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PEACE IN JESUS

Oh, where is the peace and good will to men
Of which the Angels told?
It is only found in the hearts of a few
As it was in the days of old.
There are so few who will give their all
For that wonderful, beautiful Pearl;
For by reveling in sin and pleasures of life,
They are caught in its madning whirl.

For hatred and lust and the greed for gain
They will take the life of another,
When Jesus has taught to love and be kind
And supply the need of our brother.
For as much as you do it unto one of these
And be sure that it's done in love,
'Tis the same as if done to the Lord himself,
And reward shall come from above.

But, oh the millions of men today
That are covetous, greedy for gain!
They show no mercy to others, and God
Will show no mercy to them.
For we reap what we sow—an abundance of grain
We shall reap in that last great day.
Whether good or bad God has left it to us,
And the harvest will be our pay.

If we selfishly sow to the wind in life,
The whirlwind will be our reward;
But seeds of kindness without malice or strife
Will be "Holiness unto the Lord."
Then while the strife rages around us here,
Let us walk the same path Jesus trod,
That worldlings may know by the life that we live,
We are sons and daughters of God.

—Rebecca Basicker.

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HEALING OF THE NATIONS

The Apostle John, on Patmos, in symbolic imagery, saw the Holy City of God and its resplendent

beauty and glory, with the river of water of life clear as crystal freely flowing out of the throne of God. Rev. 22:1, 2. On the banks of this river John saw the Tree of Life whose leaves were for the healing of the nations.

What will stop all this unrest or agitation of nations and its greed and hate of its fellow-creatures? What will bring peace to the warring nations, and a lasting peace and perfect confidence with one another? It is an unanswerable question at present as to what will be done at the end of this present mighty struggle to insure a new and better order of government to prevent, if possible, any future wars, distress and misery.

At the end of the first World War 22 years ago multitudes were sadly deceived into believing that the League of Nations would settle that great problem, but it was not the remedy to be applied.

When certain political conditions in this country indicated the coming of the Civil War, Albert Sidney Johnson, the Confederate leader who was killed at the battle of Shiloh, Tenn. said, "In my humble judgment, this is not the remedy." Being a religious man with an understanding of the Word of God, he felt that man must be a reasonable creature submissive to the law of God to be able to settle his problems in a peaceable way.

Matthew 5, 6, and 7; Christ's sermon on the Mount, is a remedy or answer to the great question of how can wars, hate, greed, and selfishness be purged from the earth. If mankind would only let God apply a poultice of the leaves of the tree of life to the sinful heart and heal it of every ill of mortal life! Thus the leaves are a symbol of the Word of God and its power to destroy the evil nature in mankind, thus healing everyone who will be willing to pay the price by meeting Bible conditions of salvation.

Dear unsaved one, are you sin-sick and weary of your present unsettled life and desire a more satisfying, contented and peaceable way of living?

To the professor of Christianity: Do you lack definite real faith in God? and not sure you are saved, but guess at it? Do you live in a sense of

fear, doubt and uncertainty of the future and what it will be to you on that great day of the Lord? Does your experience lack that joy, peace and happiness or ease of mind and conscience that genuine heart-felt salvation surely brings to the redeemed soul? Do you take pleasure in reading comic strips, or listen to ungodly people crack jokes or indulge in smutty, foolish talking and neighborhood scandal or gossip (spiritual filthiness, 2 Cor. 7:1) and thus sanction such? If so, then you certainly do need a good poultice of the leaves of the Tree of Life applied to your unregenerated heart to heal you of such.

—John H. Griffith

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GOING HOME

A small child left his Father's house in the early morning when the air was fresh and cool. The dew lay on the grass and flowers with its heavenly purity as the child wandered along the paths of earthly glory. He felt strong and vigorous, and as he went on his way stopped now and then to pluck the beautiful flowers and place them in his bosom or the band of his hat. The sun rose higher and the dew soon vanished in the air.

The boy gathered some pretty stones and pebbles and admired their brightness as he filled his pockets. Soon the sun was at its height and the boy was beginning to be tired and weary as he came to a small spring of cool water. He sat down and ate a lunch he had brought and rested. He then fell asleep but soon awoke feeling stiff and tired from his long walk up the hill, and he noticed the sun was beginning to lower. He looked at the flowers and saw they were faded from the heat of the sun, so he threw them away and started to retrace his steps to his Father's house. As he journeyed homeward the rocks and pebbles became a load and he gradually threw them away one by one as he had lost interest in them. Soon the shades of night drew near and he was very close to home. He noticed his lunch was gone and he alone, tired and weary, but unburdened from all care and thoughts as he entered through the gates of home and into the arms of a loving Father. Is not that a picture of a Christian going through life and coming to the end of his journey, tired, worn, and weary, but rejoicing that soon he shall enter through the gates of life and into the arms of his heavenly Father?

So we shall journey through life gathering and planning, planning for the future and gathering the beautiful things of earth only to find that they change, fade away, and become burdensome, and as we have listened to the voice of Jesus who said, "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden," we come to the end of the journey here. We have found that after all it was only a few years of prepar-

ation, and then we shall enter through the gates of glory into our dear Father's home FOREVER and FOREVER.

—R. A. Danskin.

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Do you grieve that the Saviour's baby-head
Was placed on the cold, rough hay?

Then make of your heart a warm, soft bed
For His rest this Christmas Day.

Do you wish that you could have stood by Him
When He in mockery was tried?

Then stand for His truth this Christmas
When others set it aside. —G. A. R.

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GOD VALUES YOUR SOUL

If man should gain the whole world and lose his soul, what would it profit him? This is a question that every man, woman, boy, and girl should ask themselves. When we consider and understand that our life here is only a short span of years at the most, we should make preparations to live on with God after this earthly life is over.

In reading God's sacred word, we find that there is only one way by which any soul can obtain eternal life with God, and that is through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. The apostle Peter says in Acts 4:12, "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." God values your soul very highly and through the giving of his Son to be reviled, defamed, cursed and put to shame and contempt, slaughtered in crucifixion, He has paid an immense price for your soul.

It is written of him by the Prophet Isaiah, in the fifty-third chapter, "He is despised and rejected of men: a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised and we esteemed him not. Surely, he has borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities (not for his iniquities): the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with his stripes we are healed." The immense suffering and humiliation that the Saviour underwent was not for any wrong that he had done, for he "did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth."

God, our Father, saw us in sin, lost and without any hope, and the penalty attached to sin was death and destruction, misery, damnation and eternal burning. It is written, "For God so loved the world (sinners) that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever (that means you, me or anybody else) believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life." John 3:16.

We generally measure the value of a thing by what we are willing to pay for it, so we see that

God placed an immense value on our souls for he was willing that his only begotten Son should suffer the awful outrage of wicked and sinful men and be exposed to the ghastly treatment and bear the reality and severe pains of one being crucified, the just suffering for the guilty. The penalty of our sins was eternal death. In order for us to be granted eternal life, the debt of our sins had to be met, had to be paid. It took the blood of an innocent man to pay that debt. Jesus was the only innocent man to be found, for all others had sinned and come short of the glory of God.

John wept when he saw us all in sin and no one was found to open the book and loose the seals thereof. Surely, it was a serious thing and something that should cause great weeping. John was soon comforted, for an elder said, "Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof." Read Rev. the fifth chapter.

When Jesus Christ, the Son of God suffered, bled, and died upon the cross, he opened the book of life to every soul, and all who will believe can be freed from sin and death and have eternal life. The precious, innocent blood of the Lamb of God is the immense price that God, who loved you, has paid for your soul; and that Blood, if believed in and received as an atonement for sin will make the "vil-est sinner clean" and innocent.

When the precious Son of God was dying upon the cross, the Father looked down upon the scene from heaven and saw the innocent blood of his dear Son flowing freely. Finally, the anguish, pain and suffering ceased, and it was finished. The Father was satisfied with the sacrifice that he had made for our sins, and the death sentence was canceled to all that will believe and receive his blood as an atonement for their sins.

If a sinner will become sorry and repent, ask forgiveness for sins committed and accept the blood sacrifice, which Jesus offered for their sins, become satisfied with the atonement made, with which the Father is satisfied; it will put them and God together, for their sins will all be covered by the innocent blood of the Lamb. Then they have peace with God through the sacrifice made by the Lord Jesus Christ.

