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### No Room for The King of Kings

From the hills of old Judea  
Comes a story old but true,  
Echoed from the angels' chorus—  
The refrain is ever new.

Glory, glory in the highest,  
Unto you is born this day,  
Christ, the Saviour and Redeemer,  
Sent to lighten up the way.

Prophets hailed the Saviour's coming—  
Unto you a Child is born,  
Peace proclaim to every nation,  
To the weary, sad, and worn.

Give Him room in every nation,  
Clear the way, from sin depart,  
Greet your King with admiration,  
Make Him room within your heart.

Note how Bethlehem, Judea,  
Gives the answer merged with gloom,  
"Sorry, but this place is crowded;  
In this inn there is no room."

Many hearts reflect the image  
Of that scene so long ago;  
With the door of mercy opened,  
There's no room within the soul.

Crowded thoughts of vain ambition  
Soon will prove in time erase  
All the lovely, pure, and holy—  
Leave no room for Heaven's Grace.

Sinner friend, prepare to meet Him,  
Debts to Him will soon be due;  
If you have no room for Jesus,  
He will have no room for you.

Sacrifice your sinful pleasures,  
Claim your sacred diadem,  
Sing the royal proclamation,  
"I have made my room for Him."

—Donald Sharp

### Jesus, Born To Conquer

The crowning creation of God, in the beginning, was Adam and Eve. He created them in His own moral "image." He gave them some characteristics of Himself. They were given great intelligence, and a freedom of will, with a clear understanding of what was right and wrong. They were physical and spiritual beings that naturally looked up to God, their Creator. They were in a state of holiness and purity. God had a place, a throne in their hearts upon which He sat. They let Him hold the reins of their affections and first place in their love. Their greatest delight was to please Him and commune with Him freely. Love flowed from the great heart of God down into their hearts and their fellowship was sweet and glorious. God surrounded them with the beauties of the Garden of Eden. They had access to the Tree of Life and their health was perfect. God gave them dominion over all the moving creatures, and the work of keeping and dressing the Garden of Eden. What a blessed place and state to be in!

Satan, who is an evil power, looked at this beautiful scene and decided that he would try to ruin it. He wanted to have control over Adam and Eve. He wanted to sit upon the throne of their hearts. We read in the 3rd chapter of Genesis how he, with great subtlety, talked to Eve, through "the serpent" that "was more subtil than any beast of the field," and caused her to decide, through the freedom of her will which God had given her, to do what Satan wanted her to do. She "did eat" of the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, "and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat." Gen. 3:6. Thus, they sinned and transgressed God's command.

God lost His seat, or throne, in the hearts of Adam and Eve. An impostor had taken that place. Sin separated them from God, and no longer could He commune with them as before. They were not holy as God was holy. They lost the holy image of God out of their hearts and evil took its place. God punished them for their sin, and also pronounced a punishment upon the beast through whom Satan talked. "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel." Gen. 3:15. Let us note that in this verse the "I" is God talking to Satan. God informed Satan that He was going to put "enmity," which means hostility, or, that there would

be a warfare going on between the "seed" of Satan and the "seed" of the woman, who was Jesus Christ, born of the virgin Mary. God also informs Satan that the "woman's seed" would "bruise," [crush or break] "thy [Satan's] head." That would mean that Christ would break the "head," the power, or the authority that Satan had over mankind, and men could have power to become sons of God. But God adds that Satan "shalt bruise his [Jesus Christ's and His servants'] heel."

We note that this is the first promise of a Saviour for mankind. God was not willing for Satan to sit upon the throne of the heart of His creation. God was going to send His only begotten Son, born of a virgin, "born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word [Jesus Christ] 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." John 1:13,14.

"And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favor with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS . . . Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God." Luke 1:30,31,34,35. The seed of the virgin Mary and the Father, God, through the work of the Holy Spirit, brought forth Jesus, the Son of God. "Her seed [Christ] shall bruise [crush or break] thy [Satan's] head [power and authority]."

Then the battle began. Satan knew that his seat that he had held in the hearts of mankind, through the ages, was in danger. Under the law of Moses, God's people had to bring sacrifices every year for their sins. Through the sincerity of their hearts and the offering of blood sacrifices, they came in contact with God and were accepted by Him. It did not last, but again they had to bring more sacrifices. God said, "Wherefore I was grieved with that generation, and said, They do alway err in their heart." Heb. 3:10. They offered "both gifts and sacrifices, that could not make him that did the service perfect, as pertaining to the conscience." Heb. 9:9.

Satan worked hard to bring Jesus under his control. In Matt. 4:1-11 we read about the fierce battle between Jesus and Satan. Jesus overcame Satan, and "then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him [Jesus]." Through the mighty works of Jesus and the workings of the Holy Spirit in the hearts of those who had continually offered sacrifices unto the Lord, some began to believe on Jesus. "As many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name." John 1:12. Jesus said to His disciples, "Now ye are clean [in your hearts] through the word which I have spoken unto you." John 15:3. One day, He sent out seventy of His disciples and gave them power over the devil. They came back to Him "again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name. And He [Jesus] said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven. Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you." Luke

10:17-19. Praise God, Jesus had conquered! Satan fell from heaven, that lofty seat in the hearts of those who believed on Jesus Christ, the Son of God, or the exalted place that he had held in the hearts of men down through the ages. Jesus had conquered. "Her seed [Jesus] shall bruise [crush or break] thy [Satan's] head [power or authority]."

Satan still wanted to conquer, so through his servants, or his seed, he worked to kill Jesus. One time Jesus told some of Satan's servants, "Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it." John 8:44. Here we see the warfare or hostility between the "seed" of Satan and the "seed" of Jesus. We also see how Jesus bruised, or broke the power and authority of the "head" of Satan. Jesus' death on the cross, which was brought about through Satan and his agents, only brought forth greater victory for Jesus Christ; through death He destroyed him that had the power of death. The grave could not hold Him, but He arose and came forth a conqueror forevermore. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, God again sat on the throne in the hearts of all those who believed on Him.

Through the bruising of Jesus, by Satan, which only touched His heel and not His head, we who believe on Jesus are bruised also today. "Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him." James 1:12. Satan can persecute us, but he cannot touch our head which is the vital organ of our body.

—Sis. Marie Miles

## WEEDS GROW IN EDEN

"In the fourth century there lived in Egypt a very devout man who had one serious fault. He was afflicted with a violent temper. Finally, in an effort to learn to control his temper, he left his home and entered a monastery. Even there he was irritated by the other monks, who, on occasion, unintentionally gave him annoyance.

"He, therefore, determined to escape entirely from the society of men. 'There,' said he, 'I cannot give way to my temper, for I shall never be tempted.' So taking with him only an earthen drinking bowl, he hid himself in the desert. A few days later he was carrying water from the spring when he tripped and spilled the water. In an immediate outburst of rage, he shattered the bowl against a rock. When his anger cooled, he looked at the scattered pieces of the bowl and lamented. 'O fool that I am! Now I realize that the problem is myself and not my surroundings.'

"In our own day we have come to stress environment as a major factor in determining human behavior. As important as environment may be, we need to remember that because of human weakness, sin entered even into the perfect environment of the garden."

Our only hope of deliverance comes through Christ. "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast." Eph. 2:8,9. "The blood of Jesus Christ his son cleanseth us from all sin." 1 John 1:7b. —M. M.

## Healed by Divine Power

From my birth I was very sickly. I had spasms similar to epilepsy. When I was old enough to know about my condition I soon learned that certain foods caused spasms. At ten years of age, I began to have them more often. My high temper added mental suffering to my physical condition. Later, I had spinal and internal trouble and soon I was an helpless invalid. The doctors could not cure me, saying it was incurable.

When I was nineteen I was saved and sanctified. Having no hope of help from the doctor and having been taught that the days of divine healing were past, I concluded that there was no hope for me, and that the Lord intended me to be made perfect through suffering. In the spring of 1880, my oldest brother, Jeremiah Cole, who had been greatly afflicted with chronic dyspepsia, was healed in answer to prayer. Until then I did not know of divine healing, since the days of the apostles.

I asked him, "Jeremiah, what medicine have you been taking?" He looked at me, smiled and said, "Mary, if you will take the kind of medicine I have been, you will be well too."

"What kind is that?"

"It is faith and prayer—the Lord's Word received by faith." This was all new to me—just like a strange language. I knew not what more to say.

Finally, Mother, who had been listening, said to him, "Can you eat a raw egg if I get it for you?" His health had been so poor that at times he could eat nothing but a raw egg, and frequently he would refuse even that.

"Mother," he replied, "I can eat two eggs if you can spare that many, and you may cook them for me." When Mother cooked the eggs, he looked at her and said, "Mother, have you any meat?" She looked at him doubtfully, and not comprehending what God had done for his body, said, "I don't believe I will give you any meat this time." He made no reply, knowing that she did not understand.

