a rougher and somewhat longer route just to come this way and meet with the saints in these parts. We were very much refreshed by their presence. What will it be when all the saints meet together around the great white throne? Oh it will be glorious.

The Lord anointed His ministers for the messages and the Word went forth clear and plain and to the point. Judgment was laid to the line and righteousness to the plummet. The old devil of course was on the job as he always is to hinder but God gave the victory in Jesus' precious name. The saints were much encouraged; some seemed to make a deeper consecration and manifested a desire to be more useful in the work of the Lord and to see the old-time power of love, unity, healing and obedience shown forth among the saints of the Most High God. There are some that stand in need of prayer; please pray for them. Two or three souls claimed their freedom in the Lord and started in the new life. We know that one soul is worth every effort put forth in the meeting. We are desirous that they remain true until the end.

We are nearing the end, eternity is looming in sight. The Lord will soon call some of His servants from labor to reward. Pray for us that we be faithful unto death. Yours in Him, —Ulysses Phillips.

Report of Campmeeting

As we look out of our window this September morning, it reminds us that summer is past, also that the camp-meeting season for this year is ended and truly many souls that have attended the good camp-meetings at different places will have to say, the harvest is past, the summer is ended and I am not saved while others are rejoicing in the love of God and what they found in Jesus. Truly the camp-meeting here at Springfield was a good camp-meeting, and we believe all present enjoyed the sweet unity and fellowship that flowed from heart to heart. Every minister and saint that were here will be welcomed back to Springfield next year, 1931.

The Lord willing we will have the state camp-meeting here next season, beginning about the middle of August. Let every one begin to plan to attend. God may take some of us home to glory before that time, but He can fill our places with some one else to carry on His work. Let us live so near to the dear Lord through the winter that we will help to make the next season camp-meetings even better than the past.

Truly we shall never forget the sweet spirit that was manifested through the ministers at the Springfield camp-meeting. God was seen and felt in the meetings and on the grounds. To Him be all the glory. Pray for us. —Mrs. L. V. Anderson.

The Word of God means very little to those who believe it not and to those who do not believe in the resurrection. To those who have a real heart belief in God, it means all to them. They know that God will execute the judgments written and will bring every deed into judgment whether it be good or bad and being filled with Godly love they go forth with diligence and carefulness to keep His commandments and do His pleasure. They believe that the Word of God is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness as they know that all scripture is given by inspiration of God. 2 Tim. 3: 16. And being His "purchased possession" they now have a portion of their inheritance and have a deep insured assurance of great riches and eternal comfort and bliss in the world to come. They know that the ways of God are "prepared as the morning," that His plans and purposes will not be changed to suit the whims of men. They desire no friction with God, therefore they humbly and meekly keep all things submitted to Him and just let Him work through them to fulfill His plans and purposes at His good will and pleasure, and thus abide under the shadow of the wings of the Almighty in the secret place of the Most High.

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Many hundred years before Christ was born as a babe in Bethlehem Isaiah, the prophet of God, told and pictured in word the crucifixion scene and told of the work Jesus would accomplish for man in the shedding of His blood. Isaiah 53.

In the thirty-fifth chapter of Isaiah he gives us a detailed account of the heart condition of man resulting from faith and belief in Christ and His accomplished work on the cross. He says the desert (the heart that is void of spiritual life) will blossom like the rose and add, "It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing," and further says "they shall see the glory of the Lord, and the excellency of our God." The lame man shall leap as the hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing, water shall break out in the wilderness places and streams in the desert (dry hearts). The parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land streams of water, and also speaks of grass with reeds and rushes which denotes plenty of moisture. How fully this prophecy harmonizes with the words of Jesus when He says, "But the water that I shall give him shall be in him, a well of water springing up into everlasting life." John 4: 14. Again in John 7: 37, 38 we read, "If any man thirst, let him come unto Me and drink. He that believeth on me as the scripture hath said, out of

his belly shall flow rivers of living water" (speaking of the Spirit which he would give to believers).

The Prophet Isaiah in this same 35th chapter tells us of the highway, the way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it, no lion shall be there, (man with a lion nature) no ravenous beast (man with an animal nature, devouring nature) shall go up thereon but the redeemed shall walk there. Bless the Lord, O my soul. What a glorious place of rest, joy and righteousness we have in Christ. Isaiah at that time beheld the Church of the living God, the redeemed of the Lord and he saw no unclean thing or ravenous beast thereon. He saw the ransomed of the Lord coming to Zion (the Church) with songs and everlasting joy on their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away. Let us serve Him with reverence and godly fear.

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Bro. Robert Longley who left several weeks ago for California was married to Miss Lola Lois Taylor, Sept. 28. Sister Lois Taylor came to Oklahoma this summer with Bro. Kuns and wife. They were at the Springfield, Mo. camp-meeting and afterwards visited saints in Oklahoma. She was in our home several days and we all appreciated her gentle and Christ-like ways, and believe that God has joined this couple together. Having been intimately acquainted with Bro. Longley for years we feel assured that he will be all that a husband ought to be to a wife. From our acquaintance with Sister Lois Taylor we believe that she will in turn be all that a wife ought to be to a husband, thus assuring them a happy married life. The "Faith and Victory" family join their many friends and near kinsman in wishing and praying God's blessings to be upon them for a long joyous, peaceful and godly married life.