If souls could realize the extreme suffering and abuse that Jesus, an innocent man, underwent to purchase their salvation, they would have to be hard hearted indeed to reject such a Saviour and turn from their only hope of eternal life.

To give you some idea of what it means to be crucified, I shall quote from Farrar's "Life of Christ."

"It was unanimously considered the most horrible form of death. Among the Romans, the degradation was also a part of the infliction, and the punishment if applied to free men was only used in

the case of the vilest criminals. The one to be crucified was stripped naked of all his clothes, and then followed the most awful moment of all. He was laid down upon the implement of torture. His arms were stretched along the cross-beams, and at the center of the open palms the point of a huge iron nail was placed, which by the blow of a mallet, was driven home into the wood. Then through either foot separately, or possibly through both feet together, as they were placed one over the other, another huge nail tore its way through the quivering flesh. Whether the sufferer was also bound to the cross we do not know; but to prevent the hands and feet being torn away by the weight of the body, which could not 'rest upon nothing but four great wounds,' there was, about the center of the cross, a wooden projection strong enough to support, at least a human body, which soon became a weight of agony. Then the "accursed tree" with its living human burden was slowly heaved up and the end fixed firmly in a hole in the ground.

"The feet were but a little raised above the earth. The victim was in full reach of every hand that might choose to strike. A death by crucifixion seems to include all that pain and death can have of the horrible and ghastly—Dizziness, cramp, thirst, starvation, sleeplessness, traumatic fever, tetanus, publicity of shame, long continuance of torment, horror of anticipation, mortification of untended wounds, all intensified just up to the point at which they can be endured at all, but all stopping just short of the point which would give to the sufferer the relief of unconsciousness. The unnatural position made every movement painful; the lacerated veins and crushed tendons throbbed with incessant anguish; the wounds inflamed by exposure, gradually gangrened; the arteries, especially of the head and stomach, became swollen and oppressed with surcharged blood; and, while each variety of misery went on gradually increasing, there was added to them the intolerable pang of a burning thirst. Such was the death to which Christ was doomed."

My dear sinner friend, this is a description of the humiliation and intense suffering that Jesus went through with because he loved your soul and wanted you freed from sin and have eternal life. Jesus is a friend of the sinner. What more could you ask a friend to do to prove to you that he loved you? God valued your soul so highly that he gave his Son as a price for your soul, and Jesus loved you so much that he willingly suffered for your redemption. God is not sending souls to hell, but has made a way for you to escape that awful place, and now, he begs you to plead guilty of sin and ask forgiveness and accept the Blood as an atonement, and have peace with God through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Choose life, for eternal life is in the blood.

—Fred Pruitt.

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“Work on, work on, nor doubt, nor fear.
From age to age this voice shall cheer:
Whate'er may die or be forgot,
Work done for God, it dieth NOT.”

Editorials

How fast this year has gone by! Here it is almost Christmas time again. Time is certainly carrying us on very fast to the great Judgment Day when all mankind will be summoned before the Judge of the whole earth and there to give an account of all the deeds done in the body.

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We appreciate very much the interest the readers have taken in getting the “Three Months Subscriptions.” Some of the workers here in the office have been very busy, also extra help, in writing the names and addresses which have come in for this offer. We shall be able by this cooperation to reach several thousand more souls with the gospel during the three winter months. We are going to pray and ask you to be agreed with us that this effort will be the means of many precious souls getting saved.

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We are conducting a revival meeting six miles out in the country at the time of this writing. Our office force is very busy in the “Lord's Print Shop” through the day and go out to work in the meeting at night. There are five of us that work steady in the printing shop and when I am away in meetings the others in the shop have extra work to do. It is hardly advisable for wife and me both to leave the office work at the same time and since I am called away in meetings quite frequently, it falls upon her to remain and care for the work. Even while I am here she does much of the correspondence and much other office work. While I was away this fall and Bro. Hyrum Ray and wife were in Tenn., wife and our daughter Frances had everything to see to pertaining to the “Lord's Print Shop.” Bro. Hyrum Ray and his wife Geneva are precious saints and are God-sent help in the printing work. We appreciate their services very much and I am sure that God is pleased for them to be here in the “Lord's Print Shop.” The Lord is in need of another worker in His print shop—a young man who has at least a High School education, to work in the press room and learn to operate the Intertype machine. We are expecting God to call some one to this work.

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We have been praying to God for some time about two folding machines which were badly needed in His work. He has recently answered our prayers, and the “Job Folder” has already been purchased and is installed. It is a new machine from the Russell E. Baum Folding Machine Co. of Philadelphia, Pa. The machine is doing splendid work and we are all very much pleased with it. The paper and book Folder has not been purchased yet because we have not found just what we want, but expect to find the right machine in a few weeks.

We have always believed and do yet believe the words of the Bible which reads, “For every beast of

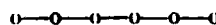
the field is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills." Psa. 50:10. Our Father is rich and can and will supply the needs of his work and workers without us becoming involved in debt to carry on his work. We can truthfully say that the Faith Pub. House has not and is not creating debts, for we serve God who has an abundance of everything at his command, and when His "Print Shop" is in need, we tell it to Him who supplies means to purchase the needed paper, machines, help, and all other things that pertain to his "Gospel Work."

We have no ambitions to be some one great in the eyes of the people or to spread ourselves beyond His leadings to make a fair show in the flesh, but are content to be as nothing that God may be glorified in all that is done. Paul said in Gal. 2:20, "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh, I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me." The burning and consuming desire of my heart is to be crucified with Christ all the time, that it will be no longer I, but He.

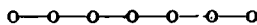
Pray for us, brethren, that we continue on in his lowly and humble ways that we may not be found of him having our righteousness, but the righteousness of God which is by Faith in Him: that we may know Him and the power of His resurrection.



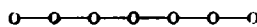
Sister A. C. Krause, who has been living here in Guthrie for several months, enjoying the meetings and the association of the saints, has gone to Tampa, Florida where she expects to spend the winter. A letter from her says it is rather lonesome there, for she misses the saints. She was much loved by all the saints here and they will welcome her return.



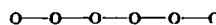
Fro. and Sister Key of Hammond, La. have been conducting a revival meeting at Anthony, Kans. and will soon be returning to Hammond to make preparations for their Assembly Meeting, which begins the 28th of Nov.



Fro. George Stephenson, who has been helping the saints build the addition to the meeting house here at Guthrie and also helped in the meeting at Anthony, Kans. has left for Madisonville, Tenn. where he will be engaged in a meeting and may remain there to pastor and help the saints at that place.



We have just received word from Sister Annie Wiley. They have started a meeting at Natchitoches, La. She reports that the interest is good and they are expecting good results with souls saved in the meeting.



It seems to me that the worldly minded people have the most ungodly styles for dress of any age

that ever existed among people that are classed as civilized. It looks like the devil is succeeding in getting the women to go without clothing. They walk our streets and sit even in meeting houses dressed (undressed) like the harlots dressed forty years ago. At that time they were kept off the streets and herded into what was called, "Red Light Districts." It seems like the modesty and shame which was modesty in women has disappeared. Many mothers cut their dresses off at the knees or higher, cross their legs before men without any shame and suck on a poison cigarette. What can you expect of children raised up under such an environment?

Mothers are letting their girls grow up with but little clothing on them, and some of these mothers make a profession of following Christ, and some even claim to be saints. Mother's, do you not know that by dressing them in dresses that are too short (even far above the knees) and leaving limbs bare, you are killing their modesty and shame, and aiding them to become a prey to lustful, vulgar men? Many girls in their teens and much older are wearing such short dresses that when they sit down they become indecent and vulgar to even moral men and women, not to mention Christians. Do not the mothers know that such scanty clothing on their little girls is bringing the frowns of God and the grins of the devil? The girls will become so accustomed to being bare that they will grow up having no sense of modesty and decency and will become "play-girls" for the opposite sex.

We have just been reading in one of our large daily papers of what great problems the officers are having trying to keep girls from swarming around where the soldiers are camped. The police vice squad chief said, "Prostitutes rate second as health threat", and, "Young girls scarcely well along in their teens are principal agents." Mothers, this is the type of girls that are being produced when you leave your little girls go with bare legs, and what not. I say, shame on a mother that claims to be a follower of the meek and lowly Lamb of God and let their girls go in the unclean and vulgar styles of the world.