It was October before my brother came again. Another swelling had appeared on my jaw, stopping my mouth, so that I could take my food only in a liquid form. My brother again encouraged me to trust the Lord, quoting God's promises to heal the body and related a number of instances that he had witnessed where persons were healed of fits and other serious afflictions. I told my brother that I did not doubt that the Lord had healed others, but said that I did not know whether or not He wanted to heal me. "Perhaps," said I, "He is leaving me afflicted to keep me humble. If I were healed, I might not keep saved." My brother showed me that God was just as willing to heal me as He was to heal anyone else, and that it was both my duty and privilege to trust God for my healing. "Look over your consecration," said he, "and see if you are willing to be healed for God's glory alone."

I thought the matter over for some days. One day I prayed for my healing until I thought I could claim it by faith; but I soon found that the work was not done. Upon waking a few mornings later, I said to myself, "I am going to let the Lord heal me today if He will." Then the enemy whispered, "You have not enough faith yet to be healed; put it off a week or two, and by that time your faith will be stronger." Then came the voice of Jesus, "Oh thou of little faith; wherefore didst thou doubt?" Dropping on my knees,

I cried, "Lord, if it be unbelief, take it out root and branch"; and I knew He did. Then I said, "Lord, what next?" He then showed me I should pour out my medicine. God revealed to me that I was to be severely tempted, and that if I had medicine about, that I would be sure to take it and lose faith for healing.

God was now bringing me to a place where I must choose between trusting God and disbelieving His promises. As a first act of faith on my part, I poured out my medicine. God showed me that if I were to doubt the Scriptures: "Who healeth all thy diseases"; "The prayer of faith shall save the sick," etc. I would not stop until I should reject all His Word, die an infidel, be lost in hell, and perhaps be the means of the loss of scores of other souls.

I said to Mother, "If you ever prayed earnestly for me, pray now." We bowed together. After she prayed, I began praying, claiming the promise in Matt. 18:19: "Lord, thou hast said, that if two shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of the Father which is in heaven. Now, Lord, we are agreed that Thou shalt heal me—soul, mind, body, and spirit as completely as is most to Thy glory." As I said this, I laid hold on the healing power by faith, the witness came from heaven, and the work was done. I arose from my knees saying, "Mother, it is done! I am healed! I am healed!" I felt the virtue go through my body; and, oh, the showers of heavenly grace that filled my soul! I began to praise the Lord. Oh, it was heavenly! "My soul was joyful in glory," for God filled my soul. Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by the prophet Isaiah saying, "Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing: for in the wilderness shall waters break out and streams in the desert" (Isa. 35:6).

This was the beginning of a new epoch in my life. It was the first time, in my recollection, that I could say that I was well: the first bright hope of health that I had ever had in this world. That same day I was able to eat and drink anything that was fit for a sound stomach without the slightest distress.

That night the trial came. It seemed all hell was let loose to try robbing me of my healing faith and to bring back all my diseases. Had I not poured out my medicine, I surely would have yielded. Having no other refuge, I clung to the promises of God, and resisted the devil in Jesus' name, until 2 o'clock in the morning, then I saw God's promise fulfilled. "Resist the devil and he will flee from you"; and there was a great calm. It seemed that the angels came and ministered unto me. My joy was full; my cup ran over. When morning came I began praising the Lord; and for several days, I walked the floor offering almost ceaseless praises to God.

—Mary Cole  
from *Trials and Triumphs of Faith*

"In the beginning the church was simply a brotherhood. It had no dignitaries nor human-made laws. Each officer who guided God's people received his authority, not from man, but directly from God. Happy indeed would it have been for the world if human ecclesiasticism had never been, and real unity can never prevail without the reestablishment of that original simplicity of church government and relation that in apostolic times gave freedom to the Spirit of God to work as He did in every soul."

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## EDITORIALS



**THE SEASON'S WARMEST GREETINGS TO ALL OUR READERS** in the precious name of the Holy Child Jesus, of whom it was prophesied, "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. 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." Isaiah 9:6, 7. Another prophecy reads thus: "The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a law-giver from between his feet, until Shiloh [Rest-giver] come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be." Genesis 49:10.

This "more sure word of prophecy" was fulfilled just as it was foretold hundreds of years before it came to pass. The world was in gross darkness prior to Jesus' birth, and for four hundred years they had been without a prophet from God. Malachi, the last prophet, wrote what God said: "Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet [John the Baptist] before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord: and he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse." Malachi 4:5, 6.

In the darkest hour of world history, the angel of the Lord accompanied with a glorious light appeared to the lonely shepherds on the Judean hills who were keeping watch over their flocks by night, and said: "Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to ALL people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:10, 11. Zacharias also prophesied, saying, "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; for he hath visited and redeemed his people, and hath raised up an horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David; as he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, which have been since the world began: that we should be saved from our enemies, and from the hand of all that hate us; to perform the mercy promised to our fathers, and to remember his holy covenant; the oath which he swore to our father Abraham, that he would grant unto us, that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life." Luke 1:68-75.

Praise God for the gift of His only begotten Son who was the greatest Gift to mankind. "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift!" Jesus Christ, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, broke the power of Satan who had held sway over the human race, generally speaking, ever since the transgression in the Garden of Eden, and offered a full and free salvation

to every soul. Whosoever will may come and take the water of life freely.

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Many thanks to our readers for the substantial number of yearly gift subscriptions which they have sent. We pray and trust that the Bible truth in the coming issues will prove a real spiritual blessing to every recipient. There is transforming power in believing the gospel of Jesus Christ.

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Many more New Testaments in the Ilocano language have been mailed this month to the Philippine Islands for free distribution, as well as a shipment of New Testaments in the Efik language to Nigeria, W. Africa, for distribution. Pray that the gospel seed will germinate and grow in many hungry hearts in those foreign lands.

Recent letters from the Philippines report that the Bible truth on the one Church that Jesus built on the Rock is spreading in those islands in spite of much opposition and false teaching. Let us continue to pray for and support those native missionaries who have a vision of the truth and are using their time and talents to propagate it.

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We are pleased to report with thanks to the Lord and the donors that the fund is increasing with which to purchase a car or bus for Bro. Titus Enu in Nigeria. His great burden is to use such a vehicle equipped with loudspeakers to carry the gospel more quickly over a wide area of his homeland. Jesus gave His all for souls, and no sacrifice should be considered too great to win those souls for whom He died. Let us not be weary in well doing, for in due season we shall reap if we faint not.

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On Sunday, Nov. 14, Bro. Curtis Williams, evangelist from Morehead, Ky., began a revival meeting at the 23rd Street Church of God chapel in Oklahoma City. The Word is going forth clear and definite, and may the Lord continue to bless these services in a special way.

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Reports from Jefferson, Ore., indicate that the annual Assembly meeting held there from Nov. 5 to 14 was a real spiritual blessing and uplift to those in attendance. Besides the local ministers, the Lord used Bro. Mackey Francisco of California and Bro. Richard Madden of Oklahoma to deliver His Word.

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Many thanks to all those who sent greeting cards for this writer's 65th birthday on Nov. 15th and our 43rd wedding anniversary on Nov. 18th. The sentiments expressed were appreciated so much. Continue to pray for us as we labor on together in the gospel work until our course is finished.

Bro. Ostis Wilson of Jefferson, Ore., is scheduled to hold a revival meeting, beginning on Sunday, November 21, at the Miles Church of God chapel northwest of Vinita, Okla., where Bro. Kenneth Probst is the pastor.

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As this last issue of the Bicentennial Year of 1976 goes to press, we are forcefully reminded again how fast time is flying, and we are all fast passengers from time to eternity. With the poet we plead:

"Let us work while 'tis day, brother, sister,  
For soon shall the Master return  
To garner the wheat that we harvest,  
The chaff in His fury to burn.  
Then in haste let us rush to the rescue,  
But few can we save at the most:  
Soon millions shall be at the judgment,  
Forever, eternally lost."

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Looking back over the year, we discern God's hand constantly taking care of the literature ministry here at the Lord's Printshop. All praise unto our Father, and many thanks to our readers who have faithfully prayed for and supported this gospel ministry. Our "Ebenezer" stone has been set up with this inscription, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us," and for the future our faith and trust is in His faithful guiding hand. —Lawrence Pruitt

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## OBITUARIES



**Dennis Flynn Chandler** was born at Fallis, Okla., on June 9, 1902, and departed this life on October 24, 1976, at the age of 74 years and four months.

He accepted Christ as his Saviour at Green Pastures, Okla., and attended the services while he was able.

Survivors include one sister, Phebe Chandler, of Spencer, Okla., and a host of other relatives.

Funeral services were held at the Church of God chapel, Green Pastures, Okla., with Bro. Herman Kelly officiating, assisted by Bro. Lewis Williams. Interment was in Hillcrest Cemetery.

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**Harry Davis** was born November 18, 1892 at Edmond, Oklahoma, and departed this life and went to live with Jesus on October 19, 1976, at Salem, Oregon, at the age of 83 years, eleven months and one day.