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On another page of this paper you will find a letter from Sister Elsie F. Connelly who is the author of the forty-eight page booklet entitled, "How Do I Look?" We printed two thousand of these booklets for her and God is making them a blessing to many souls. If you have not secured one of these booklets, you should do so at once as it teaches clear Bible truth which every Christian ought to know. There is no question in my mind but what the Lord moved upon this Sister by the Holy Ghost to write this book to give to His people the truth which they are in great need of in these perilous times. Write her a letter, enclosing a small offering for one of these books; read it and pass it around to your friends in Christ. If you want to do a good work for the Lord order a

Assembly Meeting Notice

The Assembly Meeting of the Church of God will be held in Springfield, Mo. at the Saint's chapel, 777 S. Lexington St., beginning November 28, 1930 and last ten days or as long as the Lord may lead. All pray that God will give a good meeting.

There are only a few saints here, so any one wanting to help bear expenses in this meeting can send meat, eggs, butter, fruit or money to H. G. Pletcher, 731 S. Missouri Ave., Springfield, Mo. Phone no. 4510 W.
—Mrs. L. V. Anderson.

 OBITUARY

“Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon for V. M. Threlkeld, aged 79, who died Tuesday afternoon (Sept. 2, 1930) at 3:30 at his home in Russellville, Ark. The last rites were conducted at the home by L. L. Riley, and interment was in Oakland cemetery.

Bro. Threlkeld was born in Greenville, S. Car., May 9, 1851, and came to Arkansas at the age of 21. He was married on May 18, 1887 to Miss Margaret Alford of Malvern, Ark. He was a surveyor for the old Little Rock and Fort Smith railroad, and for 34 years had been land agent for the Missouri Pacific lines until his retirement on pension three years ago. He had made his headquarters in Russellville for fifteen years or more and continued to live there after his retirement.

He is survived by his widow, two sons and two daughters. One son, Deane, of Seattle, Wash. was unable to attend the funeral. The other son, Willis, and two daughters, Grace and Della, reside in Russellville.

We were personally acquainted with Bro. V. M. Threlkeld of Russellville, Ark., and know him to be a devoted Christian, very kind and gentle in his ways, being active in the service of the Lord.

His daughter, Grace Threlkeld, in writing us concerning her father, said, “He was always ready to help the needy, he was always seeking to help others to a better country (that is an heavenly one) as well as in a temporal way, he was dear in the home, he was a meek man, he had a reproof for foolishness and believed in keeping busy with the Lord always in mind, doing as unto Him.”

Though our Brother has passed on, yet his deeds of kindness and love will continue to be impressive upon the minds and hearts of those who knew him, therefore his works will not cease with his earthly stay but will live on, and through his faithfulness to

God others will follow him to that bright happy home where the weary are at rest and where there will be no more signs and tears, heart aches and partings.

We implore the blessings of God upon the family that they may so live and honor Christ that they will be an unbroken family in heaven.

 OBITUARY

Sister Maud May Hoxie was born in Cedar Rapids, Iowa April 2, 1874. She departed this life to be with Jesus Aug. 31, 1930 near Whittier, Calif.

In early life she was married to Arthur Gramam and to this union four children were born: Libbie, Olga, Merle and Pearl. All were at her bedside except Libbie when the end came. Later on in 1912 she was married to William Hoxie and one daughter was born to them, Eunice.

Sister Hoxie during her sickness gave her life to God and received forgiveness of her sins. She became reconciled to all the will of God, and many times God did touch her body and encouraged her soul. Her patience during her affliction has been an inspiration to the saints.

Text used was Psa. 116: 15. Funeral was conducted by the writer, assisted by Bro. A. S. Kriebel. She was laid to rest in Little Lake cemetery to await the resurrection morn.
—E. M. Zinn.

 A Fatal Mistake

There is a little tract written entitled, “I Am Not Going To A Christless Grave, Are You?”

Now there are many who will say in answer to that question: “No, I am not going to a Christless grave,” and their reason for thinking so is, that they are “Church members”, have been baptized, confirmed, take the communion, etc. But while these things are all right in their place, they are not the *new birth*, without which we can never enter the Kingdom of God. John 3: 3-7. We may observe all these rites ever so religiously and yet be without *life*. “He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life,” (1 John 5: 12) whatever else he may have.

We meet people on every hand who, to quote from one of the speakers at a recent Convention, “are being cheated and deceived by imagining that because they have been brought into some kind of outward and official relationship with the Church of God, therefore, somehow or other they are all right for

time and eternity." "I am sure," said the speaker, "that there are crowds of people in our churches and chapels who are going down to a Christless grave, because they are fooled by this monstrous doctrine of baptismal regeneration."

The new birth is brought about by receiving Christ by a definite act of faith on our part. Have you received Him? "As many as received Him, to them gave He power (or the right) to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name: which were born, not of blood, nor of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God." John 1: 12, 13.

"As ye have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in Him" Col. 2: 6. When we have experienced the new birth, we not only have Christ in us, but we are in Him, and "if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature (Creation; margin R. V.): old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. And all things are of God" 2 Cor. 5: 17, 18. Has this change taken place in you? It is something radical and practical. Have you been made over new?

What about worldly pleasures: the theatre, the dance, the pictures, and other places frequented by the ungodly? Are you to be found among them (the ungodly) seeking enjoyment? We cannot be in favor with God or please Him, and have any "fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness" Eph. 5: 11. "What fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? . . . Ye are the temple of the living God. . . . Wherefore, come out from among them and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be My sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty." 2 Cor. 6: 14- 18.