With all the multitudes in our America making a profession of Christ, this country is ripening fast for destruction and eternal ruin. Gambling, drunkenness, cigarettes, stealing, murdering, adultery, unsacredness of marriage vows, together with many other ungoverned fleshly lusts is bringing damnation and ruin on nearly the whole nation. God's sacred word says, "The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God." The nations have forgotten God while they make a profession of being followers of the Lord. Oh, that the fathers and mothers of our land could be awakened and repent, turn from a profession and become possessors of Christ!

GOOD CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

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Order early to avoid congested mails.

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Tracts will be sent to any address in the U. S. at the rate of ¼ lb., 10 cents; ½ lb., 20 cents; 1 lb., 35 cents; 3 lbs., \$1.00 postage paid. These tracts will be sent free to those unable to pay. The printing work is principally kept up by free-will offerings by consecrated readers. We send out more tracts free than those that are paid for. Free sample packages are continually going out in every direction. We are very anxious to get the gospel to every soul we possibly can. Please assist us in this as He leads.

The Silent Preacher

I preach some weighty sermons,
But utter not a word;
And tell folks things worth hearing
Although I can't be heard.

Born of a love for mortals,
I help those in distress
To find the loving Jesus,
Who gives the weary rest.

I go into the prisons
Where captives sadly mope,
And for eternal freedom
I tell them how to hope.

Unto the sick I hasten
With a prescription sure;
Tell where the poor and needy
Great riches can secure.

'Tis strange but true: my message
Doth comfort, bless, and cheer;
Yet oft the truths I herald
Make sinners quake and fear.

Yes, many miles I travel—
And sometimes I'm sent back.

I go where you cant enter,
For I am A GOSPEL TRACT.

—Geneva Ray.

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Obituaries

Jerold Lea Hilbun, son of Bro. and Sister Everett Hilbun of Kentwood, La. was born Nov. 26, 1938, and departed this life Oct. 29, 1941, age 2 years 11 months, and 3 days.

Beside his parents, he leaves to mourn his passing away, one brother E. W. Hilbun, Jr., his grandmother, Sister Tishie Lea, a grandfather, S. N. Hilbun, several aunts and uncles, and a host of friends which he made in his short life here upon this earth. His suffering was great, but in answer to prayer he was relieved again and again; yet the Lord in His wisdom saw fit to take him home.

He was such a sweet, lovable child, yet he belonged to the Lord and the young parents were entirely surrendered to the will of God, and were an example of the believers in standing true and faithful, and trusting the Lord all the way.

Funeral services were conducted by Sister Katherine Simpson, text used 2 Sam. 12:22-23, and Job 1:21.

He was laid to rest in the Pine Grove Cemetery near the saint's chapel.

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Loran Evans, age 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Evans of Peebles, Ohio, passed away Oct. 14, 1941 at Schinman Hospital, Portsmouth, Ohio where he had been a patient for the past five weeks. Death was attributed to cancer of the liver. The youth was born Aug. 16, 1924 at Peebles. He attended the schools of that community and was a Junior at Peebles High School. Surviving are his parents and three brothers, Herman, Aaron, and Cornelius.

Three days before death Loran gave his heart to God, gave up all medicine and everything that would be contrary to the will of God, and lived a sweet life in the hospital until death, where there were many tears shed to see his experience of salvation and trust in Jesus. We know the prayers of the saints were answered; for he didn't seem to suffer and the fever was rebuked in answer to prayer. His temperature was normal until death. But God was calling him. We can't understand but his ways are best and he does all things for our good and to his glory.

The funeral service was conducted at the funeral home at Peebles, Ohio with Bro. J. H. Strong of Chillicothe, Ohio officiating.

—His mother, Iva Evans.

Dear Loran, we will miss you,
And no more your face we'll see;
But we are sure that you are resting
From your suffering body free.

Sweetly rest from all your labors,
Far from every grief and pain;
We will often talk about you,
While we here on earth remain.

And may the loved ones left behind
Let not this precious thought grow dim,
That though no more he can come here,
If faithful, we may go to him.

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Sister Annie Lewis was born in Birmingham, Ala. Jan. 3, 1862 and departed this life at the home of her daughter, Sister Odella Kingsberry in Akron, Ohio, Oct. 18, 1941, age 79 years. She was married to Lewis Wilcox, to which union was born five daughters, her husband and two daughters preceding her in death. She was brought up in the Baptist faith and lived faithful to its teachings until the truth was brought to her by her daughter, Sister Elizabeth Hudson, which she accepted and lived faithful unto death. Nothing could satisfy her better than to be in the service of our God. She bore her affliction with much patience and was always telling us that she was ready and just waiting for the Lord. Many times it seemed that God would stay the hand of death in answer to prayer when it seemed so near.

She leaves to mourn her passing three daughters, Sister Kingsberry of Akron, Ohio, Sister Alberta Henderson, of Akron, and Sister Elizabeth Hudson of Kansas City, Kans.

Funeral by the writer and assisted by Bro. C. E. Smith. Text: Psalm 116:5. The body was laid to rest in Mount Peace Cemetery.

Asleep in Jesus, oh how sweet
The scenes of closing day
Where holy angels come to greet
And bear thy soul away.

With grace divine and perfect love
Thy pilgrim days were blest;
But sweeter far thy joys above
And more serene thy rest.

Thy prayers and tears have gone before;
Thy work will follow on,
And gather gems for evermore
To glitter in thy crown.

May we who know and love thee here
With angels bright ascend
Thy blessed rest to share
When mortal life shall end.

—H. S. Chaney.

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Assembly Meeting Notices

The Assembly Meeting for the state of California will be in Los Angeles, Calif. on the corner of Walnut and Neoma Sts. Commencing Christmas night, to continue ten days. Everybody welcome. Able ministers will be present to expound the Word. This meeting is for the saving of souls, healing of the sick, and the unifying of the true children of God. Meals will be served in the Annex, and rooms can be obtained in the neighborhood.

—G. E. Harmon.

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The Church of God Assembly Meeting will be held at Guthrie, Okla. on the corner of 6th and W. Warner Sts., beginning on Wed. night, December 24th and closing Jan. 4, 1942.

We are expecting the Lord to give us the usual good meeting in which souls will get saved, believers sanctified, bodies healed, and the saints edified, unified, and built up in God and built together. Able ministers will be present to preach the word. We are expecting many ministers from this state and other states to be present to expound the doctrines of the Bible and to feed our souls on the bread of life.

This is a state meeting and saints all over the state ought to feel the burden and help with their prayers, means, and presence. Those that have food or money to send to the meeting may send it to Faith Pub. House or bring it to the dining hall one block north of the chapel.

The saints here at Guthrie have built a 16-foot addition to the meeting house, so the building will now accommodate many more people. Also a new floor furnace has been installed. All are invited to attend this meeting whether in the state or out of the state. Those needing help in soul or body should not fail to attend this meeting.

The meeting will be run on the free-will offering plan. Meals will be served in the dining hall. The saints will do their best to find sleeping places for all who come. Every one who can should bring their own pillows and comforts. Come, one and all.

—Committee.

Meeting Reports

Allegan, Mich.—Dear Brother Pruitt: We are having wonderful meetings in our home. There are about 15 to 20 people out every week. The Lord surely is blessing. There are quite a few of them who see the church. Two Pentecostal preachers also see the true Church of God now. They also see the danger of sectism and both have come out of the Pentecostal Victory Evangelistic Association. They have returned their workers papers and have forsaken the thing entirely. Our home is hardly large enough to hold all of us, so we are praying that the Lord will help us buy or rent a building so the Lord's work can be carried on better. Pray that the Lord may have his way with us at all times. I believe the Lord wants us to spend full time in his work, for his harvest truly is ripe and the laborers are few. Souls are going into eternity on all sides of us. Oh! what are we going to answer when we stand before the judgment bar of God and all these souls in eternity, lost because we never told them of Jesus and his church. We need more faith to step out into His work full time for there are quite a few saved people in sectism who wish to talk and study together, as they have some light on the true church and wish to have more. But if I work, I am not able to get around to see them. There are some in neighboring towns who belong to the Gospel Trumpet. They do not understand a few things and are warned to stay away by their false shepherd, so I should go and see them. They had some of your tracts and say it is all truth. Pray for us to go forth stronger than ever before, to fight sin till we see Jesus in the clouds.