He was married in Oklahoma and to this union seven children were born; four sons and three daughters. Two sons preceded him in death. He and his wife were both saved in the early years of their marriage and embraced the truth as taught and practiced by the saints in the Church of God. They lived by this faith throughout the years of their lives and reared their children in this faith.

They moved to Oregon in later years and made their home there for the last years of Bro. Davis' life. They were members of the Church of God congregation at Jefferson, Oregon for a number of years but for the past few years frail health and physical ailments prevented them from attending services.

As his pastor I visited him many times during the last five years of his life when he was confined pretty much to his home, and questioned him closely different times as to his relationship with God and readiness to go and meet Him. He always gave me a good, clear answer of his faith and readiness for the home call. Shortly before his passing he told me he was just waiting and longing for the summons to come.

He is survived by his wife, Mattie, who stood faithfully by his side through the ups and downs, adversities and blessings, sunshine and shadows, griefs, sorrows and joys, pleasures and pains and all the changing fortunes of war, so to speak, for more than 60 years. Also he is survived by two sons: Alvis F. Davis of Salem, Oregon and Harry W. Davis of Lake Oswego, Oregon; three daughters: Mrs. Essie Fox of Salem, Oregon, Mrs. Lois Shamberger also of Salem, and Mrs. Mildred Mathews of Winona, Mississippi; one brother: Carl B. Davis of Seminole, Oklahoma; one sister: Allie Dodd of Seminole, Oklahoma; 18 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Ostis B. Wilson in the Restlawn Mausoleum Chapel at Salem, Oregon on October 22, 1976, with interment in the Restlawn Memory Gardens of Salem.

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**H Ezekiah Rumpfelt**, the son of Robert E. and Mary (McCain) Rumpfelt, was born Jan. 24, 1906, in Illinois, and departed this life on Nov. 4, 1976, at Jackson, Mo., at the age of 70 years.

In 1932, he was married to Bernice Phillips who survives. Also surviving are: one son, Lyman, of Cape Girardeau, Mo.; two daughters, Mrs. Don (Virginia) Cotner of Baldwin, Mo., and Mrs. Frederick (Virgie) Dick of Rochester, Mich.; four brothers and five sisters.

He was a member of the Church of God.

The funeral service was conducted by Bro. Donald Sharp in Jackson, Mo.

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## CROSSING THE STREAM

The decision to become a Christian may be thought of as crossing a stream. If the stream is crossed near its source, only a short step is needed. The farther one travels downstream on the wrong side however, the wider the stream becomes and the greater the effort to get across. All children need to cross the stream of personal decision into faith in Christ. Early in life the child of Christian parents is motivated by their influence to serve Christ. His decision is deeply influenced by the quality of his home life.

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"So long as the object of federation is to unite all professors, with no distinction between the holy and the unholy, between the spiritual and the worldly, between those who are truly Christians and those who are such merely in form, whatever union may be effected cannot by any means be Scriptural unity."

**OKMULGEE, OKLA., REVIVAL REPORT**

The prayers of the righteous were heard concerning the recent revival meeting at Okmulgee, Okla. Our thanks be unto God who hath given us the victory again. We appreciate every one who had a part in any way. The Holy Spirit prevailed. The Word of the Lord had free course and God was glorified. From the opening song and the first message from Matt. 5, to the last message on "Love, Supreme Affection," the Word revealed the keys that unlocked the kingdom of heaven to us. Some took heed to the preached Word. The attendance was good each night.

Ministers and gospel workers were in the battle together with us. The song services, the fellowship of the saints, and God's Word were so precious.

—Sister Erma Johnson

**GREEN PASTURES, OKLA., REVIVAL REPORT**

We are very thankful to the Lord for blessing us with a wonderful meeting in Green Pastures, Okla., this year on October 8 to 17. The Word of God was preached under the anointing of the Holy Ghost and a number sought the Lord for divine help.

We certainly appreciated all the visiting ministers, Bros. Mackey Francisco, Ronald Hattley, and Lewis Williams who came from afar, as well as those who came shorter distances. The full attendance each night was also appreciated. May the Lord richly bless all of you. —The Saints at Green Pastures, by Sis. Agnes Brown

**WICHITA, KANSAS, MEETING REPORT**

The saints at Wichita, Kansas, are still rejoicing because of the good autumn meeting the Lord blessed us with. He was so faithful and sent His Word in its fullness with power and conviction. It was stirring for saints and sinners alike. The first message of the meeting exhorted us to incline our ear to hear the Word of God with our heart. One message exhorted us to abide in the old ship of Zion. We were assured that whatever trial or test comes our way, the Lord is doing well by us because He is trying to get us to heaven, and each thing we face is needed. There were warnings and encouragements, and even a description of the beautiful Church of God. We thank the Lord for His living Word.

Many saints sought for help and a few sinners sought for salvation at the altar, for which we thank the Lord. The Lord blessed and sent ministers with a burden, and we appreciated their labors. We appreciate all the out-of-town saints who came to help in the battle.

—Submitted by Shirley Knight

**PLACE OF WORSHIP IN PITTSBURGH, PA.**

A congregation of the Church of God has been started in Pittsburgh, Pa., located at 114 Hemlock Street. Everyone in that area is welcomed and urged to attend the services.

For further information, contact Bro. and Sister Earl Tinsley, 706 Silvin Way, Level Green, Trafford, Pa. 15085, phone 376-5008, or the minister in charge, Sister LaDolia Fuller, 544 Fernwood Dr., Akron, Ohio 44320, phone 216-253-4300.

**CALIFORNIA STATE ASSEMBLY MEETING**

The annual California Assembly meeting of the Church of God, located at 12312 Osborne Place, Pacoima, California, will convene, Lord willing, December 24, 1976, and continue through January 2, 1977.

We are praying and expecting the Lord to send Holy Ghost-filled ministers to preach the Word with power and authority of heaven's anointing. A hearty welcome is extended to all.

Meals and lodging will be provided on a free-will basis. However, we do request that out-of-town saints bring their own linens if possible. There are accommodations for all.

We are praying for a great soul harvest. We desire you to pray with us for the success of this meeting. For further information, contact Bro. Robert Sherman, 12312 Osborne Place, Pacoima, Calif. 91331, phone 213-896-7593, or Bro. James Pierro, 11316 Glenoaks Blvd., Pacoima, Calif., phone 213-896-5331. The chapel phone number is 213-899-9021.

—Wynema Clay, Secretary

**OKLAHOMA STATE ASSEMBLY MEETING**

The 70th annual Oklahoma State Assembly meeting of the Church of God will be held, the Lord willing, at Guthrie, Okla., on Dec. 24, 1976 to Jan. 2, 1977, inclusive, during the Christmas holidays. A hearty welcome is extended to all to attend this annual gathering of God's people in the central area of the U. S. A.

The chapel is located on the corner of 6th Street and West Warner Avenue. The dining hall and dormitories are located in the same block for your convenience. All who come will be cared for. The expenses of the meeting will be met as usual by free-will offerings.

We are praying and expecting the Lord to send in Spirit-filled ministers to preach the Word with heaven's anointing. All hungry souls seeking light or spiritual help, come, and God will meet you here. If you are sick in body, come and be healed by faith in the Great Physician. Saints, come praying with a burden for the unsaved and for all who need help in soul and body. These are perilous times, and we need to be about our Father's business, doing what we can for lost souls.

Please send all contributions for the coming State Assembly meeting directly to the State Treasurer, Sister Frances Deforth, Route 2, Guthrie, Okla. 73044.

—L. D. Pruitt, Trustee

**NOTICE**

I feel the Lord has lifted the burden of the work here at Springfield, so I have resigned as pastor. I need the earnest prayers of the saints that I might know God's will. I will be going in the work of the Lord as the Lord leads and gives me strength. I am very weak and frail in body. Our address will remain the same. We hope the ministers will visit the saints here as the Lord leads.

Yours in Christ, —Bro. and Sis. Murphy Allen  
1808 W. Thoman, Springfield, Mo., 65803  
Phone 417-865-6907

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## PRAYER REQUESTS

Ky.—“The congregation here at Shelby City, Ky., has been praying for a pastor. We would appreciate it if the saints would agree with us that God would send the one of His choosing.”  
—Sis. Elsie Jarvis

La.—“I received a letter from a brother in Ghana, W. Africa, that has had an affliction for five months and desired prayer.”  
—Ben Goldsberry

Ohio—Remember Bro. Woodrow Edwards who has an affliction and is looking to the Lord for healing.

N. Car.—“Please pray for my husband and my healing.”  
—Bro. and Sis. W. J. Black

Okla.—“Pray for Wife and me. I am not able to attend the prayer services here in the [Golden Rule] Home.”  
—Bro. and Sis. Alvan Foster

Ohio.—“Pray for me. I have arthritis all over my body.”  
—Sis. Maxine Jeffery

Colo.—Sis. Mary Wollert has asthma. Please pray for her.

