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A Godly Mother

There is a noble place to fill,
A great, important work to do,
Amid earth's occupations still
Of holy aim and purpose true.

Not in the limelight of acclaim
This place of virtue can be sought,
Nor in the human hall of fame
Its curious art and toil is wrought.

But in the quiet and unseen
Of HOME where grief and joys are blent,
A godly mother holds serene
An empire of accomplishment.

Her duties, chores, are simple; yet,
An honour great accompanies them:
A joy all sorrow to forget,
A rich reward to never dim.

To mold and shape the tender mind
To worthier, vaster, richer thought
Through counsel firm and precepts kind,
And by the patience that is wrought—

This is the godly mother's goal
Through years and weeks and months and years.
Her product is a precious soul
Upheld and nourished by her tears.

To be a godly mother wise
Should be the prayer of every heart
Beneath these fleeting mortal skies
For women now of every part.

"Her children rise and call her blest,
Her husband also praiseth her,"
And when from life she sinks to rest
Sweet graces will her mem'ry stir.

And far beyond the reach of time
The influence of her life so pure
Will reap a rich reward sublime
Through endless ages to endure.

—Leslie Busbee

"The Mother of Us All"

"John had grown to manhood, choosing his mother's God and gave himself entirely to His service. One day he stood looking at his mother's blessed, patient face, and stooping he took her in his arms, and said, 'Mother, beloved, to you I owe all that I am. I go forth in the service of God, but behind me in all that I do, I have your prayers, your love, and your unselfish interest. Every ideal and every holy aspiration that I have, I learned at your knee. God is good to a man to whom he has given such a mother.'"

Blessed are the Christian mothers of today! They have gone to the depths of sorrow to bring their children into this world, yet when those children accept their mother's God and go forth to be a blessing in this world, that causes Christian mothers to rise to the heights of joy. Motherhood is feeling the keenest pain and the keenest joy that life can bring, being filled with compassion, love, and unselfish labors.

The Bible speaks of a mother, and says that this mother is "the mother of us all." Let us think about the verse in Gal. 4:26, "But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all." Putting this verse in context to determine what is in the meaning, we find that the writer is speaking of the two covenants and the two Jerusalems. We note that the bondwoman and her son "answereth to Jerusalem, which now is, and is in bondage with her children," (verse 25) and has been rejected and cast out. This makes us know that the city of Jerusalem of today does not figure in God's plan. The only thing that matters now is the "new Jerusalem," which came "down from God out of heaven." Rev. 21:2,3. She is "the mother of us all" who represent the church. She consists of all who have been saved and redeemed by the precious blood of Jesus. She has been quickened, or made alive, and is raised up to "sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus." Those who are redeemed are in the number that John saw, when he recorded the fact that through the Spirit he saw this "new Jerusalem" as a spiritual body, or city, who is "the mother of us all."

In Rev. 12:1-8 we read about the early morning church that is symbolized as a "woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet." . . . "She, being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be deliver-

ed," and "she brought forth a man child." Paganism, the anti-God people, is symbolized by the dragon that stood before the woman. . . "to devour her child as soon as it was born." Now the man child that was born is a symbol of the new converts that were born into the early morning church. We read in Acts 2:41 where in one day three thousand souls were added to the church. But the dragon, the anti-God, pagan spirit working through people, stood ready to devour or kill the Spirit of God in the hearts of new-born children of God or kill them physically if they would not recant. History tells us that they killed thousands of Christians. The Bible tells us in Acts 8:1, "And at that time there was a great persecution against the church which was at Jerusalem." So the early morning church or "the mother of us all" went through great persecution or suffering, as well as her children.

We think of all the things that Bro. Paul went through, which are recorded in 2 Cor. 6:4-10, as he went forth preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ and souls were born into the church. But he says, "None of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself." Why? Because he and those who labored with him, who are the church, "the mother of us all," had such a love, care, and compassion toward souls that they were willing to go down into the depths of sorrow and pain so that they could bring forth children or new converts. We read about their tenderness in 1 Thess. 2:7,8. "But we were gentle among you, even as a nurse cherisheth her children; so being affectionately desirous of you, we were willing to have imparted unto you, not the gospel of God only, but also our own souls because ye were dear unto us." See the tenderness, gentleness and great love they had toward those whom they labored among. This is "the mother of us all." Many, down through the years, have given their lives so that others might be saved. They were persecuted in various ways, but it is said that the martyrs' blood is the seed of the church. Paul was touched and brought to God through watching the stoning of Stephen. Acts 7:58-60. The disciples of Jesus suffered and many were killed. We read about the "devouring by wild beasts of Ignatius, the piercing of Polycarp, the burning at the stake of Huss, Ridley, and Latimer—scaffold and spear, cross and rack, faggott and sword—yes, it has required all of the martyrs' groans and sighs to secure the glorious results" of souls being born into the church, the "new Jerusalem" which came "down from God out of heaven," who is, "the mother of us all."

Even down through the late years, many of the saints have suffered persecutions to bring this truth to souls. They have been a true mother and souls have been born into the church. The truth has gone forth as Jesus said, "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." John 3:3. And many have believed in this "evening light" time, and the same has been true that "the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved." Acts 2:47. I am sure that you can think of those who had an influence upon your life and were the means of your accepting Jesus as your Saviour and being born into the church.

The church has a duty today to still travail in birth until children are born into the church. Prayer and supplications with earnest pleadings will bring forth

children. Then the church, or "the mother of us all," has a duty to her children. The prophet Isaiah speaks of the new Jerusalem and says, "Rejoice, ye with Jerusalem, and be glad with her, all ye that love her: rejoice for joy with her, all ye that mourn for her: That ye may suck, and be satisfied with the breasts of her consolations; that ye may milk out, and be delighted with the abundance of her glory. For thus saith the Lord, Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river, and the glory of the Gentiles like a flowing stream: then shall ye suck, ye shall be borne upon her sides, and be dandled upon her knees. As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you; and ye shall be comforted in Jerusalem." Isa. 66:10-13. This is "the mother of us all." —Sis. A. Marie Miles

IN HONOR OF THE FAITHFUL WIVES AND MOTHERS OF THE LAND

A wife is a blessing God has given to man,
To help and to cheer him through life's short span.
She is the queen of the home, whether wealthy or poor;
God hath given her the realm that none can ignore.

Although to her husband she bows her head,
She is ever alert to prepare him his bread.
Her hands are not idle from morn' 'till night;
She girdeth her loins and setteth things right.

Her husband returns from the field or the wood;
He beholdeth his wife, and says she is good.
As a blessing from God she shareth his care,
As they bow in reverence to the Father in prayer.

As bone of his bone she lies near his heart,
And God hath decreed that they never shall part:
Until He in His wise, omnipotent plan,
Calls one or the other to that far distant land.

As flesh of his flesh, their hearts are entwined
As Christ to His Church in her beauty sublime—
A symbol of heaven so graciously pure,
Her lovely, sweet song doth gently allure.

All others forsaken, a man loves his wife
And cherisheth her dearly as his own precious life.
A charm of all charms as before him she stands;
She is truly a blessing God hath given to man.

A wife that is honest and faithful and just,
In such a great woman her husband can trust.
She clotheth herself with honor and strength,
And trusts in the Lord for wisdom at length.

When a wife is a mother by heavenly grant,
Her children doth flourish like a green olive plant.
They calleth her blessed as she looks to their ways,
Her husband ariseth and giveth her praise.

Now a wife is of far more value, I am told,
Than rubies or diamonds, or silver and gold.
Truly God was good and wise in His plan
By giving a wife as a help meet to man.

—Ulysses Phillips

The Limited Power of God



You may be shocked to read the heading of this article and pass judgment on me as a skeptic, but if the reader will bear with me I will explain why God is limited in His power to save men and women from their sins.

The sovereign God, who had no beginning nor has an end, created this world, the many planets, countless stars, the sun and the moon and hung the whole universe in boundless space by His infinite wisdom. He makes the whole nature stand before Him in paralyzing fear. The storms of the sea and the angry waves of the ocean are held motionless at His command. God possesses the creative power and stands supreme above all of His creation, but when He beholds the crown of His entire creation—the man—His power is confined within absolute limits to rescue that fallen man.

From the dawn of human history down to the present time, God has engaged in a desperate struggle to save men and women from impending eternal punishment for sin. In the vastness of eternity, a divine drama took place. The hosts of heaven were summoned by the King Eternal, who sat on the throne of His Eternal, who sat on the throne of His majesty; and is the Supreme God. By His side were heaven's most outstanding personalities—His beloved Son, and the Holy Spirit of God. He was also surrounded by the cherubims and the seraphims, covering their faces and bowing before the Almighty God. After a brief silence, suddenly His Majesty's voice rang out in eternity, the sound of His voice vibrating and shaking the indestructible walls of eternity, and God said, "Let us make man in our own image." At once, the host of heaven met this declaration with their great approval. The whole eternity echoed and re-echoed with the sound of exaltations and praises unto the Most High for His Majesty's decree. With the perfect, agreeable combination of His Son and of the Holy Spirit, God carefully and wonderfully made man, placing every member in its place to function. Within this man God placed the most precious thing called the heart, the vital, inner part of the seat of life, the affection and deep feelings of emotion, tenderness and fixed determination to choose the right or the wrong. God granted this heart with the right of choice exclusively to man, fixed by His eternal law not to reclaim it. He cannot touch, nor can He take it by force. To do so, He would be violating His own eternal law that He has decreed and which cannot be altered.