Gerrit and Florence Joostbuns.

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The Reform, Ala. meeting held from Oct. 19 to 30 was a glorious meeting. The gospel was preached simple, full and free. Many souls believed and said it was just plain Bible teaching. Saints were made to feel free and praised God. Brother D. S. Richardson and wife of Hoffman, Okla. came to us and preached the gospel that made the devil tremble. Also on Oct. 25 Elder L. L. Jackson from Okmulgee, Okla. came and preached several nights and days. We feel that these ministers are men of God, and are thankful that God sent them to us to preach the Word and to pray for the sick.

Pray for us, a faithful few.

W. Y. Glass.

National Campground Report

Some improvements have been made on the National campground at Monark Springs, Mo. since the campmeeting. A new wire fence has been put up, but have not been able as yet to obtain native lumber for the gates. Rock has been hauled onto the grounds and the ditch dug in preparation for laying the foundation for the proposed new dining hall to be built there.

Bro. Kurtz of Kentucky is now living in a cabin on the grounds, as a caretaker. He is happy for the privilege to be in meetings with the saints at Neosho.

Bro. Strech writes that the acre of ground adjoining the camp ground which we wanted to purchase is not for sale at present. He also states: "We did think to get the dining hall under construction this winter, but as costs have advanced, it will be doubtful unless the Lord would be pleased to have more finance provided." We will handle your campground business with our best judgment."

To those who desire information on having shade trees planted on their lots, he writes that the native elms will cost 75 cents each set out, and recommends this variety to be the best for shade. For other kind of trees the price would be 25 cents each for planting beside the cost of tree. All who want trees set out should write as soon as convenient to Bro. John Strech, Box 281, Neosho, Mo. The time to plant them is from now until late winter.

Nearly two-thirds of the promises of funds to build the dining hall have been received, but under present economic conditions it is not advisable to start such a large project without several hundred dollars on hand. We are confident that if it is the Lord's will for the building to be ready for use next summer that He will provide the way for it to be done. The trustees are anxious to do everything possible for the benefit and success of the National campmeeting. —L. D. Pruitt, National Secretary.

Healed of a BLACK WIDOW SPIDER BITE

Sumter, S. C.—I want to testify to the glory of God. On a Saturday afternoon about 2:00 p. m. Nov. 1st I was bitten by a Black Widow spider, and in just a little while I was in awful agony with pain and aches from my feet to my heart. They came near going to my head but the dear Lord did not allow them to, praise His dear name. My wife and myself began to call on the Lord. My pains and aches were awful, but we continued to trust in the Lord. We sent for my daughter, and about night or a little after night had her to send a Telegram to Brother Fred Pruitt at Guthrie, Okla. and requested him and the saints there to pray for my healing. Two gentlemen came in that night, read some of the Word of God and prayed for me. I got some relief but still I suffered much all night, but the next day (Sun.) was able to eat dinner. The Lord rebuked the poison, which it is said, is worse than a Rattle Snake bite, and after letting me suffer a few more hours he healed me fully of the bite and its effects. To the Lord be all the honor,

praise, and glory, Amen. Praise His holy name!

Your brother in the Lord for the spread of the truth in the true Bible standard way,
Ashford Newell

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Dear Brothers and Sisters: I feel the Lord has laid it on my heart to write this letter concerning the needs of the dear Glass sisters. Many of you are acquainted with them, but as some are not I will tell you something about them and their needs. There are five of them in the family and three of them are cripples, unable to work. The other two sisters work and do all they can to help make a living but they are not strong in body. So the burden on them is heavy. I felt that there may be some who would be willing to help these dear ones. We know they would be very thankful for any help. God will bless every one who remembers the poor and needy. While many of his children are poor in this world's goods, yet if we have the right use of our bodies, we have so much to be thankful for. So let us all look to the Lord and ask Him what he would have us do, and remember these dear ones this Christmas. Their names are, Lottie, Lily, Myrtle, Ellen, and Elizabeth Glass, address, Star Route, Freemont, Mo.

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Clifty, Ark.—Dear Sis. Pruitt. Greetings in His dear name. I write to tell you the Lord has heard our united prayers. My back is entirely healed, has not hurt for several days. Praise His name. They have been taking me to meeting some. Anna Fiant.

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My beloved sister in one body. May God bless and keep you and all the dear saints in the faith once delivered to the saints. My toe is well. Praise God! He healed it and I didn't even see a doctor. Jesus is all the doctor we need. Keep me on your prayer list.
Sister B. M. Montress

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Charlottesville, Va.—Dear Saints: I am glad I can say I am still saved and trusting in God for His many blessings for He has blessed me in many different ways. I was a miserable nervous soul when I found the Lord, and I am glad to say that He has kept me well in body ever since. Praise His dear name! My heart's desire is to serve Him until the end which I do believe is just a short way off, according to his precious Word. Oh, how I do long to be with the children of God. It makes my heart ache to think there were so many dear saints here at one time and now I am the only one. I desire all the dear saints to pray for me and my unsaved family, and I also would love for them to write to me. With the help of God, I hold prayer service at the city jail once a week and I ask you dear people to pray for these meetings and that souls may cry out, "What must I do to be saved?" May God stir the hearts of people and show them before too late. I desire with all my heart to see others enjoying this wonderful salvation.

May the Lord bless you all is my earnest prayer.

Your sister in Christ,
Mr. J. J. Sprouse

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Port Arthur, Tex.—Dear Bro. and Sis. Pruitt: Greetings in Jesus' name. The Lord is my Shepherd I shall not want. Praise His name. The Lord will do his part if we do ours. By his grace I expect to do mine. I want to live better and closer to Him every day. He has rebuked the slight cold and kept me well. Praise His dear name. May the Lord bless you and the workers in the Lord's print shop. Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Lee Henry

◆ « Young People's Section » ◆

PRAYER

There is an eye that never sleeps
 Beneath the wing of night:
 There is an ear that never shuts
 When sink the beams of light.
 There is an arm that never tires
 When earthly strength gives way:
 There is a love that never fails
 When earthly loves decay.
 And there's a power which man can wield
 When mortal aid is vain:
 That eye, that arm, that love to reach,
 That listening ear to gain.
 That power is prayer; it soars to Him
 Who sits upon the throne.
 And moves the hand which moves the world,
 To help and save His own.

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Editorials

In a world torn by wars and untold suffering and destruction, we can still look with steadfast faith to the "good tidings of great joy" which was announced to the humble shepherds as they kept watch over their flocks by night on those Judaeen hills more than 1900 years ago. Clearly rings this message: "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:11. The word "Saviour" is truly a source of "great joy" to one who realizes his wretched condition lost in sin. And to the world of mankind, though a stranger to peace, the multitude of the heavenly host still proclaims, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." Luke 2:14.

The "star of Bethlehem" still shines—undimmed by the darkness of sin and deception. It still leads the honest seeker to the Savior—the Source of all light.

For Christ to be our Savior, He had to take our place and pay the penalty of death that was pronounced against us. And remember that every transgression of God's law increased the load and suffering that He underwent for us. A man dreamed he saw Jesus tied to a whipping-post, and a soldier was scourging Him. He saw the whip in the soldier's hand with its thick lashes studded here and there with bits of lead which were intended to cut into the flesh. As the soldier brought the whip down on the bare shoulders of Jesus, the dreamer shuddered when he saw the marks and blood-stains it

left behind. And when the soldier raised his hand to strike again, the dreamer rushed forward intending to stop him. As he did so the soldier turned around and the dreamer recognized—himself. We often think how cruel those men must have been who scourged and crucified Jesus. But remember that whenever we do wrong, we, too, cause the heart of Jesus to bleed with sorrow and pain.

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Today there are many dividing lines among people—some are rich and some are poor, some are young and some are old, some are learned and some are ignorant—but when the great ocean of eternity shall break upon these sands of time all these lines will be forever washed away. But there is one line that will never be erased, and that is the line that divides those that serve God from those that serve Him not. Are you on God's side? Do you want to be? Christ is the way, the truth, and the life.