Wisc.—“I . . . fell and hitting my whole left side . . . still very sore . . . pray for me; for the healing of my body. The Lord has done a wonderful work for me so far.”  
—Sis. Florence Knoll

Ohio—Remember Sister Donna Sallee. She has a serious heart condition and needs complete healing of other afflictions as well.

La.—Gwendolyn James has a very serious bone infection which has spread through her blood stream. She also has a severe case of sugar diabetes.

Mo.—“I am very weak and still sad from the loss of my husband. . . . Pray for me and mine.”  
—Bernice Rumpf

As you pray, do remember the “whole household of faith.” That will take in those who are facing problems that are too big for them, yet not too big for God. We have had several phone calls and letters lately that have touched us very deeply. One night our heart was so burdened for many different ones that we would pray and fall asleep and then awake and pray some more, until with weariness we would go to sleep again. This occurred during the entire night. We feel the Lord did answer in some cases and we do thank the Lord, yet there are still some great needs. Some prayer requests came from those who are not saved, some from homes that are being broken, some from those suffering with afflictions, some from mothers and fathers who are burdened for their children. Do remember one couple who is facing a very, very serious problem. On and on are the needs, but, oh, how precious and wonderful it is that we can take these dear ones to the Lord in prayer. God does hear and God does answer. Dear ones, keep encouraged, and with faith pray, believe and thank God for the answer.  
—Sis. Marie Miles

“Christian unity is a spiritual thing. It will not begin on the outside and work inward. It must begin on the inside and thence proceed to externals. It must be first a union of hearts before it can be a union of hands. It must first be a union of ideals before it can be a union of methods. It must first have a common purpose before there can be unity of action.”

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“A grateful mind is a great mind.”

## NIGERIAN MISSION REPORT

Bendel State, Nigeria (Nov. 9)—Dear Bro. Pruitt: Greetings in the Saviour's dear name. I am back to Kwale from visiting four Church of God congregations in Cross River State, Rivers State, and Imo State, respectively. A brother and two sisters were in the entourage; namely—Bro. Francis Ugbea, Sis. Regina Ukah and Sis. Esther Samuel.

We got to Ikot Esen safely despite bad roads and bridges passed over in Anambra and Imo States. Praise God! Ikot Esen congregation is pastored by Bro. J. U. Etuk, assisted by Bro. Nse Umanah. This congregation remained firm in its affiliation with the Church of God in America and teaches the sound doctrine of the Church of God. Bro. Nse Umanah, whose appointment as field secretary was unilaterally terminated by Asana leaders, hails from this village. The congregation is moving in the right direction. Bro. J. U. Etuk, the pastor of the congregation, has resigned from his secular appointment with the judiciary department. Bro. Etuk is now in full-time ministry which is welcome news. I held a useful business meeting with him and his members.

I visited Ukpom in company with Bro. J. U. Etuk, Bro. Nse Umanah and Bro. Francis Ugbea. Ukpom congregation and four others supervised by Bro. S. U. Udoh were former signatories on the disaffiliation document. They staged a comeback when the contents of the document became known. I was satisfied with both the temporal and spiritual life of the Ukpom group of congregations under the leadership of Bro. S. U. Udoh.

We left Cross River State on November 2, and arrived at Port Harcourt, the capital of River State, at exactly 11:45 a.m. Bro. Nse Umanah joined the entourage, as he is the only brother who knows the route to Tombia and Mgboko Amairi, respectively. We boarded a fly boat at Port Harcourt to Tombia. We narrowly escaped a river mishap. It was discovered after a great distance from Port Harcourt in mid-river that the fly boat was overloaded and in danger of capsizing. Our fate was committed to God in prayer for deliverance. The Lord heard our prayer, calmed the river, took control of the fly boat, made it float and propelled it to Tombia safely. Praise Him forever!

On arrival in Tombia we met Bro. B. B. Taylor, the pastor. The wonderful saints of Tombia, with cheerful countenance, swiftly rallied around to give us a saintly reception. Praise God for the encouraging spiritual state of Tombia brethren—a lively congregation of lively stones. A service was held in the evening and messages were preached with the anointing of the Holy Spirit by this writer.

As re-scheduled, I am expected to return to Tombia with a few brethren on December 11th for nearly a week of revival meetings and open air preaching. Pray for these meetings, for the need of souls to be met therefrom.

A request was made to me for a pastor at the Port Harcourt congregation to feed the hungry sheep of that fold with spiritual food—the Word of God. Four chosen vessels (the God-called) are urgently needed for assignment at Abbi, Utagbaogbe, Afor and Port Harcourt.

There is a need, which the Lord knows, for Tombia congregation to be provided with a big canoe capable of carrying 35 to 40 brethren to other towns and villages along the creeks, at intervals, for evangelistic meetings. Let us invest in the work of God our time and money to



reach the unreached before physical death. When the canoe is not engaged on evangelistic missions, it could be assigned to transportation of passengers to and from Port Harcourt and help materially to provide sustaining support for the Lord's workers in Nigeria. A project to bring to pass financial independence to the gospel workers in Africa should be given top priority.

We left Tombia for Mgboko-Amairi in Imo State. Bro. J. E. Ahuekwe was seen and visited with.

—Bro. Titus E. U. Enu

### REPORT FROM OJOS NEGROS, MEXICO, AND SPANISH LITERATURE PROGRESS

Dear ones: Greetings of Christian love in Jesus' sweet and precious name. I recently received a letter from the young missionary couple, Bro. and Sis. Mayarino Escobar, in Ojos Negros, Mexico. They are really making use of the pickup truck. They are having services in Valle de la Trinidad (Valley of the Trinity), Ojos Negros and La Huerta, (the Indian Reservation). They desire the prayers of the saints and are grateful for those carrying a burden for the work there. They and all in the congregations send greetings to all.

I surely thank the Lord, also, for those who are carrying a burden to help get out the Spanish literature so those in Mexico can read the gospel and have the opportunity of being saved, too. "Sing unto the Lord: for he hath done excellent things." Isa. 12:5. He has made it possible recently to mail between 4,000 and 5,000 tracts of those printed in tract form, most of which were sent to Mexico, and some to South America. About 1,500 are in the process of preparation to be mailed soon. A request recently received from South America for literature to be used in teaching children is also in the process of being granted by making copies on the mimeograph for mailing. There are seven messages ready to be mailed to the 8 addresses of those on the tape ministry list. The Lord wonderfully provided for the purchase of the 56 tapes needed. "Let the Lord be magnified . . . my tongue shall speak of thy righteousness and of thy praise all the day long." Ps. 35:27,28. We all need your prayers, that the work of God will continue to go forward.

Yours in Christ,

Bro. and Sis. Mayarino Escobar, Ap. Postal No. 284, Ensenada, B. Cfa. Mexico, and Sis. Opal Kelly, 919 W. Mansur, Guthrie, Okla. 73044

### MISSION REPORT FROM INDIA

S. India (Oct. 20)—Dear Bro. Pruitt and readers everywhere: We send our loving greetings to all in the precious name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.

Thank you very much for your letter dated Oct. 4, and the enclosures were noted with heartfelt gratitude. By the grace of God, the Church is progressing in this field and the saints are advancing very well in the midst of several temptations and trials.

Many thanks to the Lord who so graciously helped us to complete the chapel at Kalayapuram except flooring, plastering the walls, and installing the shutters to the doors and windows. The chapel will be opened for service without much delay.

As I mentioned in my last letter, I started to build a home for my family and myself to live in, as I have to move out of my mother's home which now belongs to my younger brother. There is no progress in its construction due to the lack of money. This is an urgent need, for which we request the earnest prayers of the saints.

Our campmeeting season starts in December and will continue six months. Our general 11th annual campmeeting at Karikkom will begin, Lord willing, on Dec. 29, and continue five days. We expect many blessings from heaven at this time. I wish that some of you could participate in our campmeetings. The expenses are great to supply food and lodging for those attending the meetings. We request your prayers and invite your support for these meetings. Also, please remember in prayer the work we have started in new villages.

My wife and I continue to pray for your complete healing and good health to work for God.

With love and prayers, I am yours in Christ,

—John Varghese

(Editor's note: For many months, Bro. John Varghese has been editing and printing a magazine in their native language entitled *Evening Light*, which is a monthly journal published in the interest of the Church of God. It has 16 to 24 pages, size 7" x 9½", and he mails us a copy each month though we are not able to read much of it. Let us pray that this gospel paper will be widely circulated to reach multitudes of hungry souls among India's millions.)

### FROM THE MAIL BOX . . .

III.—Dear folks: We hope everybody is well and in good spirits at the Print Shop. We are still able to be up most of the day and are able to take care of ourselves. We are very thankful to the Lord for watching over us and providing us with all of our needs.

We hope nothing will keep you from printing this paper. May God bless and keep all of you.

Love,

—Bro. Carl and Sis. Karen Gimse

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III.—Dear Sis. Marie and saints: Greeting of love to all of you, as you labor together for the cause of Christ. Only heaven will reveal the souls that have been helped and encouraged to press the battle on because of your faithful labors for souls. Satan is working harder and harder because he knows his time is short. We surely thank God for the encouragement we get from the *Faith and Victory* papers, and the Sunday school lessons. We read the paper as soon as it comes in the mail. Just like a letter from home! When we read the wonderful testimonies and letters from our brothers and sisters in the family of God (whom we have never met), we feel the closeness of the ties that bind our hearts together in Christian love. I'm truly thankful for the Spirit of God that makes us one in Christ Jesus. I'm glad to be a part of the great family of God.

My husband isn't very well. He is having much trouble with his breathing. It seems to be his heart, but we aren't sure. Trust you will remember him in prayer. God has come on the scene different times when he would be laboring very hard to breathe. God would give relief, but he needs complete healing if he continues to

farm. He hasn't really been well for some time, but kept pushing himself to get the crops in. Farming is hard work and unless God undertakes, his farming days are over. But we say, "God's will be done." And we do want God's will in our lives.

Thank you for your prayers and the help we get from your labors in the Print Shop. —Mrs. Harry Romoser

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Canada—Dear Sirs: Would you please send me 200 copies of your tract "Television On Trial."

If you have any other tracts about television please mail some of them, too. There has never been a bigger curse in the home than television. Children's health is being ruined by this monster. I know from experience. After we bought our first T. V., night after night our oldest child would go to bed with a headache, a sick stomach, or a sore throat, etc. I knew these ailments were caused from tension. Being a second hand set, it wasn't long before it broke down and I wouldn't have it repaired until the children were well on in their teen-age years. It was only through pressure from my husband that it was repaired. It still is a source of trouble in our home now, so if I can do anything at all to stop this evil, I'm only too glad to do it. I hope to place these tracts in our church pews.

May the Lord bless your work.—Mrs. C. Strongman

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Ark.—Dear Sis. Marie: The love of God abounding in our hearts helps us to flourish spiritually, with more longing to be like Him, and a desire to sink into His will. No day is lost if placed in the hands of our Christ, and no day is lost in which some spiritual truth becomes a reality to our hearts.

Our recent revival with Bro. Ed Wilson and Bro. Kenneth Probst was very good. Every message was precious. The Word came forth with love and the anointing of the Spirit of God. We all drank a big portion. It was sweet to our souls and just what we needed. God is very good to send us these wonderful servants to enlighten us and lift us up. It helps us to be more useful in the service of our Lord. There is joy in the service of the Master. There is still work to do here, and no time to be idle in these days.

Bro. Jim McMillian and his wife are very faithful. We do thank God for sending them our way. We are all happy in the Saviour.

Pray for us. We appreciate your labors.

—Sis. Lou Bray

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Ala.—Dear Sis. Marie: Greetings in Jesus' sweet name. I am glad I can report victory in my soul today.

As I listened to the news this morning, and heard of the five earthquakes or tremors in various places around the world, I was reminded of Jesus warning us in Matt. 24 that this, among many other things, is a sure sign of His soon coming. Oh, that every person who is not prepared to meet God would fall upon his knees today and repent!

Please continue to pray for me, and also my loved ones who are not saved. —Mrs. Leora Frink

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Twice or thrice a day, look to see if your heart is not disquieted about something; and if you find that it is, take care forthwith to restore it to calm.

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## Testimonies and Answers to Prayer



La.—Dear Sis. Marie and Saints: I greet each one of you in the wonderful name of Jesus! We love all of you and pray often for each one. The great desire of our heart is for Bro. Lawrence's healing. I'm so thankful to God, for healing you, Sis. Marie. He is the same always. His dear heart is touched by the feelings of our infirmities.

We give God thanks for all His ministers. We want them to be on fire for God and preach the whole truth. I also love the Lord and I want to live for Him, be true and faithful. He heals me again and again. I know God will do the same for everyone who will have faith! If we don't have the Spirit of God in our lives, we cannot help anyone. My prayer is, "Help us, God, to let you lead, guide, and direct us." If we do this, we cannot go wrong.

In the prayer which Jesus taught His disciples, He has given us a beautiful example of prayer. It brings us in harmony with God. We can pray and have contact with the great omnipresent Lord! Praise the Lord! Saints, earnestly pray on for others. God is on His throne, looking down upon us, and we want Him to find faith when He comes—that glorious faith once delivered to the saints.

—Sis. Rubye Quave

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Calif.—For about three and one-half years I had a small bump on my nose that would bleed occasionally, increase and decrease in size, but never go completely away. I felt that the bump was potentially dangerous and prayed for its removal many times. However, during this time, I never felt impressed to be anointed for its removal. Finally, in the Jefferson, Oregon, campmeeting, on fast day, I felt impressed to be anointed. Today the bump is gone. Only a small scar remains. Praise the Lord! Let us continue to trust, believe, and have faith in God.

—Cecelia Bowman

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Calif.—Dear Sister Marie: I am saved and enjoying the Word of God daily. I visited my sister, Florence Perkins, in Oklahoma City, last month and had the privilege of attending a meeting in Green Pastures, Okla. They had all-day meeting the last Sunday. It had been a long time since I was in a saints' meeting, and needless to say, I felt very much at home with the saints. I saw some of my old school friends whom I had not seen for 40 years. The Lord wonderfully blessed me to stay fairly well during my stay in Oklahoma.

My sister, who is 86 years of age, is in good health for her age. The Lord has wonderfully blessed her. She reared me and I can truthfully say she lived a Christian life before me. She taught me the Scriptures, but more important than anything else that I can remember is the Christian life she lived before me. The example is what remains with a person. She never did any of the worldly things that would make you wonder whether this or that is wrong. She set a straight course and never veered from her goal. I am grateful for that early training, because I am not a reed blowing in the wind, believing in this and that faith. I know the Word of God, because it was established in my heart as a youngster. Oh, I am sorry to say I didn't try to serve the Lord until I was 35, but one day He started talking to me, reminding me of my deceased mother's prayers and the straight upbringing of

my sister. I began to call on Him for help, asking Him to forgive me of my sins, and the Lord heard my cry and I have been on the road for my Lord ever since. Praise the Lord! I am rejoicing in His Word this morning.

Remember us in your prayers. . . . May God wonderfully bless His work through you, is our prayer.

—Moslette Kern

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La.—Today finds me still pressing on. The Lord is very good to me. He blesses me, daily watches over me, and heals me when I am sick; for all this I can't thank Him enough. I have fair health and strength for my age. I was 80 on November 12. I am still able to make a little garden and take care of myself, for which I am thankful.

Pray for me and my unsaved family. I have such a burden for them.

Yours in Christ,

—Sis. Mary Bush

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Fla.—Dear Sister Marie: I was very happy to receive your letter.

Someone sent to me the booklet by Mart Samons entitled, *From Darkness to Light*. I like to read and reread it. I am very thankful for it and do thank whoever was responsible for sending it. There is "higher ground" for the children of God to stand on.

I have asthma attacks and wasn't feeling well last night. I told my husband and children that they should be prepared to get themselves off to work and school in the morning. For our family Bible reading, I read Psalms 143:8, "Cause me to hear thy lovingkindness in the morning. . . ." That verse seemed to stay with me.

During the night my head began to ache. Around 5:00 a.m. my head stopped pounding. It was time for my husband to get up. The headache had stopped just in time and I was able to make breakfast and do all the necessary duties.

While this may seem like a small thing, it meant much to us and I praise the Lord that He had shown His lovingkindness to me in the morning, according to His Word. . . .

I am in much need of complete healing . . . Pray for me.

—Sis. Geraldine Dick

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Mex.—Dear Sister Marie: We sincerely thank the Lord for the offering, and each one who has had a part in giving it. We ask the Lord to help us be wise stewards over it by helping others, and keeping the pickup running so we can go in the work of the Lord. We have felt a burden to go over to Rosarito and see some who used to go to meeting, then on to see Bro. and Sis. Escobar and saints at Ojos Negros, and on down to the Valley of Trinidad and see the saints there. I have felt this burden to go and Paulino (my husband) feels I should go. I mentioned it to Bro. and Sis. Robert Sherman and they plan to go with me. I am very glad for I surely don't like to go alone.

I am grateful for my sister-in-law who is such a help to us and especially at times when I have to be away.

I trust the Lord can use us on this trip for His honor and glory. We want to be all the Lord would have us be. Time is very rapidly and steadily moving on and we need to be obedient to the Lord's leadings and faithful for eternity bound souls are at stake.

We have been praying and feeling a need of having a meeting here, trust someone feels a burden to come. I feel it would be a real encouragement to all, especially the youngest ones in the Lord. We hope to have evening services on Thanksgiving week-end.

Sister Marie, I have a very urgent request for prayer. It is a real emergency. Please ask others to pray with me. It is very serious.