In the process of time, the man's heart rebelled against His Maker, plunging himself and the entire human race into the blackness of sin. For centuries, God, through the sacred pages, pled with men and women, saying, "My son, give me thine heart. Though your sins be as scarlet they shall be as white as snow." There was a deep yearning in the heart of God to love and to commune with the owner of this heart. They once walked and talked together and their mutual attachment was at the highest level. God remembers walking in the garden of Eden with the crown of His handiwork. I am sure God's heart swelled with pleasure as He communed with him, heart to heart, in the cool of the day. The thoughts of their personal relationship raced through His mind. Oh, how His heart burned within Him as He revived the unforgettable memories! "What must I do,"

He said to Himself, "to repossess man's heart which I love so dearly?" Man continued to refuse to surrender his heart to God, so this great God, after a futile attempt to reclaim the man's heart, sadly turned to the last resort—His only begotten Son, the One who was always with Him and rejoicing always before Him.

As God pondered these thoughts, His heart was deeply grieved. He searched the entire heaven to replace His Son, but there was no one. The longing to commune with the heart of man was so intense that He was willing to make the utmost sacrifice, to take from heaven its most priceless jewel, by sending His only Son to earthly night. The human mind is completely bewildered to think how God, the Supreme Creator, has humbled Himself to ask and plead for man's crimson heart; what degree of affinity, what measureless and inexhaustible love is this that God has placed upon man's redemption! This indeed is a mystery, far beyond any man's imagination to perceive the mind of God. This God always wants to converse with the heart of man from whom love and devotion could proceed to satisfy Him.

Now here lies the greatest responsibility upon man, and that is to recognize this extreme sacrifice by releasing his heart to God. Man must cancel the deed to the devil and sign over to God the ownership of his heart. This is the only channel by which he can surrender his heart to God. Without man's permission, the eternal God would be limited, so let us make His power UNLIMITED! —Harry G. Markus, Sr.

Mother's Prayer

In the year 1861, in the month of February, a terrible storm raged along the coast of England. There were eighty-one vessels wrecked in one bay (Hartlepool). While the storm was at its height, the *Rising Sun*, a stout brig, struck on Longrear Rocks, a reef extending a mile from one side of the bay. She sank, leaving only her two top masts above the foaming waves.

The life-boats were away, rescuing wrecked crews. The only means of saving the men clinging to the swaying masts was the rocket apparatus. Before it could be adjusted, one mast fell. Just as the rocket bearing the life-line went booming out of the mortar, the other mast toppled over. Sadly, the rocket men began to draw in their line, when suddenly they felt that something was attached to it, and in a few minutes hauled out on the beach the apparently lifeless body of a sailor boy. Trained and tender hands worked over him and in a short time he became conscious.

With amazement, he gazed around on the crowd of kind and sympathizing friends. He looked up into the weather-beaten face of an old fisherman near him, and asked: "Where am I?" "Thou art safe, my lad." "Where is the Captain?" "Drowned, my lad." "The mate then?" "He's drowned, too." "The crew?" "They are all lost, my lad; thou art the only one saved."

The boy stood overwhelmed for a few minutes; and then raised both hands, and cried in a loud voice, "My mother has been praying for me!", and then he dropped on his knees on the wet sand, and hid his sobbing face in his hands. Hundreds heard that day this tribute to a mother's love, and to God's faithfulness in listening to a mother's prayers. —The Secret of Prayer by E. E. Byrum

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EDITORIALS



THE CAMPMEETING SEASON is here again, and the Oklahoma State Campmeeting at Guthrie, Okla., is the next on the schedule, which will be in session, Lord willing, from May 28 to June 6. (See further announcement on another page.) A large attendance is expected from several states. The saints are urged to come praying for a soul-saving meeting here and at all the campmeetings and tent meetings throughout the summer. Now on behalf of the local congregation and the pastor, Bro. Leslie Busbee, we give you a hearty invitation to come and worship the Lord together in the beauty of holiness at this 42nd annual campmeeting on these grounds.

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Bro. E. J. Trotter, pastor at Fresno, Calif., just closed a profitable revival meeting at the Church of God chapel, 800 N. E. Third Street in Oklahoma City on April 18. The services were well attended and the messages of truth found lodging in honest hearts.

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Bro. Tom Melot and Bro. Salvatore DiDio, ministers from Louisiana, participated in the campmeeting held at Goulds, Fla., from April 18 to 25.

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On Sunday, April 11, this writer, his wife, and Bro. Carl Shaffer enjoyed the all-day services and the fellowship of the saints assembled with the congregation at Wichita, Kansas, where Brother Lewis Williams is the pastor.

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Our sincere sympathy is extended to Sister Marie Lindner, Gerald, and Verlie in the passing of their beloved husband and father, Bro. Clifford Lindner, on March 29, 1976, at Nokomis, Fla. In the years of 1961 and 1962, Bro. Lindner, a carpenter, helped to build additions to the Lord's Printshop, and over the years we have appreciated his services unto the Lord. May our God of all comfort sustain this bereaved family. The present address of Sister Marie Lindner is Box 241, Battletown, Ky. 40104.

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Sister Dolly Brown, another co-worker, recently returned from a week's visit in California with saints and friends.

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The fourth edition of "Personal Experiences of S. O. Susag" is just off the press. Consisting of 191 pages in heavy paper binding, this fourth edition has two new pages—a picture of Bro. S. O. Susag and his family which was taken about 1898 soon after the Lord had called him to the ministry, and a page of the present publisher's preface which sets forth the date and place of his death, place of burial, and other pertinent information. Price, \$1.75 each, postpaid to your address. You will be inspired by the many answers to prayer during his ministry.

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Write for a full price list of Bibles, books, cards, and other items. Listed in our book stock are many

of those excellent old books written by the pioneer ministers of the Church of God Reformation which had been out of print for many years. More of these old books of vital Bible truth will be reprinted and added to our stock as time, means, and help permit. Watch for publication dates in future issues of this paper.

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Tune in on Good News Broadcast . . .

All those in range of Radio Station KBTN, 1420 on the dial, in Neosho, Mo., are urged to listen to the Good News Broadcast which is conducted each Sunday morning from 9 to 9:30 by Brother H. A. (Austin) McMillian of Neosho, Mo., in co-operation with the Church of God and all who love the truth. By faith in God, Bro. McMillian is endeavoring to reach more people with the pure gospel message in these perilous times. Your prayers and co-operation in this radio gospel ministry will certainly be appreciated. Free-will offerings to aid in this 30-minute broadcast may be sent directly to Brother H. A. McMillian, R. 5, Box 50, Neosho, Mo. 64850.

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Bro. Wilfried Froese writes that Bro. Theodore Lange, aged 78 years, of Winnipeg, Canada, was called Home on April 7, 1976. Though ill for some time, Bro. Lange left a testimony of victory, and his strong Christian influence will live on. May the Lord in a special way comfort the bereaved family and friends.

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On April 8, Sister Elois Eck of the Enid, Okla., congregation came to work in the Lord's Printshop. She is adapting to the work very well and learning to operate the Justowriter machine which punches the tape for the typesetting machines. Sister Eldonna Rhoades, who came from Myrtle, Mo., in January, is also doing well in the correspondence and mailing departments. May the Lord bless and reward them, as well as all the consecrated workers in this literature ministry.

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Word was received from Mrs. Ronald Hartman, the daughter of Bro. V. Earle Yantis of Perrysburg, Ohio, that her father departed to be with the Lord on March 24, 1976. Bro. Yantis was a faithful correspondent of this writer for a number of years right up to his sudden departure. Our loss is heaven's gain. May our heavenly Father comfort and sustain all the children in their bereavement.

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Sister Roberta Hightower, our co-worker in the mailing department, is now at Neosho, Mo., in the home of her brother, Jim Hightower, taking care of their children while their mother, Sister Esther Hightower, is staying with their son, Mike, who is in the Children's Hospital at Kansas City, Mo., with a leg infection. Please pray for his speedy recovery and restoration to his home.

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Sister N. E. Adams of Swifton, Ark., a longtime reader of the literature, finished her course with vic-

tory and was called Home on April 19. Bro. Curtis Williams conducted her funeral service on her 88th birthday, April 21. Another pilgrim has reached that glorious goal toward which all of God's people are pressing. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints." In eternity they live on and on.