—L. D. P.

A SUNRISE

What is more beautiful and inspiring than a sunrise? As the sun rises, it sheds radiant light upon the cold and dark earth, and the darkened sky becomes illuminated with a brilliant light. It reveals rare and hidden beauties that otherwise would never be seen. Truly, "The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament showeth his handiwork."

As the sun starts on its long journey, it brings forth another day. A day that is filled with opportunities, success and happiness, or sorrow, heart-aches, and grief. Some that have witnessed the dawning of another day will never again be here to witness it again. A sunrise brings forth just one day, but how much can happen in that day! Therefore, let us put on the whole armour of God and conquer every foe, for very shortly our days will be at an end, we will have witnessed our last sunrise, and our work on earth will be done.

The beautiful sunrise also typifies the soul of man, as he gropes in sin and darkness and at last accepts Christ, which fills his soul with light and understanding of God's word, "for the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes." Hidden beauties and talents are revealed as he yields himself to God's will, and the dross is gradually purged out. Not only does salvation illuminate his individual being, but it helps him to live so that others can see Christ in his life and are led to Christ.

Each day takes us further from the cradle and nearer the grave, and each one is nearer eternity

than ever before. So how careful and Christ-like we should live, for "the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up." Then when our life-work is done and life's evening sun is set, we shall dwell in the mansion above where Christ is the light, if we continue faithful until the end.

—Ruby Ellen Doolittle.

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Neosho, Mo.—Greetings to all the young saints:

This finds me encouraged and determined to press onward. In this day of deception where the enemy is working day and night to trap souls, it behooves us to watch and pray without ceasing that we might not fall prey to his clever tactics. Draw nigh to God and he will draw nigh to us. "Pray without ceasing." That means to have a prayerful heart at all times and how often many of us pray twice a day and between times? Our lives are choked up with the cares of life and we fail to pray about our work. Oh! may God stir our hearts to pray more than ever before.

Dear saints, the time is coming when we will not have the opportunity to pray as we have now. The way things are taking place in this old time world, if the Lord doesn't come before hand we are going to have to suffer as people are in other countries. How it grieves our hearts to see people who claim to be saved stay away from meeting when they have the opportunity to go to meeting. The time is coming when we shall not have the opportunity to all gather together and worship in spirit and truth, but instead will have to stay at home behind closed doors with God to comfort. We know war is coming here the same as in other countries and it will tear this old country up. Then is when it will take grace to stand, for God alone knows how we shall be separated. When we hear from the saints or can worship with them, they help to encourage us and we can stand against the enemy, but if we are separated and could not hear from them and are suffering for food, raiment, and sick, we must be strong in faith and grace to be able to keep victory.

I just feel that we haven't gone through any trials at all compared to what we are going to see in the near future if this earthly war keeps on. May God lift us up and make us able to bear that which is going to come to us.

Oh, how blessed it is to serve a true and living God, one that is a present help in every time of need. He has healed our little girls so many times and just recently he healed both of them so wonderfully. In times past I am sorry to say I have failed God, but that is forgiven and I intend to stand firm and trust Him in the future. Oh, that we might be able to stir the young people into thinking of their souls and where they will spend eternity. Young people have hardened their hearts so much that we seldom hear of a soul being saved. We know time is short when we fail to see souls get saved under Spirit filled ministers. Every time I hear an unfamiliar noise, I think of the Lord breaking through the clouds to claim his own. How we shall rejoice; but, oh! how sad for those who are unprepared.

Pray for husband and me that we may remain faithful unto death. Let us all have a prayerful heart at all times. For in an hour when you think not the Son of man shall come. Keep sober, watchful, and prayerful.

—Minnie Mae Terry.

"Watch . . . Be Ye Also Ready"

Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come . . . Therefore be ye also ready" Matt. 24:42, 44.

The Lord has sent us a rain this morning so I am sitting beneath the shelter of the porch, waiting for the postman. I want to stop him when he delivers the mail to our box as I have a letter to be registered. He usually comes by in his car betw 10:30 and 11:00. I began to watch before that because he might come early and I do not want miss him. I have other letters to be mailed and just now examined them to be sure that each one was properly addressed. I found two that were not addressed. I was quite sure that matter had been attended to earlier, but, no, it had not. Now everything is in readiness. I won't have to tarry when the postman comes. He must have been delayed, for it is getting late, but I'm still watching for him. I know he is coming and I do not want to miss him.

"Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come. . . . Therefore be ye also ready." Those words weigh heavy upon my heart this morning. Yes, I know the postman is coming this morning. I don't know the exact time, but I'm watching and waiting for him. We know the Lord is coming. The angel told the disciples in Acts 1:11 that he would come in like manner as he went away and according to the signs prophesied in the Bible, it is not far away. Several days ago some children missed the school bus because they were not ready and watching. One was ready but was not watching. The other two were not ready. Even though their mother had warned them shortly before to be ready and watching, they missed the bus. They had felt perfectly safe and were not alarmed. Although it was not their intentions to miss the bus, they did not hurry to get ready and thought they had plenty of time. Nevertheless, the bus came and found them unprepared. "Watch therefore . . . be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh." Are you ready and watching?

"Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith, prove your own selves" (2 Cor. 13:5). I was quite sure that every letter was ready to go but after examining them I found that I was mistaken. Let us each one examine ourselves. Let us each one ask ourselves solemnly, "If the Lord should come today, or if he should call for me today, am I ready? Is the Lord satisfied with my life? Am I living up to all the light that he has shined on my pathway?" Titus 2:11 says, "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared unto all men, teaching us that denying ungodliness and worldly lusts we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world: looking for that blessed hope and glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus

Christ." If we are living up to all that we know and understand we will be looking forward to his appearing.

In Luke 12, the rich man was so engrossed in building greater barns for his goods that he had not thought of his Lord's coming. But God said unto him, "Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee." The five foolish virgins went to sleep feeling perfectly safe, I suppose. When the Bridegroom came, they had no oil in their lamps. How sad are the words that they heard when they knocked on the closed door, "Verily, I say unto you, I know you not." Belshazzar probably had not thought of eternity as he feasted and drank wine from the vessels which belonged to the temple. The hand appeared and wrote his doom, "Thou art weighed in the balances and art found wanting." Let us each one ask the question, if the Lord should come for me today, would I, like Belshazzar, be found wanting?

Then we see the picture of Stephen the martyr who "looked up steadfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God, and said, Behold, I see the heavens opened." He was ready. In 2nd Tim. 4, Paul knew that his end was near. His testimony was, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course. I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing." Are we living in such a way that we are waiting for him, and love his appearing?

"Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come . . . Therefore be ye also ready."

—F. F.

CORRESPONDENCE

Greetings in Jesus' dear name: I am happy to tell you that I am still saved and love the Lord with all my heart and love all of God's people. I desire to live for the Lord at any cost. The Lord has been my healer for thirty years. I am so glad I can trust him for both body and soul, bless his great name. I am sending in a list of names.

Will the saints all please pray earnestly for my friend Gussy Clark who has been sick for about six years, that the Lord will save her soul and heal her. Pray for the Lord to heal my son who is in the state hospital.

Your blood-washed sister, L. P. Hamilton.

Washington, D. C.—Dear Brother Pruitt: Greetings in the precious name of Jesus that delivered me and washed me in his own blood. I have thought of you several times since I met with you at Hammond, La. I have enjoyed good health since I saw you and have been blessed above measure. To the Lord I give all the praise. My trip south and back home was very pleasant. It was blessed to see some faces that I had known years ago, and to meet new faces that gave me real happiness and pleasure. You are one of the new. I'm glad I met the saints at Hammond, La. I believe that the Lord has some true people there. I hope to be able to attend the National Camp Meeting of Missouri next year.

Now may the dear Lord bless and keep you true to Him is my prayer. Pray much for me.