Give the saints there our love; we think of you and all the others who give so faithfully of your efforts of love for humanity. We truly appreciate every effort and every one.

—Sis. Edith (Cole) Lara

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## A Gambler, Cowboy, and Prisoner

I was born and reared on what was at that time known as the West Texas frontier. The early part of my life was spent with the cowboys. While yet in my youthful days, I learned to gamble, drink whiskey, and participate in horse-races, and I lived a very sinful life. While young I became disgusted with religion and knew very little about the teachings of the Bible until I was twenty-eight years old. The majority of professed Christians I met in those days would slip around and drink with us boys, and should we meet one who was trying to practice what he preached, he always left the impression that he had something that was a real burden to him.

I really enjoyed what we boys called the "butterfly life," until I woke to see that it had been misrepresented to me. Surely the way of the transgressor is hard. I lived the life of a cowboy, working with cattle and horses four or five months each year. The remainder of the time I spent in what we called "having a good time." I continued thus until 1895, when I said to myself, "A man who works and gambles is a fool." So I decided to give up one, and I lived the life of a professional gambler until 1898.

On the morning of the 8th day of January I killed a fellow gambler. This man was a desperate character, was under bond for shooting a man, and was looking for trouble when I killed him. Feeling that I had done a good thing for the community, I walked about a mile to the sheriff's home and gave myself up. In less than three months I was tried and sentenced to hang, and I lay under the death-sentence for nineteen months, and lacked only three months and five days of spending ten years behind prison-bars. Only the good Lord knows what I suffered.

I did not feel that I was a murderer when I went on trial, but I was one at heart when the death-sentence was read to me. I cursed God, the professed Christian world, and myself for letting my attorneys appeal my case, for I would rather have been hung than spend six months in a dungeon waiting for the Supreme Court to pass on my case. Oh, what a load of sin and guilt there was upon me! I really thought God hated me, but, dear reader, I soon found God to be a God of love and mercy, and when I found all earthly help had failed, I began crying out to Him to have mercy on me, a sinner, and when I met the conditions laid down in the Bible, God for Christ's sake forgave all my sins and spoke peace to my soul. All my burden of sin and guilt was rolled away, and I was made a new man in Christ Jesus.

I tried to read the New Testament before my conversion, but it was the most uninteresting book I ever tried

to read. But after God spoke peace to my soul, the Bible was a new book to me, and I found it was the bread of life for which my hungry soul had been starving for twenty-eight years.

The remainder of my time in prison was spent in reading and studying the precious Word of God. After I had put my trust in the arm of flesh (lawyers) for over six years, God opened my spiritual eyes to see and to know that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever, and that I was worshiping the same God that delivered the three Hebrew children out of the fiery furnace; Daniel out of the lion's den; Peter, Paul, and Silas out of prison, and that if I would take my stand upon the promises of God's Word, he would deliver me.

The New Mexico Supreme Court had turned me down for the last time, and my attorneys fixed up briefs to take my case to the Supreme Court of the United States. I tried to get my loved ones and friends to stop giving my attorneys money, telling them that I wanted to place my case in the hands of God, but they would not listen to me, but looked on me as being crazy.

When my attorneys brought the briefs for me to sign, I told them that they could consider themselves dismissed, as I had placed my case into the hands of a living God. Judge Freeman, one of my attorneys, told me that unless I would sign those briefs they could do no more. I told him I was worshiping the same God that delivered the three Hebrew children out of the fiery furnace; Daniel out of the lion's den; Paul, Peter, and Silas out of prison, and that God had shown me plainly that if I would take my eyes off the arm of flesh and take my stand on the promises of God's Word, he would deliver me. Judge Freeman became very angry, also everything was done through my attorneys, preachers, and my loved ones to get me to sign those briefs; but God's grace was sufficient and enabled me to put all my trust in Jesus.

I had written a letter to the Gospel Trumpet Company asking the prayers of the people of God throughout the world in my behalf. No one but the dear Lord knows the condition I was in. I was mocked and looked on as crazy by professed Christians, officials, and loved ones. Even the poor prisoners mocked me. They would call to me: "Hall, how are you and your God getting along? Has he taken you out of prison yet?" But again the grace of God was sufficient, and I would look up and say, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

God often spoke to me through his Word, His Spirit, and through visions and dreams, and many times He opened the windows of heaven and poured out a blessing upon me until there was no room to receive it. Many times I felt the effects of the prayers of His saints.

One evening while I was lying alone in my little dungeon, 5½ by 9 feet, reading my Bible, the dear Lord opened the windows of heaven and poured out the greatest blessing ever bestowed upon me. I could not understand it at first. My little prison cell was just filled with the glory of God, and I thought of the time when the wicked king looked into the fiery furnace and said, "Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt, and the form of the fourth is like unto the Son of God." With the blessing came a light brighter than the sun. No electric light could have lighted up that little dungeon as it was that evening. No, it was lit up by the presence of my dear Saviour and Deliverer. Praise God

forever and ever! Soon afterward everything was calm, and I would look up and say, "Father, what does it mean? Why should unworthy I be so wonderfully blessed?"

A few days later I received a letter from a sister in New York, which began something like this: "Dear Brother: Hold on to God. Prove true to God. Stand on His promises and put all your trust in Jesus. The congregation at this place set aside a day for prayer and fasting in your behalf, and God has witnessed here with His Spirit that He is hearing prayer and that He is going to deliver you."

I counted back and found that the very day this congregation in New York was praying and fasting for me was the day God so wonderfully blessed me. I then remembered how while Peter was in prison the church prayed for him, and the dear Lord answered and delivered him.

Well, praise the Lord! Soon after this, when it seemed from an earthly view that the world was against me, affairs among the authorities suddenly changed to my favor, and the prison-doors swung open about November 6, 1906, and I walked out a free man. Hallelujah to our King!

I am now at work for Him who loved me and gave Himself for me and delivered me out of the hands of my enemies. Dear reader, if you are still in sin, prepare to meet thy God.

—W. B. Hall

## Does God Need Me?

It was the mercy of God that made a provision for us to be "workers together with Him." II Cor. 6:1 We say sometimes that He needs us to carry His gospel; I prefer the idea that He *allows* us to carry His gospel. He could have, had He chosen to do so, brought His message to every soul upon the face of the earth through all ages by the direct agency of His Holy Spirit. He does, without doubt, visit every heart some time or other and offer an opportunity to be saved. Justice demands that, and God is just. No doubt there are some who never have met a Christian, but God is faithful to them by His Spirit and will lead them out if they will yield.

But the Lord knew that when we turned to Him with all our hearts and repented of our sins and transgressions that His love which would flood our souls at His entrance would cry out to be manifested. If we love someone we set about to demonstrate it with special kindnesses, extra acts of thoughtfulness, demonstrations of tenderness, manifestations of affections, etc. Now since God is a spirit, how could we be sure that we were reaching Him with our love? He filled the need and made the way when He said, "Inasmuch as ye do it unto one of the least of these my brethren ye have done it unto me." We demonstrate our attitude toward God by the manner in which we treat others. This points up the absolute necessity we have of laboring for Him, not because He needs us, but because the spontaneous overflowing of His love in our hearts reaches out to others to demonstrate to God that we love Him. We will love our fellowman also because God loves him, but the prime factor must be our real true pure unselfish affection for the Lord. If we love Him with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength as His Word requires, we will see to it that our own lives are measured to all that His precepts

demand. Then when we go forth seeking souls upon whom to bestow our affection, our outpouring to them will be exactly what we would pour out to God if He were the person. It will be just as pure, just as holy, just as genuine, just as sincere, just as honest as it would be to God. What we manifest to our fellowman tells a big story about the condition of our hearts.

Supposing for a moment that we were to go forth with the prime thought in mind that God needs me. Unless we are very careful the enemy will soon impose upon us the idea that unless we are there and active the work of the Lord will diminish or cease. The work depends on us. With that attitude we address ourselves to the task of winning souls. See the opening this leaves for the enemy to promote in us an over-exaggerated opinion of ourselves and our abilities! Soon it will become, not a labor of love, but a drudgery of endurance. See the difference between this method and the one previously described? The load becomes heavier and the distress greater and the first thing we know it is too easy to cut a corner here or there, thinking perhaps that folks don't seem to appreciate my efforts anyway. Tenderness begins to grow dim, thoughtfulness begins to fade away, kindnesses come a little more reluctantly, and before we hardly know or become aware, we are no longer demonstrating the love of God, but we go on working because the work "needs me."

God help us to see that God and His work don't need us, but rather that we need them. If our true labor of love is not received by those about us as we wish it were we can go on rejoicing anyway because the activity in the first place was in affection for Him. He will reward us anyway, whether our acts be accepted or rejected, therefore we, with courage, are able to continue on.

—Clifford Wilson

### TRUST NOT IN UNCERTAIN RICHES

In 1923 a group of the world's most successful financiers met at Edgewater Beach Hotel in Chicago. Collectively these men controlled more wealth than there was in the national treasury. Twenty-five years later a report on these men was as follows:

The president of the largest independent steel company, Charles Schwab, lived on borrowed money the last five years of his life and died broke.

The greatest wheat speculator, Arthur Cutten, died abroad, insolvent.

The president of the New York Stock exchange, Richard Whitney, was recently released from Sing Sing (prison).

The member of the President's cabinet Albert Fall, was pardoned from prison so he could die at home.

The greatest bear in Wall Street, Jess Livermore, committed suicide.

The president of the Bank of International Settlement, Leon Fraser, committed suicide.

The head of the world's greatest monopoly, Ivar Krueger, committed suicide.

All of these men had learned how to make money, but not one of them had learned of the true riches that brings real happiness to the life and soul. "Better is little with the fear of the Lord than great treasure and trouble therewith." Pro. 15:16.

—Sel.

## Watchfulness of God's Care

After the wise men found Jesus, they "being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod," took "another way" home, Matt. 2:12. Then we read of the flight of their King. An angel of the Lord came to Joseph in a dream and said, "Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee," (ver. 13). How did the wise men and Joseph react to these commands? The wise men obeyed the dream unhesitatingly as they had precious followed the star. Joseph, also, in regard to his dream, appears to have been at least as swift to obey by rising up "by night" to do as God bid. Evidently he was as satisfied here with God's appointments or "judgments" as the Psalmist of old, who said, "At midnight I will rise to give thanks unto thee because of thy righteous judgments." Psalms 119:62.

We note the watchful care of God over the wise men. He let them know the feelings of Herod about them, and warned them of the consequences! How "precious" their lives were in His "sight!" He graciously took care of the Holy Baby and noted its peril. He gave time for the escape by sending the wise men away, also telling Joseph of it by night. God had provided a watchful guardian for baby Jesus—Joseph, who was so faithful, so obedient, and so prompt. God provided a place of refuge for Jesus (Egypt), which was so safe, so near, yet out of Herod's jurisdiction and his reach. If we may judge that the baby was "two years old," (ver. 16) God postponed all of this until the Babe and its mother should be equal to the journey required.

We need to be alert also to the care and watchfulness of God over us in all the phases of life. By faith we should move at His commands knowing that He knows best. When soldiers are under the lead of a commander in whom they have fully learned to confide, and find him issuing a series of orders which they do not expect and do not understand, what do they say? — Not that he is in error, but that they are in ignorance. Not that he does not know, but that he alone knows what he is doing. We may rightly argue in the same way of the perplexities of the wise men and Joseph. God is "sound-ing a retreat" when we should have expected a "command to advance." It is the part of faith not to believe less, but to believe more, on this ground. Nothing is more likely than that the commands of an all-wise Commander should at times be perplexing to us. Never is this more likely than when His plans are most remarkable for their depths. God can't care for us unless we have faith in His commands.

—Sis. Marie Miles

The collective phase of Christian unity is the fruit of personal attainment of the spirit and attitude of unity.

Division is a personal thing. Were there no divisions in the hearts of the people, if they did not hold a partisan attitude and have a partisan love, parties could not exist; for the Spirit of Christ dwelling in the heart draws the people of God away from partisanship, away from division and the things that cause it. There can be collective division only where there is personal division. The remedy, therefore, for collective division, is the elimination of the spirit and attitude of division from the individual heart and life.

## Good Works



We are not saved and given a home in heaven because of our good works, and yet we must work as though our getting to heaven did depend upon our works. Man may do a great many good deeds and yet be far away from God; but it is true that those who are near to God are active in good works. One of the surest evidences that we are gaining a closer walk with Jesus is that our lives are becoming fuller of good deeds; that we are more eager to do something to His glory. God wants a people to walk with Him; therefore He saves us from evil works, makes us new creatures in Christ, and prepares us for good works. Is that not wonderful and glorious? God has ordained that man should walk in good works. See Eph. 2:10. He provides the works and prepares man for the work. God has provided plenty of work; and if those whom he has prepared become neglectful and fail to do what He has provided, He will cast them out.

Be not weary in well doing, but as you have opportunity, do good unto all men. You desire a closer walk with God, but you are not willing to share your abundance with the poor widow in want. You sit down to your table bountifully spread, while some of God's dear children somewhere are crying for bread. To have a closer walk with God is to have ears that can hear more distinctly the pleadings of the poor. If you are not willing to let all your earthly possessions work for Jesus, you cannot walk with him. You want to be nearer to God, but you are not willing to get up early in the morning or spend half a night praying for the souls He died to save. God has some children in dark heathen lands calling for the gospel, but you are not willing to lose a few hours sleep to pray God to send them someone with the words of life. You long to feel yourself growing in grace; but you spend Sunday afternoon asleep in your easy chair and visit some neighbor and talk with them of unprofitable things instead of taking your Bible or some good book and going to read something helpful to the needy. You are praying to be more like Jesus, but in your carelessness let many opportunities of doing good pass by you daily unimproved. It is not my purpose now to read you everything the Bible says about good works; but if you will take that blessed book and your concordance and in some quiet evening read all the texts relative to the subject, you will no doubt be benefited.

Let me say, however, there is something for you to do. There is much for you to do, and much you must do if you would walk with the Lord. Oh, that all beloved saints could only realize the great responsibility resting upon them! God makes you greatly responsible for the salvation of souls. What has God chosen you for? What has He sanctified you for? To prepare you unto every good work and to make you meet for His use. (II Tim. 2:21). God wants to use you; He wants to use you in saving other souls, which are of more value to Him than a world. Will it not be an awful thing in the day of judgment to know there is a soul in hell that would have been in heaven if we had only let God have His own way and will in us? It seems that heaven could scarcely be heaven to us should we have such knowledge. Some may think that God will not permit a soul to be lost that would be saved; if he does not save by one means, he will by another. This is

not correct. God wants to use you, and no one can do your work and do His own, for each one has all he can do. God could gain nothing by taking someone else to do your work; for if someone is used to do your work, then some of that person's work must go undone. If you fail to do your work, it will never be done. The good that you can do will never be done unless you do it.

Will you listen closely and prayerfully to a few words from God's Holy Book? "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." II Tim. 3:16,17. God has done all that you might be furnished throughout unto all good works. He has given you the Scriptures; He has given ministers and tells them to put saints in mind to be ready to every good work. See Titus 3:1. We have before said that our good works do not take us to heaven. This is true; but it is equally true that if we are not zealous of good works we shall never gain heaven.

In Titus 3:8 are these words: "This is a faithful saying." What does the apostle mean to say is a faithful saying? It is the words in verse 7—"Being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life." This fact of being heirs according to the hope of eternal life is a faithful saying; and He would have ministers to affirm this faithful saying constantly, "that they which believe in God might be careful to maintain good works." See verse 8. This clearly implies that to be heirs according to the hope of eternal life we must be careful to maintain good works. Work to be done is at your hand constantly. You need never be idle because of a lack of anything to do. There is a kind word to be spoken, a child to be instructed, a cup of water to be given; there are the hungry to be fed, the sick to be cared for, and all men to be prayed for.

You would be very industrious in waiting on Jesus if He were here. Well, He is here. That poor woman who called on you for aid, that was Jesus. That old man who needs money, that is Jesus. The sick child who wanted a flower, that was Jesus. And those around your own fireside that need your help so often, they are Jesus. I will tell you a story I read years ago. One cold winter night as a man was returning to his home from his place of labor, he passed near a soldier at his post of duty keeping sentinel. The laboring man saw that the soldier was very thinly clad. Going up to the soldier, the man said, "You may have my heavy coat to protect you from the cold of this wintry night." While speaking he took off his coat. Handing it to the soldier, he went on to his fireside, to his supper, to his bed, and to his dreams. That night he dreamed he saw the Saviour coming in the distance. As he came nearer, the man saw that the Saviour had his (the man's) coat on. When Jesus came near enough, the man said, "I let the thinly-clad soldier have my coat hasty night, and how has it come about that you have it on?" Jesus answered, "As oft as ye do it unto one of my little ones, ye do it unto me." Whenever you do a good deed to any one with a pure motive, you do it to Jesus. Be zealous therefore of good works.

—C. E. Orr

### FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Some 1700 years ago Tertullian said, "The blood of martyrs is the seed of the church."

## I Cannot Get Away From God



Not many years since, a young coachman was living in a gentleman's family near London. He had good wages; a kind master and a comfortable place; but there was one thing that troubled and annoyed him. It was that his old mother lived in a village close by; and from her he had constant visits. You may wonder that this was such a trouble to him. But the reason was, that whenever she came she spoke to him about Christ, and the salvation of his soul.

"Mother," he at last said, "I cannot stand this any longer. Unless you drop that subject altogether, I shall give up my place and go out of your reach where I shall hear no more of such cant."

"My son," said his mother, "as long as I have a tongue, I shall never cease to speak to you about the Lord, and to the Lord about you."