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On April 23, Bro. and Sister Mart Samons began a tent meeting at the Four Corners Community which is on the highway north of Vinita, Okla. The tent is erected beside the home of Bro. and Sister Albert Eck. A large attendance and anointed messages are reported, and we pray that many souls will open their minds and hearts to the Bible truth.

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Round trip plane tickets have been purchased for Bro. Titus Enu, the native pastor of Nigeria, and for Bro. Florencio Granil, the native minister of the Philippines, to come to the U. S. the last of May to attend the summer campmeetings. Bro. Enu has his visa and is ready to board the plane at the appointed time. However, on this date of April 28 we have not received word that Bro. Granil has secured his passport and visa. Pray that he will get the papers if it is God's will. His way is always best.

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Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to Bro. Merrill Williamson and his son, Don, in the departure of their dear wife and mother, Sister Ruby (Doolittle) Williamson, on April 15, 1976, at Jena, La. Her father, Bro. Francis Doolittle, and her brothers and sisters also have our prayers and sympathy. Though the Lord did not see best to heal her, she died in the triumphs of a living faith, and all who likewise prove faithful to God to the end will see her again. That is the hope of the righteous. May the Lord comfort the bereaved in their lonely hours and trying days of re-adjustment without her.

During World War Two, Bro. Merrill Williamson was saved (1943) while serving in the army. Soon after that experience, he was honorably discharged and came to work here at the Lord's Printshop. While working here he met and later married Sister Ruby Doolittle of Clovis, N. Mex. He had also received a call to the ministry, and together they have spent thirty-two years in the gospel work in Missouri and Louisiana. For several years he has been pastoring the Church of God at Jena, La. May the Lord direct him clearly in his future activities in the cause of Christ for precious souls.

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By the blessings of the Lord, this writer and his wife, Maybelle, accompanied by Maude Hornbeck and Evelyn Taylor, were privileged to witness the wedding of our first grandchild, Zelda Genece Pruitt, to Nelson Doolittle at Loranger, La., on April 17, 1976. Nelson is the grandson of Sister Evelyn Taylor who accompanied us from Guthrie, and a nephew of the late Sister Ruby Williamson. May the Lord bless the holy union of this lovely couple in a special way.

Enroute we stopped at Jena, La., on April 15 to see Sister Ruby Williamson who had been very ill

for some weeks, but to our surprise the Lord had already called her Home that morning. On April 17, at 12 p. m., we attended the funeral service of Sister Ruby at the Church of God chapel at Loranger, La. The large attendance attested to the great love and respect held for her. The wedding of our granddaughter was the same day at 5 p. m., a short distance away. Other co-workers from this office attending these two events were my sister, Marie Miles, Brother Randall Flynn, and Bro. Bob Sallee. Sister Irma Gayle (Doolittle) Sallee had been helping to care for her Aunt Ruby the last few weeks. We certainly thank the Lord for a safe round trip for all of us, and we are back at our posts of duty in the gospel publishing work. —Lawrence Pruitt

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OBITUARIES

Bro. Clifford Lindner was born in Williamstown, Mich., and departed this life on March 29, 1976, at Nokomis, Fla., at the age of 72 years. He had been in ill health for several years from a stroke.

Many years ago Bro. and Sis. Lindner lived here in Guthrie and were members of the Guthrie congregation. They had attended the Monark Springs, Mo., campmeeting many times and other campmeetings over the country. Sister Lindner writes that he was ready to go and desired the Lord to take him Home.

Survivors include his wife, Marie Lindner, of the home; a son, Gerald, of West Palm Beach, Fla.; a daughter, Mrs. Verlie Osborne of Battletown, Ky.; five grandchildren; a brother, Ernest Lindner, and a sister, Cealia White, all of Lansing, Mich.

The funeral service was held in the Ewing Funeral Home Chapel in Venice, Fla., with Bro. Sam Abbott officiating. Interment was in the Nokomis cemetery.

Ruby Ellen (Doolittle) Williamson, oldest child of F. E. and Mable Doolittle, was born on May 4, 1924, at Clovis, New Mexico. She departed this life at her home near Olla, La., on April 15, 1976, at the age of 51 years, 11 months and 11 days.

On January 23, 1944, she was united in marriage to Bro. Merrill A. Williamson of Loranger, La. To this union one son was born; also an infant daughter whose life was very brief.

Sister Ruby had been in failing health for some time. During her last illness of several weeks, she gave a strong testimony of victory—ready to go or stay, wanting

the Lord to have His way. She trusted the Lord to the end. Although her sufferings were great at times, she bore them patiently. The Lord answered prayer and gave her relief and rest time and again, for which she praised the Lord.

She leaves to mourn her passing: her husband, Bro. Merrill; one son, Don; one grandson, Keith; two sisters, Edith Huskey of Oregon, Nelda Sorrell of California; two brothers, Dale Doolittle of Missouri, Glenn Doolittle of California; and her father, Francis E. Doolittle of California. Two brothers, Melvin Doolittle and Earl Doolittle, preceded her in death. She also leaves a number of nieces and nephews, aunts and uncles, and a host of friends, saints, and loved ones.

She will be greatly missed, but we sorrow not as those who have no hope, for she ended this life with victory.

Funeral services were held at the Church of God chapel at Oak Grove near Loranger, La., with Brothers Ira D. Stover and C. C. Carver officiating. She was laid to rest in the Saints' Cemetery there, with Bro. Tommy Melot conducting the graveside services.

NOTES OF THANKS

(April 21)—Dear ones everywhere: It is utterly impossible to find the words to express my gratefulness and gratitude to everyone for the love, prayers, concern, and support which were shown to us during the time of the sickness and passing of my dear wife, Ruby. The Lord has greatly manifested Himself in many ways and shown Himself strong in our behalf to deliver us in many times of affliction and trouble during the 32 years of our marriage. Praise the Lord! My wife was not taken because He is not the same Deliverer today. I wish to state that He is the same today as He has always been to all who will put their trust in Him. We were both impressed almost from the beginning of her affliction that this was the time that God would take her. She made all of her funeral arrangements and faced death to the end with real serenity and victory, as though she were only going away on a trip. May God help us all to keep our house set in order and be ready to follow her example at any time He should call us. I am determined to do that by His help and grace.

Again, I ask that everyone please accept my thanks for the wonderful love and concern you have shown to us at this time. I earnestly desire a continued interest in your prayers that God will sustain me and keep me in the way He would have me to go.

Your Brother in Christ, —Merrill A. Williamson
Star Rt. 1, Box 49-A, Olla, La. 71465

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We, too, would like to add our thanks and appreciation to all who helped us by sharing in the burden of prayer and care of Mother. The Lord was faithful to hear the earnest prayers of His children and answered prayer so many times. Also, all the cards and flowers she received, and the many telephone calls inquiring of her were a real blessing in letting her know how much she was loved.

—Don, Annetta and Keith Williamson
Star Rt. 1, Box 49-A, Olla, La. 71465

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SINCERE APPRECIATION

The family of Valerie Williams, who departed this life on March 28, 1976, wishes to thank the saints and our many friends for all the deeds of kindness during our sister Valerie's illness and our bereavement. We especially thank the saints for your prayers and thank the Lord for answering prayer. He is so good to us. Thank the Lord!

We appreciated the dear saints who attended the funeral service of our sister. A goodly number came from out of town. Your presence was a great comfort to our hearts.

During Valerie's illness she prayed and sought the Lord earnestly, and said she was ready to go Home and live with Jesus. A few days before she passed she said she saw an angel at the foot of her bed. This was encouraging to our hearts. "The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them." Psalms 34:7. Praise the Lord!

—Katherine Williams

Campmeeting Dates for 1976

Following are the Church of God campmeeting dates for 1976, and more complete announcements of each will appear in later issues:—

Oklahoma State at Guthrie, Okla.—May 28 to June 6.
Holly Hill, South Carolina—June 4 to 13.

Everyone is welcome to come. We have places for you to stay and a place to eat. We are looking to God to send the ministers of His choosing. For further information, contact Bro. Hutson Crumnie, R. 1, Box 42, Holly Hill, S. C. 29059, phone 803-496-5231.

Tulsa, Oklahoma—June 11 to 20.

Jefferson, Oregon—June 11 to 20.

Green Bank, West Virginia—June 18 to 27.

Oakland, California—June 18 to 27.

General Southern at Hammond, La.—June 25 to July 4.

Akron, Ohio—July 2 to 11.

Ojos Negros, Mexico—July 6 to 11.

Muncie, Indiana—July 9 to 18.

Fresno, California—July 9 to 18.

National Campmeeting at Neosho (Monark Springs), Mo.—July 23 to August 1.

Missouri State at Myrtle, Mo.—August 4 to 11.

Bakersfield, California—August 6 to 15.

Blackford, Kentucky—August 13 to 22.

Boley, Oklahoma—August 20 to 29.