Sincerely yours in Christ Jesus, Thomas Shumate

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Richwood, W. Va.—Dear Bro. Pruitt and co-laborers and readers of Faith and Victory, Greetings in Jesus' dear name. May the Lord bless and encourage you all in his service is our prayer. I had so many letters from the saints and have been so busy in the Lord's work that it has been impossible for me to answer all. Therefore, you may each take this as a personal letter to you. When I returned home from the Monark Springs and Union City, Ind. camp meetings (which I enjoyed immensely and truly considered them the best meetings excepting one I ever attended. That was five years before the compromise in 1907) I found the saints carrying on for the Lord in good fashion with good courage; also found a letter with money order for expenses, for me to come to Pocahontas, Va., to conduct a revival. When Wife and I arrived there we found Bro. Claud Powell, a young preacher so much discouraged with what he had to go against there that he was very much crippled in his endeavors there. The Pentecostal people (so-called) had so carried on till he was actually afraid of them. We had to go against that heresy with all the God-given energy we had, but thank God we came out victorious and this brother was delivered and others helped. We solicit your earnest prayers for them.

Then we went to Richmond, Va., where Sister Laura Powell labors. We carried on a meeting there two weeks. Sister Powell's son and son-in-law were saved and others under deep conviction, but would not yield. Pray much for sister Powell and the work there and at Newport News under her care.

From there we went by Plymouth, N. C. where a number of saints from Richwood, W. Va. went with the paper mill that left Richwood, and had one precious service with them. They wanted us to stay for a few meetings but as we were to start a meeting in Winston-Salem, N. C. Sunday we had to hasten on. We feel there is need for some one to go there to help in the work there. Pray for them and that the Lord send whom he wants there. We spent two Sundays with the saints at Winston-Salem, where Bro. Lemons attends. He is a dear good man; also, Bro. Adams and their families. We left our trailer there with the intention of returning about the 1st of Dec. to spend the winter in the south, Lord willing. Pray that we be led of the Lord.

On our way home we stopped with Bro. Eugene Vanoy and his congregation at Reddies River, N. C. two nights and enjoyed our stay immensely. I love these people dearly. They invited us to stop on our way south for some meetings. Pray God to lead Bro. Vanoy in all his affairs.

When we returned home, we found Richwood in a turmoil. Two of the factories have been on a strike for a month and still not settled. It affects the whole town. Pray God to protect his own, and pray for us that we keep in the center of God's will at all times. We have been in good health over a month now, thank God.

Your brother,

George Peek

Plainview, Tex.—Dear Sister Pruitt and the Faith and Victory family, I hope all of you are well. We are well excepting for colds. We are away out here on the plains where it is so cold we can hardly keep warm.

I am writing for the paper to be changed for I can hardly get along without it. It is all the church I'll have until I get where the saints are again. It seems like I'm going to a real good meeting when I get it, and I can hardly turn it loose till I read it all. It encourages me

so much to hear from all the dear saints. Thank God for such a Spirit filled paper. I am here in a very needy place for good papers, and if you have some of the back numbers, please send me some. I want to be busy for I know what we do we must do while we are here. I feel so indebted to the Lord. May God bless every one of you at the office and supply your needs. Much love to all,
Sister M. J. Melot.

Iager, W. Va.—Dear Bro. Pruitt and all saints of God every where. I want to testify in behalf of myself and my wife. We are still holding fast our profession and are rooted and grounded in the Lord. We desire the prayers of the saints that we will be witnesses for our Saviour and hold up the blood-washed banner and tell others about our Saviour and His power to save. We have accepted Him as our refuge in time of need when clouds of sorrow hang heavy. We go to Jesus when we are sick in body.

Dear sinners, won't you go by the way of Calvary and accept Jesus Christ as your Savior? We only pass this way one time. This same Jesus that died on the cruel cross of Calvary arose the third day, ascended up to and is in heaven sitting on the right hand of God interceding to God for man. This blessed Saviour is coming again after His Bride, the true church of God. Dear ones, won't you repent, put away the old man and take on the new? Be cleansed in the blood of the Lamb and have a white robe of righteousness so you can go meet the Bridegroom when He comes? You must be born into his church. May the Holy Spirit be with you as you read this little message. A. L. Bright.

Gosport, Ind.—Dear friends, Received your letter some time ago and have not written but have been praying and God has been hearing and answering prayer. I know my sins have been forgiven and I am a child of God. I thank and praise Him for the hope he has given me and I appreciate your prayers for I could feel the pull and help they gave. There is no one around close that I could even ask advice of, but the Holy Ghost is ever near to instruct, lead and guide us. In answer to prayer for light he caused me to open my Bible at scriptures, opened my understanding, and I saw them as never before. It is wonderful. And a friend sold me the little booklet "The More Abundant Life," and God used that to help and encourage me. I appreciate your sending me the Faith and Victory. I get so much good and help by reading it. I read, and study it all. It is a blessing to me. Now please continue to pray for me. God alone knows the battle and the place and circumstances where I stand. His promises are steadfast and sure and I believe He will see me through. I am looking forward to a better country. May God richly bless you and supply your every need. Am sending you a dollar to pay for my subscription to Faith and Victory, the rest to be used as you feel led. But if you have no special need or leadings I'd prefer to send the gospel to prisoners.
Mrs. Geo. Swafford.

Orland, Calif.—Dear Saints and all who may read this: I am still saved and my trust is in my dear Lord for all things. I have proved Him this summer and found Him a present help in time of trouble.

I will tell one thing to show you of His mighty power. On the third day of July my son, Lloyd and daughter Beverly June and I were going to my sister's-in-law. We were struck by a laundry truck in the rear of the car, knocked across the road, the corner of an irrigation ditch, and into a blackberry thicket. Some didn't see how we got out as well as we did. Beverly's

head was cut (It took seven stitches to close the gash), and my spine and right knee were hurt. I didn't think I was hurt much but by night I could not turn in bed. I would have to move my head with my hands. When trust was in the Lord so I wrote for prayer and time Lord answered. Then one day I was taking care of the cows. One started to run and hurt me over. I continued to go down in health, but my trust was still in the Lord. I knew he would not fail me. One day I received no letter from Bro. Darius Gibson and wife saying they would be by to see me, so it was a time of rejoicing. While they were here they prayed and I got better, but still I didn't seem to be completely healed. I still was decided to trust the Lord; but sometimes we wonder why the victory don't come sooner. It may be the Lord wants to test our faith. I had made up my mind that if it was for me to still suffer, I would. One day the Lord showed me that more of the saints were coming my way. I didn't know who it was, but one day I received a card from Bro. Pruitt, who was then in Kansas with Bro. and Sister O. B. Wilson, Bro. Stubblefield, and Bro. McMakin. He said they would stop by to see me. That was just like heaven to me and I, counted the days until they arrived on the night of Oct. 4th. I was still very nervous and suffering with my spine. My unsaved husband said, "Now is the time for you to get help while the saints are here." I obeyed the Lord, was anointed and prayed for and the Lord wonderfully healed me. I surely do thank him for it and also thank the dear saints one and all for their prayers. It pays to trust the Lord.

I have been feasting on the good things that Bro. Darius Gibson and wife said while they were here, also the other saints. The Lord has blessed us this summer by sending the saints through Orland. I will say that you who have a chance to be in meetings do not know how it is to be isolated. I have been praying for the Lord to send some one here if it be His will for us to still live in California. If not let us go where we can be in meeting. If there was ever a place that needed a church of God, it is here at Orland, Calif. There are plenty of churches for this small town, but not the right kind. If there ever were a time when the saints ought to live close to the Lord, it is now! My heart is sad to see how the world is going at present. It is sad to think that many are claiming to be followers of the Lord who don't live up to it. It means much to live for the Lord in these last days. We must live as the Bible tells us to or it won't do us any good when we come to the end. So all the saints pray that I will live at all times to please the Lord. Alpha Daniels.

Prison, San Quentin, Calif.—Dear Mr. Pruitt: I was told you were in California, and thought this would be a good time to write you as you may be able to come up and see me.

You may wonder why I am in prison and writing you. I am here on no fault of mine. I am seventeen years old and have been in prison since I was fifteen. I was sentenced to life imprisonment from San Jose, Calif.; but as God is my witness I am innocent of any crime.

I receive your paper every month which I enjoy very much. I also see where there is another person here that writes you as you sometimes publish his letters in the paper. I do not know him very well, but was introduced to him once, and we talked over the paper and our acquaintance in the Lord.