This promise will never be fulfilled to us except as we whole-heartedly renounce the things that are sinful and worldly. "Ye cannot serve God and Mammon." Matt 6: 24. "Be not conformed to this world (or age)." Rom. 12: 2. Satan is the god of it. 2 Cor. 4: 4. Shall I conform to that of which Satan is the god? "But be ye transformed." If words have any meaning at all, this word means that our entire being should undergo a complete change.

Now if you are conscious that you have not experienced the things spoken of in this article, will you not begin by repenting of all your sins—turning from them to God—and receiving Christ as your personal, indwelling Saviour? He is waiting to come into your heart if you will but open the door. "Be-

hold, I stand at the door, and knock; if any man hear My voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with Me." Rev. 3: 20. Let Him in today. "Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation." 2 Cor. 6: 2. —E. C. Rimanoczy.

Cushing, Okla., Box 1112, —Dear Bro. Pruitt: Acknowledging receipt of yours of the 8th inst. containing your good tracts, request for booklets, and splendid offering, I hereby express to you my sincere thanks and appreciation of them all. The booklets are being forwarded under separate cover. I certainly appreciate your splendid co-operation in the distribution of these booklets. May the Lord reward you abundantly.

Your notice printed in the August number of Faith and Victory inviting your readers to send for this booklet, "How Do I Look?" has met with a splendid response, and requests for booklets have come to us from California to Newfoundland, and from Louisiana to Dakota, and every request has been met by sending one or more booklets according to requests made and our best ability. Some have accompanied their requests with offerings, for which we are very thankful although lack of time and extra expense have prevented a personal acknowledgement of each one. We are sorry that we are unable to send a personal greeting and answer to every one who has written us so kindly. May God's richest blessings rest upon each one of the readers of your paper and our booklet, and may the Holy Spirit rightly interpret the meaning to each reader. Will you please say to your readers that we still have some of the booklets on hand and are continuing to send them upon request. With reference to the offerings to aid in continuing the publication of "How Do I Look?", we wish to make it clear that no offering is too small to be acceptable, and only a few cents in coin or stamps will help to print another or send one to someone else who needs its message, and will be scarcely noticeable to the donor, yet lightening our financial burden of publishing and distributing.

Surely the world is sick with sin and may God bless and sustain those who carry His message of salvation, and as one such, may your reward be a goodly portion from the Master.

Your Sister in Christ, —Mrs. Elsie F. Connelly

Those whose sins are not covered by the blood of Christ will not have on a wedding garment.

Lifts Along The Road

(Mark 10: 45)

Would you make your life a blessing?
 Help to lighten someone's load:—
 Like the kind, the "Good Samaritan,"
 Give a lift along the road!

Jesus ministered to others—
 Bade us follow where He trode;
 Bade us lay up treasure yonder
 Ere shall end life's short, short road.

Haste, then, selfish ease forgetting,
 And your comfortable abode,
 Gather gems for your new mansion
 Giving lifts along the road!

With a tender hand go rescue
 Precious souls that stray from God:
 Tell poor wanderers Jesus loves them,
 Died to lift from downward road.

Go with messages of comfort:
 Wipe the tears that long have flowed
 While you heeded not—nor pitied:—
 Give a lift along the road!

Just a word of yours may lighten
 Hearts bowed down 'neath unseen load:—
 O give it now! with love's compassion,
 Give a lift along the road!

Just a smile,—a touch that lingers,—
 Just a gentle, heartfelt ode
 Lifting with love's own persuasion,—
 How we need them on the road!

E'en from couch of pain and suffering,
 Lessons learned 'neath sorrow's probe,
 Prayerfully passed on may lighten
 Countless tried hearts on the road.

Reach not, then, for stars above you—
 Missing gems near your abode.
 You will find the choicest jewels
 At your feet—along the road.

Soon beyond recall will vanish
 Opportunities bestowed
 For the gathering of treasures—
 Barren, soon, will be the road.

Soon the mystic veil of evening
 Will enshroud your still abode:—
 Soon you'll hear no voices calling
 For a lift along the road.
 —Annie Lind-Woodworth.

CORRESPONDENCE

Aquashicola, Pa. —Dear Sister: Will again write in answer to your letter a few lines with the greetings of love in our precious Saviour's name. O how wonderful is He. Glory to God. The blood-besprinkled way, the living way, the true way, and the way of the cross is my way. Satan comes to annoy, to bother, to hinder but he cannot stand an exposition of the blood of Christ. A clear-ringing testimony as to the power of that blood, he fears more than the attack of a legion of archangels. He turns pale at every view of Calvary. He cannot stand the flowing wounds; they are the signals of his retreat, and trembles in the presence of the blood-besprinkled Warrior. We are overcomers by the blood of the Lamb. Thank God.

Just now I cannot attend the camp-meetings, but I am always glad to hear the reports. Was pleased to hear that the camp-meetings were so good; hope many found peace in God.

God's Word is the word of life, although some would destroy it, but this would make much trouble and expense, as such a man would have to be a world traveler and millionaire, if he could get them at a dollar a Bible, and go among the head-hunters of Africa, and the cannibals of the South Sea Islands, even into the far interior where the white man never trod, for Bibles are there, brought from some mission station by a half-naked savage, and they often find them worshipping the Book, though they know not the God of the Book, and many not for sale at any price.