California State at Pacoima, Ca.—Aug. 27 to Sept 5.
Please note this corrected date.

OKLAHOMA CAMPMEETING AT GUTHRIE, OK.

The Oklahoma State Campmeeting of the Church of God will be held, Lord willing, May 28 to June 6, 1976, at the chapel located on the corner of Sixth and West Warner Streets, Guthrie, Oklahoma.

A hearty welcome is extended to all to attend this 42nd annual campmeeting on these grounds. Provisions will be made to care for all who come. Dining hall and dormitories are on the grounds. Expenses will be met by free-will offerings. Come praying for a profitable meeting—the salvation of souls, sanctification of believers, and the divine healing of bodies.

Contributions should be sent directly to the treasurer, Sister Frances Deforth, Rt. 2, Guthrie, Oklahoma 73044. For further information, contact the pastor, Brother Leslie Busbee, 1014 West Mansur, Guthrie, Okla., 73044, phone 405-282-2421. The phone number at the chapel is 282-5499. Come and hear the old-time reformation truth, and let us worship the Lord together in the unity of the Spirit and be brought to the unity of the faith of the New Testament. —L. D. Pruitt

OREGON STATE CAMPMEETING

The Oregon State Campmeeting of the Church of God (Evening Light Saints) will convene in Jefferson, Oregon on June 11, and continue through June 20, Lord willing. Those who come by bus from either north or south should come to Albany, Oregon, if traveling on an express bus. Some of the local schedules come through Jefferson. If you travel by train, get off at Salem as trains do not stop in Albany. When you arrive, phone 928-7223 or 327-2855, and someone will pick you up at the station.

The meeting is financed by free-will offerings only and the ministers who work in the meeting are supplied by the same means. We urge all saints and lovers of the truth throughout the Northwest to attend this meeting as it is the only campmeeting of the Evening Light Saints in this area. There are cabins and a dormitory available on the campground and also a limited number of places available in the saints' homes. All who come will be cared for.

We are expecting several ministers to be present who will be able to preach and teach God's Word with the inspiration and anointing of the Holy Spirit. The truth of the gospel will be expounded in a way that all souls may be enlightened, instructed, edified, built up and strengthened. Let every one come with a true purpose of heart to do good and to receive good.

We will be looking forward to seeing you at the campmeeting on Friday, June 11, and on through the meeting, Lord willing. Yours and His in the Master's service, —Ostis B. and Evelyn Wilson

6505 N. E. Sunset Dr., Albany, Ore. 97321

TULSA, OKLA., CAMPMEETING

The Church of God campmeeting on the corner of Norfolk and Pine Place in Tulsa, Okla., will be held June 11 to 20, 1976, Lord willing. Everyone is cordially invited to these services, and all who come will be cared for. All who can, please bring bed linens and pillows. Pray much for the anointing of the Holy Spirit upon this meeting.

For additional information, contact the pastor, Bro. M. D. Gaines, 2932 N. Lewis, Tulsa, Okla., 74110, phone (918) 425-8946, or Bro. Charles Lowe, 1823 N. Main, phone 584-6839. —Maple Littlejohn, Sec.

WICHITA, KAN., MEETING REPORT

The saints at Wichita, Kansas, wish to report that our spring meeting was victorious. That is not to say that a lot were saved, because only three sought for salvation. The victory was in the solid, pure Word of God that was delivered. The number of visiting ministers in attendance was only about six throughout the entire meeting, but the Lord answered prayer and anointed them with the very word that we needed. The messages were inviting us to behold the beauty and perfection of Zion. We were entreated to use the faith we have and be obedient, so the Lord can increase our faith. We were also exhorted to ask for the old paths and walk therein.

The saints were truly edified and fed well from the Master's table. Many sought for deeper depths and spiritual strength at the altar of prayer. We thank the Lord for His faithfulness and give Him all the glory, honor, and praise. —Submitted by Shirley Knight

ATTEND SERVICES IN PATASKALA, OHIO

All those in the area of Pataskalo, Ohio, are cordially invited to attend church services in the home of Bro. Rufus Perry at 12500 Cable Road, No. 156. The schedule is as follows: on the first, third, and fourth Sunday of each month, Sunday school from 10 to 11 a.m.; Bible study will be held on the first and third Friday of each month at 7:30 p.m. If you have trouble finding the place, phone Bro. Perry at 927-7238. Come out to worship the Lord and study His Word at this location where you will find a hearty Christian welcome.

TENT MEETING AT JASPER, ALA.

Bro. Mart Samons of Green Bank, West Virginia, announces that an evangelistic tent meeting will begin, Lord willing, on May 26, 1976, at the home of Sister Pearlene Whitson near Jasper, Ala., and continue as long as the Lord leads. All within driving distance are urged to attend these nightly services and bring your friends. The saints are encouraged to co-operate and pray earnestly that the anointing of the Holy Spirit will work in every service for the salvation of souls in this evangelistic effort.

For further information, contact Sister Pearlene Whitson, Rt. 6, Box 498-B, Jasper, Ala. 35501, Phone (205) 221-3675.

OTHERS

In Loving Memory of Our Mother,
Sister Hattie Mary Adline (McCall) Hines
June 6, 1888 to May 31, 1975

For others she lived her life each day;
For others she showed the beautiful way.
A life filled with faith and hope and love
Was giv'n my mother from above.

To be like Christ was her constant aim:
"I dedicate this humble frame for service
in the perfect way,
Persevering for that brighter day. —Helen A. Hines

PRAYER REQUESTS

Ohio—"Time is passing away so fast. Lord, help us to redeem it while we have an opportunity, is our prayer. . . . I was in Calif. (with daughter) four weeks and four days. Husband and Alberta thought that if I stayed a while, maybe I'd gain some much needed strength, but I'm about the same—so weak and nervous—just wobbling around, so I surely need your prayers. We can't go now as we once did, but, dear ones, that doesn't relieve the burden. No! No! We have calls, some sick (very ill), some gospel work calls, and, oh, how we would love to go! Pray God to give us more strength. . . . Husband needs a touch also." —Sis. Sam Abbott

New Mex.—"I have an unspoken request, also I have arthritis in my hands. . . . Dear saints, please remember me in your prayers." —Bro. E. B. Weir

Ore.—Bro. Royal Taylor had a heart attack and is in need of special prayer.

Ky.—"Please remember my two grandchildren in prayer. They both are so easy to get sick with colds. . . . Remember my parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dunaway, in your prayers that God will bless them with strength and good health. They neither one are very well."

—Wilma Horsley

Calif.—"I am a diabetic and this condition is affecting my eyes." —Sis. Mary Bryant

Ark.—"Pray that the Lord will heal my son's foot . . . The doctors want to operate, but I am praying that the Lord will heal it." —Mrs. F. S. Hepler

Calif.—"Pray that the Lord will heal my high blood pressure." —Sis. Edith Wittenborn

Okla.—Remember Bro. Waldo Eck and also Sis. Beatrice in prayer for healing.

Minn.—"I have arthritis. Pray for me."

—Sis. Emma Glockzin

W. Va.—"Pray that we might find some land on which to build a chapel." —Sis. Darie Arbogast.

Mo.—Bro. Edward Atnip still needs prayer. His address is Shook, Mo. 63963.

Mo.—Still remember Mike Hightower. The sheriff came to their house and told them that if they didn't take Mike to the hospital that they would serve a warrant on them and take him. He is now in a hospital in Kansas City, Mo. They split his leg open and dead flesh fell out. They have to wait until the flesh grows back before they can sew it back up. Infection had gone up from his ankle to his knee from some cause, which has not been determined. He still needs prayer, and also his parents.

La.—Bro. Tom Melot desires prayer. He is facing some serious problems which touch him deeply. The Bible teaches us to bear one another's burdens. We appreciate how the Lord is using him in the gospel work.

Mexico—Sis. Edith (Cole) Lara has a serious affliction and word has been received, through others, that she feels her time is short, unless God does heal her.