The young coachman was as good as his word. He wrote to a friend in the Highlands of Scotland, and asked him to find him a place in that part of the world. He knew that his mother could not write, and could not follow him; and, though he was sorry to lose a good place, he said to himself, "Anything for a quiet life." His friend got him a place in a gentleman's stables, and he did hide from his mother. He was glad and thankful to get out of her way.

You may think it was a pity she thus drove him to a distance. Would it not have been wiser to say less, and thus not to lose the opportunity of putting in a word in season? But she believed, in her simplicity, that she was to keep to the directions given her in the Word of God—that she was to be instant, not in season only, but also out of season. True it is, that the foolishness of God is wiser than men.

The coachman was ordered to drive out the carriage the first day of his arrival in Scotland. His master did not get into the carriage with the rest of the party, but got in beside the young coachman.

"He wishes to see how I drive," thought the coachman, who was quite prepared to give satisfaction. Scarcely had he driven from the door when the master spoke to the coachman for the first time. He said, "Tell me if you are saved?" Had the question come to the coachman direct from heaven it could scarcely have struck him with greater consternation. He felt simply terrified. "God has followed me up to Scotland!" he said to himself, "I could get away from my mother, but I cannot get away from God!" At that moment he knew what Adam must have felt when he went to hide himself from the presence of God behind the trees of the garden. He could make no answer to his master, and scarcely could he drive the horses, for he trembled from head to foot.

His master went on to speak of Christ, and again he heard the old, old story so often told him by his mother. But this time it sounded new—it had become a real thing to him. It did not seem to him then to be the glad tidings of great joy but a message of terror and condemnation. He felt that it was Christ, the Son of God, whom he had rejected and despised. He felt for the first time that he was a lost sinner. By the time the drive was over he was so ill, from the terrible fear that had come upon him, that he could do nothing more.

For some days he could not leave his bed but they were blessed days to him.

His master came to speak to him, to read the Word of God, and to pray and soon the love and grace of the Saviour he had rejected became a reality to him, as the terror of the Lord had been at first.

He saw there was mercy for the scoffer and despiser; he saw that the blood of Christ is the answer before God even for such sin as his had been, and he now felt in his soul the sweetness of those blessed words, "We love Him because He first love us." He saw that Christ had borne his punishment, and that he who had tried to harden his heart against God and against his own mother, was now without spot or stain in the sight of that God who had so loved him as to give him His only Son. The first letter he wrote to his mother was to tell her of the joyful tidings: "God has followed me to Scotland, and has saved my soul."

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## Redeeming the Time



Eph. 5:15,16, "See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil."

This evening after supper I was weak in body, and felt that I should go to bed early, but in the meantime I opened my Testament and began to read the Ephesian letter. Many precious things were revealed, but especially were we impressed with 5:15,16. While meditating on these verses I felt impressed to write, for things done in season, or in the right time, does redeem much time.

"See then that ye walk circumspectly," which means (Web. Dict.) watchful on all sides, cautious, prudent, alertness, carefulness, wariness (or on guard). Yes, how careful we are to be in instructing or teaching souls in the right way and walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time. (Col. 4:5).

"Not as fools." They are careless, heedless, and hasty, or making shipwreck of time, which is contrary to being wise and redeeming the time.

How well I remember when I was a farmer boy. The last few years that I was at home I managed the farm. I was plowing a patch of cotton that was pretty and nice, yet the crab grass was coming up so thick, there was not a space the size of my hand that was clean. While the grass was young was the proper time to destroy it. At noon Saturday I lacked about a half day's plowing, when someone mentioned going to town, as most farmers do on Saturday afternoons. I felt I should stay and finish the plowing, but unwisely, I decided I could finish it Monday. In the meantime (over Sunday) it began to rain and rained for several days or a week. By the time we could get in the field the grass was matted solid. Then it took several hands with chopping hoes and extra heavy team to clean it out. It took more than nine times as long, besides much more hard work to do the job then it would have if I had been wise and cautious and plowed it before the rain.

There is a saying, "A stitch in time saves nine," which is not Scripture, but how true. If I had been wise, I could have redeemed at least five days of hard labor. So it is with our work for God. Let us be wise and make the best use of time (the precious golden moments) because



the days are evil. Let us never put off for tomorrow what we can do today, for the time lost can never be redeemed. We can only redeem the time that we have before us, and that by carefulness and by watching on every side.

—W. C. McMakin

## The Ministry of Song



Scarcely a spiritual movement in the history of Christianity has been without its service of song. The emotions, whether of victory or of devotion or of interest in the salvation of the lost, naturally flow out in singing. Far back in Biblical history we find songs of victory attending the triumphs of the people of God.

The Wesleyan reformation, through its gifted hymn-writer, Charles Wesley, furnished many of the standard spiritual hymns that are in use today. Witness also the immortal gospel hymns that originated with the Moody and Sankey revivals of the last century. Likewise, the holiness movement of more than a hundred years ago was characterized by its holiness songs. And so in these last times, when we have come to the full standard of truth and the full development of the church independent of human creeds, when the "ransomed of the Lord" are returning over the "highway" prepared, what wonder is it that they should "come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads"? Isa. 35:10. In no respect was the inception of the present reformation more marked than in its ministry of holy song.

For the writing of spiritual hymns, Brother D. S. Warner had a wonderful endowment. It seems that the development of this gift came, however, only with his entrance upon the special work of the reformation. In his earliest writings we find no examples of hymns or poems of any merit. A few verses in his diary betray a lack of familiarity with the principles of prosody, or hymn-writing. Considering the little time he had to devote to the study of those principles, it is marvelous that he produced so many useful, and we may say, excellent hymns during the few short years of his intensive ministerial labor.

The hymn, "Perishing Souls at Stake," was one of the early production. We quote this hymn and its history by Bro. D. S. Warner as it appeared in the *Trumpet* of Dec. 15, 1885.

Perishing souls at stake today!  
Says the banner of Christ unfurled;  
Pleading in love for help to save  
Blood-bought sinners o'er all the world.

Perishing souls at stake we see,  
Yet the Savior has died for all;  
Go and invite them earnestly,  
Some will surely obey the call.

Perishing souls at stake today,  
There's a famine in all the land;  
Many are dying for the bread  
Freely given by Jesus' hand.

Perishing souls at stake, go tell  
What the Savior has done for you,  
How he redeemed your soul from hell,  
And is able to save them, too.

Perishing souls at stake we know,  
Oh, do pity the sinner's fate!  
Brother and sister, will you go,  
Give them warning before too late.

Perishing souls at stake today,  
Can you tarry for earthly cross?  
Fly to the rescue, don't delay,  
Bring the needy to Jesus' cross.

Bro. Warner writes in his diary, "The foregoing song was suggested to our mind by a solemn vision given to Bro. C. Ogan, of Latty, Ohio, on the night previous to September 19. He saw Christ displaying a banner upon which was written these words: 'Perishing Souls at Stake.' That day we had a very solemn meeting at Jerry City, Ohio. The Spirit of God was present, making imperative calls for workers in the vineyard. Our soul was burdened with an awful sense of perishing souls at stake. All hearts were melted before the Lord. A number acknowledged the solemn commission. Dear Brother Ogan was one of them, relating this solemn and beautiful vision.

"We pray that all who that day confessed the call of God may go forward, lest that 'woe is me' be upon them, and perishing souls be lost for whom the blessed Savior died. In about all the meetings this fall the same great burden has come upon our soul for men and women of God to go forth and hold up the light of His saving truth. O ye that have the real fire of God in your souls, can you tarry at home to watch a few earthly effects, when there is such a sore famine in all the land! You who have found the true salvation of Christ Jesus are the only ones that can bring the living bread to others. College bread will not do. 'Dumb dogs can not bark'; Babylon priests are full of darkness, and souls are dying all around. Oh! if you have any gratitude in your hearts for what Christ has done for you, go and tell others, and some will surely receive the joyful tidings. Oh, how sad this world would be with no gospel but the wretched stuff given by Babylon priests! Most everywhere there are at least one or two honest souls who long for the light. Can you stay at home for the sordid dust of earth and let them perish? Oh, fly to the rescue, don't delay; bring the needy to Jesus Christ!"

One of the prominent features of the reformation was the sweet, heavenly singing of the saints. Where ever Brother D. S. Warner's company went, the people were attracted by the singing. They were not what the world would call "trained singers"; they were not even adept at reading music. But God blessed the singing, so that the songs, sung in the element of the Spirit, were simply heavenly. At the time the company held the first meeting at Walkerton, Ind., a theatrical troupe, not having a sufficient audience, came to the place of meeting and gave some instrumental music just outside in order to attract the people. Of course it interfered with the preaching. Brother Warner said, "Sing a song." Sister Nannie Kigar, who was the soprano of the company and always ready with a suitable selection, started a song. The people decided to remain. Many and powerful were the effects of these heaven-inspired songs.

—A. L. Byers

Beware of making an idol of consistency to your convictions instead of being devoted to God. —Sel.