Jesus said, "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my word shall not pass away." Even if they do try to rip and tare and chop it to pieces by taking out sentences, lines out of verses, verses out of the chapters, chapters out of the books and books out of the Bible, we still have the grand old Book. Praise God. I am acquainted with such. I saw a Bible that a man preached on or out of made up with just such verses and chapters that he liked. They may hammer away if they must. God's anvil wears the hammers out and the anvil still stands.

In Jeremiah it makes an X-ray of the heart and reveals "That it is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked." It writes man's history, but without an apology; it says, "Behold, they were shapen in

iniquity and in sin did their mother conceive them; they go astray as soon as they be born, speaking lies, they are altogether become filthy; there is none that do good, no, not one. Their throat is an open sepulchre; with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps is under their lips: Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness. Their feet are swift to shed blood, destruction and misery are in their ways. There is no fear of God before their eyes and the ways of peace have they not known, for all have sinned and come short of the glory of God."

Once I read this to a party as we were talking about the Bible. They are peeved today about it. Men hate this Book because it tells them what they are, and does not do any retouching. Their blots, scars, wrinkles, or blurs are not covered; it prints the picture true. It never flatters, never praises, for natural endowments often derides his wisdom; it never apologizes.

But to those who will receive it, it is a Book of mercy, it will give a new heart, a new spirit, and a new life. David heard this message, submitted to the operation, and we can hear him shout, "My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed." Thank God, and so is mine.

—Mrs. W. E. Heller.

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Faith Pub. House: I received your card. I want to tell you how happy I am since I took Jesus for my Savior.

I am a victim of T. B. and have been for two years now. I will just tell you a little about it. We had a nice home here, and last year, Aug. 29, 1929, we gave up our home. I was so sick and coughed all the time, so we went to Phoenix, Ariz. I wasn't living a Christian life and it seemed I got worse all the time; we were there eight months. We thought perhaps Calif. would be better so we went over to Los Angeles and in one week I lost six pounds. We were there just one month, then we came back here. I went right away to a T. B. specialist and he said I had to have rest and they sent me out here to the county hospital, May 12, 1930, and I layed here about a week, and one night I said God healed me when I was a baby and He can heal me now, so I prayed for God to take the heavy feeling off my chest and I prayed up in the night and it seemed like all at once it just lifted right off me and could feel it go. A good Bro. and Sister came and anointed me with oil for healing. I have improved so much since I found Jesus, and I look back now and see that all we gave up and lost for going to Arizona didn't need

to be, for if I would have had Jesus in my heart I wouldn't have went away. I would have known He would have healed me right here. I am so thankful for what He has done for me. I had to be put thro' some awfully hard tests before I would listen to His call. But I know now that Jesus will hear and answer my prayer.

Oh, I get so much enjoyment out of my Bible and papers. That is all I want is just good true religious papers and I know God will heal me. I want you to pray for me and send me any thing that will show me the right way and will help me, for I want to be a true child of God. I will remember you in my prayers.

—Mrs. K. C. Johnson

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To the dear saints scattered abroad: Again I greet you as I feel somewhat impressed to write you and to let you know of my freedom in Christ. Today finds me enjoying the fullness of Christ after being in the Minister's meeting at Tulsa, and in the Boley meeting. Now that I am here thinking about the people of God and His goodness, it takes my mind back to the day when He spoke peace to my soul, when He turned my darkness to light, and put within me a desire to do His will. Many have started, some have fainted and some are still in the race, and some have finished, and by His help and grace I mean to finish the work He has given me to do.

Brethren, whatever we do, let us get the mind of Christ. We read in St. John 21: 3, Simon Peter says, I go fishing; they say unto him, we also go with thee, and we are made to see that they caught nothing. The same thing is happening now with some of us. Dear saints, let us stop following one another, and follow Christ. If Christ is not especially leading you, stay where you are and work for Him, and whatever is right He will pay, for the harvest is truly ripe but the labors are few. Let us be steadfast and unmovable, for the time is coming when every man's work will be tried by fire. Ministers, I do feel like warning you to preach the Word, be instant in season and out of season, for ye are His messengers to warn the righteous that they sin not and the unrighteous to flee from the wrath to come.

I have not been able to find anything here, but sin in its highest form. I will always be glad to hear from all of the dear saints and ministers at all times.

Your Bro. in Christ, —S. E. Smith.

120 Northland Ave., Buffalo, N. Y.

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Alma, Mich. —Dear Sis. Pruitt: A few lines in Christian greeting. Hope this finds you all well and

happy in Jesus. It means much for a soul to be 'kept' these days, but thank God when one gets saved it takes the desire for sin out of our hearts and we no more want to do it. "Our affections are centered above." We then love to read the Bible and other spiritual books. Our example of a holy life is needed in this wicked and ungodly age. Sometimes it seems like we aren't amounting to anything for the Lord, and the enemy would discourage if he could but may we live a sincere Christian life without offence toward God, being filled with the fruits of righteousness and thus glorify our heavenly Father.

By His grace I mean to stay by the Bible way. The way of the cross isn't growing popular these days.

Trust the Lord is supplying, keeping and anointing for service where ever His Spirit leads you.

Your Sister in Jesus, —Hazel Mann.

Anson, Tex. —Dear Editor of "Faith and Victory" and Brother in Christ Jesus: I am writing you because I think I have something good to write.

Last May I gave a young man a tract, "Forty-eight Hours in Hell." He was a man who had never made any profession, and the next time I met him I could tell that he was very much bothered, so I gave him some more tracts about the middle of this month, and also he was baptised then.

I gave the tract, "A Strange Dream" to a lady and she read it in the presence of seven other ladies. The next morning one of them called her over the phone and said she wanted one of those tracts; said she could not sleep last night for thinking about it.

Send me another bunch of those tracts. I will close with love to all in Christ Jesus. —E. O. Wyatt

Candidates For The Mission Field

The daughter of Dr. Arthur T. Pierson, who laid down her life in the missionary work in India, wrote her brother, a prospective missionary, the following weighty counsel:

"I write words for you to ponder and pray over. Do not go to any foreign field until you know beyond a doubt that God Himself sent you to that particular field at that particular time. If you marry any mission field in haste, you will repent at leisure. There is a romance or halo about being a missionary, which disappears when you get on the field, I assure you.

"And, believe me, from the first minute you step upon shipboard upon your way to a foreign field, the devil and all his agents will attack, and entice, and ensnare you, or try to do all these, in order to

defeat the purpose for which you cut loose and launched. Nothing but the fullness of the Holy Spirit will carry any one through; and if you do not know that you have received this, do not fail to obey the command to "tarry until ye be enbued with power from on high."

"Believe me, the foreign field is already full enough of prophets that have run, and He did not send them. Because of this, things are in a bad state in India, in the missions themselves.

"If you know beyond a doubt—and you may—that God is empowering and sending you there and now, go and fear not, and when through days, months and years of suffering that are sure to come in this cross-bearing life, the questions arise again and again, 'Why is this? Am I in God's path?' The rock to which you will hold in this sea of questionings and distresses is, 'God sent me here, I know beyond a doubt, therefore I may go on, fearing nothing, for He is responsible, and He alone.'

"But if you do admit, 'I do not know whether He sent me or not,' you will be thrown into an awful stress of mind by the attacks of the great adversary, not knowing what will be the outcome, and you will find yourself crying out, 'Oh, that it were time to go home! What a fool I was to run ahead of the Lord.'

"Do not think, my brother, that God sends us to the field to sweetly tell the story of Jesus, and that is all. He sends us there to do what Jesus came into the world to do—to bear the cross. (Matt. 16: 24). But we will be able to trudge on, though bowed under the weight of that cross of suffering and even of shame, if our hearts are full of Him, and our eyes are ever looking upon the One who is invisible, *the One who sent us forth* and therefore will carry us through.

"I pray that this message may shake in you all that can be shaken, that that which cannot be shaken may remain on the Rock of Ages." —*The Christian*.

The Church of God

The Church of God is a spiritual institution built by the God of heaven and we can boldly say that it came from heaven. It was prophesied, by Daniel the prophet that the God of heaven was to set up a Kingdom, and it was to stand forever. See Daniel 2: 44. In the Book of Revelations we find written that John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven. Rev. 21: 2. "And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain and

showed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God; (verse 10) new Jerusalem which cometh down out of heaven from God." Rev. 3: 12. Some infer from these texts that a literal city is yet to descend upon the earth which shall be the future home of the saints for one thousand years. These are false ideas for the Word of God no where teaches a millennium, but it contrariwise teaches that "here have we no continuing city." Heb. 13: 14. If all who believe the millennium heresy would read carefully Rev. 21: 9 where the angel tells John that the heavenly Jerusalem is the bride, the Lamb's wife, and also the 12th chapter of Hebrew they should be able to see their mistake. Here in Heb. 12: 22, 23 Paul identifies the "heavenly Jerusalem" with the Church of the first-born, and the general assembly of the saints. The Church is therefore the very city that John saw descending from heaven. Some may not believe the Church is of heavenly origin when they consider that it consists of men and women. To those we would say, it is because Jesus is its foundation, builder, head and door, and the Holy Ghost is its leader, teacher and sanctifier all of whom are from heaven. It is of heavenly origin because all its members are born from above; Jesus founded His Church in unity. The Word saith concerning Her, my Dove, my undefiled is but one. Solomon's Songs 6: 9. In John 17: 17 He prayed for their sanctification which makes all God's people one in Him. When the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place, (Acts 2: 1) and the Lord added to the Church such as should be saved (verse 47). To what Church were they added? To the Church of God. See Acts 20: 28, Col. 1: 18. There is but one body or Church in Christ, for as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office; so we being many are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another. Rom. 12: 4, 5. This Church is also a sanctified and glorious church;—unto the Church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints. (1 Cor. 1: 2). Christ gave Himself for this Church. Husbands love your wives even as Christ also loved the Church, and gave Himself for it, that He might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, that He might present it to Himself a glorious Church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing but that it should be holy and without blemish. Eph. 5: 25-27. God does not add members to any other so-called churches. This is the one that He purchased with His own blood.

—F. M. Fowler.

SEPARATE THYSELF UNTO GOD

At present there is quite a stir among many precious souls who have been, in some degree, following along with the "Trumpet drift." They see the hopelessness of any reform that would get them back into the 'old paths,' and they are looking for fellowship with those who have stood firm for the radical teachings of Bro. D. S. Warner. The worldliness with human arrangements together with adornments and wresting of the scriptures has disgusted and sickened many God-fearing souls and they long to be loose from the whole corrupted thing. Our prayer is that they will make a clean sweep of the whole thing and dump all the rubbish and come clean and clear for God. The "liberty of conscience" doctrine as taught and practiced by many has been a damnable thing to the 'family of God.' The children of God do have a liberty of conscience but not beyond the plain written commands of God. When we are saved from our sins God gives us a heart of flesh (a tender heart). Our conscience is tender toward our Father in heaven, and oh how anxious we are to obey His commands, to keep His word, to please God always: and our heart is kept tender by continuing to obey His word. But when folks begin to ride over His commandments in seemingly small things it tends to harden the heart or sear the conscience, and thus they drift on and on, wresting the scriptures from their clear simple meaning to justify themselves in their folly, bringing swift destruction upon themselves and those who follow and imbibe their false doctrine.

John the Revelator saw an angel come down from heaven and he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, "Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become (not going to be) the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird." Rev. the 18th chapter.

After this voice had been crying he heard another voice from heaven saying, "Come out of her My people, (those that are really God's) and be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues." Rev. 18: 4.

God is calling His people to separate themselves from every human movement which harbors and fosters pride, worldliness, big I's, self-praise and fleshly gratifications, giving power to lord it over God's heritage, that they may be free to be led by His Spirit to carry or aid in carrying the truth to needy souls. He wants His people to be "a city set on a hill that cannot be hid." The truth is light and if we hold

the truth in unrighteousness it cannot shine out to the souls of men. Those who are seeking and longing for cleanness and holiness are looking for those of that type. Natures of like nature will flock together. When the carnal nature is destroyed through faith in the blood of Christ, we are then given the Divine nature, and all those who retain the Divine nature will naturally flock or flow together; they will have love one to another and by this all men will know that we are His disciples.

There never was a time when there were so many slimy, Satanic powers at work as at present. Satan is transformed into an angel of light and his preachers are preachers of righteousness, all claiming to be prophets of God. I was waiting for my car at the street car terminal in Oklahoma City one Sunday morning, and I noticed an old man with gray whiskers sitting on a seat with some mottoes in his lap. I went over and took a seat by him; after speaking to him concerning the mottoes I handed him a Faith and Victory paper and he said, "What do I want of that?" I told him that it taught the truth of the Bible and it would do him good to read it. He said, "I have the Bible up here," (pointing to his head) and as we talked on he said, "You don't believe the Bible." I said, yes, I believed every word in the Bible. He said, "You remember that Jesus says, 'whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die;' do you believe that?" I told him, yes, I believed that, and he just hooted about it and said that "people were dying all around us and I would say that I believed a statement like that." I tried to reason with him and tell him when a man believed in the Lord that he was born of the Spirit and was spiritually alive and would live on spiritually speaking even though this body did dissolve and go back to dust, but it was all darkness to him and yet he declared that he had the Bible in his head. If he would get the truth of the Bible down in his soul by being born of the Spirit, then he could understand and discern spiritual things. He was very zealous of his doctrines and belief of the Bible, and no doubt would get some to believe as he did and thus keep them away from the truth that sets men free. He pulled a book out of his pocket and showed to me which he said the Lord Jesus Christ had written. The devil has books that he makes people believe the Lord wrote or was the author of. The most damaging doctrines in the world today are from those who claim to be Christs or believers in God; thus many are saying, "I am Christ."

Today we were reading after a man who is very

prominent in Christendom as a writer and he was writing concerning the great Image that Daniel saw in a dream and he concluded by saying that the "Stone that was cut out without hand that smote the image and smashed it to pieces" represented Christ when He would come from heaven and destroy the earthly kingdoms and set up His kingdom on earth. The poor man did not have discernment enough to know that the "Stone cut out without hands" represented Jesus who was born of the virgin Mary, conceived by the Holy Ghost, given of God and fulfilled the preaching of John the Baptist who taught the people that the "Kingdom of Heaven is at hand." Matt. 3: 2. After Jesus was tempted in the wilderness He came forth with conquering power and began to preach and say, "Repent, for the Kingdom of heaven is at hand." Matt. 4: 17. When He sent forth the disciples He commanded them to preach, saying, "The Kingdom of heaven is at hand." Jesus set up His kingdom in the hearts of men that believed on Him; it was a kingdom of peace, righteousness and joy in the Holy Ghost. Rom. 14: 17. Those who are truly born of the Spirit are in His Kingdom; they are reigning with Him in this life. We notice that Daniel saw in his vision that the feet and toes were part of potter's clay and part of iron. The legs and feet which were of iron and clay represented the Roman kingdom which was in great power when Christ came on the scene. The potter's clay in the feet represented those who believed in Christ, forsook all to follow Him, become as clay in His hand to mold and fit them in His kingdom which was set up on the day of Pentecost when the mighty strength of His kingdom was manifested through the power of the Holy Ghost, and it begin to grow and increase and the Roman empire was soon reduced to only a nation among nations and never since that time has any literal kingdom so fully ruled the world as these four kingdoms did preceding the setting up of the Kingdom of heaven. Jesus said, "That there be some standing here which shall not taste of death, till they have seen the Kingdom of God come with power." Mark 9: 1. Some of them saw it on the day of Pentecost. The Pharisees demanded of Him when the kingdom of God should come (they were looking for a literal kingdom as many are today). Jesus replied, "The Kingdom of God cometh not with observation: Neither shall they say, Lo here, or lo there, for behold the Kingdom of God is within you." You may read this in the 17th chapter of Luke.

Children of God, seed of Abraham, do not listen to those who have something for you to join or some

false doctrine for you to believe; just abide in Christ wherein He has made you free and reign with Him over the powers of wickedness in this world, keep crucified to fleshly, worldly ambitions. Those who are washed in the blood of the Lamb are not in a "New Movement" for they are in the "movement" which Christ established when he began to set up His kingdom in the hearts of men who believed on Him. He gave them eternal life and they are in a Kingdom that shall never be destroyed. The inspired writer of the Hebrew letter in the twelfth chapter refers to this Kingdom and says, "Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and Godly fear."

May God inspire every one today,
For union now to look and pray;
And to adopt God's blessed law,
And cease to build with wood and straw.

Oh, may the wise and noble ones
Join in the work that's begun;
Oh, may it catch on every pen,
And trace the isles from end to end.

Oh, through the main land let it run,
And give the truth to every kin and tongue,
And turn each foe or fiend into a friend,
And into holy oneness, God's children blend.
—Fred Pruitt.

"Unspotted From The World"

(James 1: 27).

This is the Word of God, and let us respect it and honor it as the Word of God.

"Ye must be born again;" to be born again is to be born of the Spirit. Praise the Lord. We are to walk in newness of life; ye cannot serve God and mammon. Are we living a new life or just putting on a profession? If just a profession, we will act, dress, and go to entertainments just as we did before. If we are born again, we are living a new life, into which we are led by the Holy Spirit. The leadings of the flesh and the leadings of the Holy Spirit are contrary one to the other. (Gal. 5: 17).

Now in the beginning of this last reformation the people, when they got saved, took off the ruffles, tucks and laces, the bustles off their back, rats and bangs from their heads—dressed the hair plain—ear rings, finger rings and breast pins all came off, flow-

ers and plumes from the sisters' hats. Oh how willing they were to measure to the Word of God, so as to be 'unspotted from the world.' The brethren laid off the necktie. So it is today; the Word will never change or pass away. Mal. 3: 6. "I am the Lord, I change not."

Now Brothers and Sisters, if the Word changes not and the Lord changes not, where can we find any right to change the least bit in our living or dressing? WE CAN NOT. Dear sisters, let us make our dress skirts full enough and wear skirts enough under our dresses and not expose our form to the public, as the worldly minded does. Let us keep 'unspotted from the world.' You cannot serve God and mammon. We cannot walk with God and the world too. If we are saved we will keep unspotted from the world, and rise higher on the wings of faith. Praise God forever.

Jesus wants us to live humble; heaven is a holy place, and O how humble and holy we must live to enter those beautiful pearly gates in the City of the living God, there to see our blessed Jesus face to face, and to behold His glory and sing His praise through an endless eternity as the ages roll on and on— all because we keep unspotted from the world and manifested Him here. —Laura Richard.

Warning

This old wicked world is a world of despair:
Our young growing up all anew,
Disobeying to do God's own holy will;
Some old ones are doing so too.

When God comes to judge he will judge all aright,
Then they'll lose all such pleasure and fame.
Say, what will he do when he comes to judge you?
Will He cast you in torment and shame?

"O," you say, "I'm alright; why, I go to church,
And to my friends, why, I'm no disgrace."
But how would you girls ever face Jesus Christ
With powder and rouge on your face?

And if God would call you to do Mary's deed,
Why, you would be in great despair;
For how would you wipe the feet of the Lord
With your short and shingled bobbed hair?

Now this is a warning, I pray you please take,
From God to you through me is given;
For I wonder, how can a painted up girl
With her glory cut off, get to heaven?
(2 Kings 9: 30, 1 Cor. 11: 14, 15) —Mary E. Clark,

A Bobbed Age

The time in which we are living might well be called "The bobbed Age." We have bobbed hair, bobbed skirts, bobbed sleeves. We have a bobbed church and a bobbed Bible. The Bible has been bobbed or shorn of its meaning and the church has been shorn of her spiritual power. We used to think that where the Bible says that "women adorn themselves in modest apparel" (1 Tim. 2: 9) that it meant that Christian women should dress modestly but, judging from appearances, people no longer believe the Bible on this point. Such teaching is out of date. Still we hear a great deal about their belief in the old time religion.

For nineteen hundred years Christian people have believed the Bible taught that women should have long hair and the poet has written of woman's long hair as her "Crowning glory" and none questioned that long hair for women is Scriptural. They believed this because the Bible teaches it in 1 Cor. 11: 14- 15. Now, it seems, people have found Bible teaching to be at fault on this point, and it is all right for Christian women, even minister's wives and daughters, Sunday school teachers and all to cut off their hair. Long hair is NOT a glory to her as the Bible says it is, but a thing to be despised and to be rid of and Christian women of America are spending a million dollars a year to rid themselves of the very thing the Bible says is a glory to them.

When so many people are deliberately ignoring the teachings of His Word, is it any wonder there is a spiritual famine over the land?

Still folks wonder why we cannot have genuine revivals where the presence and power of God are felt and seen. The Lord has not promised to bless His people when they disregard His Word and deliberately sin. Listen to His Word:

"The Lord's hand is not shortened that it cannot save; neither is His ear heavy that it cannot hear; but your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid His face from you that He WILL NOT HEAR" Isa. 59: 1-2.

"If my people which are called by my name shall humble themselves and pray, and seek my face, and TURN FROM THEIR WICKED WAYS; then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin, and heal their land." 2 Chron. 7: 14.

"The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous and His ears are open unto their prayers; but the face

of the Lord is against them that do evil. 1 Peter 3: 12.

"He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayers are an abomination." Prov. 28.

—A. R. Funderburk.

"The Spider And The Fly"

A middle aged man, possibly a traveling salesman, was sitting in a railroad coach seemingly occupied with his account book and papers.

A girl or married woman, seemingly yet in her teens, came in taking a seat at an angle across the aisle. The man paid no attention to the newcomer. She was undressed in the height of fashion, seemingly determined to get the man's attention. She arose several times and finally he took notice, got up, lit a cigarette after stepping outside between the smoker car and the one he had just left, took a few puffs of his cigarette, came back to his seat. He seemed to be quite interested in the "spider" by this time. He took another cigarette, stepped outside again, threw his cigarette away shortly after lighting it and sat down again. At the next station they both left the coach.

No doubt another home broken up, I thought. Some more innocent children sent to the orphans' home. Some more broken hearts, etc. Before the hair-bob and terrible indecency in dress was as prominent as it is now, it was customary to chaperone the girls among the better class of people, so-called, but now it seems it were better to chaperone the poor boys and men of all ages. It were better for them to be blind and go to heaven than to have both eyes and go to hell. —Prov. 5: 5.

Repent, make wrongs right as much as possible. We all, whether we believe it or not, will have to account for our conduct, and why disregard the law of the CREATOR when it is good for the soul and body?

There is power in the blood of Jesus to overcome, not only sin, but bad habits as well.

His grace is sufficient to make us overcomers and prepare us for the soon coming of the Lord.

How foolish from just a human standpoint to take the name of the Lord in vain. People who claim to not believe in GOD will take His name in vain. How inconsistent! God says, and He means what He says; you will find it in the 20th chapter of Exodus. "The Lord will not hold him guiltless who taketh HIS name in vain."

A well-to-do farmer who evidently had no con-

cern about his or his family's spiritual welfare used the name of GOD fearfully in vain. One evening after coming home from town one of the hired men heard him blaspheme, then all was still. His voice was taken from him, also the use of his hands inso-much that he could not write. He was considered wealthy but he died in the poorhouse friendless. "God is not mocked; whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." He had been a good neighbor, honest in his dealings but "The Lord shall not hold him guiltless that taketh HIS name in vain."

From a hygiene standpoint, as well as from a spiritual, a cigarette fiend and one indulging in strong drink will have less resisting power the older he gets and the result will be eternal remorse.

JESUS has the power to cleanse and help you overcome every temptation. Dear mothers and girls, please, for your own sake, and your influence sake, dress to please your best Friend who is JESUS. 1 Tim. 2: 9, Peter 3: 3. Not with gold or pearls or costly array, dress as you would wish to be dressed when JESUS comes. He loved you so much as to be nailed to the cross for you. John 3: 16. You yet have the power of choice. Repent. Lay everything of a questionable nature aside, instead of crying for the rocks to cover you when He comes again. Heaven or hell awaits us. I want to meet you all in heaven.

—Marie Pauline Sass.

SINGLENES OF HEART

It is said of the early Christians that they ate their meat with gladness and singleness of heart. (See Acts 2: 46). Paul says that servants should obey their masters with singleness of heart, fearing God. (See Eph. 6: 5, Col. 3: 22). What is it to have singleness of heart? It is an experience we all should have and which each must have that they might live a holy life. We have a book on our desk which is supposed, and no doubt is, the writing of a young man who lived in the days of Paul and who heard Paul preach a very great deal. No doubt but that Paul used the term, "singleness of heart" much in his preaching. It seems to have made a great effect upon this young man's mind. By quoting to you what he has to say about "singleness" and "singleness of heart" you can understand better what is meant by the term. He says, "Keep therefore, my children, the law of God, and get singleness of heart." Again he says, "Know ye therefore, my children, that in the last times your sons will forsake singleness of heart." Again he exhorts to "walk in the singleness of your

fathers." Then, as the apostle Paul explains the nature of love in 1 Cor. 13, so this young writer gives us a brief definition of singleness of heart. He begins with an exhortation, "And now hearken unto me, my children, and walk in singleness of your heart." Then he adds, "For I have seen in it all that is pleasing to the Lord." It is something that is beautiful unto God and for this reason our life should be crowned with it.

"The single hearted man coveteth not gold." The man who loves money is not single hearted. This simply means our mind and affections must not be set on any earthly thing.

"He over-reacheth not his neighbor." By this he means that no one should defraud his neighbor in any wise. He must not cause his neighbor any loss. Whatever loss he occasions his neighbor he is under obligation to make up to his neighbor.

"He longeth not after many dainties." This refers more especially to his eating. He who is desirous of dainty dishes and highly spiced foods and rich foods to please an appetite does not enjoy this singleness of heart.

"He delighteth not in varied apparel." He does not find pleasure in gay clothing. He dresses in modest apparel.

"He doth not desire to live a long life, but only waiteth the will of God." Those who love life merely for life's sake have not that fear of God and love for Him that is enjoyed by those who have singleness of heart. To have singleness of heart is to not be attached to any earthly thing, not even to our physical life. He that loveth his life shall lose it, and if you desire to live a year longer just for life's sake you have not lost your life.

He looketh not on the beauty of woman, lest he should pollute his mind with corruption." His heart is pure.

"There is no envy in his thoughts. The spirits of deceit has no power against him. No malicious person maketh his soul to pine away. He does not worry with any insatiable desire in his mind, for he walketh in the singleness of his soul. He beholdeth all things in uprightness of heart. He closes his eyes from seeing the evils of the world lest he should see the perversion of the commandments of the Lord."

Thus this young writer who wrote about the year 64 A. D. says what it is to have singleness of heart. We will do well to give his words careful study. While they are not found in our Bible, yet they are in full harmony with the Bible teaching.

— C. E. Orr.