Okla.—"Sis. Lorenza Elam is still sick and surely needs prayer. I have a left leg that is swollen and I'm looking to the Lord to heal it." —Sis. Vera M. Hawkins

Okla.—"Bro. Pum Khan Nang in Burma, has been translating, 'The Kingdom of God and 1000 Yr. Reign,' . . . and other books in handwriting as he does not have a typewriter. . . . He has begun to translate the New

Testament . . . and tracts sent from there (Faith Pub. House). Seven hundred were handwritten to give out in Tiddim where they expect 3000 people to gather for service. . . . He received only part of an order of books sent to him. Pray that he will receive the rest. . . . Pray for Pum Za Thang, in India, who was arrested while preaching in a service and put in prison. . . . The important order of Bibles, etc., should reach there sometime in July or even until Sept. . . . Pray fervently that the workers will receive them and also for the release of P. Z. Thang. . . . Pray for dark Burma. . . . I have been suffering greatly in body. Pray for me. . . . Some are ill here in the 'Golden Rule Home.' The flu left so many very weak. . . . Bro. and Sis. Fisher are very low, also Bro. Willie McMakin. Pray for them and many others. . . . Sis. Malinda Penner, the manager, needs four workers at once. Please pray God to send us saved, healthy willing workers." —Sis. Ada Scanlan

God is still healing His children today and working out their problems. I find great comfort in trusting Him. Recently, on a trip to Louisiana to attend the wedding of my niece, the lug bolts came off the front wheel of the car, leaving only two when my son noticed it. The Lord did protect us, as we do not know what would have happened if the wheel had come off, driving at 55 miles per hour. When I arrived home I picked up the New Testament and opened it to the 32nd Psalm. The first verse caused me to rejoice. When I got to the 7th verse, my soul did rejoice because God had "preserved me from trouble." Truly, God is "my hiding place; thou shalt preserve me from trouble; thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance. . . . Many sorrows shall be to the wicked: but he that trusteth in the Lord, mercy shall compass him about. Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, ye righteous: and shout for joy, all ye that are upright in heart." Read the whole Psalm and your soul will be enriched in the precious truths therein.

—Sis. A. Marie Miles

NOTE FROM MEXICAN MISSIONARY

Mexico—Dear Bro. Pruitt and Sis. Miles: Greetings in the name of Jesus. I received your letter and the offering. Thank you. God will multiply it.

Pray for me and my family. We desire to do only the will of God.

May God bless you greatly. —Efrain Huerta

NIGERIAN PASTOR READY TO COME TO U. S.

Nigeria (April 3)—Dear Bro. Pruitt: Greetings in the precious name of the Lamb without blemish who by His resurrection begot us unto a lively hope. Praise Him forever!

Thank you immensely for your letter with enclosures. . . . On April 1st, I visited the American Embassy in Lagos. . . . When it was my turn, I tendered your letter dated March 2, and as led in the Spirit I answered all the questions put to me by the consul. He then said he was satisfied and would approve the visa for me, which he did. It is an open visa for approximately six months' stay in the U. S. with its validity expiring on April 1, 1977. . . . All agreed with me that it was through God's intervention that these international documents were

received on the same day. It is most wonderful! I am now fully set, waiting only for the day of movement. . . . I shall travel by road to Lagos, Nigeria, to board plane there for the U. S. when the time arrives in May. C. C. Carver is a well-known senior brother of mine in the Lord. He came to meet me and others at Benin City, Nigeria, in 1965. I will be happy to meet him again.

All is going well in evangelism. We are all alive spiritually as expected. Amen!

Yours in Him, —Titus U. E. Enu

LETTER FROM MEXICO MISSION

Ojos Negros, Mexico (April 6)—Dear Sis. Miles and Bro. Pruitt: Greetings to you in the name of Jesus who gave His life to rescue the lost and offers all redemption, justification, and sanctification. I hope that this finds you in good health. These are my desires and prayers.

Oh, dear brothers and sisters, how much it gives me joy in the Lord for His great blessings that He has poured out on each of His children, especially it makes us happy in the thought of being there with the Lord some day, rejoicing in eternal peace; but there is a condition, that we be faithful to the Lord and if we are all for Him, living a life pure and sanctified. Oh, I thank Him for the burden and the love He has given us for lost souls and for the sheep in His fold.

I thank God that He has gotten me out of the well of desperation and hypocrisy. Before this, I did the will of man, but now, that which God tells me to do. For that, I praise Him and bless Him. I am willing to proclaim the gospel of salvation in the midst of persecution and tribulation as the Apostle said in Phil. 1:21, "For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain."

Sister, I received your letter the 23rd of March. . . . Thank the Lord for the offering you sent and for your concern for the work here in Mexico. Please pray much for us that we will be able to advance and be approved in the work of God. I desire to be more diligent each day in the things of God.

Your Brother in Christ who has a great desire to know and see all of you. Much Christian love,

—Mayarino Escobar Roblero

MEXICO MISSIONARY REPORT

Patzcuaro, Mexico—Dear Sister Marie: With lots of Christian love I am thankful for the offering, and I feel so very grateful for it and each one who had a part in sharing with us, and to the dear Lord who sees and knows everything. Last week, as I returned home, the truck had a flat. I knew I should not use that much strength to break the nuts loose to change the tire, but no one would stop and help me, so I began to do what I could, and after getting the pick-up on the jack, a man stopped and helped me, just when I needed help most. The Lord never fails.

Sis. Esperanza Anrade has been very sick and weak. It showed to be T.B. Later they gave her another test and found her lungs all right. She is really happy and gives the glory to the Lord. She and her husband gave the land where the chapel is in Patzcuaro, and are the ones whose baby boy (five or six years old) was run over and killed about two years ago. Sis.

Esperanza is still very weak. She still needs prayer.

I feel much better. The Lord has touched this unworthy body and I am grateful. I just want to love Him more and serve Him better with the life He gives me. I want to thank you, and all who prayed, for your prayers.

I am so burdened and concerned about some serious needs concerning souls.

May God bless you and give you grace and strength as you labor in that worthy place to which God has called you. —Edith Lara

LETTER FROM NIGERIAN MISSION

Cross River State, Nigeria (April 1)—Dear Bro. Pruitt and saints: Greetings once again in the name of our great God who so loved us and sent His only begotten Son to save us from the bondage of Satan.

We received your encouraging letter of March 2, 1976, together with the enclosures. . . . We thank you immensely.

We thank the Lord for the encouraging financial response for the proposition of paying round trip plane fares for foreign ministers to attend your campmeetings. Today, I read from Bro. Enu that he applied for his passport. . . . We are praying to God to work out everything for His glory, and praying also for a very successful campmeeting season.

Ikot Esen congregation is marching on to victory and no turning back. This leaves us all happy in the Lord and His service.

Yours in the bond of Christ, —Nse B. Umanah

MISSION REPORT FROM INDIA

South India (March 16)—Dear Bro. Pruitt, others at the Print Shop and saints abroad: Loving greetings to all of you from your brothers and sisters in India in the precious name of Jesus Christ, our King and High Priest. "Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen." I Tim. 1:17.

Thank you very much for your good letter dated March 2, 1976, and the enclosures were noted with heartfelt gratitude. Your letters are a great encouragement each month for our spirit, soul, and body.

By the measureless grace of God our Niranam campmeeting was also very blessed and profitable just like other meetings. There was a good attendance each day and all were satisfied with the anointed messages and Bible classes. We appreciate your valuable and earnest prayers for the activities of the church here. God supplied the temporal needs, too.

My brother Philip did not get his visa yet to come to the U. S. and I hope the American consul will reconsider his application. Yes, we are glad to trust God's will and wisdom in all matters.

I was very glad to note that the brother from Nigeria and one brother from the Philippines are planning to visit the saints in the U. S. A. and to participate in the campmeetings this year. May God bless them and use them to be real blessings in those campmeetings. Lord willing, I shall participate in next year's campmeetings with my wife. But, as you wrote, the future is all in God's hands.

We have had no rain here for the last three months, and it is dry everywhere with scarcity of water even to drink in many places. We pray for rain and expect it soon.

The chapel building at Thevalappuram is almost completed except for the thatching. . . , which we hope to do before the rain starts. This is an urgent need for which I invite the special attention and prayers of the saints.

"More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of." We are challenged to pray by the prayer life of our Lord Jesus, of the Apostle Paul and of others. When we pray we experience a renewal of strength, the abundance of supply, the joy of the Lord in full measure, the reception of God's sustaining grace, and the gift of heavenly wisdom. Praise the Lord!

Lord willing, we will conduct our next monthly meeting at Thrikkannamangal, and we expect many blessings from heaven on that day, too.

Yours in the Lord, —John Varghese

REPORT FROM OJOS NEGROS, MEXICO, AND THE PROGRESS OF PRINTING SPANISH LITERATURE

Dear Ones: Greetings of Christian love in the name of our precious Lord who gave His only begotten Son to the world. He suffered, bled and died to redeem us from our many sins. Praise His holy Name!

Bro. Mayarino and Sis. Panchita at the mission in Ojos Negros, Mexico, write that the Lord has supplied them with a vehicle. They have been going to Valley of the Trinity every Sunday, where Bro. Tomas Mendoza is, having services at 10:30 a.m. there (it is 53 miles from Ojos Negros), then returning to Ojos Negros and having their service at 3:30 p.m. Several are encouraged in the Lord. They also go as often as is possible to La Huerta, the Indian reservation about 10 miles from Ojos Negros. They asked for special prayer for Tomasito, the 5-year-old son of Adelina, who comes to meeting in Ojos Negros. He had been burned severely. Please pray for him and for these young workers. Their reply to a Spanish copy of the 1959 decision of the ministers of the Church of God against television was a real encouragement to me. They were in hearty agreement with it.

The free-will printing and distribution of Spanish literature is being blessed of the Lord. Six articles were recently sent out, several copies being sent to one address for further distribution. If any of you who read this have any friends who would enjoy reading Spanish literature, please supply us with their addresses and we will be happy to send some to each, or if you live in a community where there are several Spanish-speaking people, we will be glad to supply you with literature for them. Direct all correspondence to the address below. As the Lord is blessing us, He will bless you as you help in getting this literature to Spanish-speaking people. We will also welcome addresses of Spanish-speaking people of South America and Cuba.

Your Sister in Christ, —Opal Kelly

919 W. Mansur, Guthrie, Oklahoma, 73044.

(Editor's note: Those who feel led of the Lord to help get out more Spanish gospel literature, may send your free-will offerings for that purpose directly to Sister

Kelly at the above address. We here at the office are aiding and co-operating with her all we can to help fulfill her special burden to increase the flow of pure, gospel Spanish literature to the Spanish-speaking people in this country and abroad. Your labors and sacrifice for precious souls are not in vain, but you will surely reap a rich reward.)

FROM THE MAIL BOX. . .

Canada—Dear Bro. Pruitt and all saints at Guthrie: Thank you for your letter and the words of encouragement contained therein. The books have arrived in good order as well as the calendar. . . .

Let us do as the Hattley Evening Light Singers suggest we do: "Press on to glory on the path of holiness." —Reinhard Mueller

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Colo.—Dear saints at the Print Shop: Jesus has been so good to me. I haven't been feeling so well, but He has undertaken for me . . . I wasn't as sick as some of my family. I had some cold, got hoarse and sore throat, but Jesus heard my cry and helped me. I am glad I learned He could heal our bodies and help us in every way. Thank the good Lord! I need your prayers. I want to do His will.

I thought we might get to come to the Guthrie campmeeting, but it looks like we will be going back to help our daughter and her husband move to Colorado from Michigan. . . .

Do pray for us all here. —Sis. Addie McEndree

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Calif.—Dear Ones at the Print Shop: Greetings to all, and trust all are well. I have been having real high blood pressure for some time, but I am thankful I have been doing as well as I have.

I have had some sad experiences, but my youngest daughter has been brought to the Lord, for which I was made to rejoice, but she still needs help. . . .

Guthrie seems like a dear place as I have been there. I do love the dear saints everywhere. I do need your prayers, as the enemy is busy to get all that he can. By the Lord's help, I mean to make Heaven.

—Sis. Edith Wittenborn

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Kans.—Dear Bro. Lawrence and saints: Our heart sends up gratitude and praise to God for His wonderful plan of salvation. Many are robbing God, who is alone worthy, of honor and praise. Many have esteemed and hold high regard for the achievements of men, not considering the Creator of all good things. "By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to his name." Heb. 13:15.

We are encouraged and satisfied in the ways of the Lord. We trust all is well at the Print Shop. We always remember the work there and especially you and your fellow-workers in the Lord. Only eternity will fully reveal what has been accomplished in our feeble efforts to serve Him. "A vessel unto honor" in every detail of life will meet His approval in that Great Day.

Bro. Lawrence, we are still holding you up in our prayers in behalf of your affliction. May the God of all

grace sustain and keep you while you wait for the fulfillment of promise. Surely, the answer isn't far away.

Pray for us that we will remain in the center of His will at all times.

—Bro. and Sis. Donald Sharp and family

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Ala.—Dear Sister Marie: We are well and still trusting in the Lord, who has been so good to us. He is always there when we need Him. We cannot thank Him enough.

We enjoyed being in the Guthrie Assembly Meeting last year for the first time. We want to thank you for taking time to show us through the Print Shop when we were there. It made us see how much work you folk are doing. We enjoy getting the "Faith and Victory" paper each month. I hope that God will continue to bless you. We pray for Bro. Lawrence and all of you daily. . . .

Remember us in prayer.

—Sis. Betty and Bro. Roy Herron

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Ala.—Dear ones: I write today with praises in my heart to God. When I look out and see the miracle of God in His wondrous beauty in everything that is coming forth in the freshness of spring, I rejoice in the Lord. It always reminds me of the time when we shall spring forth from our graves with our new life—eternally with Jesus.

I thank and praise God daily for the faithfulness of His servants, and pray that every need will be supplied.

—Mrs. Leora Frink

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Ga.—Dear Bro. Pruitt and the helpers in the Print Shop: I am still on the Lord's side. My eyes are still being blessed of the Lord. To Him I give all the praise, glory and honor. Keep us before the Lord, as we do you. We three are carrying the work on here nicely, the Lord being with us. —Friendly Green

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W. Va. (March 25)—Dear Bro. Lawrence: Greetings in the name of Jesus. Since our "Faith and Victory" paper has not been forwarded to us, I thought I would ask you to send it to where we are now; which is Dan J. Kroker, 117 Mound Avenue, Fairmont, West Virginia 26554.

The Lord has been real good to us. We do appreciate the answered prayers and all the blessings of salvation His grace affords us. The Lord has led us to work here in this congregation for a time. It presents a challenge to us, for the opposer is always present, but by faith in God and through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, we have the victory over all sin and the imps of Satan. We are beginning to get oriented and making some contacts here, which we are praying will be fruitful in time to come. There are real precious souls here, too, and we are expecting to do all we can for God and His kingdom. . . .

Yours in the One Body of Christ,

—Bro. and Sis. Dan J. Kroker

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Calif.—Dear Bro. Lawrence, Sis. Maybelle and Sis. Marie: In the love of God I greet you, and thankful for the many precious memories that often come to my heart and mind of our mutual love, care and concern for each other and our Father's cause and work in general. . . .

I am grateful to my dear Savior for His precious Presence since He saw best to take Lois (my wife) unto Himself. Perhaps evenings are the most difficult, but God is helping me and I am more reconciled to what He saw was best and His will, and I never want any other attitude. All things do work together for good to them that love God. I am seeking to be more earnest and fervent in praying for you, Bro. Lawrence, in your trial of affliction. I appreciate your prayers.

In Christian love, —Robert Longley

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Mich.—Dear Bro. and Sis. Pruitt, Sis. Miles and co-workers: Greetings in the lovely name of Jesus who died for us that we could have salvation. Oh, what a mighty God we serve! He doeth all things well.

We hope and pray everyone is well there. Wife is not in very good health. She is better now. . . . I am about back to normal now. We certainly appreciate the prayers of the saints when we need healing or help in any way. . . .

In Christian love, —Floyd and Ether Hines

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Ohio.—Dear Bro. and Sis. Pruitt and Sis. Marie: Greetings in the name of our Lord who is our refuge, and strength, a very present help in trouble. Time is swiftly passing, and spring is here. The months go by so fast. Then I think of the continuing toll of time's bell, letting us know that eternity is looming in sight. And, oh, the needy fields, not that they all have not heard the gospel, but the lack of faith and the low ebb of spirituality! Then I cry out, "Oh God, help me to do my part in every way possible." We need your earnest prayer, as the enemy of our souls is working through many avenues to hinder the Lord's work. Pray for our camp-meeting here at Akron, that it will not be just a routine affair of having a meeting, but that the Lord's name will be glorified by souls being awakened by believing of the gospel, and that the Spirit of God will have control of each one professing the name of Christ. Then surely when we come together, the Spirit of God will have pre-eminence. —Sis. Hazel Clark

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Tenn.—Dear Sis. Marie: Greetings in Jesus' dear name. These are perilous times. We don't know what tomorrow holds, but we know who holds our hand. By God's grace He will see us through. I had an experience when my Bible was taken away from me for a short time. It was so wonderful how the Lord brought scriptures to my mind. I desire your prayers for a special request. The Lord knows the need. I am still praying for all of you in His work. —Mary Williamson

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Ore.—Dear Sis. Marie: Greetings of Christian love in the dear name of Jesus. Yes, the angel said His name should be called Jesus, for He shall save His people from their sins. How precious it is that He would come out of the Godhead, take upon Himself a body of flesh that He might die for our sins! The Word tells us in Heb. 10:5, "But a body hast thou prepared me." Yes, God prepared a body that Jesus might be qualified to be our Redeemer, Advocate, and High Priest. We read in Heb. 2:9, "But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned

with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man. Then we read in verse 14, "Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil." This is all so precious. Should we not love and adore our precious Lord and Saviour? "Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people." Heb. 2:17. The Word tells us He was tempted in all points as we are, yet without sin. Thank God for such a precious Jesus that ever lives to make intercession for us.

God is blessing all the dear ones here in Jefferson. We are so thankful we have Bro. and Sis. Ostis Wilson. The messages are so precious. I have so much to thank the Lord for. One thing is that I live here on the campground, so near the chapel. The dear Lord is good to all of us. . . .

My dear sister, Mildred, went to be with the Lord on March 6th. Many prayers were offered for her healing, but God did not see fit to heal her, so we know God does all things well. We also heard that Bro. Clyde Southwell who lived in Otis, Oregon, passed away recently.

—Sis. Beatrice Spaur

Testimonies and Answers to Prayer

Oregon—I enjoy reading the little "Beautiful Way" papers. The Lord has truly blessed me here in my home and I enjoy going to church here in Jefferson.

A rat got in my attic and it gnawed like a coping saw. I went to praying, and also told one of my friends that the Lord was the best exterminator that there was. She laughed, but a few mornings later I looked out of my bedroom window and saw a big gray rat going across my neighbor's plowed garden from my yard. I never saw nor heard of it again. I know the Lord caused me to look at the right time and see the answer to my prayer. . . . Also, I got a huge natural gas bill from the gas company, and I knew I hadn't burned that much. I went to praying about it and called the gas man. He came out to read the meter again, and they had read it wrong and it was about half that much. . . . So I know what the Lord meant when He said, "Let the widow trust in me." God cares for me. . . . I pray for you much. —Sis. Grace Jones

Okla.—Dear Saints of God: Greetings in Jesus' dear name. I thank the Lord for His saving and keeping grace, as well as for His healing power. I feel led to send in my testimony, telling what the Lord has recently done for me. As many of you know, I had lost much of my hearing, and for several months had difficulty understanding people, unless they stood very close to me. As a result of this, I didn't hear very much of the Sunday services and Wednesday evening prayer meetings. How I missed hearing the prayers and good testimonies, which I have always enjoyed so much, but I knew the saints here in Shawnee were faithfully praying for me as well as the other saints everywhere. God's promises

were also so precious to me during my trial of faith. One outstanding verse seemed to ring in my ears many times. It is found in Ps. 50:15, "Call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me." I felt these words were just for me and held on to them by faith. The ear specialist, after examining my ears, had told me I would no doubt have to wear a hearing aid, but I was determined more than ever to trust God for healing, so we and others prayed on. Several weeks later, to our great joy, in the midst of our morning devotions the Lord reached down with His mighty healing power and opened both of my ears. Glory and honor be to His name forever! I have been thanking Him over and over again ever since for His great mercy and love that He bestowed upon me. We are thankful also that the Lord touched Husband's afflicted legs once more. Please pray for his complete deliverance from this trouble which seems to return periodically. I might mention, too, that on the 28th of February he had a very bad fall. The Lord protected him from having any broken bones, for which we are so grateful, although he suffered severe pain in his back for several weeks.

We both thank all the dear saints for their interest and prayers. May the Lord bless all. —Emma Dornhofer

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Calif.—Dear Sis. Marie: The Lord blessed Bro. Gene Harmon to be able to come out to meeting last evening and he preached a good sermon on the "Precious Truth."

We had special prayer for Sis. Pat Huskey's healing. God is able to do the seeming impossible when we have faith to believe it. All of God's children need to seek for a deeper faith, as His word tells us that without faith it is impossible to please Him. So we are believing for God to complete her healing. We also remembered Bro. Lawrence and the rest of God's badly afflicted children.

I had something wrong with my right eye. God answered prayer and healed it. He never will fail to heal when we hold on to His promises by faith believing.

We are enjoying the truth as it comes to us from time to time. May God help all of His children to measure to the precious truth as He gives us the light on it. It is a pleasure to serve the Lord. Heaven will be cheap at any price we have to pay. As the hymn we sing says, "The toils of the road will seem nothing when we get to the end of the way." May God help us all as His little children on earth to seek a deeper and closer walk with Him day by day. Pray for us as we pray for you. —Letha Reece

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Mich.—Dear Sis. Marie, and saints at the Print Shop: I have been saved a long time, and I am having afflictions and trials. But we who are in Christ Jesus must have afflictions, so I am just trusting in Him. I know that His grace is sufficient. The Lord knows all about me, my trials, and He will never leave, nor forsake us. He knows those that are His. Praise the Lord! I love Him with all my heart, and I mean to stay on the winning side with Jesus. . . . Pray for me as I do for you.

—Lela Stewart

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Ind.—Dear Sis. Marie: I am praising God from whom all blessings flow. I am thanking the Lord for touching my body. It is so wonderful to let go and let

God have His way in our lives. He is true to all of His promises. I truly enjoy the "Faith and Victory" paper. It is so inspiring. My faith has really increased since I have been receiving them, and maybe you will never know how you have encouraged me through your letters. It is my daily prayer that God will ever bless you and all the dear saints at the Print Shop for sending out the pure Word of God.

Please remember my husband in prayer that the Lord will touch his body, and pray for my unsaved children and grandchildren. —Sis. Mattie C. Black

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Ark.—Greetings of Christian love in the name of Jesus who paid that great price for us that we could not pay: I am so happy with joy in my soul, for Jesus' great love and obedience to His Holy Father in going through the suffering and despising the shame. Oh, what a wonder! I must press on at all costs for the mark, for the prize of the high calling of God, which is in Christ Jesus.

—Cherry Alba

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Mo.—Dear Saints: I am very thankful for God's love and mercy to me today. I certainly want to do all I can to further the cause of His work and live my life acceptable unto Him.

I feel impressed to write and relate some of my experiences within the past few months. In doing so I trust it will be a help to others. As some of you may know, I was afflicted last fall with quite a serious blood problem, which caused great stress on my nerves. I went into the hospital for a complete physical examination, as I hadn't felt well for about a year. My husband isn't saved and he asked me repeatedly to go see if I had any serious disorders. I was released in two or three days and all the doctor would say was that I had a serious nervous problem which I would have to control myself, or go on nerve pills, and that it was acting against my blood problems. My blood veins are very small and collapse under nervous pressure. In less than a week, while I was home alone with my children, I felt one of those collapsing spells coming on and I was passing out. My oldest daughter telephoned my in-laws (who aren't saved) and within a matter of minutes I was in an ambulance on my way back to the hospital, which was ten miles away. On the way I went into shock. I felt life leaving my body. I had never made a full consecration. I realized within those few seconds that I wasn't ready to meet God. I prayed to God to spare my life, and that is what He did. I returned home again from the hospital within a few days receiving the same instructions that I was going to have to be able to control my nerves. I kept getting worse, and I was unable to take care of my children. I could hardly stand any noise. One day I realized that I was coming to a point of mental break. On that day I fell on my knees at my bedside. I was alone, and I gave my life completely into God's hands to do with as He saw fit. I begged Him to give me mental calmness, and dear ones, I got up from my bedside with such a calmness that I had never experienced before. I'm here to testify that God is real. He has all power in heaven and earth. Down through the following four months I suffered from the affliction quite severely. The devil was trying me to the fullest. One day I was suffering from one of those

collapsing spells and the devil said, "You'll never get any better, why don't you just take your own life and be through with suffering?" Praise God, the Lord raised up a standard against the devil according to His promise. For about two months now I have been feeling very good and have had very few collapsing spells. Most of all, I am so thankful for what the Lord has brought to me spiritually, and into a greater growth in His ways. Praise His dear name!

My greatest concern and burden is that we and others would go all the way with God. There is a power given within when one is fully submitted to God. Now I can see why the devil wanted my life. He could see what God had in store for me if only I would yield to the Lord. I'm encouraged in the Lord and want to do all I can for God. I need your prayers. —Velma Barclay

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Tex.—Dear Sis. Marie: Greetings in Jesus' dear name. I hope all there are doing fine, and the Lord's work is progressing real good.

I want to thank each and everyone that prayed for my ankle. I had sprained it when I was a child and it hurt much but not any more. God has so wonderfully healed it. I'm so happy to be relieved of all that pain, and am grateful for His blessings, and for answering prayer.

Now my foot from the arch to my toes hurts. Would you all please pray for God to heal it, too? I'm still praying and trusting Him to heal my foot. I pray for all the saints everywhere and for the gospel work.

—Lessie Speed

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Ky.—Dear saints: Greetings in Jesus' dear name. We are much encouraged in the Lord, and our desire is to press on and be faithful to Him.

The Lord surely has been merciful in healing an affliction on my body. A small patch of eczema appeared in the palm of my hand. It was still there when we started planting our garden. I am highly susceptible to eczema and didn't think very much about it. But working in the dirt caused infection to set up, and on Thursday night I had severe chilling and later became feverish. On Friday morning, the place was all red and highly inflamed and swollen. Two red streaks were up my arm reaching to the elbow. Sis. Jarvis, who is here in our congregation, said it looked like blood poisoning, and if it reached my heart it would be fatal, but I was consecrated to go on to be with the Lord, should it be the will of God. Our son was gone to school, but as I sat there and looked at our six-year-old daughter, the tears began to fall. My husband rebuked me firmly (which I realized I needed). He said, "Do you think God is dead? You are not going to die. The Lord is going to heal you." Those words came to me as being direct from heaven. My whole outlook changed. I felt then, if I pressed my way out to the church services we were having in Gordon's mother's home and have Gordon pray for me, with the saints agreeing, that the work would be done. So I did go to service and was prayed for. On Saturday morning, the change was very evident. One red streak had completely disappeared, the other only light, and the swelling was gone. I started packing clothes, as we had planned to go to Dayton, Ohio, for their all-day meeting if I was healed. By the

time we reached Dayton all symptoms of inflammation were gone. Circulation seems to be normal now, too. We thank God for His loving care and the privilege to trust Him. There's no desire to turn to the arm of flesh in consulting doctors and putting trust in man's wisdom. The Lord is able to do abundantly above all we can ask or think.

At Dayton, on Sunday afternoon, there was a baptismal service at the river. It was windy and cold. The temperature was forty-two degrees. The Lord protected Gordon that he did not take cold in doing the baptizing. We surely thank the Lord.

Remember us when you pray. The devil is determined, but we must defeat his purpose (the devil's) by God's help and grace. —Sis. Sybilla (Gordon) Humphrey

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Okla.—Dear saints: Truly, we write this with a heart full of thanks for such a mighty God to serve. He has been so very good to us and we don't want to fail to praise Him for it.

Recently, Ellen Morgan and I were shopping in Oklahoma City with my little daughter, Melodie. I had put her in a shopping cart and just turned my back when, for some reason, the cart fell over with her. She hit her head on the edge of the counter and got a big cut clear to the skull. What a frightening moment it was for me! I couldn't see her face for all the blood, and she was just hysterical. Of course, they had us go straight to the hospital. At the hospital they thought her head was fractured, and what an ugly picture the devil put before me. I couldn't run to my husband, and I knew it was all up to me whether to trust God or the doctor. For a moment I was so scared and confused, then a calming stillness came over me and I knew what I would do. We were so thankful to find she had no fracture. When the doctor knew that we wouldn't give Melodie medicine and that she hadn't had her baby shots, she was quite upset, but God just spoke for me it seemed, and I was surprised at myself. Then this verse came to me: "But when they deliver you up, take no thought how or what ye shall speak: for it shall be given you in the same hour what ye shall speak." They still tried to scare us with all the dangers that could set in, and told us to wake her every hour of the night to check her. When we left the hospital we took Melodie to Bro. and Sis. Souder for prayer, and we just knew she was going to be all right. So that night we went to bed without worrying about checking her every hour, and about 2 or 3 o'clock in the morning Melodie woke us up laughing and singing in her little bed. What a blessing that was to us! It seemed like God had just come down to reassure us that Melodie was in His hands. The cut has healed up so well, and it is just inside her hairline so that the scar will be hidden. Surely, we are so grateful for God's protection over us as we realize how much more serious it could have been. Pray for us.

Christian love,

—Delmar, Brenda, and Melodie Wilkins

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Okla.—Dear Saints: I am still saved, sanctified, and truly satisfied in the Bible way. God is so good to us. Like the song says, "Not one promise has He broken, faithful to His trust is He. Joy is mine beyond all measure, when my Saviour talks with me."

I am thankful that God touched my body this morning (April 23, 1976) before day light. I had been very ill for a few days. I prayed and said like Jacob when he wrestled with the angel until the breaking of day, "I will not let you go until you bless me." My thanks to the Lord, for He is good and His mercy endureth forever. My affliction was so great that some of my children made mention that it may be cancer, and seemed to be really upset. But I didn't get upset at all, and told the child that whatever it is, God is able to heal me. Today, I am healed and I thank God.

Bro. and Sis. Woodrow Warren are faithful to go pray for the sick and are always ready for service. I love all the saints everywhere.

Another time I took very ill at my son's Commencement exercises. The Lord came to my rescue and helped me, and I was able to attend the night services in Oklahoma City. I am so thankful that I serve a great God. He hears and answers our prayers. God has done so much for me that I can't even start to tell it all. God's blessings are so rich, unnumbered, untold, and I can say they are much more precious than diamonds and gold. Money cannot buy these great things that God does for us. I love the Lord with my whole heart, mind, soul, body, and strength, I know there is nothing too hard for the Lord. He said, "Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh: is there any thing too hard for me?" Jer. 32:27. Truly, I can say as the Psalmist, "Thy way, O God, is in the sanctuary: who is so great a God as our God? Thou art the God that doest wonders: thou hast declared thy strength among the people." Ps. 77:13-14. Isa. 25:9, "And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us: this is the Lord; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation." I waited on the Lord for my healing, and today I am rejoicing. I have waited on Him for so many things and He is still keeping me. God always knows what is best for us. He will never disappoint your soul. "When you have done your best, to Jesus leave the rest and see what He will do." I have been trusting Him ever since I was 17 years old. I am now 42 years old and I'm still trusting. He has kept me in the path of righteousness for 25 years. "I mean to go right on until the crown is won. I mean to fight the fight of faith until life on earth is done."

Truly, I love God with all my heart. Pray for us.

—Sis. Clara Barnett

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

When we receive a blessing from God, we need another one to preserve it. Grace alone can preserve grace. "Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me." 2 Cor. 12:9.

We may cling to the form and be zealous for the truth, but if we lack the power we are of no service to God.

—Celena Lacue

Can we say with David: "What time I am afraid, I will trust in Thee. In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust without a fear. What can flesh do to me." (Psa. 56:3, 4). If so, that is victory. —Sel.

Choosing To Do or Not To Do

Some things you can choose to do are: You can hate people, lie, cheat, gossip, and steal. That is your choice. You may live in adultery, refusing to get out of it, or you can rob, or even kill. You may persecute God's true people, laugh, make fun of them, speak evil of them if you choose. You may be unkind to your wife, your husband, your children, your neighbors and mistreat them. That is your choice. You can curse, use God's name in vain and no one will stop you. You may idle away your time and not spend it for God and His cause. You may use your money for that which is not bread; for the things of the world, lusts of the flesh, lust of the eye and the pride of life. That is also your choice. You can refuse God's love, trample it under foot, refuse to come to God and be born again. That is your choice; no one can make you do otherwise.

But there are two things that you will do in which you have no choice. The Bible says that **all will die**, if Jesus doesn't come back first, and **all will arise in the resurrection to be judged by the Lord**.

St. John 5:28-29, "Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation." I Cor. 15:22, "For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive." Rev. 20:12, "And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works."

Dear ones, my heart's desire is that you will hear the sweet voice of God. Come to Him repenting of your sins, forsaking them, and let God come into your heart. Be born again, turning your heart's desires on Jesus and heavenly things. Let us pray for one another.

—Sis. Pearlene Whitson

FORGET YOUR PAST, LOOK TO GOD

"Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended, but this one thing I do, **forgetting those things which are behind**, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." Phil. 3:13,14.

The writer said that he forgot the things that were behind or past. The events that happened in the past, especially those that are discouraging, should be forgotten. If we let our minds dwell on these things, we might become discouraged and lose the faith. In this world, today, there are many things happening that could cause us to become discouraged. God told Paul that "His grace was sufficient," and truly the same grace is promised to us today. Satan would like to have all of God's children to become discouraged and loaded down with burdens or some happening of the past. If something in our past must keep coming before us, let it be only the good that will encourage us to gain higher heights with the Lord to gain the Victory in the end.

—Charles Knight, Jr.

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Over It All — To Hell

Over his mother's prayers he went,
A youth with a joyous heart.
The gay world called, and amid the throng
He played his thoughtless part.
He meant some day to embrace the Christ
Of the Mother he loved so well,
But he trampled her hopes, her advice, her prayers,
And over them all — to hell.

Over the pastor's sermons he went,
Who had warned him in pleading tone,
Who had wept 'neath the burden of dying men,
When his spirit could only groan;
Who had laid a hand on the fair, strong youth,
And begged him to break the spell.
'I'll go some future time,' he smiled,
But his future was spent — in hell.

Over a Saviour's pleading voice,
"Behold, I stand at the door,
If any man open I'll sup with him,
And grant to him ever more,
To sit with me in My Heavenly throne
Where he shall forever dwell."
And yet he rejected the still small voice
And chose at last to go — to hell.

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I KNOW NOT

I know not why His hand is laid
In chastening on my life;
Nor why it is my little world
Is filled so full of strife.

I know not why when faith looks up
And seeks for rest from pain,
That o'er my sky fresh clouds arise
And drench my path with rain.

I know not why my prayer so long
By Him has been denied;
Nor why, while others' ships sail on,
Mine should in port abide.

But I do know that God is love,
That He my burden shares;
And though I may not understand,
I know for me He cares.

I know the heights for which I long
Are often reached through pain.
I know the sheaves must needs be threshed
To yield the golden grain.

I know that though He may remove
The friends on whom I lean,
'Tis that I thus may learn to love
And trust the One Unseen.

And when at last I see His face
And know as I am known,
I shall not care how rough the road
That led me to my Home.

—Grace E. Troy

Selected by Sister A. R. West.