Since I have been here I have not wasted my time as so many men do when they enter prison. The warden, who is one of the best men I know, let me go to school ever since I entered this prison. He feels like so many

other people, that prison is no place for young people. I am the youngest prisoner here and another boy is several weeks older than myself, but he has only been here a short time and the Governor commuted his sentence. He will go out in a short time. That will leave me without anyone my own age to talk with. Most of the men here are older by quite a few years than I am, and it will be a great loss to lose him.

I go to church once in awhile, but not regular. I know that is something I shouldn't do, but I expect to start going more regular soon. We do not have a church here. We hold our meetings in the library, which is very small and inadequate. There are many different faiths here, but they are all held in the same place at different times.

I do hope you will write me, or even better, while you are on the coast, come and see me, for it will be sometime I guess, before you are on the coast again. May God bless you. Sincerely yours, Robert Mandell.

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Garrett, Ind.—Dear Brother Pruitt and family, May the Lord bless and help you in your many duties in His service is my prayer. We received the welcome letter Sister Pruitt wrote while Brother Pruitt was out spreading the gospel. We would like to have been in some of your good meetings. We get so hungry to hear some one preach the gospel. About all a person hears and reads in the papers is about war or people getting killed in automobile accidents. If a person could only have a few God-fearing people to talk to it would be encouraging. There are some that don't want to hear the plain truth. May God help us to do his commandments and keep filled with His Spirit. We are surely living in an awful age. Some of the denominations that were God-fearing and had some of His Spirit have lost it. I often wonder how much more God can stand. I am going to send in a list of names to send the paper to. I pray that God will help me to send it to the right ones.

We would like to see you all. Remember us in your prayers. Your brother Scott C. Baker.

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Eleanor Taylor Hospital, Kansas City, Kans.—Bro. Fred Pruitt: Greetings in Jesus' dear name. This finds me feeling good in my soul and body. I thank you very much for praying for me. Praise God for healing my body. He is a wonderful God that we serve.

After I prayed and prayed and read your wonderful book on healing, then it seemed that the disease went out of my body and I was healed. Then I claimed healing, and, praise His dear name, I am healed.

Then the doctors came along and gave me 15 minutes time to set up, soon another 15 minutes. After repeating this a few times they gave me 15 minute walks, and now I am up one hour. Oh, I am so glad I cannot stop praising the Lord for His wonderful goodness in restoring my body back to health again. Soon I hope to go home, back to Fort Scott, Kans. to my children and dear ones. That will be a glorious day, after being away for six years.

I am so glad I found the right way. I read my Bible and pray to the one true God, and I pray for God to bless and to save and heal others who are out in this world's darkness, wandering from place to place and from church to church trying to find the right church and the one and only true church, trying to satisfy their hearts' desire.

My desire if the Lord wills is to come down there and help in the Lord's work when my body is strong enough to stand it and able to be up all day. Pray with me for strength and perfect health to abide with me

forever. Pray for me that I will alway continue one and only true way in the Lord Jesus Christ.

I have the one book on healing read through and think it is a wonderful book. I praise God for having chance to read this book and thank you for sending the books. I have started to read the other book.

May God's richest blessings abide with you folk now and forever. In His service, Pearl Saunstaire.

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Stahl, Mo.—Dear Bro. Pruitt and family, Greetings in Jesus' dear name. I am enclosing the twenty names and addresses, also a poem the Lord inspired me to write some time ago. You may use it for His glory as he directs by his Spirit.

I wrote to you for prayer the latter part of Aug. and I just want to tell you the Lord surely did answer. How it pays to serve Jesus! If precious souls could only realize, they surely would come into his fold without delay.

Pray for me when you think of me. I want my life to tell each day for Him. I do want Jesus to shine through me that others may be blest and brought to him.

May the Lord richly bless you each one is my prayer. Sincerely, Sylvia E. Shoop.

THE WANDERING SHEEP

Thy sheep, dear Father
Were safe in the fold,
But some have wandered away.
Out on the hillsides barren and cold
They're drifting alone today.

We know, dear Father,
Thou lovest them still;
For them thou art calling today.
Thou art searching and pleading with out-
stretched arms.

Oh, wanderer, come while ye may.

We pray, dear Father,
That some how Thy love
Will reach them ere it's too late;
And bring them back to the fold again,
Back through the open gate.

Jesus says in Matt. 7: 13, 14: "Enter ye in at the strait gate, for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leadeth to destruction and many there be which go in thereat. Because strait is the gate and narrow is the way which leadeth unto life; and few there be that find it."
—Sylvia E. Shoop.

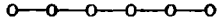
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Hutchinson, Kans.—Dear Bro. Pruitt: May God's blessings ever be with you is my prayer, amen. I am glad to tell you that the Lord is graciously blessing me in many ways. I truly praise the Lord for salvation and his great love. Surely the Lord is good to those that serve him. I had a dream night before last. It seemed that God was showing me some things in my dream and making them clear to my understanding.

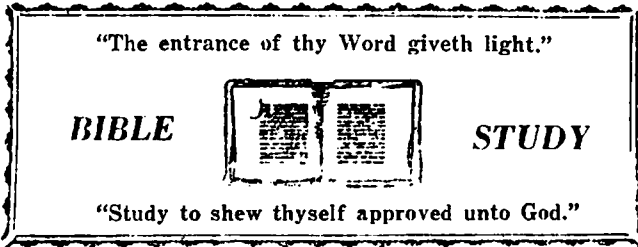
I saw people very much disturbed and upheavels arising among them. I saw the nations being shaken up and a general unrest among the people. Many were shifting from one location to another, seeking security but not finding any peace or comfort. I dreamed of the industrial center strikes and I was told that the Lord was about to come again, that the stage was being set for the Lord to make his appearance. I was reminded that the Prophets, Christ, and the Apostles foretold these things as signs of Christ's second coming and the end of the world. It seemed so real that it awakened me from my sleep, and I have been pondering over these things.

...ve that God wants us all to realize that the time short. Oh, the wonderous goodness and love of God his servants. May the Lord encourage the saints everywhere and help all of his dear children to watch and be ready at all times for his coming, for we know not how soon the Lord will come for his redeemed and chosen people.

-I solicit your prayers. L. D. Foster.



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THE NATURE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

Sunday, December 7, 1941

Daily Readings and Meditations

December 1 to 6.

- M. The church winning souls Acts 2:41-47.
- T. The church training men Eph. 4:11-16.
- W. Christ's church Matt. 16:13-20.
- T. The body of Christ Eph. 1:15-23.
- F. The minister of the church Acts 20:26-35.
- S. Members of the church 1 Cor. 12:12-27.

Printed PortionActs 2:41-47; Eph. 4:11-16.

Acts 2:41. Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.

42. And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

43. And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles.

44. And all that believed were together, and had all things common;

45. And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need.

46. And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart.

47. Praising God, and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

Eph. 4:11. And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

12. For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

13. Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

14. That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

15. But speaking; the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:

16. From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

Golden Text: "Christ loved the church, and gave himself for it." Eph. 5:25.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

In connection with this lesson on the church, it is good to read and discuss other scriptures on the subject besides those in the printed portion. Some good ones are: Matt. 16:13-20; 18:15-20; Acts 8:1; 9:31; 1 Cor. 7:17; 12:4-31; Gal. 1:13, 21-24; Eph. 1:15-23; 4:1-16; 5:25-27.

The word "church" is applied to the whole company of Christ's followers, and includes those who have been faithful unto death and have passed from this life.

Much could be, and has been, written about the nature of the church—by nature, we mean those qualities and attributes which make it what it is as distinct from anything else—but God's people have all been born into it, hence have a deeper understanding of it than can be put into print, and those who are not God's people could not fully understand it until they are born into it, so we shall not now go into a lengthy discussion of it. The more we understand about the nature of Jesus, the greater will be our understanding of the nature of the church which he built, died for, governs, counsels, and nourishes; for the church is his spiritual body. God inhabits it through his spirit.

It is important to know about the work of the church as well as its nature. So many claim to belong to the Lord and claim to know him but in works they deny him. Many deceived people today are joining what they think is the oldest church, thinking it is surely the one that Jesus built. But the one he built continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine (Their doctrine was repentance toward God, faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as the one who came to save his people FROM their sins, and perfect obedience to the Word of God.), and fellowship (the fellowship with God and his people through the indwelling Holy Spirit), breaking of bread (observing the ordinances of the New Testament), and prayers (the effectual fervent prayer of faith which avails much and brings definite answers from God). His church bears good tidings to a needy people: forgiveness and freedom for the captive bound in his prison house of sin, the gift of the Holy Ghost for believers, and healing of the body.

Dear one, if you have not yet found the body of people who teach and practice what the apostles' taught and practised, you have not yet found the church that Jesus built.

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP
Sunday, December 14, 1941.

Daily Readings and Meditations
 December 8 to 13.

- M. The grace of stewardship 2 Cor. 8:1-9.
 T. A spiritual enrichment 2 Cor. 9: 6-15.
 W. Principles of stewardship 1 Cor. 4:1-7.
 T. Stewardship a trust Matt. 25:14-30.
 F. Stewardship and philanthropy Matt. 25:31-40.
 S. True riches Luke 16:9-13.

Printed Portion2 Cor. 8:1-9; 9:6, 7.

2 Cor. 8:1. Moreover, brethren, we do you to wit of the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia;

2. How that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality.

3. For to their power, I bear record, yea, and beyond their power they were willing of themselves;

4. Praying us with much intreaty that we would receive the gift, and take upon us the fellowship of the ministering to the saints.

5. And this they did, not as we hoped, but first gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of God.

6. Inasmuch that we desired Titus, that as he had begun, so he would also finish in you the same grace also.

7. Therefore, as ye abound in every thing, in faith, and utterance, and knowledge, and in all diligence, and in your love to us, see that ye abound in this grace also.

8. I speak not by commandment, but by occasion of the forwardness of others, and to prove the sincerity of your love.

9. For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.

9:6. But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.

7. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity; for God loveth a cheerful giver.

Golden Text: "It is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful." 1 Cor. 4:2.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Paul calls giving a grace, and urged the Corinthian brethren to abound in it even as they did in faith, love, knowledge, etc. We have heard some say, "I have given until it hurts." If there is pain or regret connected with your giving it could not be classed as a grace in which you are abounding. Surely it would be a love for the material things of this world that would prompt such a statement and attitude, and God's word says, "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him."

In Paul's description of the liberality of the Macedonian church we don't see any hint that they were hurt by giving. The cause for their liberality was that they had first given themselves to God, and then they were glad to give and rejoiced for the opportunity of helping others, even depriving themselves. It was this same kind of giving that Jesus commended the widow who gave the two mites for. Though we have no record of the future state of these two examples, yet we are confident that God did not let them starve. Since we are personally acquainted with God's dealings with his children, we feel safe in saying that he prospered them more after they had given their all than he did be-

fore, for then he knew he could trust them with

We often hear ministers make the statement isn't any wonder that God does not prosper those more, for they will not give of what they have. We are God's stewards, and if he sees he cannot trust us with the little, he will not give us much, for "He that is faithful in that which is least, is faithful also in much." "There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty." Of course, we see many of those who are not God's children possess great riches and power and spread themselves "like a green bay tree," but that is all the reward they shall ever have; for "the end of the wicked shall be cut off." God permits this, but in the case of those who desire to serve him he deals differently for the good of their souls. He loves the soul of each one and it has been proven that very few can stand material prosperity. So many allow it to cause them to sink into ease and to accept honor that comes from man and not the honor that comes from God only. The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof, and he could easily give his children all the gold mines of earth, but this would be an exceeding dangerous gift, for they would soon allow their garments of righteousness to become defiled with it. God only gives us material things for our needs and to use to his glory—"And see that ye touch not the glory."

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THE COMING OF GOD'S SON

Sunday, December 21, 1941

Daily Readings and Meditations
 December 15 to 20.

- M. Christ seen from afar Isaiah 9:1-7.
 T. The Word became flesh John 1:1-18.
 W. God our Saviour John 3:13-21.
 T. Christ our Redeemer 1 John 5:1-10.
 F. The eternal sacrifice Heb. 10:5-17.
 S. The Alpha and Omega Rev. 21:1-7.

Printed PortionIsa. 9:6, 7; John 1:1-4, 10-14;
 1 John 4:9-11.

Isa. 9:6. For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

7. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

John 1: 1. In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

2. The same was in the beginning with God.

3. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

4. In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

10. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.

11. He came unto his own, and his own received him not.

12. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

13. Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

14. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

1 John 4:9. In this was manifested the love of God

I us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.

Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

11. Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.

Golden Text: "The Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world."—1 John 4:14.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Isaiah's prophecy was fulfilled in Christ's first coming and he is all to his people that is described here. People who wait for a thousand years in the future for Christ to be their Governor are none of his, for He is reigning as King now in the hearts of his people. He governs those who are not his people to the extent that he will not let them harm one of his little ones unless it is for their good, to his glory and the upbuilding of his kingdom; also to the extent that some day he shall cast them out into outer darkness; but they shall never be His subjects in a peaceful kingdom unless they repent, forsake sin, and are born again ("translated out of the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of his dear Son") now, in this, the day of salvation.

Few persons realize the extent to which the world is indebted to Christ for all that is good and to be desired in this earth. It is hard to conceive of the great love of God to us in sending his only Son who existed from eternity to this earth to suffer the shame and abuse that he did from sinful man in order to redeem them to himself and save them from eternal destruction—a devil's hell. "He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not." The name of Jesus towers high above every other name. Men admit that Jesus did and is doing much for the world, but few realize that if God had not looked with compassion upon this sin-sick world and promised and sent a Saviour, man would be powerless in the hands of the devil and could look for nothing but destruction from God. Left to himself, man can never gain the victory over sin and death. Surely it was "good tidings of great joy, when the Son of God came to this sin-cursed earth that we by believing on Him might be delivered out of the hands of our enemies that we might serve God without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him all the days of our life." (Luke 1:74, 75).

THE CHRISTIAN'S HOPE

Sunday, December 28, 1941

Daily Readings and Meditations

December 22 to 27.

M. The Christian's hope John 14:1-6.

T. Hope in God Psa. 130:1-8.

W. Hope in Christ Col. 1:24-29.

T. A living hope 1 Pet. 1:3-9.

F. Hope in salvation Rom. 8:18-25.

S. Hope in eternal life Titus 1:1-4.

Printed Portion John 14:1-6; Rev. 22:1-5.

John 14:1. Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.

2. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

3. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

4. And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.

5. Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way?

6. Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

Rev. 22:1. And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.

2. In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

3. And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him:

4. And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads.

5. And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.

Golden Text: "In my Father's house are many mansions." John 14:2.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Because of some things which Jesus had told them (recorded in the chapter previous to our lesson), the disciples began to lose all hopes of an earthly kingdom and were showing signs of discouragement. But Jesus urged them not to be troubled because he was leaving them for it was necessary for him to go that he might complete the plan of salvation. They needed much encouragement that their faith in him would not be broken in the coming storm. After they had stood that test, his sufferings, death, and resurrection would be positive proof to them that he was the Messiah, the promised Saviour. Then they could understand that his kingdom was spiritual. "Let not your hearts be troubled" are precious words to those that have embraced them in time of need.

Many good thoughts are brought forth from the 2nd and 3rd verses, but the one that is dearest to our hearts is that our Saviour has left nothing undone that we may experience joy and satisfaction in their fulness. No sacrifice was too great, no suffering too severe, but He willingly paid the price for our redemption.

Every detail in regard to our salvation is prepared and he will soon return for us to gather us to himself—An earthy mansion is a beautiful place of abode for rich people while a heavenly mansion is a glorious eternal abode for those that are rich in Jesus, those that have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Can you say with Paul, "For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle [our present earthly bodies] were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands [heavenly glorified body] eternal in the heavens"?

The later part of our lesson describes more fully our heavenly home. While the pure river of water of life is symbolical of salvation flowing from the throne we must remember that salvation is not limited to justification only but also includes sanctification, our resurrection in his likeness, the glorified body, our ascension and our association with Jesus and the Father while ages roll.

We notice that Adam was driven from the garden that he might not partake of the tree of life and thus continue in sin, but our Saviour has made access for us unto the tree of life that we may partake of it in a continual feast receiving eternal life which is complete redemption for us. Those who experience this will not have the mark of the beast nor his image but the name of God, or sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise.