

Our purpose is to "earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints," and to "prove all things; hold fast that which is good."

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To continue "speaking the truth in love," "endeavoring to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace;" "keeping the ordinances as delivered."

"Thus saith the Lord, 'Stand ye in the ways, and see and ask for the Old Paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls.' (Jer. 6:16) 'And they that be of Thee shall build the old waste, places; thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations; and thou shalt be called, The Repairer of the Breach, The Restorer of Paths to Dwell in.' (Isa. 58:12).

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LIBERALISM SAYS . . . (II)

By Ronny F. Wade

As we promised last month, we are continuing our investigation into some of the tenets of so called "liberalism." Our purpose is not to ridicule or misrepresent, but rather to show the extent to which many are going as they pursue this dangerous course. With reference to "the faith" liberalism makes the following statements: "It is evident that the collection of letters constituting the new covenant scriptures were not a part of the faith" . . . "Not one of the apostolic epistles was written to introduce men to the faith or to induct them into it." "The apostolic letters do not constitute the new covenant, or New Testament, and are nowhere said to do so in sacred writings. The new covenant is not a written code." "The apostolic epistles are not a pattern or blueprint. There is a difference between a love letter and a blueprint. One may contain advice but the other sets forth specifications."

All the above statements are from the pen of the same writer, and are designed to set forth his views regarding "the faith" or "new covenant," which in effect teach that "the faith" is simply the good news about a person, and was only delivered to aliens in an effort to make them disciples.

The Bible says: "The faith" was delivered to the saints (Jude 3), and that the saints were to earnestly contend for it. According to the above not one word from Romans forward is a part of "the faith" or "new covenant"!!! We have heard it all now. Think about it. All this is an effort to get everyone who believes in Christ into "the fellowship." If you do not think that is the object listen to this. . . "There were two great communities upon earth. One was the church, the other was composed of the pagan world. The first was the koinonia (fellowship) of light . . . the other was the koinonia of darkness. . . There is a community attached to Christ. It includes the angels of heaven and the men on earth who have acknowledged him as their prince. There is another community presided over by Belial. It includes demons of hell and those on earth who are idolaters, refusing to acknowledge the sovereignty of God in their lives. There can be no more fellowship between these communities than there is between their respective princes. . . Even though modern sectism is deplorable, it is still a condition existing among believers in Christ. My Baptist and Methodist friends are firm believers in the truth that Jesus is the Christ,

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PLANS FOR THE WORK IN AFRICA

By Edwin S. Morris

The 21st. St. Congregation in Oklahoma City has been asked, and has accepted the responsibility of sending the next two preachers to Africa to relieve Brethren Jerry Cutter and Bennie Cryer when their time is finished. The Lebanon, Mo. congregation will continue to oversee the work until Jerry and Bennie are safely back home. Twenty-first St. will be in the meantime preparing for their replacements.

Bro. Jerry Cutter plans to be in Africa until May, 1967, and Bro. Bennie Cryer plans to be there until May, 1968. In a recent report from these brethren it is their opinion that we should keep men in Africa for years to come because of the great opportunity there. They feel even if evangelists were not sent many would remain faithful, but also believe that with evangelists there, the work will grow and prosper. We at 21st St. feel that the work should go on and that we should not pass up this golden opportunity of going into all the world and preaching the gospel. I would like to quote in part from a recent report from Bro. Jerry: "How long should the work be continued? It is a matter of how much we want to do in Africa, for the church is growing daily and spreading over into Mozambique, Rhodesia, and Zambia. The work can be continued indefinitely, or if we are only interested in this country, possibly another 10 years. So speaking for myself, I hope the brethren will grasp its new found opportunities, shake its past lethargy, and continue to develop the fields we are now in while intently looking for others."

Jerry suggests that the replacement should have approximately one year to prepare for the trip to Africa. I would like to quote further from Jerry on this: "In continuing this work, it is very important that the next sponsoring church start to work soon. James, Bennie and I always had to work against a shortage of time. Bennie and I both did in a matter of two months what we needed a year to do; namely, sell our cars, dispose of our houses and furniture, ship our goods, get our support and travel money, get passports, tickets, visas, entrance permits, vaccinations, etc. Inasmuch, then, as I plan to leave here in May, 1967, and Bennie in May, 1968, we feel my replacement should be chosen by May, 1966, which incidentally is only six months away. In so doing, the next preacher will have ample time to make arrangements for the trip. We also feel the one chosen should come prepared to stay a minimum of three years."

Who will volunteer for this great work? Will those interested please write to us so that we may begin the task of choosing replacements for these two men. We are primarily interested first in a replacement for Jerry, but if there should be one who feels he could not go until May, 1968, he could let us know his desire. We need to know who is interested and will go so we may begin making all the necessary arrangements for his trip, support, etc.

We at 21st St. realize that we cannot begin to do this great work alone and will need the cooperation of all the congregations, so you that have been supporting the work, we will be depending on you to continue helping, and those who have not helped, we urge you to lend a helping hand and relieve some of the heavy burdens others have been bearing.

We at 21st St. gave this much serious thought and prayed about it much before we accepted. We will be open for suggestions and want to cooperate in every way we possibly can with all the congregations in this great work.

As has been the practice in the past the money will go direct to the evangelist. Each supporting congregation will continue in the same manner in these matters.

The writer has been selected to keep up with the correspondence in this work, but all matters pertaining to this work will be decided by the congregation. You may address all correspondence to the church in care of this writer and this in turn will be brought before the brethren.

We will be looking forward to hearing from preachers that are interested in this great work.

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THE BODY IS FOR GOD (II)

By C. A. Smith

(This article was begun in our Nov. issue; we had intentions of continuing it in Dec., but due to lack of space we were not able to do so.—DBMc)

The body is not for sinful purposes. Paul said, "Now the body is not for fornication" (1 Cor. 6:13). From this verse to the close of the chapter the apostle offers six arguments as to why the body is not for fornication. Let us examine them in the order he gave them.

First, because the body is "for the Lord." The apostle said, "Now the body is not for fornication, but for the Lord; and the Lord for the body" (1 Cor. 6:13). God made the body; hence it is to be dedicated to its Maker; that is, devoted to purity and holiness of life. Even our animal and rational powers should be consecrated to the service of God. Jesus said, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind" (Lu. 10:27). It is not right, therefore, to take the body, which was given to us by God, and which He sustains, and devote it to the purpose of pollution.

Second, the body is not for fornication, because God will raise it up. Paul said, "And God hath raised up the Lord, and will also raise us up by his own power" (1 Cor. 6:14). To the Roman Christians, Paul said, "But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you" (Rom. 8:11). Paul

assures us that when Christ comes again He "shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto His glorious body" (Phil. 3:21). Since the body is to be so raised and so fashioned, it is wrong to take it and devote it to purposes of lust and licentiousness.

Third, the body is not for fornication, because of its relationship to Christ. Paul said, "Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ? shall I then take the members of Christ, and make them the members of an harlot? God forbid. What? know ye not that he which is joined to an harlot is one body? for two saith he shall be one flesh" (1 Cor. 6:15-16). Christ was pure and holy; He was "in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin" (Heb. 4:15). He "did no sin neither was guile found in his mouth" (1 Peter 2:22). Let us remember that we are bound unto Christ; we are united with Him; we are "joint heirs with Christ" (Rom. 8:17). Thus it follows, we should be pure and holy, too. In this same connection, Peter said, "But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation" (1 Peter 1:15). Shall we then prostitute that which is joined to Christ, which is pure and holy, for unholy and impure purposes? "God forbid."

Fourth, the body is not for fornication, because such a sinful practice is a sin against one's own body. Paul said, "Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body" (1 Cor. 6:18). Fornication wastes bodily energies, produces feebleness, weakness and disease; it impairs the strength and shortens life. Perhaps no single sin has done so much to produce painful and dreadful diseases, weaken constitutions, and shorten life, than this baneful sin.

Fifth, the body is not for fornication because it is God's dwelling place. Paul said, "What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?" Our bodies are the temples of the Holy Spirit as much as the tabernacle of Moses and the temple of Solomon were dwelling places for God in the Jewish age. Under the Christian dispensation God has His people for a temple. Just as every piece of furniture that went into the tabernacle and temple was dedicated alone to the service of God, and separated from all common and profane uses, so the bodies of genuine Christians are holy, and should be employed in the service of God alone.

Sixth, the body is not for fornication because it is not our own. After Paul reminded the Corinthian Christians that they were not their own, he then said, "For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's" (1 Cor. 6:20). We who call ourselves Christians have been purchased; we belong to God. Our bodies belong to Him by right of creation, and our souls belong to Him by right of redemption. Hence we should dedicate ourselves, body and soul to the purpose of glorifying God. I have no right to take your car and drive it as my own; I have no right to take your home and live in it as my very own; neither do I have any right to take this body of mine, made in God's own image, created by His own divine power, which belongs to Him and use it for purposes to gratify my own lusts and fleshly desires.

The body is not to be indulged in sin. Sometimes

a person will do wrong and admit the deed to be wrong, but will say, "My heart is right and after all God looks upon the heart." It is true that the heart is the dynamo of life. From it come our thoughts, words and deeds. Thoughts cannot be entertained without the mind, words cannot be uttered and deeds cannot be performed without the use of the body. Jesus said, "For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things" (Matt. 12:34-35). So the body is the instrument through which the deeds of the individual are performed, and these deeds are motivated by the heart. There is nothing to the theory that the spirit has been redeemed, and if we sin, it is with the body, and the soul is not involved. Paul said, "But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a cast-away" (1 Cor. 9:27). Hence, Paul realized the need of exercising self-control. He was determined to beat down relentlessly all those unholy inclinations of which the body is the essential organ. The proper function of the body is to serve the will, to bring the whole being into submission to the will of God. This is the principle which Paul expressed in these words: "Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ" (2 Cor. 10:5). So the body is accountable unto God for all its deeds. It is impossible to sin without involving the body in guilt. Paul said, "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that everyone may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad" (2 Cor. 5:10).

The body is not to be neglected or despised. In former times, it was the belief of many people that they honored God by punishing the flesh. Some heathen worshippers cut themselves and otherwise mutilated their bodies in their religious rites. Long and rigorous fasts, great and serious privations were thought to be special marks of religious sanctity. Some buried themselves up to their necks in the burning sands of the desert. Some slept on bundles of thorns or boards filled with pointed nails. Some bound themselves so as to jump about on one foot. But in our study we have seen that the body belongs to God by right of ownership, and is to be dedicated to His glory, and not to be abused or neglected. I should protect and preserve my body and endeavor to keep it in good health. By temperance I should care for it that with it I might glorify God.

Let us then memorize the words of our text, and forever keep them upon our hearts to motivate us in all our thoughts, words and deeds of life. We shall then be "prepared unto every good work," and ultimately we shall be prepared for the eternal home, "an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

—1312 Alpine,
Andrews, Tex.

A man who deceives a friend deceives twice over.

The truth isn't always put eloquently; but what is eloquently put isn't always the truth.

A BED TOO SHORT AND COVER TOO NARROW (II)

By Elmo House

(This article was begun in our Nov. issue; we had intentions of continuing it in December, but due to lack of space we were not able to do so.—DBMc)

The Short Bed of Liquor—Solomon, still trying to find a "short bed" that would give him comfort and inner satisfaction, sought again: Upon the "short bed" of inadequacy he gave himself over to wine. Many have been the little children; poor, destitute, hungry and naked who were made so because of wine and liquors! What a shame for Christians to indulge in those things that rob food from their children's mouths, clothes from their backs, shoes from their feet, happiness and a Christian atmosphere at home! What a disgusting disgrace!

Everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord as God, heed the words of my lips! — There was once an evil man whose name was Nabal. One day, he tasted the dregs of sorrow and shame that were caused by his liquor: "And Abigail came to Nabal, and behold, he held a feast in his house, like the feast of a king: and Nabal's heart was merry within him, for he was very drunken: wherefore she told him nothing, less or more, until the morning light. But it came to pass in the morning, when the wine was gone out of Nabal, and his wife had told him these things, that his heart died within him, and he became as a stone" (1 Sam. 25:36-37). Listen, the next morning after Nabal had "sobered up," he died in his heart because of his sin; he became like a stone. How sobering a thought this should be to every child of God! "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise" (Prov. 20:1). "Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, when it moveth itself aright. At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder" (Prov. 23:31-32). Would you let a snake bite you or an adder sting you? Likewise, must strong drink be avoided!

The Narrow Cover of "Great Works" — One day, Jesus spake to the multitude concerning the Pharisees and the scribes who boasted of their great works; but, who found them "a cover too narrow" — not large enough to hide their hypocrisy from the eyes of Christ — "The scribes and Pharisees sit in Moses' seat: All therefore whatsoever they bid you observe, that observe and do; but do not ye after their works: for they say, and do not — they make broad their phylacteries, and enlarge the borders of their garments, and love the uppermost rooms at feasts, and the chief seats in the synagogues, and greetings in the markets, and to be called of men, Rabbi, Rabbi" (Matt. 23:2-7). But of this kind, Jesus declared: "But all their works they do for to be seen of men:" (verse 5).

All of us must have the mind of the apostle Paul: "For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ" (Gal. 1:10). Our Lord is pleased with our great works only when we do them for His sake. If we work for self and the glory of man, we will find them a "cover too narrow" to hide our motives from Him. Nehemiah, in rebuilding the walls

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THIS AND THAT

Price Increase—In our Dec. issue, we reluctantly and regretfully informed our readers that of necessity, beginning Jan. 1, 1966, the subscription price to *Old Paths Advocate* would be \$2.00 per year. Several have made favorable comment about the increase. The only reason for this increase is to enable us to more adequately meet our rising cost of publication. Too, it is our hope that we can soon increase the size from 12 to 16 pages per issue. I realize more every month the necessity of this increase in size due to increase in volume reaching us for publication. We are thankful for this, and hope to be able to provide a more adequate means of publishing the works of our contributors.

Africa—as you will notice in this issue, 21st St. congregation in Oklahoma City has agreed to select preachers, set wages arrange for support and care for other matters pertaining to this important work. These brethren are to be commended. For many years I have known them, having been numbered as one of them in my youth. Brethren everywhere should appreciate their willingness to serve, and be willing to help them in the great task that lies before them. This work is done scripturally; we have the church doing the work of the church, and not a group of men somewhere acting in an adjunct capacity. Money from church treasuries is not being funneled into the treasury of another, as congregations helping with support send directly to the preacher for whom the support is intended and to whom it belongs. Congregational identity is not lost.

The church at Lebanon, Mo., has carried a tremendous load, and is to be commended for its zeal and interest. All the brethren there are to be commended for such an admirable role, and may God bless them. Bro. Bill Van Stavern has in behalf of the congregation there performed many detailed tasks in this work that someone in the congregation must do—tasks that many may not be aware of. The correspondence load alone is staggering. He is to be commended for his devotion to duty.

It is commendable that brethren in this work take care in expressing themselves. We hear such as this, and this is as it should be: "Churches" or "congrega-

tions" are planted, instead of "missions"; "evangelists" are being chosen, sent and supported instead of "missionaries." The Use of the term "sponsoring church" is held to a minimum, and this is as it ought to be. We very easily can slip into the habit of speaking the "language of Ashdod." The words of Alexander Campbell in Vol. 6, *Millennial Harbinger*, are fitting: "We choose to speak of Bible things by Bible words, because we are always suspicious that if the word is not in the Bible, the idea which it represents is not there; and always confident that the things taught by God are better taught in the words, and under the names which the Holy Spirit has chosen and appropriated, than in the words which man's wisdom teaches." Such may seem of little consequence to some, but to this writer such is important.

Brother John Reynolds—A personal letter from Sister John Reynolds says, "I thought you would like to hear from John. He is a very sick man. He went to San Francisco 2 weeks ago for treatment; stayed one week. The treatment reacted; he is very weak; has lost 12 pounds." As many of our readers know, Bro. John Reynolds is one of our older evangelists, and you would have to live in California and know something of the history of the churches to fully appreciate Bro. John. What an asset through the years he has been to the Cause on the Pacific coast! I am better for having known such a man. When such men are sick, it hurts. By long distance telephone, I learn that he is better than when Sister Reynolds wrote. I feel sure his many friends would appreciate knowing this bit of information about him.

Coming Soon—As we got to press, we receive by way of Bro. Paul Mackey, the first 2 chapters of a booklet being written by Bro. Billy Orten on "House to House Evangelism." We are very happy to receive this material, and plan to begin publishing it in installments beginning with our Feb. issue. For some months we have waited for it. Brother Orten has done the cause a needed service in giving to us such a work. His date of publication in booklet form is at this writing uncertain.

—D. B. McCord

OUR HELPERS

You will find listed below the names of those sending subscriptions since we last went to press, and opposite the name the number of subs sent. We want to express again our appreciation for your continued interest in behalf of this journal. May we count on you to continue the good work? Please check the following list, and report any errors to us immediately.

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THE CHURCH DIRECTORY

I want to thank the ones who have sent directory information concerning congregations, but there are many who have not. Please do so at your earliest convenience. We need the name of the congregation, location, time of services, and the names, addresses and telephone numbers, also zip code, of the leaders.

Add this congregation to the Church Directory: JACKSON, MISS.: Terry Road Church of Christ — Terry Road & Stokes Robinson at City Limits. Sun. 10:30 A.M. & 7:00 P.M.; Wed. 7:30 P.M. Gene Butler, 143 Princeton St., Jackson, Miss.; David Smith, 1716 Grand Ave., Jackson, Miss. Phone 353-5002. Directories are for sale at 50c each by ordering from Bro. E. H. Miller, Box 538, La Grange, Ga. 30240.

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—Ray Asplin

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

On Jan. 15, 16, 1966, the 11th Street Acres congregation located on the corner of 11th St. (Old 66 Hwy.) and S. 141 E. Ave., Tulsa, Okla. will have an opening service at the completion of the new meeting house. We plan services for Sat. night, Jan. 15, then our regular Lord's Day worship on the 16th, with a basket lunch at the noon hour; another service at 2:30 P.M., then another service at 7:00 P.M., our regular meeting time. We plan for several preachers to speak if this can be arranged. We invite all who can to attend.

THINK IT OVER

A few nights ago my wife and I attended a "Battle of Songs" in Fort Worth, Texas. The "Battle of Songs" is a presentation of gospel songs by the nation's leading quartets. The show lasted for six hours. Six quartets were allotted one hour each.

I was amazed at how the quartets chose to use that hour. At least fifteen minutes of each hour was spent preaching Pentecostal doctrine. Before the night's show was over the quartets had turned the affair into a Pentecostal Camp Meeting, complete with testimonies from the audience. At one point in the show, a woman from the audience was so overtaken with emotion that she stood up and began to shout in an "unknown tongue."

I love gospel music as much as anyone, but I have resolved never to attend another gospel singing where these quartets are singing. They are using these "Battle of Songs" as a vehicle to spread the Pentecostal doctrine, and money from you and me to finance their endeavors. I can no more support their programs than I can their churches. Think it over.

—Leo Cook, 4108 Abbott, Wichita Falls, Texas.

SPECIAL NOTICE

A new shipment of the same kind of communion cup and matching plate (silver plated on nickel silver) that I have handled before, is now in the making and should reach me from England by the last of Jan. The cost will be \$27.79 postpaid; the company informs me that the next order will cost more. I still have 100 or so of the 1965 church directories at 50 cents each, but

will let them go for 3 for \$1.00 as these are the last I plan to print. Bro. Ray Asplin will print the next one. I do not have the time to put to this work.

—E. H. Miller, Box 538,
La Grange, Ga. 30240

AN OPEN LETTER

We are happy to announce that the 21st St. congregation in Oklahoma City has agreed to select, set the wage and otherwise arrange for and oversee the evangelists who will replace Brethren Jerry Cutter and Bennie Cryer in Africa.

This is as it should be, because the work in Africa and other foreign fields falls on every congregation's shoulders whether they realize it or not. We pledge our moral and financial support while the 21st St. church assumes this responsibility, because we want to see this type work grow and grow. We ask that all the congregations who have been so good in helping us to be ready and willing to keep this work moving.

The Lebanon church has the responsibility of seeing both Brethren Jerry and Bennie back home again, so we will soon be asking for help in traveling expenses for Jerry as he will be returning home during the summer, 1967.

We will be making periodic reports to the congregations helping in this work as long as either or both of these preaching brethren are in Africa.

—Lebanon, Mo. church of Christ

THE INDIAN CHIEF AND THE BIBLE

Once upon a time a preacher of John Wesley's band went forth upon a mission out in the Indian land. He gave the Chief a Bible and journeyed on his way. But came back through that section at a somewhat later day.

The Chief called on the preacher, "Whatever did give rise?"

"Chief want to be a Christian, me ready to be baptized." The preacher brought his "Jordan"—a little China bowl. Then catechized the Indian with reference to his soul. The Chief gazed at the vessel with an apprehensive look: "The pond, he much too little, you give Chief wrong book."

The preacher urged and argued that a small amount would do,

But failed to turn the Indian from his "much water" view.

The preacher finally consented to let the custom slip. He'd go down to the river and give the Chief a dip. "No, no," the Chief responded, "God's law heap change you can,

From "dip" to "little sprinkle," me guess you be the wrong man."

—Selected by Dovie Corson

FOR CONSCIENCE SAKE

Recent events have caused concern in many quarters of this free nation over the freedom of the conscientious objector.

The Selective Service System Laws were written so that those who are truly conscientiously opposed to participation in physical combat or in an armed force would have the opportunity to prove their position and belief, and thus do work that would benefit the nation and at the same time not violate the conscience trained and schooled in New Testament principles.

Many of the people who claim, all of a sudden, that they have this position are in reality political objectors and should not be confused with a true Christian who has diligently studied his or her Bible and demonstrated by a quiet and peaceable life that he intends to obey God and would do no harm to others. A political objector is opposed to certain wars or acts of the government. A true Christian does not break laws to "prove points" or to impress people. A true Christian complies with all of the Laws of the Land until the Laws of the Land say he cannot worship God or serve God the way it is taught in the Bible. He quietly seeks to comply with the Laws made to protect those who can

prove that they have this belief due to training, belief, and reverence for the Supreme Being who said "Thou shalt not kill."

The Church of Christ of which we are members has through many generations proven itself to be truly a "peace Church." This Church has stood behind her young men.

This writer has in his files the letters signed by most of the congregations in the early 1950's and if any young man desires a copy of the letter his home congregation signed, he should feel free to write. We have always tried to supply them when requested. We also have copies of the Congregational Record which helps to establish the fact that we are members of a church which has always been opposed to use of armed force by Christians or participation in war in any form.

It would be well to note that down through the years many notable men have recognized the fact that a true Christian is an asset to the community and the nation because we obey the Laws of the Land and are truly good neighbors. We are taught by our parents and the church to be good citizens, to do good unto others, and to seek the welfare and well-being of others.

This writer is a servant of the Church and will do all that is possible to enlarge and strengthen the Churches of Christ. We will assist any local congregation or its young men in proving their conviction and devotion to God's Word and Work.

—Carl Nelson Nichols, Jr.,
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(Editor's Note: Bro. Nichols is to be commended for his work in this respect. We as Christians should thank God every day that we live in such a land as this—a land whose laws provide for those who for conscience sake can not engage in carnal warfare. May God bless this good land. Bro. Nichols in a personal note attached says: "We have done this work for almost 20 years at absolutely no profit. Often we have used the last few cents we had to help one of the boys. We will continue to do so. It does cost us about 50c to get copies made and mailed, and if we had a deluge right now I would have to get help to pay for them. I can't let the money stand in the way of our trying to help, though."—DBMc)

HOW LONG HALT YE BETWEEN TWO OPINIONS?

By Wm. F. Stover

How long will some halt between two opinions—to follow after God, or after man? This question is ages old; let us see. Elijah, a man of old, was a man of God—this simply means he was willing to submit to God, obey all that God had commanded. Elijah we find came into contact with Ahab, and said, "As the Lord God of Israel liveth, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years but according to my word" (1 Kings 17:1). The Lord's word guided Elijah; it told him what to do. His word told Elijah further, "Get thee hence, turn east, hide by the brook Cherith. Drink of that brook water and the ravens will bring thee food (1 Kings 17:3-6). Later, Elijah, still trusting in God's word, was told, "Arise, get thee to Zarephath. Ye dwell there. Drink of this brook and a widow woman will supply thee with food (1 Kgs. 17:10-15). Almost three years have gone by now, and the word of God came to Elijah, saying, "Go, shew thyself unto Ahab, and I will send rain upon the earth" (1 Kgs. 18:1); in verse 17, we find Ahab talking like this: "Art thou he that troubleth Israel? (1 Kgs. 18:17). The answer comes back as only a man of God can give it. Listen to Elijah in verse 18: "I have not troubled Israel, but thou, and thy father's house, in that ye have forsaken the commandments of the Lord, and thou (Ahab) hast followed Baalim." Later on in verse 21, Elijah came to all the people and said, "How long halt ye between two opinions? If the Lord be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him." "And the people answered him not a word," the book says.

Our young, many of them these days, find them-

selves halting between two opinions. They are carried away with "the rock and roll," "the band stand," and seeing how far from God they can get. Young people, please do not go too far.

In our part of the country, we have people, older ones, too, who are blaming God for the long drought, causing us to have no crops, little or no water supply. Stop, let us reason about this matter. It may be that we the people have caused the trouble, being disobedient to God, having halted for too long between two opinions.

We must choose today whom we will serve, God and live, or man and die. Really, man never did try to please God—oh, there are a few who obey, but tens of thousands who do not. We need more Elijahs, Joshuas, Pauls, Peters. Joshua said, "Choose this day whom ye will serve"; Peter said, "To whom shall we go, Lord; thou hast the words of life." There is no time for halting; choose now, turn ye men of little faith to God more and more and see the change it will make.

—748 Sturdivant,
Flemington, Pa.

A BAR

A bar to heaven, a door to hell; whoever named it, named it well.

A bar to manliness and wealth; a door to want and broken health.

A bar to honor, pride and fame; a door to grief and sin and shame.

A bar to home and a bar to prayer; a door to darkness and despair.

A bar to honored, useful life; a door to brawling, senseless strife.

A bar to all that's true and brave; a door to every drunkard's grave.

A bar to joys that home imparts; a door to tears and aching hearts.

A bar to heaven, a door to hell; whoever named it named it well.

—Author unknown; selected by
Elmo House

OUR DEPARTED

Cornell—Christine Cornell was born Nov. 2, 1895 at Searcy, Ark. She moved to Warner, Okla, in 1916 where she lived until 1939. She was married to B. W. Cornell. She passed from this life Nov. 26, 1965 in Okemah, Okla. She was a faithful member of the congregation meeting at 621 N. 7th St., Okemah. She leaves to mourn her passing, her husband, 4 sons and 4 daughters, 39 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren. She will be missed by all. The writer tried to speak words of comfort to the bereaved and a warning to her many friends and neighbors, a very large gathering of mixed religious faiths.

—E. O. Rice

Cage—Bro. Carl Cage was born Sept. 19, 1908 in West Plains, Mo.; he departed this life in Weed, Calif., Oct. 30, 1965 at the age of 57 years, 1 month, 11 days. Carl is survived by his mother, Sister Loudora Cage, Corcoran, Calif.; wife, Sister Beulah Cage, Eureka, Calif.; one daughter, Sister Beverly Norris of Eureka, Calif.; 2 grandsons; one nephew, Bro. Larry Conner; niece, Sister Judy Conner, both of San Pablo, Calif. The writer, along with Bro. Paul Walker, attempted to speak words of comfort and consolation to the family in Eureka, Calif., Nov. 3, 1965, where Bro. Carl made his home.

—Perry Allen, Sr.

Newman—Bro. Joseph Edgar Newman was born Nov. 21, 1885; he passed away Nov. 6, 1965. He was united in marriage to Mable Clark in 1913. To this union 7 children were born. His wife and 2 children preceded him in death. He leaves 3 sons and 2 daughters, all living in Calif. They are Elbert, Yuba City; Keith, National City; Alvin, Santa Ana; Fern Fitzgerald, Modesto; Violet Frizzell, San Diego. He also leaves 21 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren. Bro. Newman obeyed the gospel as a youth in Mo. He was laid to

rest on a beautiful hillside, only a few feet from where his wife of about 51 years was laid to rest. The flowers were very pretty, as was the singing rendered by members of the church. The writer spoke words of comfort and warning. May we all live in such a way that it may be truly said of us, when we are called, "Asleep in Jesus."

—Marvin E. Fisher

Brooks—Bro. James T. Brooks was born Sept. 11, 1907, and departed this life, Nov. 10, 1965. Bro. Brooks was an educated man, both in the Scriptures and in literary learning. For 28 years, he preached for the Baptist denomination. In 1957, after hearing the gospel preached, he obeyed his Lord in baptism. For 6 years he affiliated with digressive brethren. During a gospel meeting at 1315 N. Willett St. with Bro. Cicero Goddard doing the preaching, Bro. Brooks heard the truth on the communion and teaching questions; later made his confession, and began preaching for the congregation on Willett St. Bro. Brooks did much good the short time he was with us; ten precious souls obeyed the gospel under his preaching. Bro. Brooks is survived by his wife, Sister Lucy Brooks, four brothers, two sisters, a host of friends and a multitude of brothers and sisters in Christ. A large crowd attended the funeral.

—B. B. Cayson

BONDS OF MATRIMONY

Harris-Mackey—At 8:00 o'clock in the evening of Nov. 25, 1965, at the meeting house in Flemington, Pa., Bro. Jerry L. Harris and Sister Jane Isabel Mackey were united in the bonds of matrimony. It was a well-arranged, formal wedding; Jane was a beautiful bride; she is the daughter of Bro. and Sister Paul Mackey. Jerry is the son of Brother and Sister Russell Harris of Chouteau, Okla.; he has been in college in Raleigh, N. C. for three years. He has been a help in preaching the gospel here. Both Jerry and Jane obeyed the gospel early in life; we pray that Christ will be first in their lives and that their home will be built upon the love of Jesus. They are making their home in Burlington, N. C. where Jerry teaches chemistry. The writer was honored to officiate.

—J. W. Kornegay

MY POSITION ON CARNAL WARFARE

I cannot participate in military service in any form, directly or indirectly, in combatant or noncombatant service, because:

1. My duty and obligation to my God is superior to all other obligations (Acts 5:29; Matt. 22:37).

2. My God in the Bible forbids that I engage in carnal warfare in the following references:

"Put up thy sword," "For all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword" (Matt. 26:52)—Jesus.

"My Kingdom is not of this world" (Jno. 18:36).

"For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal" (2 Cor. 10:3, 4).

"Love your enemies" (Matt. 5:44); "Turn the other cheek" (Matt. 5:39).

"Recompense to no man evil for evil" (Rom. 12:17).

3. To enter any military branch or service, combatant or noncombatant, I would be compelled to "swear" (take an oath), but the Bible forbids that I do so ("Swear not at all"—Jesus, Matt. 5:34).

4. To enter any military service I would be compelled to be yoked with unbelievers, which is forbidden—"Be not unequally yoked together with unbelievers" (2 Cor. 6:14).

5. To be in any branch of military service in any way, I would be a part of the organization and would therefore have fellowship in the service, but such is prohibited; thus: "Have no fellowship with the un-

fruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them" (Eph. 5:11).

6. To serve in any way in the military service, I would be deprived of obeying the command to assemble on Lord's day to worship God in the Bible way, at least part of the time, hence would disobey God (Heb. 10:25; Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 16:1, 2).

Therefore, I cannot conscientiously engage in carnal war in any form or branch, and for the above reasons, I authorize my name to be listed in support of the above principles.

—Glenn Spradley, 8 Hillcrest Ave., N.E.,

Ardmore, Okla.

—Danny Bill Oxford, 1314 Third St., Graham, Tex.

LIBERALISM SAYS . . . (II) —

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the Son of God. . . . These people do not constitute a realm of "darkness" or "unrighteousness" as the terms are used here (2 Cor. 6:14-16). . . . Every honest sincere believer in the Messiahship of Jesus of Nazareth, is my brother, either in prospect or in fact." If that is not plain enough, listen to this: "I regard every sincere conscientious person upon the face of the earth who believes in Jesus as the Son of God as God's child and my brother in prospect. He is God's child because he has been begotten by my father."

Now, let us compare what the Bible says with the above statements. First of all, our writer correctly concludes that there are two fellowships or families on earth. If a person does not belong to one, then he must be in the other one. We learn from 1 Tim. 3:15 that the family of God is the church of Jesus Christ. So if a person is not in the church of our Lord, he is in the family or kingdom of Satan. This does not mean that everyone not in the Church is equally sinful or immoral, but does mean that they are not in His family. However, our writer says that "My Baptist and Methodist friends" are not in the "darkness" as it is used in 2 Cor. 6:14. May we ask, if they are not in the realm of darkness, then in what realm of darkness are they?? Or is our writer inferring that they are indeed "in Christ?" This must be his conclusion, since according to him there are only two fellowships, and these people are definitely not in the one of 2 Cor. 6:4, or the one presided over by Belial. Thus liberalism is saying that in some way, unbaptized people are attached to Christ. Think about this friend, the object of liberalism is not only to get all believers to fellowship one another regardless of views and practices, but to include sectarians and denominations in that fellowship also.

But let us notice more. Our writer next says "every sincere believer in Jesus is my brother either in prospect or in fact," and ". . . as God's child and my brother in prospect. He is God's child because he has been begotten by my Father." If the unbaptized believer is a child of God, we must conclude that he is in fellowship with God. And according to the Bible if we have fellowship with God, we do not walk in darkness (1 Jno. 1:6). Therefore, our writer is saying that this sincere Baptist or Methodist is in fellowship with God, and is not walking in darkness. Surely you can see by now where liberalism is leading. Why brethren will be taken in by such is beyond me. I can show you cases where brethren have tried this loose idea of fellowship, and it has backfired everytime. Nothing is to be gained

by it. The very individual received and accepted was soon fighting the one or ones instrumental in his reception. The reason of course was because there was no genuine unity to begin with.

In closing I want to leave with you one more quote: "His stock-in-trade remedy for disunity is the platitude, "if everyone will just take the Bible for what it says, and do just what it teaches, we will all be one." This old cliché has been proven unrealistic and unworkable."

The Bible says "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free. "In effect the above quotation infers that we can never know the truth enough to bring about agreement, thus in turn unity. Well, perhaps I am old-fashioned, or as some would consider me narrow-minded and ignorant, but I still believe that we can know the truth, and unite upon it, and God save us from the day when it will not be so.

—Lebanon, Mo.

A BED TOO SHORT—

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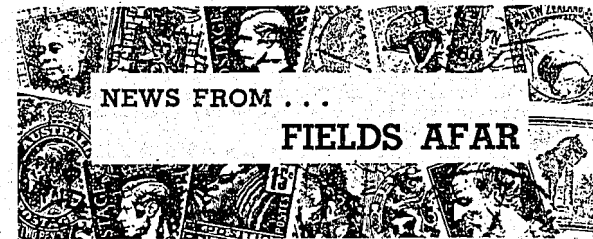
of Jerusalem, sent a messenger to his enemies with these words: "I am doing a great work, so that I cannot come down: why should the work cease, whilst I leave it, and come down to you?" (Neh. 6:3). May each of us do our "great work"; but do it for the cause we love. In fields of labor today, we often become separated by great distances and we may have to "work alone"; in any case let us be as Nehemiah and his workers were: "And I said unto the nobles, and to the rulers, and to the rest of the people, The work is great and large, and we are separated upon the wall, one far from another" (Neh. 4:19). Just because we are separated, this is no reason for us to stop "working for the Lord." If we do, our works we do accomplish may become a "cover too narrow!"

Now, what about your own condition? When the prophet spoke of a bed that was too short and cover too narrow, he gave a perfect picture of man's inadequacy. If a bed is too short for a man to stretch himself upon, and the covering narrower than he can wrap himself in, such will not adequately meet his needs. How many times have you been in this condition? Have you had "little faith," a lack of knowledge concerning God's will? Your interests, instead of being centered in Christ, are centered in the world? If this is your condition, you are trying to find comfort upon a "bed too short" and warmth and happiness with a "cover too narrow."

What about the preparation you have made for eternity? Is it adequate, or not? Remember the parable of the ten virgins that Jesus taught? Five were wise and five were foolish. The difference was that the five foolish had not made any preparation for their Lord's coming. How true this is of so many people today! So many have made no preparation. Peter said, "Give diligence to make your calling and election sure" (1 Peter 1:10). Have you done this; if not, your "bed is too short and cover too narrow." Beloved saints, be sure you are not relying upon such; what will be your "life's story" at the judgment?

—Box 65, Mt. Pleasant, Fla.

After the longest and darkest night there is a new day.



NEWS FROM . . .

FIELDS AFAR

Yesterday was the first time we have been stopped by the weather. We had started for Naminga for a study we had scheduled but when we arrived at the Mombezi River, it was up and we could not cross. We tried at two places, but the water was too high, so we returned home. After we arrived home it came one of the hardest rains I have ever seen. We have more studies scheduled but the brethren understand if it rains we cannot make it.

The work continues to grow. We now have 114 congregations registered and working with us. Our studies now involve church business, giving and taking care of their own preachers financially. This is something apparently new to them and it will take a while to have them obeying God's wishes along these lines, but their reception of the teaching is encouraging to us. We are not only teaching the preachers, but other members as well.

We are publishing a monthly paper for the brethren in Malawi. We hope this will help us in our instructing the brethren in the way of the Lord.

School terms ended yesterday and the children are now having their summer vacation. School will resume Jan. 24, 1966.

We are encouraged by the interest some are showing not only in this foreign field but in England and Mexico as well. May God bless all of these efforts, and may all the glory be His.

—Bennie Cryer, Jerry Cutter



Gerald Stumpff, 1204 Grandview Gd. St., Florissant, Mo., Dec. 17—The work in St. Louis is looking better. We are having some new faces in attendance, so that is encouraging. Pray for the work at this place.

Van Butts, Sapulpa, Okla., Dec. 15—I am still preaching the good old Gospel of Christ; I thank the Lord very much for this. There is nothing that I like better than working for the Lord. If we have Him on our side, we have nothing to fear. I ask the prayers of all.

Gene Hopkins, 1551 N. Irvington Ave., Tulsa, Okla., Dec. 12—Bro. Gary Macy will be working with the 11th St. Acres congregation here for an indefinite period of time. If you know of those who may be interested

in their salvation and we may help, please send us their names and addresses. Let us work while it is day. Here are 8 subs.

W. F. Sifford, 328 S. High St., El Dorado, Kans. 67042, Dec. 17—Here is my renewal to the good Old Paths Advocate; it is good to read of and know what the brother preachers and the churches of Christ are doing all over this country and other countries. I love to read the paper. Keep up the good work.

F. H. Lichapa, Namphungo church, C/O Namlenga Mission, P. O. Mikolongwe, Malawi, Dec. 1—Work is going ahead. We now have 110 registered congregations in Malawi. Nov. 7, I was at Manjolo church with 11 baptisms; Nov. 14, with Bro. W. Chikungwa as Namphungo church with 6 baptisms; Nov. 21, Namphungo church with 4 confessions of faults; Nov. 26-28, with Brethren Cryer and John Mussa at Chizinja church with 19 baptized.

Paul Walker, 2955 17th St., San Pablo, Calif., Dec. 17—The work here is progressing very well. Our short meeting at Stockton, Calif. was enjoyable. I was privileged to preach at Lodi and Orangevale, Calif., recently. At Modesto, in Nov., we heard two good sermons by Lynwood Smith. The San Pablo congregation is happy to welcome the Tandy Allen family to the Bay area; they live in Oakland and came here from Ada, Okla. We enjoy the OPA.

B. B. Cayson, 1993 Burn Ham Ave., Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 15—Bro. James Orten was with us in Oct. for a week-end meeting. All were edified. It was his first visit here in sometime. The church continues to preach the gospel; one man confessed faults recently. The congregation at 1315 N. Willett St. is making progress. We are going into homes, preaching the gospel. Brethren, we can deal the devil a hard blow if only we have a mind to work. May the Lord bless all is our prayer.

Timothy Phillips, Rt. 1, Box 31-A, Pottsville, Ark., Nov. 29—The church here is growing rapidly. Nov. 21, we had 28; Nov. 28, there were 44. Since last report, 3 have confessed faults. The harvest is ripe, and let us work while it is day for the cause of Christ. We were happy to have visitors from Kansas City. There are some driving 50 miles one way to worship here. We are in need of a meeting house; we are still meeting in our home. We would be thankful to hear from some of the churches that can help us build. We need the prayers of all the faithful everywhere.

W. Malaya, Ntondwe, Malawi, Dec. 11—I was at Gala church, Nov. 7; 4 were baptized and 2 confessed wrongs. Nov. 14, I was at Mwenye church; with 3 baptisms and 1 confession. Nov. 21, I was at Chikapa church where 3 confessed wrongs. Nov. 26, I was at Harare with both Brethren Cryer and Cutter. One person confessed. Nov. 28, I was at Sitima church. Four were baptized and 6 confessed faults. The work of the gospel improves. We fail to go long distances because of having no bicycles or other transportation. All preachers and Christians are in good condition now.

L. J. Balakasi, Kogoya Vlg., C/O Chisoka F. P. School, P. O. Mikolongwe, Malawi, Africa, Dec. 3—With pleasure I inform you that I am a new preacher, and work with Brethren J. Cutter, B. Cryer and F. H. Lichapa. The work of preaching the gospel is going on well here in Malawi. May I inform you that I greatly appreciate the churches of Christ in America in sending these two brethren to help us. Nov. 7, I was at Kogoya church; Nov. 14, I was at Chaone church with 1 baptism; Nov. 21, at Chizinja, I found the work progressing. Nov. 28, I was at Mangazi church with 1 baptism. I would like to receive the OPA.

N. Mkwapatira, Nwanyenga School, P. O. Palombe, Malawi, Dec. 9—May 13, I was at Ngongola church where I baptized 22; Aug. 5, I baptized 22 at Naminga; Sept. 26, I baptized 2 at Maluwa; Oct. 19, there was a meeting at Dyanyama church. I was with Bro. Jerry Cutter. Oct. 26, we were holding a meeting at Maluwa church; I was with Brethren Jerry Cutter and Bennie Cryer; the same day in the evening, we were at Makwangwala; Nov. 28, I was at Maluwa church where I baptized 15. I am not able to send a report every month because of lack of money for postage. Greetings to all in Christ.

Edwin S. Morris, 10520 N. McKinley, Oklahoma City, Okla., Dec. 13—We have been doing personal work here with the 21st St. congregation since Nov. 1. The work goes along well. We were happy to work with Brethren Bill Roden, Johnny Elmore, and Joe Hisle in a short week-end meeting recently in Norman, Okla. Bro. Miles King worked with us, too, during this time; we all preached. I was recently with the Arlington, Tex. brethren for 2 services. There was some sickness, but we had an enjoyable day. Some from Dallas attended. I am to preach in Dallas, Dec. 26. Pray for me and mine.

Jim Hickey, 2419 Leafdale, El Monte, Calif., Dec. 15—At the present time, we are in southern Calif. I have been preaching and visiting here locally. We are to begin work with the Boulder Dr. congregation in Dallas, Tex. the first of the year. We closed at Kennewick, Wash., feeling that good was done. We had several visitors almost every night. Since last report, I have preached at Sonora, Highway City, Covina, and El Centro, all in Calif. We enjoyed our visits with the brethren. I think that additional pages for the paper is a good idea. We pray that all of us will do more work for the Lord this year.

K. G. Wilks, 109 Dundee Dr., Wichita Falls, Tex., Dec. 14—I was glad to see the report by Bro. Coleman and Bro. Lee Boek's letter on the trip to Mexico in Dec. OPA. I am hoping and praying that support for Bro. Joe Martinez is raised. It will be a shame if it is not with a noble worker like Brother Martinez, and a field more ready than any I know of. I believe God will hold us accountable if we do not avail ourselves of this opportunity to do the Lord's service to our brethren and to others who are ready. I compliment Bro. Tom Smith for his good article in Dec. OPA. His faith in the brethren is a compliment to him. Best wishes in the Lord.

Larry Lay, 7844 Rancho Fanita Dr., Santee, Calif. 92071, Dec. 6—I enjoyed very much part of Bro. Lynwood Smith's meeting at Covina, Calif. The meeting there in which the young people took a leading part was very enjoyable. I really appreciated the hospitality shown me; there is no better fellowship than with those in Christ. I have recently preached at El Cajon and El Centro, both in Calif.; Lord willing, I will be at Orange every third Lord's Day. Bro. Richard Nichols preached at El Cajon last Lord's Day; he preached two very good sermons; it was good to see Richard again. I continue to enjoy the good articles in the OPA.

Roy Lee Criswell, Box 895, Winters, Calif., Dec. 17—We are working with the young congregation here. Though they are small in number, unity and peace prevail. We have been here since Aug., and have been going from door to door studying with those who will let us. Our crowds and interest have greatly improved. Recently, we had the opportunity of baptizing a lady who is a native of Japan, but is now an American citizen. I only wish that many of our long-time church members had the zeal of the new converts. The work here is supported by Modesto, Sacramento (64th St.), Orangevale, and Winters. Let us ever try harder to do more for the Lord in 1966.

R. B. Roden, 112 Kelley Dr., Moore, Okla., 73060, Dec. 11—Our meeting at Washington, Okla. closed with good interest, and a good singing in the afternoon of Nov. 21. All visitors were welcomed. Nov. 28, I was at Sentinel, Okla. for both services; it was good to be with these brethren again. We have now spent another year of our lives, and are now facing a new one. As we look back over the year's work, we see many mistakes for which we are sorry. As we face the new year, we pray that we can be better in the Lord's work. Our work in the Okla. City area is enjoyable. Please send names and addresses of those we might contact and get interested in the church. Two came back to the fold last Lord's Day for which we are thankful. Do pray for the work here and elsewhere.

J. Wayne McKamie, Rt. 1, McGregor, Tex., Dec. 18—Oct. 22-24, we were in Ft. Worth (Trenton Ave.) for an enjoyable week-end meeting; we believe good was done. Nov. 26-28, we went to San Antonio for a week-end of preaching and fellowship with the Catalina congregation. Brethren from Nacogdoches Rd. and South Side also attended. Their hospitality is simply unsurpassed. The work here in McGregor continues. Bro. Chester Spoons is now attending the McGregor congregation and is doing quite well in preaching. He is a great help in the work here. Keith Holt of Waco is also preaching in our area; we all have great hope for these two young men. Dec. 26th, we plan to be in Sand Grove; and Jan. 9th in Ft. Worth. Pray for our work in this area.

Lee Boek, 1280 Parque Dr., Chico, Calif., Dec. 23—The months of Nov. and Dec., we spent in San Antonio, Tex. We worked with the brethren at Nacogdoches Rr. congregation. It is our prayer that the seeds planted will soon blossom. Our sincerest appreciation is given to the wonderful Christians of all the congregations with which we were associated there. We were showered

with love during our stay and are eternally grateful. It has become necessary for us to return to Chico, Calif. by the first of the year. We are presently enroute, in the Los Angeles area. We enjoyed visiting with brethren at Odessa, Tucson, San Diego, Covina and Lynwood, Calif., where we held a week-end meeting. Lord willing, we will be in Chico this winter and spring, except for our meetings. Our love to all.

Jerry Cutter, Box 573, Blantyre, Malawi, Africa, Dec. 10 — Spring is here, and the countryside is lush and pretty. The gardens are planted, and the corn, beans, etc. are up in most areas. The weather is warm, but for a native Southwesterner, it is very pleasant. The mean daytime temperature in Blantyre is in the mid-eighties, perhaps. Due to heavy rains yesterday, Bennie and I were unable to fill our appointments today. One appointment was at Naminga church, located about 45 miles out. We were stopped about 5 miles from our destination by the Mombezi River which was up some, and too deep and too swift to ford. The secular school year ended today; the new term will begin in late Jan. Our children attended a good school. The school is supported directly by tuition fees; the yearly fee per child is \$135. The work continues to go well. Remember us when you pray.

Paul O. Nichols, 1400 Adena St., Bakersfield, Calif. 93306, Dec. 19—The congregation at Southwest Bakersfield continues to grow and progress. We have proven that if we "plant" and we "water," God will give the increase. We have grown as fast as any congregation in the brotherhood that I know of; the brethren here work together in an excellent way. We have ambition and vision. We also have a program of work which we feel is consistent with our aims—personal work, developing teachers and song leaders, radio preaching, acquisition of property and meeting house, foreign and domestic support of the gospel, and benevolence. We also have a desire to establish another congregation in this area, the Lord willing. Recently, I have had the privilege of being with the churches at Delta, Colo., and El Cajon, Calif. At this time, I am at Lodi, Calif. in a good meeting with large crowds.

Tom Lehmann, 755 Orange Ave., Fresno, Calif. 93702, Dec. 21—Since I have been in the Fresno area, I have preached at the following places one or more times: Fresno (Millbrook), Sanger, Orange Cove, Corcoran, Porterville, and Visalia. There are other places about an hour's drive away where I hope to preach in the future. I have only two steady appointments at this time; Millbrook, the 2nd Lord's Day, and Orange Cove, the 4th. The Lord willing, I plan to get another appointment for the third Lord's Day and leave the first Lord's Day open. I am thankful for the opportunities I have been given to preach because it gives me a chance to put to use the things I have learned in my training. Jim Russell has been a great help to me. If the Lord wills, I plan to attend the meeting at Sulphur, Okla. this next year. If there is someone in Calif. with plans of going, but does not have a way, please contact me at the above address and we might be able to make plans to go together. Please pray for me and for all who are faithfully serving the Lord.

Ronald Courter, 7120 Banks St., Union Lake, Mich., Dec. 14—The work in Mich. is continuing at a rapid pace. We have been spending one or two nights a week in Bible study on interpretation and personal work for the last few months. The young in Christ have been very diligent and have encouraged all. We are presently doing home studies with the prayer that the gospel will be heard in many homes that have never studied the Bible in a systematic way. Our efforts and plans try to incorporate the caring for those we have and for proclaiming the Glad Tidings to those standing in the depths of darkness. We held meetings at LeContes Mills, Pa., and Joplin, Mo. since our last report. The meetings were well attended and benefitted from congregational cooperation and the interest of visitors from the area. The making of many new acquaintances in the Joplin area was refreshing and we appreciate the work of Bro. Jack Cutter in that area. Also, we appreciate the encouragement manifested toward us and live with the hope that we may encourage others.

Clovis T. Cook, 809 Lyons, Kansas City, Kan., Dec. 7—The work seems to move on in these parts rather well. I have preached at several places since last report. The Church at 10th. and Ray, Kansas City, Kan., and at 85th. and Euclid, Kansas City, Mo., are co-sponsoring a 13 weeks' T.V. series in St. Joseph, Mo., which is received in Kansas City, by some. It is getting off to a good start as the cards and letters start coming in. We hope to do a lot of good here. It is rewarding to know that some of the articles recently appearing in the *Old Paths Advocate*, cautioning against liberalism hit the "bull's-eye," for some of the most extreme liberalists have begun "to squeal like a pig caught under a gate." For example, this week one little four-page (type-writer size) paper was devoted in its entirety to replying to a recent article written by me which appeared in the O.P.A., which paper was called a "party propaganda medium." If this paper is such, which has had its due share of respect and influence through the years, and has spoken the mind of thousands while it did such, what in reason's name could you call his little paper? Does his little paper represent the thinking of one man? If another agrees with him, according to their own definition of what constitutes a party, then per their own logic, they have a party fighting a party. It's a consolation to know we are being heard.

Miles King, 1533 Camden Way, Norman, Okla., Dec. 16—Our recent week-end meeting at Norman was a good one. We enjoyed hearing good brethren Edwin Morris, R. B. Roden, Johnny Elmore and Joe Hisle during this meeting. We believe the church here continues to grow in strength. This week-end, I am to be in Kansas City, Mo. (85th and Euclid). Jan. 15-16, we look forward to being with the congregation at Shreveport, La. Brethren, the journey into the new year has begun. I hope throughout the orbit of this year we can witness the vanishing of negative and pessimistic attitudes so prevalent among many brethren of past years. We want to see faces glow with realistic expressions and with determined faith that will motivate the work of the Lord. We want to see individuals who can stand with that grand old apostle who wrote

with such determination to the Philippians: "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me" (Phil. 4:13).

David Macy, Box 6634, Jackson, Miss., Dec. 11—I held a week-end meeting at Baton Rouge, La., Dec. 3-5. I certainly enjoyed being with these brethren again; I had preached there once before. They have made a lot of progress in the last few years. They have an attractive building in a nice location; they have increased in membership the last few years. The new congregation here in Jackson is doing real well for a work that is just beginning. We have about 20 Lord's Day morning; we had 37 present the last Lord's Day morning of our meeting. The prospects look real good for a continued and steady growth. Jackson is growing rapidly, and we are located in one of the fastest growing sections of the city. I plan to keep my residence here until Sept., 1966, the Lord willing. The Marietta, Ga. brethren were very kind in allowing me to postpone my coming there because of the great need in this area. We look forward to working with them, too. I believe they are some of the finest in the country. I have time open for two or three more meetings in 1966. Pray for us and the work here. I enjoyed Bro. Tom Smith's article "Crisis in Evangelism" in Dec. OPA, and say "amen" to most everything he wrote.

Cicero Goddard, 16701 Lipton, Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 15—Here in Cleveland, since last report, we have had 6 come to us from digression; for this we are thankful. We know that the Lord is still in business. Following is a report of my support for Nov. and Dec.: Lebanon, Mo.—\$40; Lee Summit, Mo.—\$100; Pontiac, Mich.—\$50; Flemington, Pa.—\$100; Stockton, Calif.—\$100; San Antonio, Tex.—\$60; Nacogdoches Rd., San Antonio, Tex.—\$100; Houston, Tex.—\$70; Anonymous—\$80; Waterford, Calif.—\$25. This is a total of \$725 for the two months. For this I am thankful, but with the cost of living going up this is not enough to care for a family. I wish some congregation would take the oversight of this work and be responsible for keeping my support at a level that would insure my having the things necessary to live on, as the Lebanon, Mo. congregation does for the African work. Beginning Jan. 1, 1966, the church at Waterford, Calif. has promised \$25. per month; this will make my support \$375. per month. I request your prayers for us that God will continue to bless the work here. You would be surprised how many people there are who refuse to believe that God exists.

Donald K. Snow, 2493 Old Colony Rd., East Point, Ga. 30044, Dec. 17—We at Marietta, Ga. believe the work is progressing well. Certainly the coming year is going to present quite a challenge for all of us in the Lord's cause. Recently, we were made stronger and encouraged through the preaching of Bro. Leon Fancher in our Nov. meeting; I was baptized. Leon preached some good and edifying sermons; I appreciate Leon as a Christian and as a brother in the Lord's work. Our 1966 meetings will include Bro. Miles King, Mar. 6-13; and Bro. Don McCord, July 16-24. We are looking forward to these meetings and the work. All of us here are awaiting with great anticipation the arrival of Bro. David Macy and family in Sept. for an indefi-

nite period of work in this area. With a population of over 1,200,000 in greater Atlanta, we feel a marked responsibility to preach the Word. We are most happy to have Bro. and Sister Elvert Anderson and sons who have moved here from El Cajon, Calif. by way of Montgomery, Ala. I knew them when I lived in El Cajon, and I feel the congregation has been blessed with their moving here. This Jan., the church here will meet every Thurs., at 8:00 o'clock P.M. One night a week, we study the Bible from house to house, and this is encouraging. Pray for us and the work.

E. H. Miller, Box 538, La Grange, Ga. 30240, Dec. 17—We have had some wonderful services since last report; some at my home congregation where several confessed faults, and one at Napoleon, Ala. where three confessed faults. We have also been with the Marietta and Temple, Ga. congregations in their meetings. Our meeting at Bowie, Tex. was a good one and feel sure good was done. We contacted a few members who believed as the Bible teaches on all points of worship except they believed that cups could be used in observing the Lord's supper in one assembly, and the loaf should be broken for another reason than to eat (1 Cor. 10:16-17). I think they see, or will see after more study, that those are things not taught in God's word, and will give them up for the Bible way. We are now in a good meeting at Arlington, Tex. which will close, Lord willing, Lord's Day night. We appreciate visitors from Ft. Worth, Dallas and Denison; according to promises we are expecting more from other places. Our first meeting of 1966 at La Grange will be with Bro. R. B. Roden, Feb. 12-20; we would like to have all who can to visit us. Our homes are always open to visitors. I have not had time to read all of Dec. OPA, but I have read Bro. Tom E. Smith's article and think he gave us all something to think about. Enclosed are 12 subs.

J. W. Kornegay, Box 105, Belle Mead, N. J., Dec. 8—We are now in New Jersey, making an effort to build up the church in this rural area. We have a fairly good place to meet, and Brethren, Bob Powers and Doyle Butler are eager to get things going. We are working door to door, visiting several at a distance who have strayed away. There are some difficulties as is common, but our sleeves are rolled up to work; that is what we are here for. If you know of those in the central part of the state whom we might interest in the church, please send us names and addresses. Those interested and supporting the work monthly here are as follows: Pontiac, Mich.—\$75; Rote, Pa.—\$50; Raleigh, N. C.—\$100; Flemington, Pa.—\$50; Huntington, W. Va.—\$100; Harrodsburg, Ind.—\$50; Roanoke, Va.—\$25. Your financial support and prayers are appreciated. We earnestly pray this work will bring forth fruit in due season that our work be not in vain. We will be here for several months, maybe years; the Lord's will be done. May I report the establishment of a congregation at Walterboro, S. C. Brethren Frank McClendon and David Crosby are very zealous Christians with whom to work. They have purchased a very nice lot on which to build, in a nice location, since we held the tent meeting there last May. If there are those who would like to help them on their building, I am sure

God would bless you. The above mentioned congregations along with Greenville, S. C. rejoice for those precious souls being saved; the Lord be glorified.

Jim A. Canfield, Rt. 3, Box 86, Marion, La., 71260, Dec. 6—The church here and at Farmerville is doing fine—growing in the knowledge of God's word. Since my last report, we have had sadness in the family; one of my brothers-in-law was injured Oct. 10, and died Oct. 18, in Shreveport, La. On Oct. 24, Bro. Robert Adams spoke words of warning and comfort to a large crowd of loved ones and friends. We ask the prayers of all the faithful for the family here. Nov. 15, I received a card from Sister Motley at Memphis bearing the sad news of Bro. J. T. Brooks' passing. He did much in helping build up the church there. He would use his car bringing people to church and would go into their homes and study with them. This is a great loss for the church there. I believe Bro. Willie Harris and the other young brethren there will carry on. I will try to go more often to help in teaching the pure word of God (Prov. 30:5-6). Dec. 11, I will be there, Lord willing, if the weather is not too bad. Dec. and Jan. are our worst months. We all should keep ourselves prepared to meet God in the eternal home of the soul (Rev. 14:13). I plan to go to St. Louis in the near future to do house to house work if it can be arranged. The year 1965 is almost dead, on the critical list, almost to the end. Brethren, if we knew we were only 25 days to the end as is the year 1965, we would not miss a service of the church; a little headache would not hinder us. We all should read 1 Cor. 10:12 and Heb. 2:1-3. May we all live to see the new year come with happiness and joy in the service of Christ our loving Saviour. Pray for me and mine, brethren.

Tom E. Smith, 302 Phillips, Healdton, Okla., Dec. 15—Wife and I were privileged to be with the congregation at New Salem, near Brookhaven, Miss., Nov. 24-28. It is putting it mildly to say we enjoyed the trip very much. Enroute, we went by Mena, Ark., visiting in the homes of Bro. and Sister Raymond Bray, Bro. and Sister Ray Smith, and in the home of Bro. and Sister Garrett where several families gathered for lunch Lord's Day. Nov. 21. I preached at the morning and evening services. We were much encouraged by the love and zeal manifested among the Christians there. We met again Bro. and Sister Casey, whom we had known and been associated with in years gone by. Leon and Nancy Fancher are held in high esteem there for their work's sake. Bro. Leon was away in a meeting. In Miss., too, we were much encouraged; it was like going home, as my old home community in Palo Pinto Co., Tex., bore the name New Salem, and meeting all the Smiths there was like being with my own kin, and best of all, we were of "like precious faith," which makes us even closer. We had much in common we found, having been associated with such venerable soldiers of the cross as Brethren H. C. Harper, Homer A. Gay and Homer L. King. These men's names were often in our conversations, and their good works which indeed are "manifest" wheresoever they labored (1 Tim. 5:21). We only hope and pray that our visit there was as profitable to the church, as our association and sweet fellowship was to my wife and me. Bro. Lynwood Smith flew from Covina, Calif. where he closed a meeting; we had a brief visit with him, and spent one night with him, Sister T. E. Smith and Agnes, which indeed was an enjoyable visit. Lynwood, my wife and I went to the little church yard and paid our respects to those beloved departed ones whom we had not had the blessed privilege of meeting in this life, but whom we expect to meet in a land far fairer than this. May God keep us humble and ready for that great event. Enroute home, we had a nice visit with Bro. Billy Orten and wife at Farmerville, La.

Our purpose is to earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints," and to "prove all things; hold fast that which is good."

OLD PATHS ADVOCATE

To continue "speaking the truth in love," "endeavoring to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace;" "keeping the ordinances as delivered."

"Thus saith the Lord, 'Stand ye in the ways, and see and ask for the Old Paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls.' (Jer. 6:16) 'And they that be of Thee shall build the old waste places; thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations; and thou shalt be called, The Repairer of the Breach, The Restorer of Paths to Dwell in.' (Isa. 58:12).

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A CAUSE FOR CONCERN

By C. A. Smith

I and others are concerned; our concern is due to the liberal viewpoint held by some brethren and sisters relative to some of the issues that for years have divided the church. Of course, this concern is not something new, for there have been able and faithful brethren who have recognized the threat of liberalism for years. Yet, the threat looms greatly before the church today.

Liberalism is nothing more than a lax attitude toward the inspiration and authority of the Scriptures. In other words, the liberalist is one who accepts things that the Scriptures do not teach. As Alan E. Hughes wrote in the *Gospel Advocate*, Nov. 4, 1965: "Liberalism makes a fair show in the flesh. It poses as intellectualism. It places few restrictions on man's conduct. It is ideally suited to the indifferent, unconverted, or worldly-minded member of the church. Liberalism talks much of 'liberty' and little of 'law.' It seeks to make the church of the Lord 'intellectually respectable' to contemporary scholarship."

We need to beware of liberalism and ground the churches in sound, scriptural principles and Bible knowledge. The idea that we have to be so nice (?) to everyone so as not to hurt their feelings and let them sow their seeds of discord is certainly at variance with the Scriptures which teach that we should mark and avoid those that cause division (Rom. 16:17). For instance, I know of brethren and sisters who are very liberal toward our digressive brethren and even toward their questionable practices, such as the Sunday School system of teaching God's word. Now, if the Bible is silent relative to this important phase of Christian activity, then I have nothing to fear and any method will suffice; but on the other hand, if the Bible does instruct us unto every good work as 2 Tim. 3:16-17 says that it does, then my concern is in order.

Of course, this method of teaching presents a pleasant picture to those who are not willing to accept their God-given responsibility to "bring up their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord (Eph. 6:4), but to one who earnestly contends for the faith (Jude 1:3), the end does not justify the means.

Why, yes, it would be much more colorful if we had an organ to accompany us when we sing, or individual communion vessels would be so much better due to the fact you would be able to serve better and

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"HOUSE TO HOUSE" EVANGELISM

By Billy Orten

"I have kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have shewed you, and have taught you publicly, and from house to house." The preceding statement was made by the Apostle Paul in Acts 20:20, when he had called together the elders of the church at Ephesus. Paul had labored much with the church in Ephesus. At one time, he had spent two years in that city teaching daily the Word of God (Acts 19:10). Many people, both of the Jews and the Greeks, were brought to Christ during Paul's stay in that city. Acts 19:20 says, "So mightily grew the word of God and prevailed." Referring to his ministry among them, Paul says to the elders, "—I have taught you publicly, and from house to house." Notice the two types of teaching done by the apostle in Ephesus—public and house to house. Paul taught in the synagogues, and at public gatherings when there was an opportunity. But Paul realized some people could not be reached by public teaching; therefore, he preached from house to house. If house to house teaching was necessary in the first century, how much more necessary it is in this twentieth century of cynicism and religious prejudice when it is almost impossible to get people to attend the public meetings. Personal work was an important factor in the growth of the early church.

The church in the first century grew very rapidly. No institution has enjoyed such growth as the church experienced for about the first one hundred years of its existence. It grew so rapidly that the Roman government became alarmed and decided that something must be done to stop it. The church then began to be persecuted by the government. However, the church continued its rapid growth even though hundreds of Christians were killed. It could not be stopped. Looking back, historians have tried to understand the reasons for this unprecedented growth. Edward Gibbon, in one of the greatest histories ever written, *The Decline And Fall Of The Roman Empire*, lists in chapter fifteen some reasons why he believes the church grew so rapidly. These reasons are as follows: 1. The zeal with which they preached the gospel, 2. The doctrine of the future life that they preached, 3. The miraculous powers accompanying their preaching, 4. The pure and austere lives of the people, and 5. The unity and discipline of the churches.

We might profit today by looking carefully at what this historian believes is the secret to the success of the

early church. At present, we are concerned mainly with the first reason—the zeal with which the early Christians preached the gospel. This writer firmly believes one of the keys to the growth of the early church is found in Acts 8:4, "Therefore they that were scattered abroad went everywhere preaching the word." The persecution scattered the disciples, and wherever they went, they were telling and preaching the story of Jesus. Every Christian was a personal worker. They were so filled with the love of God and the joy of salvation that they were telling it to everyone they met. The greatest single need today is to get every Christian to be a soul-winner. A small staff of fifty or sixty preachers cannot evangelize the world, not even the United States.

Today, as we face the future, we are all concerned about the church. We realize the future of the local congregation depends on the members of that congregation. It was prophesied in Daniel 2:44 that the kingdom of God would never be destroyed, and we know that is true. The church will always exist in the world; however, what the local congregation does, depends on the members of that congregation. Suppose we each project our vision a few years ahead and ask, "What kind of congregation do I want my home church to be ten years from now?" Am I content for it to drag along year after year and see no progress, or do I want to see it grow? In order for the church to grow, there must be more laborers in the field. Jesus said, "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few" (Matthew 9:37).

When this present generation of preachers, teachers, and personal workers are replaced by younger people, will they be able to say of us as it was said of the early Christians? "They went everywhere preaching the word" (Acts 8:4), "Their sound went into all the earth" (Romans 10:18), "The gospel was preached to every creature" (Colossians 1:23), and "They so spake that a multitude both of the Jews and the Greeks believed" (Acts 14:1). We certainly do not want the next generation to look back at us and say, "They did not do what they could to preach the gospel to the lost." We will accomplish very little if the small group of preachers among us are the only soul-winners. The big majority of church members render no particular service at all toward the lost. They are not elders or deacons; they are not preachers or teachers; they are not workers in any particular sense. They have been encouraged to do little more than attend services regularly. The fault no doubt lies with us preachers. We have failed to teach and instruct people concerning their individual responsibility to the lost. Actually, I have found an enthusiastic response by the brethren when a plan of personal evangelism is proposed.

This little booklet has two purposes: (1) to inspire every Christian with a desire to become a soul-winner for Christ, (2) to offer a few suggestions and helps to those who undertake this noble work. The lesson plans in this book are designed to be used in home studies with people who know little or nothing about the Bible. They were prepared and used in home studies while I was working with the church on Fair Oaks Blvd. in Orangevale, near Sacramento, California. They are sent forth in the hope that they may be helpful in bringing someone to the knowledge of salvation.

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(Editor's note—This is the first in a series. We appreciate Bro. Billy Orten's willingness to permit us to publish the material intended for his booklet on personal work. We believe the readers of this journal will find every installment informative and helpful, since all of us should have as our prime desire to do all we can for the Lord's church).—DMc

THE WORK IN AFRICA

The 21st St. congregation in Oklahoma City is progressing with plans for the work in Africa. As was pointed out last month we plan to sponsor the next two evangelists as replacements for Brethren Jerry Cutter and Bennie Cryer. Bro. Jerry Cutter is to return home in May, 1967; and Bro. Benny Cryer in May, 1968.

We would like for those interested to contact us soon, as we would like to make the selection by May, 1966 in order that the one chosen will have plenty of time to close out his affairs here before he goes. Bro. Jerry and Bro. Bennie suggest that the one who goes needs approximately one year to complete all arrangements.

It is also suggested that those who volunteer plan to stay at least 3 years. The field is very promising in Africa and we should not cease our efforts there. Much has been accomplished since Bro. Paul Nichols first went over. Let us continue this good work.

Will you volunteer for this great work? If so, write and let us know your desire. You may address all correspondence to the writer who in turn will give this information to the congregation who will make all the decisions.

Again, we would remind all that the work will be carried out in the same manner as in the past in regards to support to the evangelist, etc. We earnestly solicit the support of all sister congregations in this work.

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ENCOURAGEMENT IN THE FACE OF DISCOURAGEMENT

By Larry Lay

The walls around Jerusalem lay in ruin, the people were in great poverty and distress. It was indeed a sad situation. But then a man, Nehemiah, appeared to help these distressed people, but this was no ordinary man, for he trusted in God. Nehemiah is a man I am sure you all have read about. I'm sure you are aware of the great position he gave up to serve God and his people. The wealth and power he gave up was indeed a notable deed. But all worldly recognition meant nothing to him, for God was everything to him.

1. **What have you given up to serve God?** Yes, Nehemiah did give up a lot to serve God, and probably a lot more than any of us will ever have to give up. Have you had to make any sacrifices? Jesus tells us, "So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple." But then Jesus goes on to tell us that if we have forsaken all to follow him, we shall receive an hundred fold in this life and life everlasting after death (Matthew 19:29).

2. **Are you an encourager or a discourager?** In the face of opposition and foes, Nehemiah trusted in God and worked all the harder. Not only did he do this,

but he encouraged those working with him to do the same. He would not give up the work. It seems that Nehemiah wouldn't become discouraged because he was too busy encouraging others. Maybe if we spent more time encouraging others, we would become less discouraged.

3. What do you do in the face of worldly opposition?

Opposition was a big factor that confronted Nehemiah constantly. But he worked with a sword in his hand to protect himself from his enemies. He would not work unprotected. He knew how to use the sword he carried. We have worldly opposition today, and we also have a sword to carry. It is the Sword of the Spirit. It will protect us from Satan and his many wiles, if we know how to use it. This sword should be used at all times and never forgotten.

4. **Do you want to help your brother with his problems?** These Jews had many serious problems. But Nehemiah wanted to help. That is why he left the royal courts of Persia. He understood these people's many problems, but not only did he understand them, he helped to solve them. It doesn't do anyone any good if we understand our brother's problem but don't help him. We are to help our brother with his problems and not just talk about them.

We have seen but a few things that Nehemiah did. But what was he doing when he was doing all these other things? He was rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem. A very hard and demanding task. He still had time to do many good things for his brethren while serving God.

There is always time to help your brother and serve God!

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faster, and as some contend, it would be much more sanitary. Oh, yes, but does the end justify the means? Certainly not!

The Bible exhorts us to be "strong in the Lord." It is appalling to know that after all of these years there are still those among us who are as the waves of the sea, driven and tossed by every wind. How can we win people to the true church if we say, "Well, I just do not know whether we are right or not."

Yes, the word of God does tell us how to teach; dare say you that it does not. Yes, the word of God tells us who may teach; who told you differently? I have been a member of the church for over a quarter of a century, but I would not hesitate for one minute going with my Sunday School brethren if I had an inkling they are right. Family ties, traditions, nor friendships could not hold me. But such is not the case; I know they are wrong and that we are right, so I suppose I will remain with the "antis" as we are so often called simply because there is no room to question the way we worship God. At least, that is what my Sunday School brethren tell me.

When you find the church of the first century assembled, you will find that they were all together, unclassified, that men did the teaching, and the women learned in silence. Is this not true? The idea that it is all right for women to teach in the assemblies as long as she doesn't teach a man—this is nonsense! The Bible

says it is a shame for a woman to teach; she is not to teach or usurp authority over the man. Now, a woman may teach, but not in called assemblies of the church. "Oh," says one, "the Sunday School is not a church assembly." Oh no, then may I place a woman over the men's class? No—why not? It is not a church assembly, you say. Or, how about my placing an organ into your classroom to accompany you while you sing? After all, you have one in your home, and the classroom is not a church assembly, you say; how about it? No—why not? Or, can I choose teachers of the denominations to instruct the members of your class? No—why not? You talk about some placing undue emphasis on the meeting house; the class, they say, is in no way connected with the public assembly, yet the little rooms are hallowed.

"Oh," says another, "the Bible says, 'Go teach,' but it doesn't say how." Do you mean to tell me that God just left it in our hands? How perverted can one's thinking get? The going, of course, is left to our own judgment, but the teaching and the method to be used is clearly set forth in the Scriptures. So, until we can find the name of Sunday School, the practice, the regulations governing, I will just have to stand with the simple plan that God gives, that of assembling, undivided, unclassified, with men teaching and women remaining silent.

It is said that the children learn so much more. Do they now? I, and many of us, have never attended a Sunday School class, but we are willing to match wits with those who have when it comes to evaluating Bible knowledge. Your children ought to be learning at home. Don't we have time to sit down with them and teach them God's will? If not, why not? We help them with homework, and other matters pertaining to their young lives, but we have no time, are too busy, to teach them the word of God. Shame! Shame!

The fact of the matter is, the church of our Lord got along without such a method for a long time, for this system was not known until after the year 1783 when Robert Raikes came up with the idea. Of course, in time, some brethren in the church accepted it. Then following, came the individual cups, and since then departures too numerous to mention. What will be taken in next? Let us all in the future put up a united front, be of the same mind, speak the same things, that there be no divisions among us, so that we will be perfectly joined together in the same mind and judgment (1 Cor. 1:10).

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DO YOU LIKE TO GIVE?

Here are some you can pass out each day—

- To a personal enemy, forgiveness;
- To a friend, your heart;
- To a child, a good example;
- To your mother, conduct that will make her proud of you.
- To yourself, respect;
- To all men, charity.

There is a safe harbor behind the waves.

However large the clouds may be, the blue sky behind is larger.

Every moment of resistance to temptation is a victory.

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"Crisis in Evangelism"—Under this caption in Dec. 1965 issue of *Old Paths Advocate*, Bro. Tom E. Smith reviewed an article under the same caption written by Bro. J. Ervin Waters, which appeared in August, 1965 *Restoration Thoughts*. In December I was recipient of a letter signed by 11 brethren in California who gave reasons why they thought I should not have published the article. In my reply to these brethren, I made the following apology: "—from the tenor of your letter—I have offended you, Brother Waters and others; to all I express my regrets; I am sorry, confess to you, and ask your forgiveness." To others who may have been offended, I tender the same apology. For using Brother Waters' name, or for casting unfavorable reflection upon him, or in any other way I did wrong in publication of the article, I am sorry.

In the interest of fairness, I also stated in my reply to these brethren: "Brother Waters can have space in the OPA to reply to Brother Smith's article." In a letter from Brother Waters, dated Jan. 18, 1966, he indicates that he does not desire to send a reply to Brother Smith. However, he gave Brother Orville Lee Smith permission to reply to Brother Tom E. Smith's article, which he did.

This, now, is my feeling about the matter, all points considered: Since this was a matter of one brother reviewing an article by another, and since Brother Ervin Waters does not desire to send a reply, there is nothing to be gained by a third brother replying. This might call for a fourth brother, fifth and so on, writing a reply; they, too, would have as much right, regardless of their views to be heard. This would involve us endlessly, and needlessly as I see it.

Brother Waters says he will send a free copy of August, 1965 *Restoration Thoughts* to those who did not see the article to which Brother Tom E. Smith replied. Bro. Waters' address is 1900 Hughes, Midland, Texas 79701.

In view of Brother Waters' decision not to send a reply, this will now close the matter in columns of *Old Paths Advocate*.

"Our Helpers"—We continue to be more than gratified as how our subscription list continues to grow.

For "our helpers" we are so thankful. Once more this month we must ask Laycook Printing Co. to increase the number of copies printed; this brings our circulation to an all-time high.

Complaints—We have received complaints that some copies are going astray; for instance, word comes that subscribers receiving their paper at the Ft. Worth, Tex. post office did not receive the November issue. I am very sorry; I do not know how to explain this unless the bundle broke, and the postal employees were not able to determine the receiving post office. If this were the case, the copies should have been returned to us for re-mailing; they were not returned.

Enroute from the printing company in Jackson, Tenn. to Lebanon, Mo., one box of the Jan. issue got wet in St. Louis, Mo. If your copy looked soiled or wrinkled, this was likely the reason. I am always sorry for such, and appreciate our subscribers' understanding.

If there is an irregularity of any kind in your getting the paper, please let me know, and we will do our best to make corrections. Thank you kindly.

—D. B. McCord

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God means all the world to me,
My comfort and my Guide.
He leads me in the narrow way,
From Him I cannot hide.
He teaches me to watch and pray,
Be ready for the judgment day.
He helps me when I'm sad and blue.
No one but Him will ever do.

—Evelynn Ruark,
5006 Cranfill Dr.,
Dallas, Tex. 75241

CHURCH DIRECTORY

I need to hear from many more congregations regarding their location, time of worship, and the names and addresses of brethren for contact purposes. Would you let me hear from you soon; your cooperation is certainly appreciated.

I have received from Bro. Jerry Cutter a list of the churches in Malawi, Africa. There are 112 listed; there are others that I do not have listed because they are too recent. Malawi covers an area about the size of Oklahoma, and has about the same population. The cause there is growing faster than it is here. Anyone visiting African congregations should contact Bro. Jerry Cutter or Bro. Bennie Cryer at Box 573, Blantyre, Malawi, Africa, phone number 8742 or 86C2.

Bro. E. H. Miller still has directories for sale at 50c each or 3 for \$1.00. Order from him at Box 538, La Grange, Ga. 30240.

—Ray Asplin,
2440 S. W. 54th St.,
Okla. City, Okla.

CAN YOU HELP?

The church at Prospect, Pa. is at this time very much in need of financial help, and would welcome any amount, however small. Their debt has been heavy this past year due to their having to remodel, removing an upper story, and replacing the roof. The debt is about \$3500. The brethren have done some of this work themselves. They are few in number. The reason for the necessity of remodeling was that the building as it was had been condemned. This is the only faithful church between Butler and Pittsburg, Pa., and must stand at all cost. I feel if every congregation or brother would send only a few dollars each in these cases, brethren helped would very soon in turn be able to help others, and the cause would grow more rapidly. Dear brethren, this is for you and me to consider. Our hands are the only ones He has to do His work. Time is waisting while Satan's cords are drawing tighter. Send any help to: Bro. Kenneth Stewart, 70 Graham Tr., Butler, Pa. 16008; Bro. David Baughman, 798 Market St., Beaver, Pa. 15009; or Brother Robert Cobb, 6610 Deary St., Pittsburg, Pa.

—J. D. Corson

NOTICE, PLEASE

My family and I have moved to Enid, Oklahoma. We have been driving to Crescent, Okla. for worship. We are now looking for a meeting place in Enid; one member from here rides to worship with us, and there are several others here who have fallen away. This is a town of about 50,000 people and certainly in need of a congregation with true worship. We plan to start meeting three times a week as soon as we can find a suitable place. I would appreciate knowing of those in this area who might be interested in worshipping with us. Names and addresses may be sent to the writer at Highpoint Box 80, Enid, Okla.

—Jeff Cantrell

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincerest gratitude for the flowers, cards and every deed of kindness shown, in the passing of our mother, sister and daughter, Sister Laura Jobe, a member of the congregation at Prospect, Pa. She is missed by the family, and by the congregation where she had been a faithful member for so long.

—The Roberson Family

BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE COURSE

A few months ago we had an article in the paper offering a Bible Correspondence Course. There were a number of requests from over the brotherhood; for this we are thankful, and are happy to send it to anyone wanting it. Also, you may request it for friends and relatives. Send all requests to Bible Correspondence Course, Box 1266, Redding, Calif. 96001.

—Jesse French

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

The 64th St. congregation, Sacramento, Calif. is anxious to use more of the young evangelists in week-end meetings. This will give us the opportunity of becoming acquainted with the young preachers, and they with us. In the event you are in our area, and are available for a Lord's Day; or Friday, and Saturday nights, and Lord's Day, please get in touch with one of the following: James N. Caudle, 7639 Prince St., Citrus Hts., Calif. 95610, phone Roseville 725-5623; Dairl McCracken, Rt. 2, Box 4231-M, Fruitridge Rd., Sacramento, Calif., phone 363-1488; Grover Cauthron, Blacker Rd., W. Sacramento, Calif., phone 371-8668.

It is hoped that this arrangement will work out so we may have a week-end meeting each month. In case you are available, please contact us in advance so no conflict will arise due to our having made previous arrangements.

—James N. Caudle

NEW CONGREGATION

We wish to inform brethren of a new congregation meeting for true worship in Lompoc, Calif., at Laurel and N St.; Lord's Day at 10:30 A.M. and 6:00 P.M. Bro. B. S. Rawls is doing most of the teaching. He is a zealous worker for the Lord. We invite all passing this way to worship with us. Pray for us and the work here.

—Everett Nichols, 1108 N. Daisy,
Lompoc, Calif. 93436

WHO KNOWS?

By G. O. Schultz

Who knows that the 25th of December is Christ's birthday as the world observes? The world says that Christ was born on that day, but we have no Scriptures to support such a belief. The church of the Lord can not partake of this unscriptural falsehood, in sending out cards to that effect and practicing other things connected with it. In Rev. 22:18-19, we read: "For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: and if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book." We can see it is dangerous to do either one—add to, or take away from. Let those who believe the Bible "prove all things" hold fast that which is good" (1 Thess. 5:21), and abstain from all evil as well as its very appearance.

If Christ had intended for us to observe His birthday, surely He would have so directed us. It is so easy to fall into the snare of Satan if we are not on our guard.

—Rt. 2, Box 171,
Eversom, Wash.

FROM MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

A statement from the Vonora Ave. congregation, Montgomery, Alabama:

In regards to the confusion and trouble brought about in the church, as a result of some of the activities of the church at this location, we wish to make the following statement so we can strive for unity in the cause of Christ:

"We, the congregation of the church of Christ, located at Vonora Ave., Montgomery, Alabama, are sorry for and ask forgiveness and prayers for any sin we have committed or may have committed, bringing about discord, confusion and misunderstanding, in regards to events of the past few years related to Bro. Dallas Burdette, Bro. Whitehead, Bro. Foster Prince, Bro. E. H. Miller, and any other individual or congregation directly or indirectly. Our prayer, as a congregation, is that we can work together in the future in truth with the proper spirit for the elevation of the cause of Christ. Let us all pray for guidance from above in all matters." Signed: Vonora church of Christ, by W. L. Haygood, L. E. Arnett, Lavone Phillips, Don Haygood.

Dear Brother Don,

The above statement is self-explanatory. I believe you, among others suggested this. Will you please have it published in your next issue of *Old Paths Advocate*.

Yours faithfully in Christ,
Brother W. L. Haygood

(Note: The following related statement comes from La Grange, Ga.: "We, the undersigned elders and deacons of the La Grange congregation welcome the Montgomery congregation back into the fellowship upon the confession signed by the leaders of that congregation." Signed: J. F. Prince, E. H. Miller, Alton B. Bailey, Angus E. Shelnett.

The brethren at Montgomery are to be highly commended for their humility and willingness to do all in their power to make things right. God bless them. I would like to personally commend a young brother whose efforts in this matter may not be known by many. He is Bro. Pat Atkison, East Gadsden, Ala. His wise mediating, and by one so young in years, is characteristic of the wisdom from above that James describes this way: "But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy" (James 3:17).—DBMc

MY POSITION ON CARNAL WARFARE

I cannot participate in military service in any form, directly or indirectly, in combatant or noncombatant service, because:

1. My duty and obligation to my God is superior to all other obligations (Acts 5:29; Matt. 22:37).
2. My God in the Bible forbids that I engage in carnal warfare in the following references:
"Put up thy sword," "For all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword" (Matt. 26:52)—Jesus.
"My Kingdom is not of this world" (Jno. 18:36).
"For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal" (2 Cor. 10:3, 4).
"Love your enemies" (Matt. 5:44); "Turn the other cheek" (Matt. 5:39).
"Recompense to no man evil for evil" (Rom. 12:17).
3. To enter any military branch or service, combatant or noncombatant, I would be compelled to "swear" (take an oath), but the Bible forbids that I do so ("Swear not at all"—Jesus, Matt. 5:34).
4. To enter any military service I would be compelled to be yoked with unbelievers, which is forbidden—"Be not unequally yoked together with unbelievers" (2 Cor. 6:14).
5. To be in any branch of military service in any

way, I would be a part of the organization and would therefore have fellowship in the service, but such is prohibited; thus: "Have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them" (Eph. 5:11).

6. To serve in any way in the military service, I would be deprived of obeying the command to assemble on Lord's day to worship God in the Bible way, at least part of the time, hence would disobey God (Heb. 10:25; Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 16:1, 2).

Therefore, I cannot conscientiously engage in carnal war in any form or branch, and for the above reasons, I authorize my name to be listed in support of the above principles.

—Alvin Garfield Smith, Rt. 2, Box 188, Corvallis, Ore.
—Wayne A. Stover, R. D. No. 1, Mill Hall, Pa.
—Bobby Layne Bradford, 4535 Malden Ln.,
Dallas, Tex.
—Eddie Rowe Tankursley, 4256 Idaho, Dallas, Tex.
—Bob Terwilliger, 525 "B" St., Bakersfield, Calif.

OUR DEPARTED

Alexander—Bro. Ira Alexander was born Aug. 22, 1895 at Merch, Tex.; he departed this life Dec. 26, 1965, having lived three score and ten years. He was a member of the church, having recently moved to this area. He leaves to mourn his passing a daughter, Sister Ollie Smith, Cottonwood, Calif.; and three sons, Austin, Oscar, and John all of Calif. One son, Oscar, is a faithful gospel preacher at Chilcoot, Calif. The funeral service was in Anderson, Calif. Words of comfort and warning were spoken by the writer.

—Jesse French

Seely—Sister Bea Mossman Seely was born Feb. 19, 1910 at Crescent, Okla. to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Watts. She passed away in a Glendale, Calif. hospital Dec. 30, 1965, at the age of 55 years. She obeyed the gospel in the 1940's, being baptized by Bro. Tom E. Smith. Bea was married to Bro. Tom Mossman in 1943. He preceded her in death by about 9 years.

Surviving are 2 daughters: Shirley Freasier, Hawthorne, Calif. and Lorita Giles, Epsom, Auckland, New Zealand, 5 grandchildren, and 11 brothers and sisters. There is also a cousin who was very close, Sister Rosie McGill, who is a member of the congregation meeting on Orange Ave., Fresno, Calif. Bea will be missed very much. She was a close friend to my wife and me, and we will miss her calls, and her keeping in touch. For a long time, Bea was not well; more ill, I am sure, than many of us realized. For several years, she opened her home to homeless children of Los Angeles County; for the last few years she lived, she was a nurse to older people in the Glendale, Calif. area. May the Lord bless her children and others left behind. The funeral was conducted in the morning of Jan. 3, 1966 at Glen Haven Memorial Park in the mountains north of San Fernando, Calif. Members of the Lord's church sang the beautiful songs. The writer attempted to say words of warning and comfort.

—D. B. McCord

Everett—Bro. Thomas Herbert Everett, the son of the late Frank and Annie Everett, was born July 18, 1915 near Maud, Okla. He departed this life Jan. 3, 1966 at Kennewick, Wash., at the age of 50 years. He obeyed the gospel while in his teens, under the preach-

ing of Bro. Homer L. King. He was married to Mary Bailey in 1940. They had five children: two daughters, Kaaren (Mrs. Bob) Bean, Kennewick, Wash.; Sharon (Mrs. Rex) Carpenter of Okinawa; and 3 sons, Ed, Herbie and Rodney, of the home.

Besides his wife and children other survivors are: 5 brothers, Mikel, Richland, Wash.; Charlie, Haywood, Okla.; Rolland, Bellemead, Tex.; Donivan, Gustine, Calif.; Keney, Phoenix, Ariz.; and one sister, Mrs. Glenn Bray, Oklahoma City. One brother, LeRoy, preceded him in death. Interment was in Desert Lawn Memorial Park, Kennewick, Wash. Bro. Gayland Osburn officiated. (For the obituary, we are indebted to Herbert's only sister, Sister Donna Bray.—DBMc)

Massie—On the 6th day of December, 1965, at ten minutes of one, the spirit of Bro. Herschel Massie slipped quietly across the great divide. A veteran of many years service in the Lord's cause, he died, as he lived, courageously. Without the aid of medication by his own request, he slowly weakened until his heart and lungs could carry the load no longer. At the time of his passing he was 77 years of age. He was conscious to the very last, and was well aware of what was taking place. About two or three hours before his death he told one of his daughters when asked how he was, "I'm going home." A night or two before he had lifted his voice for the last time in song, and prayed for the Lord to call his weary spirit home. He confided in his faithful wife of over 50 years that he was sure of heaven and was ready to die.

It would be difficult to tell of his greatness in the eyes of God, and respect in the eyes of man. Everyone loved him for his works' sake and dedication to the church of the Lord. He is survived by his wife, Julia, of the home and five daughters: Maxine Meents, Marie Smith, Pansy Turner, and Sonja Adkins, all of Lebanon, Mo., and Faye Ackey of Hurst, Tex. The funeral was conducted from the Holman Funeral Home, Lebanon, on Sat., Dec. 8. Beautiful singing was provided by the Lebanon, Lee Summit, and Kansas City, Kans. churches. The writer conducted the services. Even though he is no longer with us in body, his fine Christian example continues to live among us.

—Ronny F. Wade

BONDS OF MATRIMONY

Broseh-Bednar—At the meeting house in Eola, Tex., at 7:30 in the evening of Jan. 1, 1966, Bro. Jesse T. Broseh and Sister Margarette Bednar were united in marriage. Many friends and relatives came to witness this happy occasion. Bro. Barney Welch performed the ceremony.

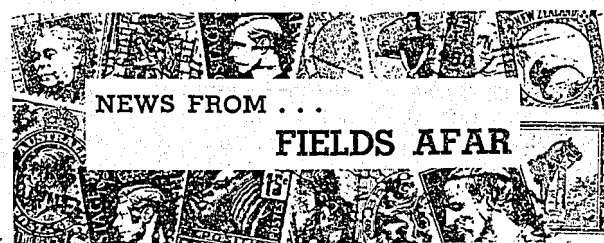
It is sadness to sense to look to the grave, but gladdening to the soul to look beyond it.

God has yoked to guilt, her pale tormentor—misery.

Look back with gratitude and forward with faith.

See that you have good company when you are alone.

Anyone with a heart full of friendship has a hard time finding enemies.



Eliyoti Madula, Khonjen church, Vlg. Ilumadzi, N. A. Ngamwani, Dec. 29—I am very glad to receive the *Old Paths Advocate*. I am very happy to have Bro. J. Cutter and Bro. B. Cryer here. Nov. 28, I was at Chizinja with Bro. B. Cryer. Dec. 12, I was at Nambira church where 6 men were baptized. I am very poor and trying to work for the Lord. Please remember me.

Bennie T. Cryer, Box 573, Blantyre, Malawi, Jan. 11—Today, Bro. Cutter and I went to Bongwe. This is one of the churches east of Mlanje Mountain toward the Portuguese East African border about 65 miles from Blantyre and about a two-hour drive this time of year. We have to be more careful while traveling on most of the roads since it is not easy to tell when there might be a washout ahead. It rains about every day now. Most of the rains are of the thunderstorm variety. This last Sunday at Machimba about 250 of us were gathering under a grass arbor for worship, and just as I started preaching a heavy downpour began and we had to stop the service for about ½ hour. This is a beautiful country now. The Africans have their corn planted along with the rest of their gardens. The corn in our garden is higher than my head and still growing. The countryside is green and the weather warm and a little humid. It is hard to realize it is winter time in the States. We appreciate all those who are remembering us in their prayers and who write to us from time to time. Mail time is still a most exciting event over here. May God bless ail.

Jerry Cutter, Box 573, Blantyre, Malawi, Jan. 11—The past Lord's Day, Bennie preached at Machemba to an estimated 250 people. I conducted services here in Blantyre. Locally, we are in real need of a public meeting house. The church is growing in interest and number, and just this past week a young man was baptized (as a direct result of films we show privately each Thurs.), and prospects for several more conversions are excellent. Among other things, we are preparing or adapting correspondence courses for use in the work. Our little paper *The Church of Christ Reporter* is being well received. We printed 1250 copies in Dec., and will probably increase the number to 1500 this month. We hope soon to begin writing commentaries on the books of Acts and Philipians. So, even though (due to the rains) our bush work has slowed, there remains no lack of work to do. The brethren in England have graciously supplied us with a number of good, first principle tracts; they are very useful. We are thankful for their interest in the work. We need your prayers.

ABOUT CHINYANJA

This month we will write a little about Chinyanja, the dominant African language of this area (Malawi). Recently, one wrote and asked if I speak Chinyanja. I suppose the reply should be that I am passably functional but not very fluent. Brother Cryer and I both present lessons, especially here in Blantyre, in Chinyanja. We both can converse as long as we control the conversation, and as long as the conversation does not become too involved. In all, I studied the language formally for six months; however, due to lack of finances (and later lack of time) I stopped my lessons. I read the letters I receive in Chinyanja and also reply in Chinyanja.

As for Chinyanja, it is a rather simple-constructed, non-technical language, spoken by some five million people, especially in southern Malawi, and in parts of Mozambique, Rhodesia, and Zambia. It is written phonetically and pronounced as written, usually with the accent on the next to last syllable, and with almost all words ending in a vowel. It is interesting how my name is "heard" and written. A few variations of my first: Jeri, Jeer, Jerr; and of my last: Cuter, Cutt, Cater, Cuti, and Cuutar.

The mechanics of the language are simple enough, I suppose. Most words are made up of a stem, with prefix, suffix and infix used as needed to give meaning and tense. A good example in English is the word "dis-af-forest-ation." The stem is forest and does change, even though various additions are made, both before and after the word "forest." Thus in Chinyanja, if you say, "I did not want to go," you use only two words, or you say, "Sindinafuna kupita." Literal translation then would be: si - not, ndi-I, na-did (past tense), funa-want (the very stem), ku-to, and pita-go. Now, if this sounds a bit confusing, think of the plight of the poor beginner. Moreover, the most difficult part of the language is not the grammatical construction. For my part, I consider the most difficult task is learning to "hear" the language as rapidly as it is spoken.

Finally, if you have questions about the work, the country, or us we would be happy to answer them. And, then when a question is of wide enough interest, we will try to answer it through the paper.

—Jerry Cutter

NEWS ABOUT MEXICO

Since our last report, many wonderful and exciting things have been happening concerning the work in Mexico. The Trentman Ave. congregation in Ft. Worth, Texas has come forward and volunteered to support Bro. Joe Martinez in full for at least two months while we endeavor to obtain regular monthly support for him. This will enable Bro. Joe to devote full time to visiting and working in the doctrine with the native Mexican preachers. Due to an unfortunate accident, Bro. Joe was delayed in starting this work until the first of Jan. On his way down to Mexico, from Dallas, he went by Harlingen to visit the Gomez family. This is the family whose son attends worship in Kansas City. The brethren there requested that Bro. Joe stop by and see this family and try to convert them to Bible practices. He received a cordial response and hopes to be able to establish a congregation there soon.

Bro. Joe visited with and preached each night for the congregations of both Bro. Juan Rodriguez and



Geo. R. Helterbrand, 611 N. Hickory, McAlester, Okla., Dec. 28—Here is our renewal for 5 years. I think the *Old Paths Advocate* is the best little journal on earth. Certainly hope you can continue to help keep people awake and at their post of duty.

W. D. Goodgion, 1422 37th St., Wichita Falls, Tex., Dec. 26—The church here at 2900 Lawrence Rd. is getting along just fine; our crowds are not so large, but we have had several move away. This is always bad on the ones they leave, but it is someone else's gain. Here is a sub.

G. B. Futch, 3203 Junior Pl., Shreveport, La., Dec. 30—I appreciate the good work done in sending forth the *Old Paths Advocate*. I do not mind the subscription price increase at all. The Midway St. congregation here is doing very well. We have some young teachers who are doing excellent work, we think.

Carl Chambers, Rt. 1, Box 272, Neosho, Mo., Jan. 12—All is well in the Burkhart congregation, better crowds, better singing and teaching. Bro. Edwin Morris is holding our meeting in April. Pray that we may ever grow in knowledge and spirit. We just seem to not be able to get long without the paper. Here is our renewal.

W. H. Kaley, 930 Leon, Delta, Colo., Dec. 28—Here is our renewal; we still enjoy the OPA. We have had some good teaching here this year; Bro. Tommy Shaw was with us a week, and recently Bro. Paul Nichols was with us a week. Due to my health, I did not get to hear either one much, but no doubt good was done. We are still worshipping according to our Savior's plan, and would be glad to have any passing through to meet with us.

J. F. Prince, 1008 Juniper St., La Grange, Ga., Dec. 27—My work this year has been mostly in this area; teaching a singing school here at my home congregation. I would like to do more work in the coming year; teaching singing schools, if any could use me. I am still teaching each Lord's Day around in this vicinity and at home. May the Lord help us to do more in the coming year for Him than in the past; pray for me and mine. Here are 2 subs.

Jim Hickey, 5012 Cranfill Dr., Dallas, Tex., Jan. 14—The past month we moved from southern Calif. to live in Dallas, working with the church on Boulder Dr. There seems to be a great potential for growth here. We have begun studying on chapters every Mon. in one another's homes. For the benefit of the members and visitors, we are printing and distributing each Lord's day's lesson. New Year's time, we enjoyed the meeting at Ardmore, Okla. Our love to all of the Lord's. Please note our new address.

Bro. Jose Ruiz Cruz in Monterrey. He then went on to visit in Saltillo with Bro. Roberto Martinez and Bro. Jose Rodriguez. He found three congregations worshipping as we do with the prospect that there are two more that he heard about just as he was leaving. He visited Bro. Juan Reyes of Pina de la Cruz. Bro. Reyes said that if he had a bicycle he could ride over to the next town and work with several families there who are members. Bro. Joe returned through Nuevo Laredo to visit Bro. Jesus Rodriguez who is almost recovered from his severe operation. Bro. Marcial Corpus is working with him in house to house teaching. Bro. Joe visited with us in San Antonio and has now gone back through Kerrville on his way home for a few days. A Bro. Reyes from Mexico has requested help in preaching the gospel so Bro. Joe went by to see him.

There is of course great need for any kind of clothing, blankets, etc. for the members in Mexico. However, the crying need right now is for shoes for the children. Many of the children are without shoes whatsoever (it snowed in Saltillo while Bro. Joe was there). Is there a one among us who can go to bed this night without thinking about these poor little children and then do nothing about it? Bro. Joe needs some kind of small house trailer so that he can camp out as he works with these people. They are too poor to care for him in their homes. Do you have one, or know of someone who has one very reasonable?

We are urgently seeking some regular monthly support for Bro. Joe Martinez beginning March 1. Brethren Jose Ruiz Cruz and Marcial Corpus each need a congregation who will send them \$50.00 each month. They can get by on this small amount at least for awhile.

Have you and the congregation where you attend been planning to help with the work in Mexico, but have delayed because you just were not sure of things? Don't wait any longer. Bro. Joe and the brethren here in San Antonio have confirmed that we do have faithful brethren in Mexico who are worthy of your support. Where else can we find preachers who are willing to do so much for so little? Already a number of baptisms have resulted from the little support and encouragement of our brothers in the States.

The brethren in San Antonio are not asking for help for these congregations to build fine meeting houses or to pay big salaries to the native preachers. These men have been told to continue meeting in the homes until such times as the congregation becomes too large. Then we will talk about a larger place. A number of congregations have already offered to send regular monthly help for Bro. Joe, but much more help is needed.

Please let Bro. L. M. Crouch, 220 Roesler Rd., San Antonio, Tex. know when you send support directly to the individual so that he may record it for reporting purposes. If you care to, you may make out your money order or check in the name of the individual and mail it to Bro. Crouch and we will forward the accumulated support once each month to those to whom it belongs.

Feel welcome to correspond with any of the following brethren: the writer at 1747 W. Huisache Ave., San Antonio; L. M. Crouch, 220 Roesler Rd., San Antonio; E. E. Perkins, Rt. 13, Box 483, San Antonio, or R. A. Perkins, 126 Hillcrest, San Antonio.

—Waymond B. Coleman

Jesse French, Box 1266, Redding, Calif. 96001, Jan. 13—The Lord's Cause continues to make progress in northern Calif. We enjoyed the meeting at Thanksgiving time at 64th St., Sacramento. We were down there again Dec. 26 for a family reunion of my wife's people; there were 46 of us at the service on Lord's Day evening. Here at home, there have been 3 restorations for which we are thankful and all of us, though few in number, have determined to do more for the Lord in 1966. May the God of heaven and earth direct our steps. Pray for us; enclosed are 4 subs.

Jack Leverett, Duncan, Okla., Dec. 21—We want to commend Bro. McCord for the splendid job he is doing in editing the OPA. I would not want to overlook either those who write articles from time to time. Such disciples of Christ need to be named as worthy who will sound out against the evils that are dominant in this present world. We would say a hearty "amen" to such teaching. Here is our sub. (I am sorry this reached us too late for Jan. issue—DBMc).

Paul Walker, 2955 17th St., San Pablo, Calif., Jan. 13—The work here continues to progress with Brethren Brown, Campbell and Allen assisting in the teaching. We recently enjoyed visitors from Winters, Yuba City and Modesto. We enjoyed hearing Bro. Paul Nichols at Lodi last month. Peggy and I visited in the Roy Lee Criswell home recently; Roy Lee lives and works in Winters, Calif. We, too, visited in the Jimmy Winchester home a few weeks ago. Jimmy is a young man who has done much to advance the work in Calif.

G. O. Schultz, Rt. 2, Box 171, Eversom, Wash., Dec. 20—We are keeping house for the Lord in our home. We hope someday to plant a congregation here; our phone number is 592-2925. Anyone this side of the Mountains is welcome to worship with us. To our knowledge, there is no congregation along the Coast; we should try to establish one. It is so difficult to get a public meeting place; people do not want to come to a private home, it seems—too many think of the building as the church. Here are 7 subs.

Donald Brittain, 8539 Ramona Ave., Bellflower, Calif., Jan. 15—I enjoyed very much the privilege of attending the meeting at New Year's at Ardmore, Okla. The preaching was superb and the fellowship was wonderful. As usual, Bro. Lynwood Smith did an excellent job conducting the services. Before returning to Calif., I had the opportunity of speaking at Lexington and Norman, both in Okla. I appreciated this very much. While in Norman, my visit in the Miles King home was enjoyed by me. Brethren, pray continually for the Lord's work everywhere.

Roy Lee Criswell, Winters, Calif., Jan. 20—The work here is continuing to make progress. This past Lord's Day, we were made happy by two precious souls obeying the gospel. We are still studying with outsiders, and we trust this will be fruitful. We have greatly enjoyed the last few issues of the Old Paths. They have been very edifying. I especially enjoyed the articles by Brethren Tom Smith and C. A. Smith. It is good to see C. A. following in the steps of his dad. Pray for us as we strive to serve the Lord.

Carl N. Nichols, 9343 Westhill Rd., Lakeside, Calif. 92040, Jan. 19—We are now meeting with the El Cajon congregation. The National City congregation has discontinued meeting there. They are now meeting with the brethren in El Cajon. Last Lord's day night, I gave the lesson at El Cajon, and the Lord's Day before, I spoke at the morning service. I thank God every day for my brethren and the many prayers that were offered in our behalf. God has been so good to me and my wife. I am again able to read my Bible and give lessons from the pulpit for which I am very thankful. Remember us when you pray.

Cicero Goddard, 16701 Lipton, Cleveland, Ohio, Jan. 15—Since my last report, 1 more has been added to the church; for this we are thankful. The work contin-

ues to progress; we feel that our labor is not in vain as long as men and women will listen. The attendance is pretty good. Following is a list of those who have sent to my support for Jan.: Lebanon, Mo.—\$20; Lee Summit, Mo.—\$50; Flemington, Pa.—\$50; Stockton, Calif.—\$50; Pontiac, Mich.—\$25; Houston, Tex.—\$35; Belton, Tex.—\$25; San Antonio, Tex.—\$50; San Antonio, Tex.—\$30; Anonymous—\$15; Total \$350. This I am thankful for; I am sure the Lord will take care of my needs. I request the prayers of the brotherhood for us in the work here.

Rodney R. Ross, Box 3177 ENMU, Portales, N. Mex., Jan. 11—Since my last report I have preached at several places: Lubbock, Tex. (Dec. 12); Olney, Tex. (Dec. 19-22); Abilene, Tex. (Dec. 26-28); Wichita Falls, Tex. (Dec. 29). I enjoyed beyond measure the opportunity of attending the last three days of the meeting New Year's at Ardmore, Okla. Meetings such as this one are indeed very inspiring and helpful in continuing the fight for Christ. Jan. 2, I was at Olney again. I want to thank everyone for your help and especially the encouragement you have given me. If at any time you are coming in the Portales vicinity, stop and worship with us. You are welcome by all the brethren here.

Bill H. Davis, 2725 Knox Ave., St. Albans, W. Va., Jan. 17—In addition to working here in St. Albans, I have recently had the privilege of preaching at the following congregations: Cincinnati, Ohio (Reading), Pontiac, Mich., Huntington, W. Va., Norman, Okla., and Okla. City (21st St.). We greatly appreciated the hospitality and encouragement of all these brethren. This was the first time with some of them. We enjoyed being home again in Okla. City and associating with friends we have known for many years. It was also a blessing to be able to attend part of the meeting New Year's in Ardmore, and be with the many preaching brethren that were in attendance. The work here continues to be enjoyable and profitable. We still have a radio program and are now having some Bible studies in the homes. We trust these will be beneficial. We solicit your prayers.

Clovis T. Cook, 809 Lyons, Kansas City, Kan., Jan. 16—We attended the meeting New Year's at Ardmore, Okla., which we enjoyed very much. It was wonderful to see so many young men taking part, and who took pride in their personal appearance as well as what they had to say. On our way back to Kansas City, we spent one night in the Edwin Morris home, attending services the next day at the 21st. St. church in Oklahoma City. Our little visit in the Morris home is one we will not soon forget. I have recently preached on both the Missouri and Kansas side here in Kansas City. We were very sad when we were notified that Bro. Massie, a life long member and leader of the Lee's Summit congregation, had passed away. Velma and I went down for the funeral services. I think that Bro. Massie was one of the best men I every knew. The Lord willing, I will be in a meeting at Joplin, Missouri, April 10-17.

Joe Hisle, Rt. 4, Ada, Okla., Jan. 19—I recently closed a meeting in Liberty, Ky. (Jan. 7-16), which was very enjoyable. It was my privilege to stay at the home of Bro. Edward Witt. I was glad to meet and work with some of our Ky. brethren. The meeting there closed with four baptisms and four confessions of faults along with a renewed desire to be up and about the Father's work. Since last report I have preached at the following places: Greenville, Pa. Nov. 21; Youngstown, Ohio, Nov. 28; Cable Ridge, Mo., Dec. 10-12; Seymour, Mo., Dec. 13-14; Springfield, Mo., Dec. 15, 16; Claxton, Mo., Dec. 17-19; Ada, Okla., Dec. 22; Ardmore, Okla., Dec. 26; Wynnewood, Okla., Jan. 2. I was also thankful to have the opportunity to take part in the weekend meeting at Norman, Okla. and the meeting New Year's conducted by Bro. Lynwood Smith and the Ardmore, Okla. congregation. I am looking forward to a new year with greater things ahead. Remember me when you pray.

J. C. Butler, Jr., 2225 S. W. 36, Okla. City, Okla., Jan. 8—I attended the meeting New Year's at Ardmore,

Okla.; this kind of meeting builds us up. Bro. Lynwood Smith conducted it and did some fine teaching. The theme of the meeting was "Arise, Let Us Go Hence." All of the young men who are going out to spread the gospel were given the privilege of talking, and the talks were just wonderful. I commend such preachers as Edwin Morris, Bill Roden, Richard Nichols, Miles King and Johnny Elmore for the work they are doing in Okla. to advance the Cause. We have a short meeting scheduled at Capitol Hill, Okla. City, Feb. 2-6, with several of the preachers participating.

Wallace Middick, 1115 Cavender Dr., Hurst, Tex. 76053, Dec. 30—We continue to grow in number and in spirit we trust at the Beach St. congregation, Ft. Worth. We are thankful to the Father above for every gain. The Old Paths Advocate is appreciated by all. The only thing hard to understand about the price increase is how it has been held off this long. It is remarkable that this publication, without advertising revenues, came out of the Depression years, even increased its size, and maintained its beginning subscription price through the year 1965. Our beloved Bro. Tipton here is ill and after surgery is once again confined to the hospital. We request the prayers of the faithful and bid Godspeed to His faithful ones, wherever they be.

Edwin S. Morris, 10520 N. McKinley, Okla. City, Okla. 73114, Jan. 17—The 21st St. congregation here is doing nicely, with attendance and interest real good. These brethren are certainly pleasant to work with; they have a mind to do things, and be active in the Lord's work. Recently, we have enjoyed having several of the preaching brethren preach for us. Brethren James Orten, Ronny Wade, Bill Davis, and Jerry Harris have preached for us and Bro. Clovis Cook was present when Bro. Ronny Wade preached. We certainly enjoyed having Bro. Ronny and Clovis and family in our home. We certainly enjoyed the meeting at New Year's in Ardmore, Okla. It was good to see and be with those of like precious faith. It was a spiritual feast. We ask your prayers.

E. H. Miller, Box 538, La Grange, Ga. 30240, Jan. 18—We are so thankful the trouble in this section has been settled, though we are sorry the preacher concerned has left us for digression; we hope he too will some day be back in fellowship with the faithful as in years gone by. Since last report we have been in some wonderful services at Marietta, Ga., Napoleon, Ala., and our home congregation. Two have been baptized at our home congregation, and there were some confessions of faults at Marietta. Bro. R. B. Roden will be here in our first meeting of the year, Feb. 12-20; we look forward to having Bro. and Sister Roden in our home again as well as in another good meeting. We hope many from far and near will attend; our homes are open for meals and lodging to all who can visit at that time, or any time.

John L. Reynolds, 3434 9th St., Ceres, Calif. 95307, Jan. 13—Bro. Billy Jack Ivey preached two good sermons at Ceres the 9th. Billy Jack is one of the very best of our preachers, and the church here dearly loves him and his family. Last night young Bro. Mike Hickey preached for us and did a good job; we are all very fond of Mike, looking forward to his being one of our best, he is following in the footsteps of his father, Howard Hickey, who is among our very best teachers here. The congregation here is still growing in number and zeal; we have baptized a lot of people since I last reported. Not long ago we baptized a man and his wife who had been Baptists for years; they are grandparents. I enjoy reading the reports in the OPA. To me it gets better, and I do not mind paying \$2.00 a year for it.

Elmo House, Box 642, Chattahoochee, Fla., Jan. 12—I was in Okla. during part of Dec.; at McAlester on the 26th with two confessions of sin. Also, I preached at Stidham, Okla., Jan. 2, and Okla. City (Capitol Hill), Jan. 5. It was certainly uplifting to be back among friends and our loved ones. I was made sorry when the elderly Baptist lady here at Mt. Pleasant told me she was pleased with her baptism, and did not desire to be

baptized into Christ for the remission of sins. She believes she was baptized for the remission of sins by her Baptist preacher. However, I have proven to her that they do not baptize for remission of sins; but rather, because, God, for Christ's sake has forgiven their sins. Their baptism is an outward sign that they believe God has already pardoned them. What a pity and what a shame! We continue to work with our prospects and trust they will not wait too long. Remember us when you pray.

Dennis Fenter, 1700 S. Main, Portales, N. Mex., Dec. 22—We enjoy reading the OPA very much and look forward to receiving it each month. I want to say "amen" to Bro. Tom Smith's article in Dec. issue on "The Crisis in Evangelism." The preacher surely has the responsibility of bringing up his children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord the same as anyone else, and also has a duty to his wife. The young men planning to preach should surely receive their training and guidance under the home congregation and should be taught that they must do what the Bible teaches as well as preach it. I also wish to commend Bro. Ronny Wade and Bro. Jim Hickey on the articles in the Dec. issue and Bro. Clovis Cook on his in the Oct. issue. The congregation here is small in number but we are continuing in the faith. We welcome visitors. Here is our renewal. (Sorry this reached us too late for Jan. issue—DMc)

R. B. Roden, 112 Kelley Dr., Moore, Okla., Jan. 17—The meeting New Year's at Ardmore, Okla. was well attended and very enjoyable. The singing was superb and the teaching edifying. We need more young men to thus prepare themselves to teach and lead singing all over the brotherhood. Our work here is enjoyable. I enjoy studying with the young men. We are all benefited when we work hard for the Lord. I have preached at Capitol Hill, Okla. City, Davis and Sentinel since last report. Lord willing, I will be at Washington, Okla. next Lord's Day, and Jan. 28-30 will be in a short meeting at Sulphur, Okla. Feb. 2-6, we have a short meeting at Capitol Hill, Okla. City with Miles King, Edwin Morris, Johnny Elmore, Joe Hisle, Richard Nichols and this writer preaching. Feb. 12-20, I will be in a meeting at La Grange, Ga.; we look forward to being with these brethren again. We invite everyone in that vicinity to attend. Pray for us in the Lord's work. Here is our sub.

Harley Ballard, Samson, Ala., Jan. 17—Since last report, I have preached at various congregations in La., Miss., and Ala. I preached at W. Monroe, Fairview and Shreveport, all in La.; we were at both Jackson and Brookhaven, Miss. We have begun a period of house to house work with the Earlytown, Ala. congregation; interest has been very good thus far. Bro. Billy Orten held the meeting here at New Year's, and did a wonderful job. In attendance were visitors from various places including Bro. E. H. Miller, La Grange, Ga., and Bro. David Macy, Jackson, Miss. Average attendance Lord's Day morning is about 125, but during some nights of Bro. Orten's meeting it probably reached at least 200 or more. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the meeting and the wonderful fellowship we had together. We are meeting three times a week and invite anyone coming this way to worship with us, Lord's Day at 10:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M., and Wed., at 7:00 P.M. Continue to remember us in your prayers from time to time.

C. A. Smith, 1312 Alpine, Andrews, Tex., Jan. 18—All here have been enjoying the OPA, as we are all avid readers of it every month. To one who loves the truth and enjoys timely articles on various Bible subjects, it will be well worth the \$2.00 per year subscription price, and much more. Keep it coming! All here are enjoying good health, enabling us to work hard for the Master. God continues to bless our efforts with occasional gain—materially, as well as a wider knowledge of His truths. We look forward to the fourth Lord's Day of each month, as this is the day that Bro. Rodney Ross of Portales, N. Mex. will be with us. This young man shows great prospects as a preacher of the gospel. We have been engaged in a series of studies on

"The New Testament Church" which has proved both enlightening and educational to all who have participated. She is truly a glorious institution that deserves our all. We send greetings to all Christians everywhere and solicit your prayers.

A. L. Adams, 1616 19th St., N. E., Roanoke, Va. 24012, Dec. 24—It has been some time since I last reported. This is the fault of no one but myself. The Lord willing, I will not be so slack in the future. Most of the Fall was spent in the deep South, among congregations in Ala. and Ga. During this time, I made my home with Bro. and Sister Roy Grant, of the Piedmont, Ala. congregation. I heard preaching brethren David Macy at Marietta, Ga.; Arthur Wade at Napoleon, Ala., and Leon Fancher at Marietta, Ga. I heard Barney Owens in meetings at LaGrange, Ga. and Piedmont, Ala., which I enjoyed very much. I am always happy to sit on the footstool and listen to a brother so skilled in the Scriptures. I recommend Bro. Owens, not because he is a personal friend, but because he will bring you the plain, beautiful word of God, in the spirit of love. Why not call on him and try him? If you seek the truth, you will be in for a welcome surprise. The Lord willing, I will return to Ala. the first of April to work with some more of the faithful. I ask your prayers; may the Lord bless all the faithful.

R. M. Van Stavern, 1517 E. 17th, Odessa, Tex. 79760, Jan. 16—The church here at Clements St. is growing; not so much in number, as in love and unity. It is an asset to the congregation here, as well as the Terrell St. church in Midland, to have such a dedicated Christian and evangelist as Bro. Ervin Waters, working with both congregations. The good lessons we receive from this man, who has such a vast knowledge of God's word, and who is not satisfied with standing still but continually searching and studying for those deeper thoughts, has caused us to love and appreciate him more, as well as all our preaching brethren throughout the brotherhood. They have really sacrificed for the preaching of the gospel. I always like to read our many articles in the OPA, and I enjoyed the article in *Restoration Thoughts*, August issue, on the "Crisis in Evangelism." I admire a man that has faced so many disappointments in life, who is not afraid to teach on any subject concerning the work of the church. Let us face it, brethren; you and I might not want to agree in every respect, but our preaching brethren throughout the brotherhood, in majority, have brilliant minds and are capable of holding down secular jobs, that pay much more than they ever expect to get for preaching, but are willing to give up many things that you and I enjoy, just to spread the gospel. Brethren, let us resolve to give more and pray more for our evangelists.

Billy Orten, Route 3, Box 48, Marion, Louisiana—It was a pleasure to visit the congregations at Memphis and Lawrenceburg, Tennessee recently. I spoke once at each place to nice crowds. December 29th through January 2nd, I conducted a short meeting at the Earlytown congregation, near Samson, Alabama. The crowds were very large, and the interest high. There were visitors from Georgia, Florida, Mississippi, Louisiana, and other congregations in Alabama. The churches in this area have a similar meeting each year at this time. It is an experience you will not forget to attend. The hospitality, love, and gratitude shown to those who drove a distance made an impression on all the visitors. The churches in North Louisiana and Strong, Arkansas are progressing. The small group meeting in Columbia, Louisiana is planning to build soon. Brother David Reed, of Monroe, is doing a good work there. The congregation at Conway, near Farmerville, Louisiana is planning to build soon. Brother David Reed, of Monroe, is doing a good work there. The congregation at Conway, near Farmerville, Louisiana is moving ahead with plans to erect a new meeting house this year. Brother Jerol Moore, of Sacramento, California, who visited in this area last fall, designed the building for us. The building will be one of the most attractive I

have seen, yet not elaborate. Brother Moore possesses an unusual talent in designing buildings. He is young in the gospel, but very zealous. He stated to me that he would like to use the talent he has to help further the kingdom of Christ. Any congregation planning to build soon would do well to contact him.

Jim A. Canfield, Rt. 3, Box 86, Marion, La., 71260, Jan. 11—The first two Lord's days of the New Year have been good for the churches here and at Farmerville; we were all happy to meet again in Christ's service. Farmerville is growing in number and knowledge, too; there are outsiders at nearly every meeting now; we began there about eighteen months ago. Jan. 29, Lord willing, I will go to Memphis, Tenn. Expenses are much higher this time of year, the winter months. It seems the cost of living increases every month; I am not complaining, for it could be worse. When I think of all the good brethren and sisters in Christ who continue to support me here at home and during my illness last Spring and Summer, I have something to thank you all and God for. Yes, God's people are the most loving and giving people on earth in time of need. I am thankful, too, for the encouragement that comes every month from the writers and those reporting in the OPA. Please do not misunderstand me; I am not putting the OPA above the Bible, neither am I making the claim that its writers are perfect in all their thinking. We are to let the Word of God guide us if we are to be perfect (Rom. 12:1-3; Heb. 12:1-4; Prov. 30:5-6; Eph. 3:1-10). Let us all get behind Bro. Don McCord in helping to keep the OPA coming to our homes every month. I would feel lonely without it. I am sending my \$2.00 for renewal. Some may feel they can not give the \$2.00 a year with all other expenses as they are. If I had waited until I was able, I would never have taken the OPA from the beginning. We as God's servants are poor in this world's goods and much of its needs. We can rejoice when we read 1 John 2:15, 17, 25; Rev. 2:10. May the blessings of God continue on us through this New Year is my prayer in Jesus' name. Pray for me, and mine, brethren.

Tom E. Smith, 302 Phillips, Healdton, Okla., Jan. 15—The meeting New Year's at Ardmore, Okla. was a grand success. The congregation there was certainly hospitable to all, even going beyond the call of duty to make all feel welcome which is not unusual for them. Brethren Lynwood Smith and Johnny Elmore had charge of the meeting. It was conducted on a very high plane, as is appropriate for such meetings. The older brethren spoke at the morning service; lest I leave some of them unmentioned, I will not try to recall their names, but will say that every speaker cooperated, were very edifying; all song leaders did their part well, with the congregation joining in the singing in a wonderful way. It was in the same dimension as the meeting at Sulphur, Okla. in July, not as many states represented, but several. The youthful speakers showed a great potential for future evangelists and leaders in congregations. They were, as follows: Joe Hisle, Joe Lee Norton, J. C. Butler, Jim Hickey, Don Pruitt, John Pruitt, Garry Cannon, Don Brittain, Rodney Ross, David Reed, Lonnie York, Glenn Spradley, Joe Neff, Larry Parker, Bruce Word. Yes, I believe the church has a bright future in these young men, and many others who were not present, but who are nonetheless being encouraged by their home congregations. Let us double our efforts to see that every boy and girl has the opportunity of developing a Christian character, and let the Lord be praised. I keep quite busy in the Lord's work in this vicinity. We plan, Lord willing, to be in southern Calif. after the first of Mar., but knowing the uncertainty of life, we can not say that we have definite plans. However, if we are privileged to make the trip, and if any congregations would like for me to visit them in the rounds, we will be glad to do so, if perchance we could help you. We plan on going the southern route, returning the northern route. If anyone should wish to communicate, you may write to me at my home address, or to Bro. Don McCord's. Here is a sub. I feel the raise in subscription price is justifiable.

Our purpose is to "earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints," and to "prove all things; hold fast that which is good."

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To continue "speaking the truth in love," "endeavoring to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace;" "keeping the ordinances as delivered."

"Thus saith the Lord, 'Stand ye in the ways, and see and ask for the Old Paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls.' (Jer. 6:16) 'And they that be of Thee shall build the old waste, places; thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations; and thou shalt be called, The Repairer of the Breach, The Restorer of Paths to Dwell in.'" (Isa. 58:12).

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STOP, LOOK AND LISTEN!

By Clovis T. Cook

I remember when I was a boy there was posted at many railroad crossings a sign that read: "Stop, Look and Listen!" To heed this sign sometimes meant the difference between saving one's life and losing it. It became necessary to stop, so that one might be able to see and hear a little better. If one proceeded to go on trying to look and listen, without stopping, he increased the danger. Is it not strange indeed that we would erect signs, and heed them to save a physical life, but pay so little attention to the signs that can save a spiritual one?

STOP!

Webster says to stop means: "To cease motion. Quit doing something." When the children of Israel set out on their wilderness journey, under the leadership of Moses, their chosen leader, they soon found themselves being pursued by Pharaoh, and his mighty army. They could not turn back into the jaws of Pharaoh's army for that would have been suicidal. The natural urge, of course, was to run! This, they couldn't do for the Red Sea lay before them. When they cried to Moses, he said, "-stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord -" (Ex. 14:13). It is paradoxical to think that one can escape danger that seems to be upon him by merely standing still. We want to get out of its way. We want to go on. But the danger sometimes is not in what pursues us, but rather, in what lies before us. It therefore becomes more dangerous to move on without the command to do so, than to stand still and wait for the word or authority to go forward. Too many people become impatient when they have done only that which they have been commanded to do, and move on seeking human improvement. Individual cups, classes, etc. are living proof of this fact. It is not enough to worship God with one cup as the early Christians did, so many have to go on beyond the command of Matt. 26:27, and add the individual drinking vessels. If we cannot recognize when we have reached the end of a commandment, and stop, and wait for the word to direct us further, where will we finally stop? Brethren, there must be a limit as to how far we may go, and still not violate the will of the Lord. It seems to me that the innovations that have crept into the worship in many churches today are far beyond this limit. Stop! Apply the brakes! Fire the retro-rockets and slow down. Cease motion beyond that which is written. Quit doing

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WHO AM I THAT I SHOULD GO?

By Billy Orten

The above question was asked by Moses in Exodus 3:11 when God instructed him to go down into Egypt and lead the Israelites out of bondage. Moses did not want to go to Egypt. He was living contentedly with his family in the land of Midian, taking care of the flock of his father-in-law. Only a few years before, he had fled from the land of Egypt to save his life. He had no desire to return now. When God asked him to go, his reply was, "Who am I that I should go unto Pharaoh?" Moses no doubt thought, "Why should God choose me out of all the thousands in Israel for this job?" His question was simply, "Lord, can't you get someone else to go?"

God had a great task for Moses, but Moses was not ready. Even after God gave Moses the power to perform signs and wonders to make the people believe in him, he still looked for an excuse to get out of going. He answered saying, "O my Lord, send, I pray thee, by the hand of him whom thou wilt send" (Exodus 4:13). To put this in our own words, Moses was saying, "Lord, send whoever you wish, but don't send me." The next verse tells us the anger of the Lord was kindled against Moses. God is not pleased with excuses. He made His displeasure known to Moses, and Moses agreed to go to Egypt.

Today, when many people are asked to be a personal worker for Christ, they begin to make excuses. Some agree that house-to-house evangelism is necessary to reach the lost of this generation, but when asked if they are willing to study and prepare to become a personal worker, the excuses begin. Almost everyone agrees that this is a needed work, but few are enthusiastic about taking an active part in it. The truth is: every Christian should be a soul-winner. This is not a work for a special class or a select group in the church. This is a work for everyone. It requires no special gift or talent to teach your neighbor about Christ; only a love for souls, and a willingness to use a little of your time. The rewards are many, both in this world and in the world to come.

Here are a few reasons why you should be a personal worker. Study these reasons carefully, and we believe you will want to be a leader in this work. If this little booklet influences a few people to sacrifice a few hours of their time each week to the work of teaching Christ, many souls will be saved, and the efforts put into this book will be repaid many times.

1. **You should be a personal worker because Jesus was a personal worker.** Jesus put the emphasis on the individual and not on the masses. Perhaps the old adage, "You can't see the forest for the trees" applies right here. In our haste to find ways to reach the masses with the message of Christ, we may have failed to see that the person living right next door does not know the true gospel of Jesus Christ. This is so very true of us preachers. We cross the United States to preach the gospel, and many times living on the same block with us are people who would receive the truth if it were brought to them. Much of the teaching of Jesus Christ was done to one individual. A few examples of this are: Nicodemus in John 3, Samaritan woman at Jacob's well in John 4, and Zachaeus in Luke 19. In each of these examples Jesus, the great teacher, took time to teach one individual. Jesus was a personal worker.

2. **The apostle Paul was a personal worker.** He said in Acts 20:20, "And how I have kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have shewed you and have taught you publicly, and from house to house." Paul realized that everyone could not be reached by preaching in the public gatherings. He went into their homes and taught, also. Preaching from the pulpit is necessary, and it is not the purpose of this book to detract from its importance; but rather to show that other scriptural means should be employed, also. Paul taught in the synagogues everytime he had the opportunity, but he also taught from house to house. We should not overlook an effective and scriptural method of preaching Christ. Some denominations are using this method very successfully in spreading their false doctrines, and proclaiming their false prophets.

House-to-house evangelism means much more than knocking at a door, and merely inviting the people to attend our services. This is almost a complete waste of time. Personal work is preaching Christ from door to door. Paul said, "I have taught you from house to house."

3. **The early Christians were personal workers.** Acts 8:4 says, "Therefore they that were scattered abroad went everywhere preaching the word." The persecution against the Christians in Jerusalem became so severe the Christians were dispersed. Man fled to distant cities to escape bitter persecution. Notice the writer of Acts says they went everywhere preaching the word. This was not only the apostles and evangelists, but every Christian. All were telling the good news of Christ everywhere they went.

The early Christians were so filled with the love of Christ and the joy of salvation, they could not keep quiet about it. They wanted others to know the joy of being a Christian. Does your salvation mean enough to you that you want to tell others about it? Could it be that this is the reason some do not want to be a personal worker? If we do not have a desire to see others brought to Christ, it could be that salvation does not mean enough to us.

4. **The fourth reason for saying every Christian should be a personal worker is because knowledge of the truth brings with it the responsibility to teach others.** We feel a responsibility to warn our neighbor if we see him in danger of physical harm. Realizing how great the loss of one's soul is, we have a responsibility to warn people. They may not heed the warning, but we have fulfilled our duty. Notice carefully the force of

Ezekiel 3:18-19 "When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity, but his blood will I require at thine hand." "Yet if thou warn the wicked, and he turn not from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way; he shall die in his iniquity, but thou hast delivered thy soul."

How tragic indeed that at the judgment any one of us might be turned away because we did not take the time to warn our neighbor who was lost. If we plan to go to heaven, we must try to take someone else. Christ's business is saving souls, but He has no one to do this work for Him, but the Christians. If they do not do it; who will? Will you try to help save the lost for Christ?

5. **If you are not yet convinced that you should be a house-to-house teacher, then consider this reason: Every Christian must bear some fruit.** Jesus said, in John 15:1-2, "I am the true vine, and my father is the husbandman." "Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away; and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it that it may bring forth more fruit." In verse five Jesus tells us He is the vine and we are the branches. Each Christian is a branch of the true vine, Christ. Remember, Jesus said, "Every branch that beareth not fruit, He taketh away." The lesson on fruit-bearing is concluded in verse eight by saying, "Herein is my father glorified that ye bear much fruit, and so shall ye be my disciples." Every Christian is to bear some fruit. This is how we show our discipleship.

A disciple who bears no fruit is not approved in God's sight. In Matthew 21:19, Jesus cursed the fig tree because there was no fruit on it, only leaves. The tree withered up and died. This shows the Lord's disposition to barren disciples as well as barren fig trees.

How do we bear fruit? This is a logical and reasonable question. The fruit we bear is the souls we help to save; and there are many ways we can help. Paul shows that one way is by giving, to support those that preach the gospel. When he wrote to the Philippians concerning the gift they had sent him, he said in chapter four, verses sixteen and seventeen, "For even in Thessalonica ye sent once and again unto my necessity." "Not that I desire a gift, but I desire fruit that may abound to your account." The Philippians were sharing in the fruit borne by the Apostle Paul when they supported him so he could stay in Thessalonica and preach. We may do the same when we support our preachers wherever they are.

House-to-house or private teaching is another way everyone can bear fruit. If each Christian would bring one person to Christ each year, the church would double in size in one year, and each of us would have fruit to abound to our account in heaven.

6. **Consider another reason: Winning souls to Christ will strengthen us spiritually.** The Person who becomes a personal worker will reap many benefits from his labors, not the least of which is the fact that he will become a much stronger Christian. Saving souls puts purpose in our lives; it gives real joy to the Christian. It drives out selfishness, because we think of others. We are made more humble because of our dependence on God's guidance. The need for constant Bible study and prayer will be felt more keenly. Worldliness will

be driven out of our lives, since there will be no time nor interest for it. The church will be at peace when all are working, because a working church is a peaceful church. We will experience some of the peace and joy in serving Christ that filled the early Christians. The apostle's greatest joy was in knowing he had been instrumental in saving others (1 Thessalonians 2:20, Philippians 4:1). This is the remedy for many weak Christians. When we begin working to save others, salvation will mean a lot more to us.

7. **Think of the value of one soul.** Suppose you worked for years and succeeded in leading only one person to Christ. Has your time been wasted? Jesus shows that one soul is worth more than all the wealth of the world in Matthew 16:26. If some rich man were to offer \$1000 for each sinner brought to Christ, would we work harder to convert one for \$1000 than we would to convert one for Jesus? This question should cause each of us to search our hearts. If we could win someone for \$1000, we could win that same person for Christ if we really want to.

Suppose we were made the \$1000 offer mentioned above; we would begin asking ourselves, "Do I know someone in the community that is a good prospect?" The next question might be, "How do I go about telling this person about salvation?" When you begin to seek answers to these questions, God will help you in finding a way to reach the lost ones.

8. **Everyone should be a soul winner, because the rewards of this work are great.** Daniel speaks of winning souls to righteousness in Daniel 12:3, "And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever." The old expression, "Every soul we win is a star in our crown" is true. Not only does God disapprove of us if we bear no fruit, but He rewards us for the fruit we bear. We do many things in this life that avail little and sometimes nothing. We sometimes work and get no pay; but, dear brother, every moment of labor done for Jesus Christ will be greatly rewarded. "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that YOUR LABOR IS NOT IN VAIN IN THE LORD" (1 Corinthians 15:58).

9. **Have you thought of this? You can reach someone that no one else can reach.** You may be thinking: There are others that can do this work better than I. Everyone has an influence. There are people that you can influence better than anyone else. You can do something for Christ that no one else can do, because there is no one exactly like you. It has been said, "When God makes a man He breaks the mold and throws it away; He never makes two men alike." This is a thrilling thought. Since no two persons are exactly alike, there is some work for Christ that you can do better than anyone else in the world. Regardless of how eloquent others may be, they cannot take your place. Use the talent God has given you, and He will be pleased with you.

10. **The last reason for needing more personal workers: Gospel meetings do not reach everyone.** Gospel meetings have been popular for many years as a means of preaching the gospel to the lost. They are still effective if some work has been done prior to the day the meeting is to begin. They usually fail if no

preparatory work has been done. But gospel meetings do not reach all the ones who would obey the gospel, because they will not attend. In many places it is difficult to get members of the church to attend these meetings. People who are lost in sin can hardly be found who have enough interest to attend all of a series of meetings. Their individual needs and questions may not be filled or answered by the sermons, if they do attend. There is a need for house-to-house type teaching. To fill this need, Paul said, "I have taught you publicly and from house to house."

Gospel meetings will do much more good if some personal work has preceded the meeting. The case of Cornelius in Acts 10 is a clear example of this. Cornelius sent for Peter to come and preach the gospel, but Cornelius did some work before Peter got there. When Peter arrived, Cornelius had a house full of people ready to hear the Word of the Lord. The meeting was a success. (Read Acts 10:24 and 10:33).

Please consider these ten reasons why you should be a personal worker in the kingdom of Christ. If you agree that the work is important and that all Christians should participate, we are thankful. However, if you have excuses to offer for not taking a part, read the next section.

—Rt. 3, Box 48,
Marion, La.

(Editor's note: This is the second in a series. This excellent material is being used by Bro. Billy Orten in his forthcoming booklet on personal work.—D. Mc)

COMMENTS ON 1 COR. 11:3-16

By H. C. Harper

If the reader will turn to and read the context with Gen. 3:16—"and he shall rule over thee"; 1 Tim. 2:12—"not to usurp authority over the man"; 1 Cor. 14:34—"but they are commanded to be under obedience"; 1 Peter 3:6—"Even as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him Lord"; Titus 2:5—"obedient to their own husbands"; Eph. 5:23—"For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church"—I say if the reader will turn to and read the context with these texts, a better start will be made in getting an understanding of 1 Cor. 11:3-16.

"Head" as used in verse 3 and as used the second time in verses 4 and 5, denotes the one with authority or power to govern; and as used the first time in verses 4 and 5, "head" denotes the one of the physical body.

Instead of "long hair," as in verses 14 and 15, the Greek has hair, that is *komee*, uncut hair, hair to the length that a man's nature or a woman's nature makes it to grow. And if a woman has such hair, it is glory (*doxa*, "calls forth praise") for her. Why?—"for her hair is given her for a covering," v. 15. The second "for" is *anti* and denotes: "for, in place of, instead of." And "covering" is *peribolaion*, a covering, a veil. Then we have it: "for her hair is given her 'for, in place of, instead of' a covering, a veil." Who gave her this distinct equipment?—Her Creator.

Now, we can understand verse 10: "For this cause ought the woman to have power on her head, because of the angels." The holy angels are implicitly obedient to God. Can woman afford to be less? No; then let her show it by her example to the angels here. In

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In Birmingham, Ala., April 3-10, there will be a meeting to which we invite brethren from far and near. It will be conducted again this year by Bro. M. Lynwood Smith, of Wesson, Miss. We wish to have as many preachers as possible attend. The last part of the week, we will try to have every preacher speak for a short time.

We will take care of as many as possible in our homes. There is also a nice motel around the corner from the meeting house; they will give special rates, and there are plenty more nice ones here. If you want reservations, you may contact the writer. For further information, you may contact the following, too: F. E. Berry, phone 833-4454; J. H. Howell, phone 251-4047; R. E. Gladden, phone 853-3275, or the writer at 836-4649.

—R. A. Berry

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NEW SONG BOOK

The name of the new song book is "Gospel Herald." The printers tell us that within a month the book should be ready. Samples will be sent out on request. It is the same size as "Heavenly Harmonies," and the same price; only limp covers. Advance orders may be sent, and quick delivery can be made direct from the printers. My thanks to all who have helped on the book and encouraged it in any way. My thanks, too, to Brother Homer King for the nice preface he wrote for the book. Send orders to: M. Lynwood Smith, Rt. 1, Box 151, Wesson, Miss.

—M. Lynwood Smith

WOULD YOU LIKE TO USE THESE?

For over three years the church in Lebanon, Mo., with the help of several sister churches, has been preaching the gospel over television. The success of this venture has far surpassed our fondest hopes. Up until this year we have used video tape to produce our telecasts. However, realizing the greater versatility of 16 mm films, this year we are using them. During the past year with the help of Bro. Ronny Wade as speaker, and "The Gospel Lamplighters," and "Cook Bros. Quartet" as singers, we produced a series of 13 30-Minute films entitled "Let The Bible Speak." These films have already been aired over 4 television stations reaching thousands of people in Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas, Iowa, Okla., and Nebraska. At present we are trying to get on additional stations to preach to many others. We are definitely sold on the merits of this type work. For this reason, we now propose to make these films available to any church that might be interested in using them. Even though the cost ranged upwards of \$6500.00 to produce these films, we are making no charge. We only ask that those churches using them help us bear the cost of postage and printing which will not exceed \$50.00 for the entire series.

If you would like to have more information as to content of films and other related matters feel free to write. Address: "Let The Bible Speak," Box 9, Lebanon, Mo. Brethren, this is a golden opportunity to carry out Mk. 16:15-16; why not use it?

—Church of Christ, Lebanon, Mo.

SO MUCH FOR SO LITTLE

When one is sick, the saying "so much for so little" can be as appropriate, or more so, as at any other time. For just a few minutes' time and a few pennies' investment in a card, or paper and envelope—for so little, we can send words of cheer and encouragement which may mean so much to a brother or sister who is very ill.

Following are names and addresses of some brothers and sisters in Christ who are to my knowledge very sick, and merit a word of cheer. It is my hope that our readers will take a few moments before you forget this, and let them know that others care. Miles may separate you, and you may not know them, but that really does not matter. For so little you may thus encourage one of His, and thus do much. Here are the names and addresses: Mrs. L. E. Fussel, Box 436, Wilson, Okla.; Ralph Kitson, Rt. 1, Hamburg, Ill.; Bill Stover, U. S. P. H. Service Hosp., 4 North, Baltimore,

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—Ray Asplin, 2440 SW 54th Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 73119

THE WORK IN AFRICA

The 21st St. congregation, Okla. City, Okla., has volunteered to sponsor the next two evangelists to replace Bro. Jerry Cutter and Bro. Bennie Cryer in Africa when their time is completed. We have asked for volunteers in the last two issues of the paper. As of this time we have no volunteers. Surely there are those who are interested in the work and will go. Possibly you have been thinking this over in your mind as to whether you should volunteer or not. We hope to have Bro. Jerry's replacement lined up by May of this year as Jerry expects to come back to the States in May, 1967. If you are interested in undertaking this great work will you not contact us soon so we may begin working out all details. It has been suggested that those who go need about a year to get all things in order. You may direct all correspondence to the writer who in turn will present all matters pertaining to the work to the brethren. The brethren will then work out all the details.

—Edwin S. Morris,
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This is the name of the new record album by the Gospel Lamplighters which was released Feb. 12. The singers are the same ones who are featured on the last recording with the exception of Wayne Fussell and Phil Bray, who could not stay for this recording. The songs are: "Each Step I Take," "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus," "A Closer Walk with Thee," "Inside the Gate," "O What a Savior," "He Washed My Eyes with Tears," "I Have My Hand in the Hand of the Lord," "When We Get to that City," "Bless the Lord, O My Soul," "Before Thy Throne We Come," "My Jesus, I Love Thee," and "Blessed Assurance." Send all orders to M. Lynwood Smith, Rt. 1, Box 151, Wesson, Miss.

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—Don McCord

BROTHER T. F. THOMASSON

A letter came recently from Sister Obera Perry, a daughter of Bro. T. F. Thomasson, that about a month ago Bro. Thomasson, due to failing health, had to be removed from his home at Waterford, Calif. to a convalescent hospital in Modesto, Calif. We are always sorry to hear such news. Bro. Thomasson as many of our readers know is now in his 90's, and is remarkably alert for his years. He for many years has been a preacher of the gospel. His voice in younger years, so strong in message, prayer and song, has as his years advanced, remained strong, as has his body. Sister Perry tells us, too, that Sister Thomasson is very ill, in the hospital with pneumonia, complicated by emphysema. I feel sure the Thomassons would very much appreciate a word of cheer from brothers and sisters in Christ. It is my hope that our readers will upon reading this, and before they forget, address a card, jot down a few words, or in some way express their concern. The address: T. F. Thomasson, Modesto Convalescent Hospital, 3456 McHenry Ave., Modesto, Calif. Please see elsewhere in this issue "So Much for So Little."

—Don McCord

TIMELY QUESTIONS

Here are some questions to ask ourselves, and thus take inventory of our daily lives: Does my life please God? Am I studying my Bible everyday? Am I enjoying the Christian life? Is there anyone I can not forgive? Have I ever led a soul to Christ? How much time do I spend in prayer? Am I trying to bring my friends to the meetings of the church? Is there anything I cannot give up for Christ? Just where am I making my greatest mistake? How does my life look to those who are not Christians? How many things do I put before my duties as a Christian? Am I giving of my means as the Lord prospers me? Am I doing anything myself that I condemn in others for doing?

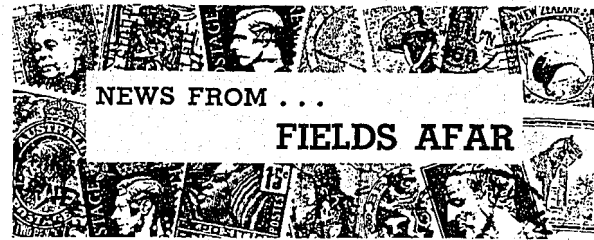
—Olive Wilburn

Who gives a trifle meanly is meaner than the trifle.

Greatness lies not in being strong but in the right use of strength.

The foolish man seeks happiness in the distance; the wise grows it under his feet.

Good nature is one of the richest fruits of true Christianity.



NEWS FROM ...

FIELDS AFAR

MALAWI, AFRICA

Brother Cutter and I are grateful for the continued support of the brethren and the African work. We are very happy to report that the work is going forward and there is harmony in the churches. This last Lord's Day we visited the church in Magomero. The building there is small, holding about 75 people, but it was full and people were standing on the outside. On Tues., Feb. 1, we visited a new church near Lake Chilwa. This church previously belonged to the Christadelphians. We seemed to be well received by the people and the village chief. Each month some new congregations are beginning. This month two of our African preachers will go to Balaka and begin a church there. They report there are about 20 people requesting baptism. We hope we can use this area to help begin more congregations in the north. With the exception of 3 or 4 congregations, the more than 110 congregations that are registered with us are in an 80 by 60 mile square. Most of the congregations are south and east of Blantyre. There are some to the northeast in the Zomba area. The 3 or 4 congregations mentioned above are more than 125 miles from Blantyre and it takes from 4 to 5 hours to drive to them if you do not have any trouble. Bro. Cutter and his family went into that area not too long ago and had car trouble, so it took them considerably longer. Now, this 80 by 60 mile area sounds small, but to give you an idea of how much we have to travel to do the work, Bro. Cutter and I have averaged more than 2,000 miles a month in each car since I purchased mine the first week in June last year. This is more than 4,000 miles per month and Bro. Cutter was trying to do all this work by himself before we arrived. Two more preachers could be kept very busy over here, so our prayer is that you will keep supporting the African work in such a way that it can be increased and that you will not even think of decreasing the personnel over here for the next few years. In re-reading this report, I see it looks rather glowing and optimistic, and we do not want you to think that we do not have problems. We do, many of them, but God has been good to us and your prayers and ours have been answered so many times over here.

—Bennie Cryer, Box 573, Blantyre, Malawi

MEXICO

In accordance with past pledges of continued assistance and supervision of the work in Mexico, Brothers Raleigh A. Perkins, Phil Fender, and Waymond B. Coleman have just completed a visit to the congregations in Mexico. Bro. Joe Martinez was already in Monterrey when we arrived and went with us together with Bro. Juan Rodriguez on our visits.

The congregation which meets in the home of Bro. Jose Ruiz Cruz in Monterrey conducted services the

Fri. night we were there. We were made to remember the small gatherings in the homes which Brother Paul of old attended. Especially did we wish for his healing hand when we found one of the women in attendance had been blind since she was five years old. We took part of the clothes from a large box sent by the congregation at Burleson, Tex. and gave them to these people. Their looks of joy would have delighted the hearts of those who were so kind to send the clothing. The rest of the clothing was distributed to the members of three other congregations.

Bro. Jose Rodriguez in Saltillo has rented a small building in order to have a central place to meet. We met some of the members but were not able to go with him about forty miles west of Saltillo where he meets each Lord's Day with a group of about thirty brethren. Bro. Joe Martinez will spend about a week with him and go see these members.

The congregation at Medina City, Tex. responded to the need for a bicycle at Pina de la Cruz, below Saltillo. Bro. Ponciano Reyes was so proud of his new bicycle that he kept it right in his bedroom with him. He will now be able to ride over to Tunal and other small communities and teach among the people. We gave him a check from the congregation for \$25.00 and promised to try to find some congregation to send him \$25.00 a month regularly. These people are so poor that it breaks your heart to see them, yet we know that we must start out to help them with small amounts first.

The other congregations were visited but owing to the quickness of the trip, we did not visit in any of their services. Bro. Joe Martinez is spending a number of days at each congregation and will have more to report later. He has learned of some brethren west of Saltillo which he hopes to visit close to Torreón.

Bro. K. G. Wilks wrote giving us a list of those taking an interest in the work in times past. He sends his best wishes and offers his prayers for the work.

The brethren in San Antonio continue to ask that if you send any help to the native preachers in Mexico you at least let us know so that we may help to maintain a fair share for each one. Almost all congregations are mailing their support to Bro. L. M. Crouch, 220 Roesler Rd., San Antonio. The check or money order is made out to the individual to whom it belongs by the congregation sending it; Bro. Crouch in turn sends the support to each one on the first of the month. A report is then mailed to each contributing congregation.

If the congregation of which you are a part is planning to help in this wonderful work, please feel free to correspond with the brethren in San Antonio. Addresses are as follows: W. B. Coleman, 1747 W. Huisache Ave.; L. M. Crouch, 220 Roesler Rd.; E. E. Perkins, Rt. 3, Box 483; R. A. Perkins, 126 Hillcrest, all of San Antonio.

—Waymond B. Coleman

OUR DEPARTED

Crisp—Mrs. Susan E. Crisp was born Nov. 11, 1892, and passed away Jan. 28, 1966, in Levelland, Tex. She is survived by 6 sons, 1 daughter, 3 brothers and 1 sister; 25 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren. The funeral was conducted Jan. 31 at the George Price Funeral home, Levelland. She is the mother of Bro. Troy Crisp, Ringling, Okla. The writer officiated.

—J. Earl Van Stavern

White—Bro. Tom White, who lived near Brookhaven, Miss., passed on last Jan. 15; he was about 70 years old. He leaves a faithful wife; and a faithful daughter, the wife of Bro. Robert Adams; and a faithful son, Bro. Fred White, to mourn his passing. Bro. White was one of the teachers along with Bro. Adams in the church there. He will be greatly missed. May the Lord's richest blessings be upon his family in this dark hour.

—Jim Canfield

Brown—Bro. Columbus Coleman Brown, Washington, Okla., was born June 21, 1887; he passed away Dec. 15, 1965. Bro. Brown had lived in Okla. most of his life. He is survived by a daughter, Ruth Shelton, Burbank, Calif.; and 2 sons, Cleo, Naches, Wash., and Garland, Washington, Okla. The funeral was conducted at the meeting house in Washington, Okla. The flowers were beautiful, as was the singing which was rendered by members of the church. The writer spoke words of comfort and warning to all those present. May we all live in such a way that it may be said of us when we are called, "Asleep in Jesus."

—R. B. Roden

Russell—Bro. Ambrose Roger Russell, Fresno, Calif. passed from this life, Dec. 17, 1965. He had been a very faithful worker in the church for many years. He helped build the meeting place at Millbrook and Harvey, Fresno, where his son, Bro. James W. Russell, is a strong leader and evangelist. I have labored with this family many years, and appreciate the spiritual strength gained by my association with them. We thank God that there were brethren like this to stand for the truth through many years that it may be easier for us. Singing was by the congregation, conducted by Bro. Billy Jack Ivey. The writer officiated.

—Ernie Lewis

Tillman—Bro. Claude C. Tillman passed away Jan. 17, 1966. He was a faithful member of the Lord's church at Armona, Calif. for many years. He helped finance and build the building we are now meeting in; he also before his departure made arrangements to help finance a new building. So, his work and influence will bless this community for many years. Many of our evangelists were guests in his home and loved him very much. I am personally grateful to Bro. Tillman and his wife, Eva, for their faith and influence which helped my wife and me when we obeyed the gospel. Many came from far and near that sorrowed at his departure. Singers were Billy Jack Ivey, Willardine Armstrong, James W. Russell, and Bert Hendrix; the singing was very pretty. The writer officiated.

—Ernie Lewis

Allen—Stella Minerva Allen was born May 7, 1879 in Bald Eagle Twp., Pa.; she departed this life Jan. 15, 1966. Three sons, one daughter, one brother, and 4 grandchildren, and 3 great grandchildren remain. A Christian lady of the finest spirit lingers in the memories of all, as she was an ever present phenomenon at the Wright St. church of Christ, Flemington, Pa. for some forty-odd years. Her last months were physically burdensome to her and one could only say the body disappointed the spirit. The writer spoke.

—Ronald Courter

Knight—Bro. Chester A. Knight, son of Edward and Margaret Knight, was born Jan. 7, 1886 near Hamburg, Ill. He had been a member of the Lord's church meeting at Mozier, Ill. since 1939. Nov. 2, 1909, he was married to Lena Dickmeyer; to them 6 children were born, all living: Mrs. Carl Oettle, John and Doris Knight, Hamburg, Ill.; Eddie Knight, Jerseyville, Ill.; Howard Knight, Moweaqua, Ill.; and Mrs. Carl Capps, Kampsville, Ill. He was preceded in death by 4 brothers and 3 sisters. There are besides the children, 4 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren surviving. He served as a deacon in the church at Mozier. He was a well-fixed man financially, but he never let it come between him and the church; he was surely good to poor people.

—Ralph Kitson

Palmer—Sister Margaret Louvenia Palmer was born Nov. 16, 1881, in Georgia; and departed this life, Feb. 4, 1966 at Opp, Ala. at the age of 84. She obeyed the gospel under the preaching of Bro. J. D. Phillips, at Lowery, Ala. Surviving are 4 sons, Sam, George, Preston and DeWitt Palmer, all of Kinston, Ala.; 4 daughters, Mrs. Pauline Lowery, Kinston, Ala.; Mrs. Jewel Phillips, Hurtsboro, Ala.; Mrs. Josephine Loyd, Sanford, Fla.; Mrs. Irene Slaughter, Pensacola, Fla.; a sister, Mrs. Mattie Fleming, Columbus, Ga.; 17 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren. The service was

held at the Lowery meeting house, Feb. 6; it could not accommodate the throng of friends and loved ones who came to pay their last respects to her. She will be greatly missed by all there in this area. She was buried in the Lowery cemetery. The writer attempted to speak words of comfort.

—Harley Ballard

Tipton—Bro. John Delmer Tipton was born Jan. 1, 1884 at New Summerfield, Tex. He departed this life Feb. 7, 1966 at the age of 82 years, 1 month and 6 days. He was a faithful member of the Beach St. congregation, Ft. Worth, Tex. He is survived by 3 sons, 3 daughters, 1 sister, 12 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. Bro. Tipton was a minister of the gospel for about 60 years; he obeyed the gospel shortly after the turn of the century. He was the servant of Christ, earnestly contending for the faith once delivered to the saints to the end. He was greatly sorrowed in his last few weeks in that illness prevented him from attending the worship. Funeral services were conducted at Jacksonville, Tex. with this writer speaking words of comfort and exhortation. Interment was at Myrtle Springs cemetery alongside the grave of his faithful wife who passed from this life just two years earlier.

—Wallace Middick

Lamkins—William L. Lamkins, son of John and Viola Lamkins, was born Jan. 25, 1900, and passed away Jan. 25, 1966, being exactly 66 years of age at the time of his departure. He was a member of the church at Houston, Mo., and was active in song leading. Surviving are his wife, three daughters, two sons, two step-daughters, two brothers, two sisters, and several grandchildren and great grandchildren. He obeyed the gospel early in life, and was faithful in attendance until his unexpected death. The writer conducted the service from the meeting house in Houston, Mo.

—Ronny F. Wade

Howard—Mrs. Iola Farry Howard, Dora, Mo., the wife of Elisha Howard, passed away Wed., Jan. 26, at the University Medical Center, Columbia, Mo. She was born Mar. 6, 1906 at Cassville, Mo., the daughter of the late Clark and Effie Lester Elliott. She spent her early womanhood in Cassville and was married there Dec. 25, 1932 to Elisha Howard. Besides her husband, she is survived by 5 children: Verlin Howard, Dora, Mo.; Berniece Hopkins, Loretta Jones and Marlet Howard of Tulsa, Okla.; and Rozetta Howard of the family home. There are 7 brothers and sisters: Othella Elliott, Cassville, Mo.; Verlin Elliott, Bakersfield, Calif.; Eldon Elliott, Cassville, Mo.; Elvin Elliott, Carrollton, Mo.; Pearl Rickway, Calif.; Edith Hall, Monett, Mo.; and Claretta Padgett, Bakersfield, Calif. She had been a member of the church for the past 33 years, and had lived a devoted Christian life. The funeral service was conducted by Bro. Irvin Barnes of Mtn. Home, Ark. Interment was in Ball cemetery, near Dora, Mo.

—Pete Howard

CARD OF THANKS

We, the family of Bro. Claude Tillman, wish to express our gratitude to each and everyone who sent cards and letters during his illness. We could never express in words the good it did him to receive the encouraging mail.

—Eva Tillman and family

MY POSITION ON CARNAL WARFARE

I cannot participate in military service in any form, directly or indirectly, in combatant or noncombatant service, because:

1. My duty and obligation to my God is superior to all other obligations (Acts 5:29; Matt. 22:37).

2. My God in the Bible forbids that I engage in carnal warfare in the following references:

“Put up thy sword,” “For all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword” (Matt. 26:52)—Jesus.

“My Kingdom is not of this world” (Jno. 18:36). “For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal”

(2 Cor. 10:3, 4). “Love your enemies” (Matt. 5:44); “Turn the other cheek” (Matt. 5:39).

“Recompense to no man evil for evil” (Rom. 12:17).

3. To enter any military branch or service, combatant or noncombatant, I would be compelled to “swear” (take an oath), but the Bible forbids that I do so (“Swear not at all”—Jesus, Matt. 5:34).

4. To enter any military service I would be compelled to be yoked with unbelievers, which is forbidden—“Be not unequally yoked together with unbelievers” (2 Cor. 6:14).

5. To be in any branch of military service in any way, I would be a part of the organization and would therefore have fellowship in the service, but such is prohibited; thus: “Have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them” (Eph. 5:11).

6. To serve in any way in the military service, I would be deprived of obeying the command to assemble on Lord’s day to worship God in the Bible way, at least part of the time, hence would disobey God (Heb. 10:25; Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 16:1, 2).

Therefore, I cannot conscientiously engage in carnal war in any form or branch, and for the above reasons, I authorize my name to be listed in support of the above principles.

—David Curry, 2748 59th St.,
Sacramento, Calif. 95817

—Ralph Gomez, 3002 Hiwatha, Kansas City, Kans.

—Kenneth Wayne Stamps, 309 “K” St.,
Sanger, California

—Clifford Myers, 1311 Maple, Duncan, Okla.

—Rodney VanStavern, 705 S. W. 3rd St.,
Moore, Okla.

STOP, LOOK AND LISTEN!—

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anything that you cannot prove to be right in the worship. This must be the common ground for unity.

LOOK!

Now, since we have established the fact that we must stop until we receive the word to go, then let us look to see what it says. First, let us give our eyes a treatment. Let us doctor them a little that we may see better—“anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see” (Rev. 3:18).

In Num. 21:8, Moses erected a fiery serpent of brass upon a pole, and it came to pass that they who were bitten by the serpents in the land, could look upon this serpent of brass and live. Sometimes the difference between life and death is the failure to see or look.

In Gen. 9:11, God put a rainbow in the cloud so that when we look upon it we may remember His covenant, that He made with man saying that He would destroy the earth no more by water. The man that does not understand this might look at the rainbow forever and not see this agreement in it.

In Jas. 1:25, “But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.” What good would it do us to take a good look into the law of liberty and do nothing? We need to take a good look to see where we are going. Is the road clear ahead? Where will this road lead to? Is it the right road? It seems easy to look at certain things and see no wrong in them, if they are what we want to do most. I have always believed that if we look hard and long enough we will find the answer to our problems on fellowship, unity, etc. Recently, I took a look at the fellowship question, and let it be known through the columns of this journal what I saw, with which some did not agree. I looked at Amos 3:3 where the Prophet said, “Can two walk together, except they be agreed?” There seem to be some who believe this to mean that you just simply agree to disagree. I have looked again and find that Adam Clarke, Vol. 4, page 676, said of Amos 3:3, “While ye loved and served me, I dwelt in you and walked among you. Now ye are become alienated from me, your nature and mine are totally opposite. I am holy, ye are unholy. We are no longer agreed, and can no longer walk together. I can no longer hold communion with you. I must cast you out.” The Bible says, “And Enoch walked with God” (Gen. 5:22). Could it be said of a man that he walked with God, but was never in agreement with Him? Would God allow it? Could he be one with God and not be in agreement with Him? If this will not work with God, how can it work with one another? There must of necessity be some common rule, other than human reasoning, to bind our hearts and hands in this great work.

LISTEN!

“So then faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God” (Rom. 10:17). James said let every man be swift to hear in James 1:19. And Jesus said this people’s ears are dull of hearing (Matt. 13:15). Listen, our faith depends on what we hear, for we walk by faith and not by sight, and what we hear comes from the word of God, or the wisdom of men. The former is God’s rule to govern us, the latter is man’s rule which serves only to confuse and divide us. If God has made a rule to govern His people, what is it? If we can settle on what that rule is, which we must all agree is His word, can we agree that we must all abide by it? Does it teach two different things at the same time for His people to practice? What is a rule anyway? Webster says: “an established guide for conduct, procedure, etc.” also, “a set of regulations in a religious order.” Listen to Paul in Phil. 3:16, “Nevertheless, whereto we have already attained, let us all walk by the same rule, let us mind the same thing.” Of the word “rule,” in W. E. Vine’s Expository Dictionary page 306, he says, see “province” page 227 and this word is translated from the word KANON (canon). This word, “Originally denoted a straight rod, used as a ruler or measuring instrument, or in rare instances, the beam of a balance, the secondary notion being either

(a) of keeping anything straight, as a rod used in weaving, or (b) of testing straightness, as a carpenter’s rule; hence its metaphorical use to express what serves to measure or determine anything. By a common transition in the meaning of words, that which measures, was used for what was measured; thus a certain space at Olympia was called a Kanon. So, in music, a canon is a composition in which a given melody is the model for the formation of all the parts. In general the word came to mean or serve for anything regulating the actions of men as a standard or principle.” Can you think of anything that can better do that than the Bible itself?

There are far too many people that are ready to say, “You listen!” We do not want to listen, we want to do the talking. We do not want to listen to wise comments, concerning the Bible; we want to be the commentator.” We could all do ourselves a little good by just simply doing a little more listening and a little less commenting. No one can make the Bible mean more than it says. If you Stop! Look and Listen!, the soul you save, might be your own.

—809 Lyons, Kansas City, Kans.

COMMENTS ON 1 COR. 11:3-16—

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saying “power,” or authority, the apostle names the thing signified instead of the things that signify it. And “the head of the woman is the man,” v. 3. Now, what is the token that woman ought to have on her head to show that man is the head of the woman?—“Hair,” uncut hair, natural hair, hair to the length her nature makes it grow,—hair that her Creator gives her “instead of a veil”; hair, the token on her head, which shows that “the head of the woman is the man,” v. 3. Hence it is “glory” to her to have such hair; and she shows obedience to God in keeping it.

Now we can understand why “if a man have long hair, it is a shame unto him,” v. 14. That is hair (komee), uncut hair, natural hair, hair grown as long as nature will grow it. And being thus garbed, he dishonors Christ; for “Every man praying or prophesying, having his head covered, dishonoreth his head” v. 4. It is “hair” (uncut hair) that is a shame to him. Hence it is this “covered” head by which he dishonors his head, Christ.

Now, let us examine the original of verse 4. There is an omitted word. It reads thus: “Every man praying or prophesying, having—on head, dishonoreth his head.” Christ is his head, v. 3. What is “on head” that dishonoreth Christ? Evidently, that which “is a shame unto him,” v. 14. And what is that? Hair, hair as long as his nature will make it grow,—hair uncut.

Then hair, cut in any way, is “head uncovered”; and hair uncut in any way, is “head covered.” And since hair, long hair, uncut, “is given for a veil,” such hair is the token, symbol, mark, or brand, on her head, that “the head of the woman is the man,” vs. 3, 10, 15. This is her God-ordained mark.

Cutting her hair in any way removes the God-ordained mark from her that “the head of the woman is the man.” And letting his hair grow uncut, man dishonors his head, Christ. He presumptuously takes the mark God gave woman.

So the apostle argues in v. 5, that if the woman cuts her hair, thus having “her head uncovered,” since God gave her hair, uncut hair, “for a covering,” she

would as well cut it off at the scalp: for "that is even all one as if she were shaven." This clinches it, that her God-ordained, God-given hair, hair un-cut, is a divine requirement for "every woman," every place, as cut hair is for man. And the apostle also shows this to be true on their own admission, saying: "For if the woman be not covered, let her also be shorn: but if it be a shame for a woman to be shorn or shaven, let her be covered" v. 6.

Shorn and shaven mean to cut the hair off at the scalp. But since they concede this to be wrong in woman, and he has shown in v. 5 that this removes her God-ordained mark (hair, uncut hair), making "her head uncovered," no more than cutting it in any other way does, he argues: "let her be covered." That is, keep her hair uncut, as her God-ordained token that "the head of the woman is the man."

Notice, too, it is not simply husband and wife, as some construe it; but "every man" and also "every woman." And since God has given woman, according to her womanly nature, hair, natural hair, which is uncut hair, for or in place of a veil, she no more has an artificial covering or veil by divine authority on her head than the man to whom the boss gave a spade instead of or for a shovel has by authority of the boss, as shown in verses 15 and 16.

The woman who cuts her hair, stands under condemnation; and the man who goes with uncut hair is under God's condemnation. It is not of local application, for the "churches of God" are to follow. Neither was it a transitory period, but this dispensation of God. And to take this from the realm where God speaks, and put it where man speaks, is nothing less than to dictate to God. And I say with the apostle: "Let God be true, but every man a liar."—Rom. 3:4. And instead of the whole teaching here relating to "an artificial covering," it relates to the God-ordained covering, hair, "for her hair is given her for a covering," or instead of a veil.

And the woman who would be bold enough to remove this that shows, as God ordained it, "the head of the woman is the man," would be bold enough to take man's place in the churches, and get another reproof from God's apostle, as we see in the 14th chapter of this letter.

Objections: "Paul says if a woman will not wear a veil—artificial covering—let her also have her hair—natural covering—cut off."

But Paul says no such thing. He says: "For if a woman be not covered, let her also be shorn," v. 6. Now what is it that will constitute her "covered"? Ans.—"Hair, long hair," v. 15. "But if a woman have long hair, it is a glory to her: for her hair is given her for a covering," or instead of (anti) a veil. Hence this knocks out the "artificial covering" by divine authority, and binds "long hair," uncut hair—as the God-ordained mark of verse 10 to show that "the head of the woman is the man," v. 3. And when she cuts off any of her hair, she has removed this mark; hence the apostle says, "let her also be shorn," that is, have it cut off right at the scalp. But to this "shame," they object; hence he goes right on to say: "but if it be a shame for a woman to be shorn or shaven, let her be covered," v. 6. And how can she do this? Ans.—By keeping "long hair,"—uncut hair,—and this is the only way she can do it by divine authority. (Taken here from *The Truth*, Austin, Tex.)

From The Fields

Pete Howard, Box 113, Seymour, Mo., Feb. 11—We are still keeping house for the Lord here. We are badly in need of someone to do personal work, and would like to hear from someone who would like to help us.

Tom E. Smith, 302 Phillips, Healdton, Okla., Feb. 15—I am sorry to have had to change my plans about coming to California, this spring. I feel it would not be wise to make the trip at this time due to my health. If the Lord wills, we will try to make plans for a later time.

Paul Walker, 2955 17th St., San Pablo, Calif., Feb. 17—The San Pablo congregation was saddened recently by the news of Bro. Perry Allen's malignant tumor. Bro. Allen is a good, kind and courageous Christian man. Please remember him in prayer. We look forward to our meeting at 64th St., Sacramento, Calif., Mar. 18-27.

Ernest Lewis, Box 393, Armona, Calif., Feb. 15—We at Armona enjoy the O. P. A. very much, the lessons and the preachers' reports. We are looking forward to a good year of work and progress. I baptized 4 at the home congregation the first Lord's Day of the year. We thank the Lord for these additions. Here are 3 renewals and 1 new one.

James D. Corson, Rt. 2, Mahaffey, Pa., Feb. 7—Recently, I have preached at Butler, Love Joy, and Le Contes Mills, Pa. All are at peace and at work for the Master. The snows have been rather deep in Pa., making progress slow, but strong faith continues. I am always glad to read the good reports of the brethren elsewhere.

F. H. Lichapa, Namphungo church, Namlenga Mission, P. O. Mikolongwe, Malawi, Jan. 10—I am deeply moved with sorrow that our Bro. Edward Moses died on Dec. 16, leaving a widow and 3 orphans. They are all at school, but lack support. Dec. 5, I was at Namphungo; Dec. 12, at Chilemba; Dec. 19, at Shizinja; Dec. 26, Namphungo church.

Hedric D. Laney, Temple, Ga. 30179, Jan. 26—We look forward to having Bro. Barney Owens with us for 1 year beginning June 1. The church here is very much in need of this work. We look forward to Bro. Don McCord's meeting here, July 31-Aug. 7. We enjoy reading the *Old Paths Advocate* very much. We desire the prayers of all the faithful in Christ. Here is our sub.

E. R. Brown, Box 750, Stilwell, Okla., Feb. 12—The Noel chapel congregation here is small in number, but is still having services each Lord's Day morning, evening and Wed. evening. Bro. James Morgan still preach-

es for us Sun. and Wed. nights. If any of you preachers are passing through and can, always feel welcome to stop and worship with us; all are welcome. We have visitors from Sallisaw and Ft. Smith, Ark. quite often which we enjoy having. Remember us in your prayers. Here are 3 subs.

L. R. Thomason, 3405 E. Guernsey, Stockton, Calif., Feb. 14—I stated in the May, 1965 issue of OPA that the digressive brethren near here had a division in one of their churches, and it was my understanding it was due to their inability to agree on Paul's teaching in 1 Cor. 11 on the headship and covering. One of the members called me and said it was not the issue, and asked me to correct this in the OPA. I am sorry I had been misinformed on this, and should have checked farther before I made the statement.

Cicero Goddard, 16701 Lipton, Cleveland, Ohio, Feb. 15—We have no new additions this month. We request your prayers for us and the work we are trying to do for the King. We have good crowds each service; growth is somewhat slow in a city of this size. There is everything here that will cause men to forget God. We know, however, that God is still in business. Those traveling this way are welcome to stop over with us.

James R. Stewart, 601 So. 4th St., Waco, Tex., Feb. 1—Since my last report, I have preached at the following places: Live Oak; Hoyt; Sand Grove; both Boulder Dr., and Industrial Blvd., Dallas; Beech St., Ft. Worth; also my home congregation, Circle Rd., Waco. We enjoyed being at each place and associating with old-time friends. We were happy to visit the McGregor, Tex. congregation, hearing our grandson, Chester Spoons. He did well with a very interesting lesson. We enjoy every issue of the *Old Paths Advocate*, and look forward to its visit each month.

F. H. Lichapa, Namphungo Vlg., P. O. Mikolongwe, Malawi, Africa, Feb. 6—I am pleased to inform you that the work is going along very well here. I extend my sincere best wishes to you all. Dec. 5, I was at Namphungo church; Dec. 12, at Chiremba church; Dec. 19, at the funeral of Bro. Edward of Chinzinja church; Dec. 26, Gogoya church with Bro. Jerry Cutter and 6 baptisms; Jan. 2, Namphungo church with 1 baptism; Jan. 9, at Maone church; Jan. 16, at Namphungo church; and Jan. 30, Chinzinja church.

Dennis E. Smith, Apt. 9, 509 S. Market St., Wichita, Kans., Feb. 14—The work I was doing in San Angelo, Tex. ended Feb. 1. I was there for 5 months with two baptisms. I am now trying to help build up the church in Wichita, Kans. I will be here for 3 months according to present plans. We have hopes of adding to the number already here. The following congregations are supporting this work: Deep Dale and Crescent, Okla.; Kansas City, Kans.; and Joplin, Springfield, and Burkhardt, Mo. I solicit the prayers of the faithful in my efforts here for the cause of Christ.

Freddie Lay, 428 E. Clinton, Fresno, Calif., Feb. 12—We are currently working with the congregation here on Orange Ave. The crowds and interest are increasing and for this we are truly thankful. Recently, two who had been away for quite sometime, were restored to the fold. Last Lord's Day we were happy to assist one in obedience to the Lord at the Highway City congregation. I believe the work and cooperation in the Fresno area has improved and we look for much more to be done this year. We solicit your prayers as we endeavor to spread the gospel in this area. Please note our new address.

Jerry Harris, Harrodsburg, Ind., Feb. 16—Since my last report, we have been to Calif. The purpose of our going was to pick up a baby girl we plan to adopt, the Lord willing. We had the opportunity of worshipping at Covina, Calif.; I also preached at our home congregation, Manteca, and at Modesto. On our return we enjoyed a brief visit in the Miles King home, Norman, Okla. I also preached at 21st St., Okla. City, and at Norman. We enjoyed seeing our many friends there. The work continues here at Harrodsburg. We have learned to love these people very much. Pray that the teaching of the Word will have increase.

Edwin S. Morris, 10520 N. McKinley, Oklahoma City, Okla., Feb. 17—We enjoyed the short meeting that was conducted at the Capitol Hill congregation here recently. There was a different preacher each service and we were privileged to speak at one of the services. We plan a similar meeting at the 21st St. congregation, March 30-April 3. We plan to use preachers that are working in this area, namely: Bill Roden, Miles King, Richard Nichols, Joe Hisle, Johnny Elmore and myself. Bro. Billy Orten is to hold our meeting the latter part of May. We look forward to these meetings. We are enjoying the work in this area. The work moves along real well. Pray for us.

Ronny Wade, Box 564, Lebanon, Mo., Feb. 16—The work in this area continues to move along at a satisfactory pace. Unity and good-will prevails for the most part. Everyone seems eager to work for Him. Recently we have preached in Huntington, W. Va., Twelvepole congregation; also, Reading, Ohio; Okla. City, Okla.; Kansas City, Kan., and here in this area. One has been baptized here in Lebanon lately. We have also enjoyed the association of several of our preaching brethren of late. This is always a source of encouragement and pleasure. As we now move well into 1966 may the Lord help us to make this a banner year in His service.

Peluse Kalongonda, Box 43, Palombe, Malawi, Africa, Jan. 17—Oct. 3, I was at Chitsengereni church with 3 baptized, with Bro. Bennie Cryer. Oct. 19, I was at Namatsoko church with 10 baptized; Bro. Jerry Cutter and I did the work. Nov. 21, I was at Bongwe church with 16 baptized; Nov. 28, I was at Chiralalo church with 8 baptized; Dec. 5, I was at Nachamba with 9 baptized; Dec. 12, I was at Fulusa church with 16 obeying the gospel, with both Brethren Bennie and Jerry with me. Jan. 9, we were at Machemba with 11 baptized; it was very pleasant having Bro. Bennie and his family with us. Pray for us in Malawi. We thank you for sending us Brethren Cryer and Cutter. Please remember us African preachers.

A. L. Adams, 1616 19th St., N. E., Roanoke, Va., Feb. 14—Since last report, I have taught here in Roanoke; also for the congregation in Huntington, W. Va., and for the congregation which meets on U. S. 52 north of Wayne, W. Va. Both of these I enjoyed very much. I enjoyed being with Bro. and Sister B. F. Leonard, and Bro. and Sister Barney Owens. Two have made confessions of faults here. The Lord willing, I will begin the first of April with the Vonora Ave. congregation, Montgomery, Ala. for six months. I am really looking forward to this, and I humbly ask the prayers of the faithful for me in this work. I send my Christian love to all the faithful. Remember, the Lord has done so much for us, let's see what we can do for Him.

J. W. Kornegay, Box 105, Belle Mead, N. J., Feb. 10—The work here in New Jersey is showing some progress. We have advertised in all surrounding areas and are getting some interest shown. The work here is not easy. The gospel seems so distant to people around here; they go to bingo games at their churches

on Sun. and Wed. nights. The true gospel surely needs to be preached in places like this. If you know anyone living in this area whom we could contact, we would be glad to do so; or if anyone would like to come here to work, we would like to hear from you. One man and his wife have been coming regularly, making our number 10. The heavy snow makes door to door work difficult. Let us work and pray together for the Lord's church and its growth.

Bruce Word, Box 1213, Ada, Okla., Feb. 15—This is my first time to report to the *Old Paths Advocate*; however, I have enjoyed reading it for quite sometime. I am presently attending college and am living in the home of my sister and brother-in-law, Sally and Johnny Elmore. It is my intention, with the Lord's guidance and much study, to devote myself full time to the work of the Lord. It has been my privilege to speak at various congregations in this area including my home congregation at Ada. I have also traveled to Claxton, Mo. with Johnny where I was asked to preach at Ben Davis, Mo. As long as I am in school, my week-ends will be spent in serving the Lord in some capacity, either preaching or helping out in some other way. This applies to the summer months, too. We ask the prayers of the faithful. May God bless the brotherhood.

Jim Hickey, 5012 Cranfill Dr., Dallas, Tex., Feb. 12—It has been pleasant working with the church here in Dallas. Everyone seems to have the spirit of Christ. We have had several visitors lately, outsiders, as well as from other congregations. The attendance and contribution have been very good. Last weekend we enjoyed attending a short meeting at the Capitol Hill congregation in Oklahoma City. While there, we also enjoyed visiting in Bro. Edwin Morris' home. We have been utilizing all the printed material that we have, and also urging others to distribute tracts and other literature in their personal work. People seem to be getting interested in this. If you know of friends or relatives that live in this area and are not attending church, please write and let me know about them. Brethren, remember, when men get bold in their sin, we need to get bold in our preaching.

Richard Nichols, Box 126, Duncan, Okla., Feb. 16—Since the first of the year I have been working here in Duncan. (Note my new address). Prospects here seem very good. So far six have been baptized, for which we are thankful. To the Lord goes the glory. Last night was the first session in a series of lessons in music and singing at Norman, Okla. Eighty-four were present. I am happy to be the instructor in these. They will be conducted weekly on Tuesday nights. We here at Duncan are to begin similar sessions on Friday nights. All are welcome to attend at either place; no tuition. The 2nd thru 6th of Feb. the Capitol Hill congregation held a series of meetings with different speakers at each service. I was happy to preach one night. We had one confession of faults. Jan. 26, I was privileged to follow Bro. Miles King for a few minutes speaking at Norman. One was baptized into Christ. Lord willing, I will be at Memphis, Tenn. for a short meeting, March 20-23. Pray for me.

E. H. Miller, Box 538, La Grange, Ga. 30240, Feb. 17—We were at Marietta, Ga. a few weeks ago where 3 confessed faults one night, and two more confessed faults the next night. The fifth Lord's day we were with the Napoleon, Ala. congregation where there was the largest crowd we have seen there in a long time. The cause of Christ is certainly not on the standstill in this section. Bro. R. B. Roden began a meeting here last Sat. night with wonderful attendance (even though it was raining); the house was almost filled even on Mon. night. There were 10 or 11 confessions of faults the past week end, and there have been 7 since the meeting began, and 1 baptism last night. More confessions and baptisms are expected before the meeting closes. We are certainly happy to have Bro. and Sister Roden in our home, and in such a good meeting. They are won-

derful workers for the Lord. We are to be with the Birmingham, Ala. congregation the first week-end of Mar. (its 5th anniversary). That congregation has certainly prospered since its beginning. May God help us all to grow in love, unity, good works, and number is our prayer.

Jerry Cutter, Box 573, Blantyre, Malawi, Africa, Feb. 10—The church here in Blantyre continues to grow; four have been baptized since last reporting. Several others are studying with us and will soon obey the gospel, we believe. So, before too long, we hope to have a strong, well-developed church in this area. All the new converts are encouraged to speak, especially on Thurs. nights, for a few minutes. Four spoke tonight and six are scheduled for next week. The ones who have spoken so far have done amazingly well. The Africans have no inhibitions and thus most of them speak forcefully and with appeal from the beginning. We are unable to teach these people anything in the art of public speaking. Also, the churches continue to grow in Mozambique (Portuguese East Africa), and although we are unable to cross over to preach, some of the African preachers can, and thus the brethren in P. E. A. are receiving some instructions. Briefly, in conclusion, the rains have been very heavy this week, and the flower and vegetable gardens are in full bloom and production. We all remain in good health and spirits. Pray for us.

R. B. Roden, 112 Kelley Dr., Moore, Okla., Feb. 16—At this time we are in La Grange, Ga.; there have been 7 confessions thus far. We hope and pray there will be others who will obey the gospel before the meeting comes to a close. These brethren are full of zeal and always ready to accept the truth. It is a pleasure to make our stay in the home of Bro. and Sister E. H. Miller; we also enjoy the hospitality of many other homes, too. The cooperation from all the surrounding congregations is wonderful. Our meeting at Okla. City (Capitol Hill), Feb. 2-6, was well attended. We really enjoyed the good sermons by different speakers each night. We had visitors from various congregations throughout Okla. and Tex. We feel we all were built up in the most holy faith. The young people had an opportunity to enjoy the fellowship with one another as well as the older ones. We plan a meeting with the young people primarily in mind, April 8-10. We invite all, young and old, far and near, to come and be with us. The young men will be the speakers Fri. night, Sat. afternoon, and night. We will meet at 6:00 Sat. night. After the meeting, we will have a get-together at Wiley Post Park. Feb. 10, we will enjoy the second Sun. singing. Come be with us. Please pray for us.

Jim A. Canfield, Rt. 3, Box 86, Marion, La., Feb. 13—The church here is doing nicely. The church at Farmerville is doing fine with new growth in Bible knowledge. The young brethren, babes in Christ, bring their Bibles to the assembly with them; I am glad to see such zeal they have in studying the word of God. Some outsiders bring their Bibles along with them, too. I spoke for them tonight, and there was much rejoicing and love together, speaking the same thing, calling things by Bible names, and doing things the Bible way (2 Tim. 2:2, 9, 15; 3:15-17). The same gospel that saved 3,000 on Pentecost will save us, too; if not, why not? (Rom. 1:15-17; Acts 2:38, 42, 47; Gal. 1:6-9). Today I had the pleasure of going to El Dorado, Ark. to visit Sister W. H. Taylor who at one time was numbered with us here. Since their moving away, Bro. Taylor has died, the children grew up and married and are misled. Sister Taylor wants to come back to duty. As a child I spent many happy times with my father in their home; their home was open to all for food and shelter. Due to bad weather, I did not get to Memphis, Tenn. in Jan.; Lord willing, I will go Feb. 26. I plan to be near Brookhaven, Miss. in Mar., and then to St. Louis later in the month if plans can be worked out. May God bless all the faithful in Christ is my prayer. Pray for me.

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HOW TO BUILD UP THE CHURCH

By Jim Hickey

One Lord's Day after the preacher finished his sermon, he announced his sermon for the next week. He said, "Next week I am going to name the person who is holding this church back from growing." The preacher had hardly completed his little speech when almost half of the congregation arose to the pulpit and demanded his resignation within the week. Afterwards he found out that half of the congregation wanted him to stay but he decided to leave anyway. He explained, "I was shocked last Lord's Day; I didn't think that Christians acted like that. I was just going to preach on 'Satan' for he is the one who opposes the Church." May we all take this lesson to heart.

Many times I have heard people say, "Why doesn't the Church grow?" or "We've tried everything, but the church just will not grow here." Many times such words belie the actual problem. Some expect the church to grow by leaps and bounds as if acted upon by some mysterious force, while they themselves do little or nothing to advance the cause of Christ. I would like to present some simple steps which, if implemented, will produce a marked growth in the Church.

1. **Desire:** read Romans 10:1-3. If the Church is to be built up we must first manifest desire and motivation. In other words, with all of our hearts we must want the Church to grow. This, of course, will necessitate some sacrifice on our part. Desire is the key to growth. We have to want to grow bad enough to do something about it ourselves. As the Apostle said it must be our "heart's desire and prayer to God." The man of God, Nehemiah, accomplished his great work because, "The people had a mind to work" (Nehemiah 4:6). Remember, when we talk of building up the Church we are speaking of human souls. Read Ezekiel 3:18-21.

2. **Attend:** Most secular institutions prosper as interest or attendance increases. This is also true with the Church. I wonder how we can get outsiders interested if we only assemble once a week and even then not consistently. The early Christians, we are told, "continued steadfastly . . ." This was one reason why the church grew as it did. If every member would come every possible time outside interest would double or possibly triple after seeing such zealous and faithful Christians. Jesus said, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in Heaven" (Matt. 5:16). I believe

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"LORD, I AM A POOR SPEAKER"

By Billy Orten

When God appeared to Moses in the burning bush, His instruction to Moses was to go unto Pharaoh in Egypt and tell him to let the Israelites go forth out of the land. God gave Moses His promise that he would be with him, and give him power to perform signs and wonders that the people might believe he had been sent by God. But Moses did not want to go to Egypt, and he began to offer many excuses. One of his excuses was, "O my Lord, I am not eloquent—, but am slow of speech, and of a slow tongue" (Exodus 4:10). His answer was, "Lord, I am a poor speaker, get someone else."

Many today react the same way when confronted with the responsibility of doing personal work. It is much easier to say, "Let John do it; he is better qualified," than to put forth the time and effort to prepare myself. John may do his part, but he cannot do mine. No one can do my soul-winning for me. Others may bear much fruit, but his does not abound to my account. God did not accept excuses from Moses, and it is not likely that He will accept them from us.

We generally look upon excuses as a very weak defense for not doing our duty. However, we are prone to be much more generous with ourselves than with anyone else. Excuses that we feel justify us, we would not accept from others. Many times our excuses are nothing more than an effort to cover the real reason: "I just did not have enough interest." This reminds us of a story told on Mark Twain, the famous writer. A neighbor came one day to borrow an ax from Mark Twain. Mark replied, "No, I cannot lend you my ax; I must keep it to eat soup with." The neighbor questioned Mark, "Do you eat soup with your ax?" Mr. Twain answered, "No, but if you are not going to do a thing anyway, one excuse is as good as another." Our excuses often fall into the same category.

The following six excuses are some of the most common ones given by Christians as reasons for not being a personal worker.

1. **I can't do personal work; I am not qualified to teach others.** A lot of devoted Christians have the idea that it requires some special talent to be a house-to-house teacher. This is not true. A person is not born with certain soul-winning abilities. You do not become a soul-winner by accident. There are no short cuts or snap courses to becoming a successful personal worker. The one basic qualification is a sincere love for the lost.

The greatest teacher in the world will fail without love for souls, whereas someone with much less talent will succeed if motivated by this love. The apostle Paul teaches this in I Corinthians 13:1, "Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as a sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal." It is not eloquence, but love that succeeds.

Fear of failure hinders us from undertaking many good works. Some are afraid to try because they are afraid they will fail. The greatest failure is when we do not try because we fear failure. Moses did not want to go to the land of Egypt because he was afraid. His excuses reveal that he was afraid he would fail in this mission. Recently while re-reading the parable of the talents in the 25th chapter of Matthew, this thought became apparent: The one talent man hid his talent because he was afraid if he used it he might lose it. Notice carefully verses 24 and 25, "Then he which had received the one talent came and said, Lord, I know thee that thou art a hard man, reaping where thou hast not sown, and gathering where thou hast not strawed; and I was afraid and went and hid thy talent in the earth." "Lo, thou hast that is thine." This man shirked his responsibility to his master because of fear of failing. He hid the talent so it would be safe. Notice his lord's answer in Matthew 25:26-27, "Thou wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I reaped where I sowed not, and gather where I have not strawed." Thou oughtest to have put my money to the exchangers, and then at my coming I should have received mine own with usury."

The tragic part is that the one talent man was condemned because of his fear. Verse 30 says, "Cast the unprofitable servant into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth." Dear Christian, you have some talent. Do not be afraid to use it to lead someone to Jesus. When the disciples were afraid, Jesus tenderly rebuked them saying, "Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith" (Matthew 8:26). Fear paralyzes and halts progress, but faith moves us on to victory.

2. Here is another common excuse for not doing personal work. I don't have time. It is true that we all stay very busy these days. Many times there is so much to do that some things have to be left undone. Right here we must exercise some caution not to relegate the most important work of all into the background. It is very easy to let the things of this life take all our time, and crowd out the work of the Lord. The apostle Paul warns us in 2 Timothy 2:4, "No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a good soldier." A person should never allow himself to become so busy with worldly affairs that he has no time to give to Christ.

It is my opinion that when you are on your job, doing your duty; you are serving God while you serve yourself, up to a certain point. However, we can let any job or occupation take too much of our time. If our occupation requires so much time that there is none left to serve the Lord, then we have become too entangled with the things of this life. There is no occupation more honorable than keeping the home. One of the most beautiful tributes given to anyone was given to a keeper of the home in Proverbs 31:10-31. Nevertheless, Jesus once rebuked a good woman because she was too busy with her housekeeping duties, and was neglecting the more important things. Jesus was visiting

in the home of his friends, Mary and Martha. Martha was concerned with preparing a meal to serve her honored guest, Jesus. On this occasion Mary was not helping her sister as she usually did. Mary was sitting at the feet of Jesus listening attentively to every word He spoke. Martha came to Jesus and said, "Master, my sister has left me to serve alone, bid her therefore that she may help me." Jesus answered, "Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things; but one thing is needed, and Mary hath chosen the good part which shall not be taken away" (Luke 10:38-42). Too busy with housekeeping? Yes, there are more important things. If you have to leave a bed unmade or dishes unwashed to teach your neighbor about the Savior, then do.

Often we assume we are busier than anyone else, but this assumption may not be true. If I excuse myself because I am too busy, then what about another member who is just as busy? What happens when we are all too busy? The work of teaching the lost is not done. We must all set aside some time to do this work.

We generally find time for things we really want to do. Try setting aside one-half as much time as you spend watching television and engaging in other forms of recreation for doing personal work. The only way to do this work is to plan a certain night or nights each week to go study with someone, otherwise you will never find the time. If you keep saying, "Tomorrow night, I will go and talk to someone," something will keep coming up to hinder you. Surely we can all dedicate one night of each week to a work so important. Remember, there are many rewards to soul-winning. Jesus said, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness, and all these things will be added unto you."

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(Editor's note: This is the third in a series. We will complete this section in the May issue. Bro. Orten is to be commended for this excellent work.—D. Mc)

YOUR GOD IS TOO SMALL

By Jimmy Terrell

You and I believe the Bible to be the word of God and we believe it to be true. Therefore, we believe that the God Whom we serve is an omnipotent God. We believe that God has all power because the Bible teaches us this very fact in Gen. 17:1, "And when Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to him and said, 'I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be perfect.'" Also, we read in Rev. 19:6, "And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunders, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigns." We believe that the God of all sons of eternity and of time is the Possessor of all power in all places.

We also believe that this God in Whom we place our trust is an omnipresent God. We believe that God is present in all places at all times because this same Bible, which teaches us of God's omnipotence teaches us that God is all-present. In Prov. 15:3, we read, "The eyes of the Lord are in every place, beholding the evil

and the good." The Bible is true and God is in every place and seeing all things at the same time.

But this is not all this Bible teaches us about our God Who receives our adoration and thanksgiving. The Bible also teaches us that God is an omniscient God. That is, God knows all. There is no knowledge which has or can escape our God. In Job 34-21, we read, "For His eyes are upon the ways of man, and he sees all his goings."

This God then Whom we serve is all-powerful, all-present, and He knows all and more than all men. Now then, we could go on describing God according to the Biblical description and perhaps we would learn something new to us and perhaps valuable to us. To meditate on these scriptures we have just used and to think further on the broadness and vastness of our God will do much to expose the inadequate little gods. Earlier I made the statement that 'your god is too small' and this is true. We pay lip service to our God of the Bible and say that we are serving Him, but too often we substitute some small and inadequate god to serve in the place of the God of our Bible. We want now to explode some of the common misconceptions of the mind and to tear our spiritual allegiance away from these gods of the mind. We want to search into our minds and destroy the childish conceptions of God because these cannot stand the winds of real life even for five minutes. We want to stop this mass-hypocrisy. We want to stop buying false security at the price of truth. We want to catch a glimpse of the real God by considering the small gods to which we pay homage.

The first small god which we would discuss is the small god of Prejudice. We pay homage to Prejudice when we become addicted to a prejudiced way of thought and life. Prejudice is a small god but it is large enough in size that it seriously hampers a Christian in doing right in many instances. Prejudice is just large enough to consign our soul to hell. The human mind is prone to give forth its judgment before the evidence is in. Often before any evidence is in, and more often before all the evidence is in, we jump to a conclusion. But even after we have conscientiously acquired all evidence on a subject, our prejudices make it difficult to draw an accurate conclusion. Prejudice is a pre-judgment, a mental bias, which causes us to ignore or to minimize some of the evidence and to over-estimate other parts of it. Prejudices usually rest on emotional grounds and tend to be in line with our own school of thought, our comfort, our pride, and our self-interests.

When we are confronted with our prejudices we begin to rationalize them. We attempt to find reasons or arguments for continuing to believe what we wish to believe. This is not necessarily the way of the Christian. We are to have no prejudices other than that of abiding in His Word. When the Bible is presented, we are to accept it and it makes no difference who may not agree.

Our prejudices often cause us to violate the rule by which we are to make our personal judgments. In fact our own prejudice causes us to attempt to stifle the personal judgment of others while propagating our own personal judgments. We take the scripture which says, "Thou shalt not judge" and flout it in the face of a person who would make a judgment of a personal nature. Why do we do this? Is it because we fear he will

make a personal judgment not in accordance with our likes, colors and prejudices? We say, in a prejudiced manner, "You must not judge," while we conveniently forget that the Bible also says, "With what mercy you judge you shall be judged." In other words, God knows that we must make personal judgments, but He is telling us to be merciful when we judge. Our prejudice is not to be the deciding factor but mercy must decide the fate of that being judged.

The God of the Bible is not a god of bias. Nor is He a god of prejudice. He is a God of mercy. When we are prejudiced we are not worshipping the God of the Bible but we are paying homage and worshipping the all-too-small god of prejudice. Who, then, is your God? Is it the god of prejudice or is it the great and grand I AM of the Bible?

The next small god of the mind which we will discuss is the god of personal judgment. While the Bible teaches us that we must make some personal judgments it seems sometimes that we accept the idea of a general personal judgment but we forget to be specific about our judgments. We judge a person in generalities and not for some specific something. Think back to those upon whom we have passed judgment. Did we pass judgment on them because we can bring some specific charge against them or is our judgment based on the simple generalities which we cannot put our finger on?

Many is the time we hear one Christian pass judgment on another by saying, "Well, there is nothing really wrong with what he is doing. It just simply does not look good." We will spread our verdict and judgment to whomsoever asks us about the person or the action. "It just doesn't look good." Let me ask you this: In whose eyes does his action not look good and right? Would the Lord condemn that person or is it just your own personal judgment?

We are too quick to judge according to the rules of society and not according to the rules of God. And even when we judge according to the rules of society we generally find that society is not frowning on the action of the judged person but it is just the judge and perhaps some of his fellow hell-bound back-biters. We should consider how the God of the Bible passes judgment and then attempt to judge in the same manner. Let us notice the judgment of God and the judgment of man.

Man (even the Christian man) attempts to categorize every human and every action. After we have given a heading to each type of man and type of action we will then take each man and each action and go down our list of headings and attempt to categorize or place each man and each action under one of our prepared headings. If society or friends frown on some particular heading and then an action of the judged man falls under that category then we begin to frown on the judged man and pass unmerciful judgment on and against him. We refuse to consider the man's reasons for acting in such a manner. The little god of prejudice comes into the picture and takes the hind of the little god of personal judgment and together these little gods condemn the judged man.

But now we should consider and parallel the judgment of God with our own types of personal judgment. God will not judge the masses of the earth as

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You will find listed below the names of those sending subscriptions since we last went to press, and opposite the name the number of subs sent. We want to express again our appreciation for your continued interest in behalf of this journal. May we count on you to continue the good work? Please check the following list, and report any errors to us immediately.

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THE CHURCH DIRECTORY

I am needing many congregations to send information about their place of worship. I have written to some and they have not replied; I would like to hear from you as soon as possible. I want to put out an up-to-date Directory and I can not do it without your cooperation. I will not put a congregation in the Directory unless I hear from you and know that you are still meeting. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

You may add this to the Directory: DALHART, (Dallam County) TEXAS Tascosa & Aspen Streets; Sun. 10:30 A.M. & 6:00 P.M.; Ray Lackey, Rt. 1, Box 171, Dalhart, Texas, 79022, Phone 349-2302; and Cecil A. Tidmore, Sunray, Texas, Phone 948-5656.

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—Ray Asplin

CAN YOU HELP?

Under date of Mar. 15, 1966, Bro. Perry Allen, Sr., 2520 Clinton Ave., Richmond, Calif. 94804, wrote to me concerning his needs. I deem this brother most worthy of any assistance the brethren can give him. Would you please read the following, and answer this plea? The letter in part reads this way:

"Don, I have hesitated writing this letter. I have been sick almost 2 years; didn't know until about 6 weeks ago I have cancer. When they told me about it, they said it was in my salivary glands, and they could not use radiation or x-ray or operate. In fact, they said there was no known treatment for it. However, I have found a doctor in San Francisco; he is not a quack, but a legal, licensed M. D. who has his own laboratory. He has done a lot of cancer research and has discovered a cure for cancer. The A. M. A. does not approve of it for some unknown reason; however, it has cleared the Federal Food and Drug Act, and he has had marvelous success with it. I have been going to him 4½ weeks. I can tell I am better already. At this time I cannot get these treatments in any hospital. If I could get them I could go to the U. C. Clinic or a Veteran's Hospital, but it is not available there. The doctor told me this week I would need this the rest of this year. It is expensive, but much cheaper than being confined to the hospital. I have some hospital and medical insurance but because I am not confined to a hospital they will not pay any part of it. In two days I had more than \$100 worth of x-ray pictures and lab work. They won't pay one penny of it.

"I need some financial help. I have never taken pay for my going to other places, not even car expense, because I was working and felt it was my duty to do all I could to help. I am on a pension now, and my expenses are greater than my income. I don't feel the church owes it to me, but if my brethren feel that I am worthy of their assistance I would surely appreciate it. I will need about \$200 per month until Medicare comes along in July. I believe it will pay most of it then, and I will be able to make it.

"I don't know what would be the best way to do this, so I thought if you would be kind enough and have the time, I would ask you to see what can be done, or advise me how I should go about it. If it had not been

for my unwavering faith in God, I don't think I could have made it through the past 12 months. I have suffered death many times over, but I keep on trusting and praying. I have very little pain now compared with what it was. I will personally acknowledge any help I receive, and every penny of it will be carefully and wisely spent. I desire more than financial support, the love and prayers of the brethren."

Bro. Allen's address is at the beginning of this plea. May the Lord help us to help our brother.

—Don McCord

GETTING READY TO MOVE

By J. E. Campbell

"... unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter" (2 Cor. 12:4).

"The owner of the 'tenement' which I have occupied for many years has given notice that He will furnish but little or nothing more for repairs. I am advised to be ready to move. At first this was not a very welcome notice. The surroundings here are in many respects very pleasant, and were it not for the evidence of decay, I should consider the 'old house' good enough. But even a light wind causes it to tremble and totter, and all the braces are not sufficient to make it secure. So I am getting ready to move. It is strange how quickly one's interest is transferred to the prospective Home. I have been consulting maps of the New Country and reading descriptions of its inhabitants. One who visited it has returned, and from him I learn that it is beautiful beyond description—language breaks down in attempting to tell of what he heard while there. He says that, in order to make an investment there, he has suffered the loss of all things that he owned here, and even rejoices in what others would call 'making a sacrifice'. Best of all, there is One waiting there Who is preparing a place for me. Then, too, many of my friends have already moved up there and are waiting for me to come and join them. Often I am asked to make some profitable investment here below, but since I am getting ready for that New Home, these things do not interest me any more. Yes, I'm getting ready to move!"

—Submitted by Mrs. Wm. Oxner, Tucson, Ariz.

A WORTHY CAUSE

This concerns the infant son of Bro. and Sister Cofield of the Napoleon, Ala. congregation. The baby who is about seven months old has been in a very serious condition for the past month. He was first at a hospital in Ala. with pneumonia and infection of the throat and ears. Upon not getting any better, he was sent to a specialist in La Grange, Ga. and kept under oxygen for a week. Finally, the lungs had to be tapped, and since the La Grange hospital was not equipped he was rushed to a Children's Hospital in Atlanta, Ga. The congregation at Napoleon paid the hospital in Ala., and the LaGrange congregation paid the bill here. The bill in Atlanta is running very high—over \$500 per week. The doctors say the baby might be able to go home after more x-rays are made on Mon., Mar. 7, which will make 17 days there.

The baby is the grandson of Bro. and Sister Carl Keel of the Napoleon, Ala. congregation. These people

need help and I deem this a very worthy cause. Anyone who can help, it will be greatly appreciated, I am sure. Please send your donations to Bro. Carl Keel, Rt. 2, Wedowee, Ala. All donations will be acknowledged.

—J. F. Prince
1008 Juniper St., LaGrange, Ga.

STOP, LOOK AND LISTEN

By David Hays

Nearly 2,000 years ago, a Great Light sprang up in Galilee of the Gentiles! We know that human ears heard God from heaven proclaim, "This is my beloved Son. Hear ye him." So, let us stop our mad rush of trying to guide our own lives and look to Him Who is "the Way, the Truth and the Life." Let us listen to all He has to say! "Heaven and earth shall pass away but my words shall never pass away." The same Jesus one time exclaimed, "I, if I be lifted up will draw all men to me." So, we can rest assured that if we walk by the principles and commands laid down nearly 2,000 years ago, we shall make heaven our eternal home. It pays eternally to stop, look and listen!

—2125 E. Olive, Fresno, Calif.

"SEZ I TO MYSELF!"

Sez I to myself, as I grumbled and growled, "I'm sick of my church," and then how I scowled. "The members aren't friendly, the sermons too long—in fact it seems that everything's wrong. I don't like the singing—the church is a disgrace. There's signs of decline all over the place. I'll quit going there—I won't give a dime—I can make better use of money and time."

Then sez my conscience, to me, sez he—"The trouble with you is you're too blind to see that your church reflects YOU—whatever it be. Now, come pray, and pay, and serve cheerfully. Stop your fault-finding, and boost it up strong. You'll find you'll be happy and proud to belong. Be friendly and willing, and sing as you work, for churches aren't built 'by members who shirk'."

—Submitted by Miss Ruth Morehouse,
718 Lincoln, Waterloo, Iowa

MY POSITION ON CARNAL WARFARE

I cannot participate in military service in any form, directly or indirectly, in combatant or noncombatant service, because:

1. My duty and obligation to my God is superior to all other obligations (Acts 5:29; Matt. 22:37).

2. My God in the Bible forbids that I engage in carnal warfare in the following references:

"Put up thy sword," "For all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword" (Matt. 26:52)—Jesus.

"My Kingdom is not of this world" (Jno. 18:36).

"For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal" (2 Cor. 10:3, 4).

"Love your enemies" (Matt. 5:44); "Turn the other cheek" (Matt. 5:39).

"Recompense to no man evil for evil" (Rom. 12:17).

3. To enter any military branch or service, combatant or noncombatant, I would be compelled to "swear" (take an oath), but the Bible forbids that I do so ("Swear not at all"—Jesus, Matt. 5:34).

4. To enter any military service I would be compelled to be yoked with unbelievers, which is forbidden—"Be not unequally yoked together with unbelievers" (2 Cor. 6:14):

5. To be in any branch of military service in any way, I would be a part of the organization and would therefore have fellowship in the service, but such is prohibited; thus: "Have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them" (Eph. 5:11).

6. To serve in any way in the military service, I would be deprived of obeying the command to assemble on Lord's day to worship God in the Bible way, at least part of the time, hence would disobey God (Heb. 10:25; Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 16:1, 2).

Therefore, I cannot conscientiously engage in carnal war in any form or branch, and for the above reasons, I authorize my name to be listed in support of the above principles.

—Michael Shelton, 815 Alice, Modesto, Calif.

—Larry Joe Kirbo, Mullin, Texas

—Larry Don Phillips, Mullin, Texas

—Philip D. Bray, 4417 N. W. 22nd, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

—David R. Reed, 3901 Bon Aire, Monroe, La.

—Joel Raymond Early, 908 Ferndell Rd., Orlando, Florida

WORK IN EASTERN STATES

We hereby make a plea for the work of the Lord in the East. Brother J. W. Kornegay not long ago went to Belle Mead, N. J. where there was only a young brother and sister meeting for worship; recently there were 20 at the Lord's Day assembly.

We, of the church of Christ, 87 Lafayette St., Pontiac, Mich., are helping to support Bro. Kornegay. His support is sufficient; this plea does not involve that. Brother Kornegay believes that a radio program at this time is needed to get the gospel to the people. For \$35 he can get a fifteen-minute program in Trenton, N. J. on Lord's Day morning. It will cost \$455 for 13 weeks which is the least amount of time he can get. One year would cost \$1820.

The digressive brethren reportedly are sending about one hundred families there next year, and maybe some this year. They will have young college boys working from house to house in the month of June. From this we can see he needs a radio program immediately.

Suggestion: If each congregation would send \$5.00 this would lack only \$40.00 paying for a year's radio program, according to our calculation. We are pleading for your help in this needed work. Please send the money directly to Bro. J. W. Kornegay, Box 105, Belle Mead, N. J., earmarked for the radio program.

—Wilson Thompson, Carl Willis, Jim Thompson,

James A. Davis, Norman Helms, Audri Pearson

TEXAS SINGING SCHOOL

Officers of the Gospel Singers Association of Ft. Worth, Tex., are making plans for the third annual singing school to be held in Arlington, Tex., July 5-16. Church members from all over the brotherhood are encouraged to attend this school which is supported entirely by private donations.

Teachers for the school this year are Robert S. Arnold and Johnny Elmore. For further information about the school consult the May issue of *Old Paths Advocate*.

—Joe Norton, 3009 Bright,
Ft. Worth, Texas

(Note: Brother Norton indicates the singing school is supported entirely by private donations, and is therefore not to be considered as a work of the church.—DMC).

CARD OF THANKS

We, the husband, ten children and their families, of Sister A. J. Mason, Watsonville, California, wish to express our sincerest thanks for the cards, calls, flowers and every act of kindness and sympathy during the illness and passing of our loved one into the hands of our Heavenly Father. Our loss is truly heaven's gain.

—A. J. Mason and family

OUR DEPARTED

Buck—Bro. John Charles Buck, son of Velinda Ellen and Robert Nelson Buck was born July 13, 1894, in Laclede Co., Mo., and departed this life Feb. 23, 1966 at Burge hospital, Springfield, Mo., at the age of 71 years. On Aug. 11, 1912, he was united in marriage to Vada B. Henson. To this union seven children were born; surviving are his wife of the home; Mrs. Helen King (wife of Bro. Homer L. King), Stockton, Calif.; Mrs. Pearl Wilson, Springfield, Mo.; Mrs. Bonnie Ervin and Mrs. Ethyl Cornelison, both of Lebanon, Mo.; Charles Buck, Tucson, Ariz.; and Warren Buck, Kansas City, Mo. One son, Harold, preceded him in death. Also surviving are several grandchildren and great-grandchildren, one brother and one sister.

Brother Buck was a faithful member of the church in Lebanon, Mo., having been baptized into Christ by Bro. Homer L. King in 1933. For sometime now, he had been in failing health. His pleasant disposition and sunny smile will be missed by all who knew and loved him. Services were conducted from the Lebanon church with a large over-flowing crowd present. The writer officiated.

—Ronny F. Wade

Fulton—Sister Martha Belle Fulton was born Nov. 10, 1905 at Mountain View, Okla. She grew up there and was married to Bro. Homer Fulton in 1925 at Cordell, Okla. After their marriage, the couple moved to De Queen, Ark. In 1954, Bro. and Sister Fulton came to Calif., settling first in Sanger, and then Woodlake in 1957. Sister Fulton was a member of the Woodlake, Calif. congregation. Survivors in addition to her husband are two sons, James and Harold of Salt Lake City, Utah; 2 daughters, Mrs. Oleta Birdsong, Rogers, Ark., and Mrs. Marie Nichols, Woodlake, Calif. One son,

Edwin, preceded her in death. There are 5 sisters: Lena Peoples, and Ethel Sealbach, both of Mt. View, Okla.; Ura Young, Farwell, Okla.; Stacy Young, Carnegie, Okla.; Carnie Young, Hot Springs, Ark.; 11 grandchildren. The funeral was conducted Jan. 27, 1966 at Brooks-Miller Funeral Home, Woodlake, Calif. Interment was in the cemetery there. The writer officiated.

—Glenn Lewis

Pruitt—Sister Beulah Pruitt was born at Bell, Tex., Sept. 29, 1895. She moved to Carter Co., Okla. as a child in 1902. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Kirkpatrick. She attended Ardmore, Okla. schools and Okla. Central State College when it was a normal school. She was married to H. T. Pruitt in 1913. She is survived by 3 daughters: Mrs. Kelly Minnick, Alma, Okla.; Mrs. Eugene Reed, Artesia, Calif., and Mrs. Allynne Lay, Baldwin Park, Calif.; and 3 sons: Loyd, Orange, Calif.; Harvey, Norwalk, Calif., and W. R., Alma, Okla. There are 4 brothers and 2 sisters; 14 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. The funeral was held at Ratliff City, Okla. church of Christ by the writer, Feb. 22, 1966. Sister Pruitt's father and mother were the first people I met from the Fox, Okla. community when I arrived in Ardmore, Okla. in 1916. I have been a very close friend to the Kirkpatrick family for fifty years. My admonition to the entire family, her husband and children and grandchildren, brothers and sisters is that they trust in God Who doeth all things well, and seek to do His will to the utmost so that they may have an "abundant entrance into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." See 2 Peter 1. There was a large crowd and a profusion of beautiful flowers at the service. The singing was rendered by members of the Ratliff City church. Interment was in the cemetery at Graham, Okla. near the community where she had spent her entire life. Our sincere sympathy to all the bereaved in the loss of their loved one.

—Tom E. Smith

Wells—Brother G. W. Wells was born June 26, 1877, in Collin Co., Tex.; he passed away Feb. 16, 1966. For 60 years he was a farmer and rancher in the Springer, Okla. area. He was married to Emma Gertrude Allen Jan. 6, 1904. Besides his wife, he is survived by 2 sons, Ira of Lake Murray State Park, Okla., and Walter, Oklahoma City, Okla.; 1 sister, Ella Kirkley, Ardmore, Okla., 18 grandchildren and 30 great grandchildren; several nephews and nieces, one of whom he raised, Mae Mitchell, Ardmore, Okla. Three sons, Ruben Robert and Eugene preceded him in death. Bro. Wells and his beloved companion were long time friends of ours. They had lived and reared their family in the Ardmore, Okla. vicinity, and were loved and respected by all who knew them. The large concourse of friends and the beautiful floral offering at the funeral service which was held at Bettis Chapel, Ardmore, Okla., Feb. 18, 1966, bespoke the love and respect in which they were held. Singers from the Ardmore, Okla. congregation rendered the beautiful song service. The writer spoke words of comfort and consolation to those left behind. Interment was in Springer cemetery, near Ardmore, Okla., to await the resurrection.

—Tom E. Smith

Ivey—Bro. Lymond Preston Ivey, Temple, Ga., was born Nov. 26, 1892, and departed this life Mar. 15, 1966. Bro. Ivey was an active member of the church and will be missed by all who knew him in the church and the community where he lived. The beautiful flowers expressed the feelings of his many friends and relatives. The service was held in the meeting house at Temple, and singing was by Bro. F. J. Prince, Alice Ann Prince, Faye Rowe, and Larry Thompson all of the LaGrange, Ga. congregation. The writer spoke words of comfort and warning to those who remain.

—Alton B. Bailey

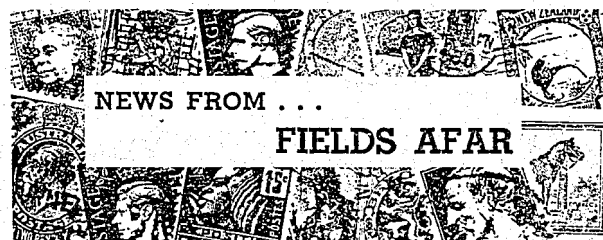
Mason—Sister Tena B. Mason passed away Mar. 4, 1966, at the age of 65, in Watsonville, Calif. She was a native of Arkansas. In 1917, she was married to Bro. A. J. Mason, who is a preacher of the gospel. She is

also survived by 10 children: seven daughters, Mrs. Otto Miller and Mrs. Don Bansmer, both of Lodi, Calif.; Mrs. Harry Kirk, Fresno, Calif.; Mrs. Ray Bredy, Stockton, Calif.; Mrs. Pat Chimienti, Orange Cove, Calif.; Mrs. Gerald Hampton, Salinas, Calif.; Mrs. Tom Moran, San Jose, Calif.; three sons, Foy of San Jose, Calif., James of Stockton, Calif., and Dwain of LaSelva Beach, Calif.; two brothers, 23 grandchildren, 4 great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. Sister Mason obeyed the gospel in 1917, and had been a member at Aromas, Calif. for 16 years. The funeral was conducted Mar. 8 at White's Memorial Chapel with the writer officiating. Singers from the Salinas and Greenfield, Calif. congregations sang beautiful songs. Interment was in Pajaro Valley Memorial Park, Watsonville.

—M. Lynwood Smith

Agnew—Sister Leslie Jane Agnew of Stockton, Calif. was born June 14, 1940 and departed this life Mar. 2, 1966 at the age of 25 years. She is survived by her parents, Bro. and Sister Everett Agnew, Stockton; 2 sisters, Mrs. Correnne Derrick, Plaster City, Calif. and Mrs. Ladean Byars, Westminister, Calif.; and her fiancé, Bro. Dwight Williams, Stockton, Calif., to whom she was engaged to marry in May. Leslie was one of the finest Christian girls that I have ever been acquainted with. We had learned to love and appreciate her for all of her good works and faithfulness to the Lord. She was an example for all to follow, especially to the young people. She shall be greatly missed by all who knew her. Although Leslie had so many plans for the future unfulfilled, we know she is now happier resting in the arms of her wonderful Saviour Whom she loved so much. Bro. Lynwood Smith assisted the writer in speaking words of comfort and warning to the family and the large crowd that attended.

—Roy Lee Criswell



MALAWI AFRICA

The month of Feb. was the worst month for rain this season. This year there has been more rain than usual according to reports. We have continued to visit the churches and have gotten stuck only two times.

The work we planned last Sept. 30 will soon be completed. We believe that our gains have been consolidated and the brethren strengthened and encouraged. The brethren have a mind to work. For example, two weeks ago we visited Lipondi church where Bro. Chidothe and Bro. Livitiko work. They informed us they had begun another congregation. This brings the total to 11 churches the brethren have begun since Jan. 1. We thank God for these brethren like Chinga, Maloya, Donga, Mamulova, Kalogonda, Lichapa, Kayanenga, Madula and others who are working so much. These are some of our older preachers and we have many intelligent young men who are interested in the church, so we look to the future with our hopes high for the Lord's work.

We have another business meeting with the brethren scheduled for Mar. 31. We will plan our work thru Sept., the Lord willing. This period of the year will commence the intensive study programs. Bro. Cutter and I have been working hard preparing study courses and printing them so we can distribute the lessons to the brethren for them to keep and study.

There are many countries that have churches of Christ worshipping just as the New Testament teaches and we need to make arrangements to visit these places because the digressive groups are making inroads fast and are bringing their divisive innovations with them. Therefore, we would like to suggest that each congregation set aside a certain part of its weekly contributions and use it to help support foreign fields. Remember, if we do not teach these people the right way, someone will teach them the wrong way.

—Bennie Cryer, Jerry Cutter,
Box 573, Blantyre, Malawi

MEXICO

We are making a special appeal this month to help a group of brethren who live out in the country below Saltillo in Mexico. It has been an unusually bad year for them. When we were there in Feb. we were appalled at the poverty of these people. It is difficult to imagine the misery of an empty stomach unless you have felt it or at least seen it with your own eyes.

Would you yourself be willing to help just a little bit to relieve their suffering? Our plan is to buy these people (about 30) some food and take them some clothes. However, since it is about planting time it would be of still greater value if we could give them some seed to plant. Do you know of some particularly good seed? We want to give them some vegetable, corn, and feed-stuff seed. The altitude there is about 4500 feet and the rainfall is about 12 or 15 inches a year. Also, we thought of buying several milk goats so that the babies could have some milk, or we might be able to buy a yoke of oxen from some farmer in the area. Bro. Joe Martinez will be going down there soon and a group of brethren from the Catalina Ave. San Antonio, Tex. congregation the latter part of April, the Lord willing.

Bro. Joe Martinez is currently working with some people in Harlingen, Tex. He visited Kerrville, Tex., San Antonio, and Nuevo Laredo on his way there. When he goes on into the interior of Mexico he will take the money which you have sent to buy shoes for the poor children and buy them down there where he may take them individually so as to insure a proper fit. Also the shoes are cheaper down there.

We are so thankful for the fine letters of encouragement. Many of these letters include a few dollars to help relieve the suffering. Bro. Joe knows which ones are in the direst need. Also, since last reporting, the congregation in Montebello, Calif. has agreed to support Bro. Jose Rodriguez in Saltillo for the next year with what we feel will enable him to preach full-time. The congregation at Woodson, Tex. sent \$50.00 which was sent to Bro. Ponciano Reyes in Pino de la Cruz. Bro. Marcial Corpus has been sent \$50. so that he can work full-time with Bro. Jesus Rodriguez. However, he is still in need of regular monthly support. Several others also need regular support although the congregations in San Antonio have been furnishing temporary support.

In our last report, we referred to the congregation at Burlson, Tex. as sending some clothing for the needy. We have been informed that there is no faithful congregation at Burlson but that the Swan family who sent the clothes resides in Burlson, but attends worship at the Trentman Ave. congregation in Ft. Worth.

We are receiving letters from the native preachers in Mexico telling us of various baptisms and restorations but space will not allow to name them. We want you to know that you are receiving a blessing from the Lord each time this happens, for your part, though small, is helping to save souls. We sometimes think we can not do much, but remember the Lord's comment at the giving of the widow's mite.

Please write to us: W. B. Coleman, 1747 W. Huisache Ave.; L. M. Crouch, 220 Roesler Rd.; E. E. Perkins, Rt. 13, Box 483; R. A. Perkins, 126 Hillcrest, all of San Antonio, Tex.

—W. B. Coleman



Ray Roe, 517 W. 6th St., Stroud, Okla., Mar. 16—If everything goes according to plans, Bro. Fred Kirbo will conduct a one-week meeting for us the first week in May.

Jim Murry, 1528 Del Vista, Modesto, Calif., Mar. 14—The Modesto congregation at 136 So. Santa Rita will be meeting at 6:30 Lord's Day evenings beginning April 1. Here is our renewal.

M. E. Mountain, 2316 Foulk Rd., Waterloo, Iowa, Mar. 8—We surely enjoy the OPA. I intend, the Lord willing, to retire next Aug. 26, then I want to do a little traveling, preach now and then, especially at the small congregations where they need help.

Paul Walker, 2955 17th St., San Pablo, Calif., Mar. 18—The work here continues to progress. Our time will be up here in June. We will be available for work at other places if you should need us. We look forward to our meeting at Sacramento, Calif. which begins tonight.

James D. Corson, Rt. 2, Mahaffey, Pa., Mar. 15—Since last report, I have preached at the following places in Pa.: Love Joy, Le Contes Mills, Mahaffey, Rote and Prospect. They are all doing well and looking forward to their meetings. May we all be in a ready spirit when they begin.

David J. Hays, 2125 E. Olive, Fresno, Calif., Mar. 15—I would like to commend Bro. Clovis Cook's article in Mar. Old Paths Advocate, "Stop, Look and Listen." It is very timely. Bro. Billy Orten gave us something to think about in his article, too. The paper is well worth \$2.00 a year. Here is my renewal.

E. T. Yarbrough, Cherokee, Tex., Mar. 3—Here is my renewal. I do not see why the subscription rate was not increased a long time ago. I surely liked Bro. C. A. Smith's article in Feb. issue, "Cause for Concern"; I liked it so well in fact I read it about 4 times. I hope Brother Homer King and Wife are well.

Marshall A. Barefoot, 244 N. Johnson Ave., Pontiac, Mich., Mar. 10—We enjoy the OPA and look forward to its arrival each month. The work in this area continues to show progress. Bro. Ron Courter is conducting a study in the New Testament with the churches in Mich. Pray for us. Labor Day is not far away, and all are invited to the meeting here at 87 Lafayette St. Here is our renewal.

Jesus Rodriguez, Calle Lincoln No. 47621, N. Laredo, Tamps., Mexico, Mar. 16—Work for Christ's church progresses. Mar. 11, one was baptized. I am getting along fine since my operation, and I am grateful for what the brethren did for me. I have a very good preacher-helper at N. Laredo now; he is Bro. Marcial Corpus, whom I baptized 2 years ago. May God bless all of you and keep you in His sacred love. Pray for Christ's church here.

Kenneth Croxton, Rt. 1, Box 170, Pottsville, Ark., Mar. 22—The church at Pottsville, Ark. is doing fine. Bro. Timothy Phillips wishes to thank the Montebello, Calif. congregation for the \$25.00 contribution toward our building. We wish to express our gratitude to the Kenneth Wiliker family for letting us meet in their

home until such time as we can have a public meeting house. We ask the prayers of all the brethren for the work we have begun here. (I am sorry this was too late for Mar. issue—D. Mc).

Ronny F. Wade, Box 564, Lebanon, Mo., Mar. 14—The work here moves along in a spirited fashion. Five have been baptized into Christ lately. For this we are thankful. Others, we feel are almost persuaded. The Lord willing, we will be in a meeting at Mena, Ark., April 8-17; and Reading, Ohio, April 29-May 8. We look forward to these meetings, as well as others we have scheduled this summer. May God bless all the faithful everywhere.

Miles King, 1533 Camden Way, Norman, Okla., Mar. 18—This week I returned home from Marietta, Ga., where I enjoyed a very good meeting. During the meeting, we had visitors from LaGrange and Temple, Ga.; also Piedmont and Napoleon, Ala. During the meeting there were 2 confessions of faults and 1 restoration. Enroute to Ga., I preached at Shreveport, La., and New Salem, Miss. Our meeting begins here May 1 with Bro. Dennis Smith doing the preaching.

Alton B. Bailey, 909 Truitt Ave., La Grange, Ga., Mar. 21—I began working with the congregation in Greenville, S. C. the first of the year. We are very encouraged by the interest and results of the work so far. There were 3 baptized, Mar. 20; this makes 4 of recent date. These people are zealous and have a mind to work. I appreciate the interest that both congregations and preachers have shown in me. I have received calls for a few meetings this year. Most congregations have their meetings already booked for the year, so I still have some time open should I be needed anywhere. Pray for us in our efforts for good.

Franklin J. Brown, Rt. 1, Stilwell, Okla., Feb. 28—The Noel Chapel congregation is still having worship each Lord's Day, morning and evening, also on Wed. night, at 7:30. Those passing this way are welcome to worship with us. My father, E. R. Brown, is in the Crawford Co. Memorial Hosp., Van Buren, Ark. He was to have had surgery again this morning; remember him in your prayers. We have had visitors lately; for them we are thankful. Always remember us in your prayers.

Roy Lee Criswell, Winters, Calif., Mar. 17—We continue to labor with the congregation here; our efforts continue to be fruitful. Recently, while visiting in the hospital, a lady who is 79, asked about being baptized. After studying with her and teaching her the truth, we were permitted to take her out of the hospital to be baptized. This makes 4 who have responded to the truth since we have been here. We hope more can be taught their responsibilities to Christ. Our prayers are for all the faithful.

Jerry Harris, Harrodsburg, Ind., Mar. 17—We were greatly encouraged by our mid-week services this past week. Bro. Verle Seeley, who is responsible for arranging speakers, had three of our young men give short talks; they were Don Hunter, Randy Heath and John Trisler. They did an excellent job. Very soon three more have agreed to participate; they are Walter Hunter, Danny Glover and Ralph Calabrese. We plan to have these young men take their regular turn. I believe with encouragement and this experience they will become capable teachers.

Richard Nichols, 1815 Chisholm Dr., Duncan, Okla., Mar. 15—I have finally gotten settled in a permanent place; my address is above. This work progresses well for which we are thankful. An error was made in my last report; 5 have been baptized instead of 6. We have outsiders at every service and interest seems to be holding up. I have talked with a very nice couple from the cups persuasion on our differences; they are will-

ing to study further. There are others to whom I plan to talk. Next Lord's Day, I start a short meeting at Memphis, Tenn. Please pray for me and the work.

Jim Hickey, 5012 Cranfill Dr., Dallas, Tex., Mar. 15—We continue to enjoy the paper. I believe it does a lot of good. The church here is growing in several ways. We have been having regular visitors. Last Lord's day a family of six made confessions, coming from digression. We are so happy for them. Recently we made a brief trip to Miss.; I was happy to have the opportunity of preaching at the New Salem and Hillcrest congregations near Brookhaven. We enjoyed our stay in the home of Bro. and Sister S. W. Lea. We were glad to have Bro. Joe Hisie here in Dallas lately. Let us all work harder for the Lord.

Edwin S. Morris, 10520 N. McKinley, Oklahoma City, Okla. 73114, Mar. 16—Lord willing, we will be in a meeting at the Burkhardt congregation near Joplin, Mo., April 22-May 1. We will be at Springer Rd., Lawrenceburg, Tenn., May 13-22. We look forward to these meetings as well as others during the year. The work progresses nicely in this area. We have enjoyed the work and the privilege of working and being with several of our preaching brethren. We plan a short meeting at the 21st St. congregation, Mar. 30-April 3, with six preachers speaking. Pray for us and the work.

G. W. McCain, Rt. 2, Box 223, Chico, Calif., Mar. 18—I am still thankful that I am able to go to church, even though I have been sick, and am now 76. I am so thankful so many of my brethren are preaching the gospel; among them, Brethren Luther and Lee Boek here at Chico (I lived with the father and grandfather of these men, Bro. Walter Boek, when Luther and his brothers were boys); the sons of Bro. Carl Nichols, and others. When I do not feel well, I read Job 14. He was God's friend. I have had so much pain and sickness here in this life, I cannot afford to miss heaven. Pray for me.

Jesse French, Box 1266, Redding, Calif., Mar. 17—The church in this area continues to grow. Since our last report, I baptized one; and Bro. Newman from Yuba City baptized 1 last Lord's Day. We attended services in Chico the last week-ends of Jan. and Feb., which we enjoyed very much. Mar. 4, I had an emergency operation for appendicitis; I came home Mar. 13, but it will be 2 or 3 weeks before I can return to work. Our many thanks for the cards and prayers that aided so much in my recovery. Our thanks, too, to the church at Yuba City and Gerber, Calif. for the financial help that came to my family. May God bless all of you.

David R. Reed, 3901 Bon Airé Dr., Monroe, La., Mar. 16—In Dec., 1965, I began working with a small group of members in Columbia, La. This congregation was very small and did not even have a building. It is now Mar., and we are working like bees; the foundation is down for the new building which will be completed in May, Lord willing. Mar. 15, we began a weekly period of song instruction which was a big success the first night. We are having wonderful cooperation from surrounding congregations. Our work is certainly being blessed of the Lord, and we are thankful for these blessings. Here is my sub.

Harley D. Ballard, 305 E. Magnolia, Midland, Tex., Mar. 18—We finished the work in Earlytown, Ala., and spent a month at home at Midland, Tex., during which time I preached at Lubbock; Spruce and Terrell at Midland; and Lakeview in San Angelo; Huckleberry Ln., Abilene. We are now at San Antonio, the first stop on our short tour of Tex. We also hope to go to Okla., Ark., and Mo. soon. At this time we do not have any long range work booked, so we have any time in the future open if any congregations would want and need meetings, and/or personal work of any length. We desire the prayers of the faithful as we continue to preach the word of God and to live the Christian life.

R. B. Roden, 112 Kelley Dr., Moore, Okla., Mar. 17—Our meeting at La Grange, Ga. closed Feb. 20, with 2 baptisms and 7 confessions. We wish to thank everyone who helped to make this meeting such an enjoyable one. Cooperation such as this is always a source of encouragement and pleasure. It was indeed a pleasure to meet the brethren at Chapel Grove, Tenn. and speak for them 2 nights; also enjoyed being at Memphis, Tenn., February 23-27. Since last report, I have preached at Capitol Hill, Okla. City; Washington, Davis and Norman, all in Okla. Lord willing, I will be at Lexington, Okla., April 8-17. We look forward to this meeting; hope everyone in driving distance will help to swell the crowds. Pray for us in the work.

Rodney Ray Ross, Box 3177 ENMU, Portales, N. Mex., Mar. 16—Since last reporting, I have preached at the following congregations: Andrews, Tex., Jan. 23; Capitol Hill, Okla. City, Jan. 26; Norman, Okla., Jan. 30; 21st St., Okla. City, Feb. 2; Clements St., Odessa, Tex., Feb. 5, 6; Huckleberry Ln. and Oak St., Abilene, Tex., Feb. 13; Andrews, Tex., Feb. 27; Midland, Tex., Mar. 5, 6. Hearts were made to rejoice here as three were restored to the faith; and 21st St., Okla. City, Mar. 13. The Christian fellowship was extremely inspiring at each of these congregations. The Lord willing, my college studies will be completed in early Aug. After this, I look forward eagerly to devoting all of my time to the Master's work. Please pray for me in my endeavor to preach the gospel.

B. F. Leonard, 815 W. 3rd, Huntington, W. Va., Mar. 15—We have been to Fairmont, Wayne, Twelve Pole congregations and preached here at home this month. We helped support two preachers in the field \$100 per month; helped Bro. David Macy, \$50; and Bro. Jesus Rodriguez in Mexico, \$50. We are having a good number at about all services. Bro. Charles Ross baptized one at the evening service. We have some calls from Ind., Penn., and Mich. for some work in the Master's Vineyard. We are planning a trip to Calif.; perhaps we would be able to stop and preach over Lord's Day or at mid-week. Try and contact me if you wish us to stop, and we will try to make arrangements. Let's work a little for Him Who loved us. When you have a talk with the heavenly Father, do not forget to mention us.

George Carter, 1921 Howard Ave., Las Vegas, Nev., Mar. 15—The church here has grown in strength and number, in love and unity. It is indeed an asset to the congregation to have Bro. Wayne Fussell and his wife worship and work with us. We are indeed thankful for the help received from different congregations throughout the U. S. making it possible for us to pave the property. We have a very beautiful building, and are grateful to the Lord for it. The teaching has been very good here; we have the brethren visiting and working to spread the gospel. I believe more enthusiasm is shown here than in any congregation I have been acquainted with for a long time. We were privileged to have Bro. Del Bumbalough and family from Bakersfield, Calif. visit us last Lord's Day. We are always happy to have God's children to associate with. Let us continue to pray, work together, and grow in unity and strength, always pleasing the Lord.

J. W. Kornegay, Box 105, Belle Mead, N. J., Mar. 8—The work here is progressing, but it is hard to get people to take time to listen to the word of God. They have so much to do in this life that they do not think about their life hereafter. I know there are some here who would do God's will if they would take time to study their Bible. We are so thankful for the ones who are coming to the assembly, willing to take the Bible for what it says. There were about 20 last Lord's Day and about 16 that evening. Two were restored for which we were thankful. The future looks brighter for the church; the Word which is planted in honest hearts will bring forth fruit. We want to thank all who are helping with the work in N. J. We need more workers

in the Lord's vineyard. We ask the prayers of the faithful. The Lord will answer the prayers of the righteous, so let us pray for the work everywhere. All who come our way are invited to visit us. My phone number is 3593246. May the Lord bless all the faithful.

Tom E. Smith, 302 Phillips, Healdton, Okla., Mar. 15—Bro. Leon Fancher was with us, Feb. 18-Mar. 6. He conducted a study with the church for two hours Mon. thru Sat. with the male members participating in an open forum, speaking one at a time. We feel much good was done, judging from the enthusiasm manifested during the time. We only hope we who participated will be as enthusiastic in carrying out the work as we were during the study. Briefly, we discussed: Leadership—qualifications, duties and authority of elders, deacons and evangelists. Training for various phases of the work of the church, stressing there are duties and responsibilities for every member. Edification of the church; Visitation, including personal evangelism, visiting the sick, caring for the needy, benevolence in every form. Bro. Leon is to be commended for the Christ-like spirit he manifested in this study, and all participants for their cooperation which we believe is essential to the success of any meeting of this kind. To God be all the glory.

David Macy, Box 6634, Jackson, Miss., Feb. 20—The following contributions have been received on the trailer meeting house here: Bakersfield, Calif.—\$50; Bro. and Sister Carlos Smith—\$300; Sister Doris Smith—\$50; Sister Lillian Smith—\$25; a brother—\$100; a brother—\$125; Bro. Z. Redd—\$100; Bro. Levi Redd—\$100; Bro. S. W. Lea—\$200; Terry Rd. church of Christ, Jackson—\$400; David A. Smith—\$100; Hillcrest church of Christ, Brookhaven, Miss.—\$300; Bro. and Sister Dennis I. Smith—\$300; church of Christ, Huntington Park, Calif.—\$50; church of Christ, Strong, Ark.—\$50. Other contributions were received that I do not have a list of at the present time; I will try to secure this information soon and report it. The work here in Jackson was going real well until the first of the year, but it has slowed down now. One of our families moved to Baton Rouge, La.; another man and his children quit; this weakened us quite a bit, but we are still pressing on and trusting that we will eventually overcome with the help of the Lord. \$50. a month is all the support I am definitely promised, so it is pretty hard for me to stay here, but with the help of the Lord we will make it. Two of our men are training to become teachers, and they are coming along wonderfully. I am studying with them one night each week. Bro. Billy Orten will preach here both services next Lord's Day, the Lord willing. Quite a few visitors are expected. I will be preaching at Fairview, La. in Bro. Orten's place. In Jan., I preached at Pearlhaven congregation, Brookhaven, Miss.; 4 confessed faults. The fourth Lord's Day, I preached at Baton Rouge, La. and we certainly enjoyed being with those good brethren again.

E. H. Miller, Box 538, La Grange, Ga., Mar. 18—There has been much sickness in this section lately; one funeral yesterday, and another one today, and others are still sick. The church in this section is still pressing forward; there have been a few more confessions and a baptism is expected this week-end. Wife and I are to be with the Marietta, Ga. congregation this week-end; some out-of-state people plan to be there, and they want to study with us and learn more of the Bible way of salvation and the church that Jesus loved and gave Himself for. We plan to study together in personal work Sat. night, and we have hopes they will accept the Bible way all the way before they leave. We had two wonderful services the first week-end of Mar. with the Birmingham, Ala. congregation; it was their fifth anniversary, and it was certainly a pleasure to see such a large crowd compared with the small one 5 years ago. We hope to be able to stay with the home congregation the last week-end in Mar. before going to Lawrenceburg, Tenn. the first week-end in April. We hope to be able to stay home this week-end as Bro.

Calvin Prince will be preaching Lord's Day morning and evening before going to the hospital for an operation Monday. He has preached here many times in the past, but each time we have had to be away. Maybe we can hear him next time; they say he is surely good. Bro. Preston Ivey of Temple, Ga. congregation passed away this week and Bro. Alton Bailey conducted the funeral yesterday. Bro. Ivey was one of the oldest members of the Temple congregation, and knew that he had but a short time, but he was not afraid to go, for he was looking to the joys of heaven beyond this veil of tears. That is what makes Christianity worth all the heartaches and labors in this short life. I wish more and more could be as Paul described Moses in Heb. 11:25, "Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season!"

Bennie Cryer, Box 573, Blantyre, Malawi, Mar. 11—During Feb., Bro. Jerry Cutter and I visited the following churches: Magomero, where Bro. Chinga works; Bongwe, where we were with Brethren Kalongonda, Kipasha, Fillmore and others; Kalino, another church where Bro. Chinga works; Chintuli, where we were with Brethren Lichapa and Kayenenga. Here we saw part of a service for the ordination of an elder; Lipondi, where Brethren Livitiko and Chidothe work. Excellent crowds attended these services. At Bongwe, Bro. Cutter had to preach with an umbrella held over him because of the rain pouring through the roof. On the way home, the car (with all of us in it) got stuck in the middle of a stream that had flooded the road. In addition, we made other trips to take care of church affairs. While I was preparing this report, we received the sad news of the death of Sister Leslie Agnew, Stockton, Calif. I counted her among the finest of our young Christian women and a personal friend. Though we are thousands of miles away the distance has not assuaged our sorrow, and we weep with those who have lost a loved one and a dear Christian friend.

Jim A. Canfield, Rt. 3, Box 86, Marion, La., Mar. 10—Feb. 26, and Mar. 2, I was with the church in Memphis, Tenn. How joyful and wonderful to be back with the faithful there. They are yet growing in numbers and knowledge. I have seen a pamphlet by a good brother in Mich. teaching that churches of Christ should meet and commune at night. I do not know him personally; he wrote to me last Aug. asking me what I believed on the matter. I did not answer him, am just waiting to see if he will deny what I am contending for. I am told that he has said he never did give his practice when writing and asking preachers and others about their practice. He says he knows Bro. E. H. Miller, and reads my reports in OPA. Does the brother fear he will be reproved, or does not want preaching brethren to know his position? If I had such a position, I would not be afraid to let all the preaching brethren and others know it, and I would try to prove my position. Will the good brother do that? We read in Rev. 19:7-9 of the marriage supper of the Lamb, and in Rev. 21, we read there will be no need for the sun and the moon because the Lamb is the light. There will be no night there. Shall we say the marriage supper of the Lamb will be at night? Yes, the Bible says upon the first day of the week, the disciples came together to break bread. We read that Jesus rose from the grave early on the first day of the week. I am not fighting anyone; if we are going to call things by Bible names, we will have to consider the first day of the week. May God help us to keep unity with His word.

Cicero Goddard, 16701 Lipton, Cleveland, Ohio, Mar. 15—I am somewhat reluctant to write these things, but circumstances make it unavoidable. My support has fallen so low that I have had to take part time work, not that I am lazy, but no man can do a good job worrying about trying to make a living and pay bills. I am working three hours a day to make ends meet. Paul stated in 2 Tim. 2:4 that a man that warreth should not entangle himself with the affairs of this life that

he may please him who has chosen him to be a soldier. To me, Paul states a truth that I believe—no man can do a good job with the affairs of life on his mind. I am not writing this to receive pity, but hope I may stir up some to the sense of their duty. The Lord is going to hold those accountable who have the means to see that the gospel is preached to the Negro in America, and are refusing to do so. Each time my support has fallen off, the money has been diverted to another cause. Since I have been known to the brotherhood, may I report what has been done. My record should be considered as to whether it is money wasted, or spent for a good purpose. Following is a list of the work done: Samson, Ala.; Andalusia, Ala.; Crestview, Fla.; Kansas City, Mo.; St. Louis, Mo.; Cleveland, Ohio—a total of six congregations started and operating according to God's word. Someone might wonder why don't these congregations send to my support; the answer is that they are paying for meeting houses, trying to buy land; they are so small—as you know, truth doesn't grow as large and fast as error. I would like to report that the money sent is not used for personal use only. When I go to a new place, I have to rent a building, have the lights and gas turned on, etc., and then pay the bills until the church is able. Kansas City, Mo. and Kans., and Akron, Ohio are the only congregations that have put up any money to get me started; all the other has been my expense. I am not grumbling about what I have done. I do not feel that I can ever do enough to further the kingdom of our Lord. I repeat these things to show that the money is not used unwisely. Yet, Paul stated in 1 Cor. 9:7, "Who goeth to a warfare at his own expense, or charge?" In verse 9, he commands not to muzzle the mouth of the ox that treadeth out the corn. He said for our sake this was written. I hope someone will take the oversight of my work and see to it that my support is kept up to a point so I can live. Following is a list of my support: Lebanon, Mo.—\$20; Lee Summit, Mo.—\$50; Pontiac, Mich.—\$25; Houston, Tex.—\$35; San Antonio, Tex.—\$50, and \$30; Flemington, Pa.—\$50; Stockton, Calif.—\$50; anonymous—\$15; George Hogland—\$20. This amounts to \$345; however this month, I received \$25, from Waterford, Calif. for a total of \$370, if everyone sends. I hope this report will be received in the same spirit I have written it. I have not written to make anyone angry, but with the hope this will stir up your pure mind by way of remembrance.

YOUR GOD IS TOO SMALL—

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a mass, but God will judge by taking each individual out of the mass and letting him be judged as an individual. We must each stand before God and stand on our own two feet. God is no judge of the mass but a judge of the individual.

When we sit in judgment of a personal nature we need to be more willing to face the facts and not judge according to the rules of society. We need to call a halt to this judging in generalities and begin to make personal judgments on specific charges. And when something is none of our business, then we have no business making a personal judgment concerning the matter. This god of personal judgment is far too small. Let us seek and serve the great God of the Bible.

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HOW TO BUILD UP THE CHURCH—

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the problem of lateness, or slothfulness, is worthy of mention here. We need to be punctual in our worship to God for we have an appointment with the Lord (Matt. 18:20). I'll venture to say that we are not late to school or work very often. If so, do we fear God or our employer more? A sober thought.

3. Prayer: It has been said, "As the spirit of prayer increases our growth will increase proportionately." Jesus said, "The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest" (Luke 10:2). Maybe we should be like Isaiah, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me" (Isaiah 6:8). The prayer that works is the prayer that we finish, by doing all that we can to make it come to pass.

4. Giving: If we want to build it up, we will have to give it up; not the church but our money (II Corinthians 8:1-7). We need to give of our means, abilities, and efforts. Is this where our desire ends? There is the story of the rich man who died and went to heaven; perhaps he was surprised. At the gates of Heaven an angel met him and escorted him inside. As he looked about he was dazzled by the beauties of Heaven, far beyond his grandest expectation. Each time he passed a beautiful place, he asked, "Is that one mine?" to which the angel, who was leading him, replied, "No, it is a little farther on." Soon the rich man came to a tremendous castle far more luxurious than any that he had seen. He exclaimed, "This one must be mine!" "No," said the angel, "this one is your colored servant's home." By now they had almost reached the Holy City's limits and the rich man came upon a small earthly looking shack. The angel pointed it out and said, "This is yours." The rich man was startled and speechless. The angel explained, "This is all the material you sent us."

"Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in Heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" (Matthew 6:19-21).

5. Preaching and teaching: With edifying preaching and teaching, a Church will grow, but without proper "feeding of the sheep" the church will decline either in number, strength, or both. It will happen every time. "For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth: to the Jew first, and also to the Greek" (Romans 1:16). We can't grow a crop if we don't sow the seed. We'll only grow weeds.

6. Living: One thing a sinner expects of a Christian is a godly life, a life free from sin. When a sinner doesn't find holiness in a Church, he looks elsewhere for salvation. Psalms 1:1-6. The Church cannot grow as it should if the members are like the world instead of like Christ (I John 2:15-17). If purity was preached more, there would be less moral corruption and sin.

7. Co-operation: The director of an insane asylum once was asked if he was afraid that the inmates might combine against him and seize the institution. The director replied tersely, "No, if they could cooperate, they wouldn't be here in the first place." Remember, the Church cannot grow if we do not cooperate. We are workers together with Christ.

Let us lay aside our petty jealousies and strife and work together to accomplish our mutual goal: Evangelizing the world and teaching men to observe all things that are written (Matthew 28:18-20).

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JUDGE YOURSELVES UNWORTHY

By Edwin S. Morris

In Acts 13:45-46, the Jews spoke against those things spoken by Paul, contradicting and blaspheming. After these Jews had done this, Paul told them that the word of God was first spoken to them, but when they judged themselves unworthy of everlasting life, they would preach to the Gentiles. We want to notice, and repeat, that the scriptures say that these people judged themselves unworthy. How? They rejected the teachings of the gospel and refused to accept it. I wonder today, when one refuses and rejects the teachings of God's word, if he does not judge himself. I am well aware that we are taught not to judge, but at the same time I am aware that we may be known by our fruits. The judgment that is condemned is that which is rash, harsh and censorious. Jesus says that by their fruits you shall know them.

Today, if someone comes to us with a false doctrine and we refuse him and his doctrine, are we judging? Do we not know him by his fruits? We are taught not to receive such, neither bid him God speed. Today, if a man causes divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which we have learned and we avoid this man, (Rom. 16:17), are we judging? Has not this man who caused the division judged himself unworthy of everlasting life? We are not to have fellowship with any of the unfruitful works of darkness.

Any doctrine that is contrary to the teachings of the Bible is darkness. Is the use of individual cups, Sunday School, instruments of music in the worship service a part of the doctrine of Christ? If we believe to practice such is wrong and a person comes to us who has been practicing this which we believe to be wrong, are we to receive this person into our fellowship without any repentance, confession or prayer? I was talking to a person not long ago and he said he did not know how that we could tell a person who comes to us wanting to worship with us that we could not fellowship him. I simply replied that we do not fellowship these innovations, and that the man was not in fellowship before he came wanting to worship with us. I cannot worship where these innovations are practiced and I feel that anyone who worships with these is in error and worshipping unscripturally. Now, this individual has not wronged me individually, but he has wronged the church which I am a part of. I once worshipped where they practice the use of individual cations of stumbling") contrary to the doctrine (R. V.

"LORD, I AM A POOR SPEAKER" (II)

By Billy Orten

(Editor's Note.)—This completes the third in a series that was begun with our April issue. Again, we express our thanks to Bro. Orten for his willingness to permit us to publish this series, material intended for a forthcoming book on personal work. This installment begins with the third of the most common excuses given by Christians as reasons for not doing personal work. The first two given were: I can't do personal work; I am not qualified to teach others, and I don't have time. —D. Mc).

3. Many people offer this excuse for not being a house-to-house teacher: I do not know enough about the Bible. Do you know all about any job when you start? Most employers expect a person to learn more about his job as he gains experience. Do you know how to swim before going into the water? One thing is sure, you will increase your knowledge of God's Word when you begin teaching others.

The right thing to do is to begin teaching others what you now know. You should know why you are a Christian, and why you attend services. Everyone should be able to give Bible reasons for being baptized into Christ, and being a member of the body of Christ. Begin there; tell others why and how you became a Christian. I Peter 3:15 says, "But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear."

As you teach others, study for more knowledge, and ask God for wisdom. Timothy was a young preacher. The apostle told him to study that he might be approved in God's sight. Timothy needed more knowledge. You do not have to know all about the Bible to be a successful soul-winner, but you should be increasing your knowledge of God all the time. "But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 3:18).

Some people hesitate to conduct studies with sinners because they are afraid they will be asked questions they cannot answer, or be challenged about something they believe and not be able to defend it. If you are asked a baffling question, don't be afraid to say, "I do not know, but I will try to find the answer." Sometimes this is better anyway, because it puts the prospect at ease. This places the teacher on the same level with the person he is trying to teach. They are both learners. Often you may reply, "What do you think

is the answer to this question?" Always be humble and be honest. If you do not know, just say so.

Do not wait until you know all the answers to begin your house-to-house work. There are many questions we cannot answer. No one has yet encompassed the outer limits of all knowledge.

4. But someone offers this excuse: I do not believe people will listen to the Bible. It is true that the majority of people of this generation will not listen to the Word of God. However, there are still some who are hungering for the true gospel of Christ. These are the ones we are trying to reach. Do not impose on people who show no interest at all. Jesus taught this in Matthew 7:6, "Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast ye your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn again and rend you."

Be alert for prospects that have shown some interest in spiritual things. People who visit church services must have interest or they would not have come. Delinquent members and mates of members are often good prospects to conduct studies with. Anytime someone is mentioned who might be interested, get his name and address. Prepare a file of good prospects, and arrange to call on them to see if they would like to have Bible studies conducted in their home.

Always be enthusiastic when talking to someone about their salvation. Do not apologize for the gospel. A salesman must be enthusiastic about his product, and we have the greatest product on the earth. Never be ashamed to speak boldly about the gospel of Christ. Romans 1:16 says, "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation."

5. Next, we are likely to hear someone say: I am already doing a lot for the Lord. I attend all the services, I give generously of my income, I take an active part in the services, and I am always ready to help with any work the church has to do. This may be true, but remember, Christ wants lost souls reached with His saving gospel. There is no one to do this for Christ but the faithful church. The self-satisfied Christian is in danger. We may wrap our robes of self-righteousness about us and feel secure because we are keeping the commands plainly set forth in the scriptures, but Jesus says in Luke 17:10, "So likewise ye, when ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, We are unprofitable servants: we have done that which was our duty to do." Jesus is plainly teaching if we do only the things we are commanded to do, we are unprofitable servants. Do not be satisfied to just be a member of the church, be a disciple that bears fruit.

6. The last excuse we will consider here is perhaps the most valid: I do not know how to begin. The hardest part about house-to-house work is the beginning. Once the teacher and prospect become acquainted, and the lessons have begun, the work then becomes enjoyable. The proper approach to this work is important, because many times the first impression is a lasting one. The next chapter of this booklet is devoted to approaching a good prospect with the idea of having Bible studies conducted in his home. We will leave the discussion of the proper approach to chapter four.

The most important thing is not how you begin,

but begin. Your methods will improve with experience. Be sincere, be humble, and concentrate on the person you are trying to win. Above all, do not try to be a personal worker without prayer.

—Rt. 3, Box 48,
Marion, La.

MARK AND AVOID WHOM?

By E. H. Miller

In regards to fellowshipping each other, why demand a confession of some sins without a confession of all sins? Then, too, why should children of God ever have to confess any sin to anyone and have someone else pray for their forgiveness?

Brethren, the above questions are causing many to wonder! A few years ago some digressive brethren began to teach against children of God having to confess sins to any man and having some one else pray for their forgiveness in order to be in fellowship with other children of God. Now, some of the faithful are being led astray by such false teaching; so let us consider this subject with care.

A few days ago a brother asked me some questions. We have two congregations among us that have sinned according to questions "1." and "2."; one of them used a digressive preacher to hold meeting; the other congregation had a local preacher whose wife divorced him for cruelty and he married another. The members agreed he could continue to meet and worship there, but over half of the families said they would have to cease worshipping there if he continued to preach after being unscripturally divorced and married to another woman. Only one family, where husband and wife were members (other than the preacher and his wife), was willing for him to continue to preach, so the other families, where husband and wife were members, had to start worshipping elsewhere. The church being thus divided; the congregation where he continued to preach was disfellowshipped by faithful preachers and congregations that knew the case. Now, to the questions the brother asked me in regards to such cases.

1. "If a congregation that worships right, but calls a digressive preacher to preach for them, called you to preach for them, would you go?" I said I would if they would let me preach the Bible way, and try to show them the sin of doing as they had in using digressive preachers who will lead others into digression.

2. He then asked, "If you can fellowship that congregation (that has sinned) without their confessing they had sinned, why can't you fellowship this other congregation that has always worshipped right, without them having to confess their sins, (the congregation has made everything right since questions were asked)? Let us study these questions with care for many are wondering why some congregations can sin and still be fellowshipped, while other sins will cause disfellowship.

Let us notice Rom. 16:17, "Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them." Who will say the congregation of question "1." should be marked according to this verse? Surely no one will!! FOR THAT CONGREGATION have to cease worshipped there if he continued to

Singing School Planned

GSA Officers Plan Third Annual School

The addition of a second instructor is the highlight of the third annual singing school to be held in Arlington, Texas, Tuesday, July 5, through Saturday, July 16, this summer. The school is sponsored by the Gospel Singers Association of Fort Worth.

Robert S. Arnold, well-known singing school teacher, has been added to teach music theory, harmony, voice, and other related areas. Brother Johnny Elmore, who has been conducting the school for the past two years, will teach rudiments of music and song directing.

Classes are scheduled every weekday evening except Wednesdays and every weekday morning. In addition, a singing has been planned for each Saturday evening; on the last Saturday evening (July 16), the big singing, which will feature quartets and special groups as well as congregational singing, will be held.

The officers of the Association urge all who can to plan to attend the school this year; they especially encourage the young people to attend. Those who have attended in past years have been benefited greatly from the classes. In addition to the regular classroom work, the teachers will organize and rehearse with quartets and other special groups which perform on the last evening.

No tuition is charged to those who attend the school, and it is not connected with any congregation; therefore, it is necessary that individual church members support the school by making personal contributions. The school was organized to improve congregational singing and to create more interest among the young people in the singing of gospel songs. The officers feel that this is a good work and that there is a definite need for a school in which music is taught without the aid of in-



Brother Johnny Elmore, who has conducted 20 singing schools in 5 states, will be one of the teachers at the Arlington school for the third consecutive year. He has attended the Stamps Quartet School of Music three times; has studied voice under Robert Vaughn and Loy Hooker; and has studied harmony and sight-singing under Ernest Rippetoe, Frank Stamps, L. D. Huffstutter, and C. C. Stafford. Presently, he is the director of the Gospel Lamplighters, a group which has made three long play albums and has appeared on the television series, "Let the Bible Speak."

strumental music. The school can continue, however, only if individuals continue to send in contributions each year. Anyone who is interested in gospel singing should send a contribution to the Association treasurer at the following address: Mr. Grady Coble, 716 Greenway Drive, Hurst, Texas.

Officers of the Association for the past two years have been as follows:

J. B. Spradley President
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Anyone who wishes to attend the school may make arrangements to stay in the homes of Christians in the Fort Worth-Dallas area by writing the Association president at 3222 Thanisch, Fort Worth, Texas. A fee of \$10 per week is requested to defray extra expenses.

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So Much for So Little—A card, a note of cheer, a word of hope can mean so much for so little to those who are very sick. Here are four that I know are very deserving, and I know that a word of cheer from our readers would be very much appreciated by them; you may not know them, but they are members of the

body of Christ, and thus bear a close relationship with us. If you know of those who are ill, shut-in whose names you would like mentioned in future issues, please send them, and we will mention their names to our readers in hopes they will respond in sending cards or otherwise showing concern. The names are: Mr. Bill Stover, 748 Sturdivant, Flemington, Pa.; Mr. Frank Bailey, 493 N. Lemon, Orange, Calif.; Mrs. John Spradley, Sr., 830 Virginia, Graham, Tex.; Mrs. G. M. Everett, Rt. 1, Box 442, Richland, Wash.

—D. B. McCord

OUR HELPERS

You will find listed below the names of those sending subscriptions since we last went to press, and opposite the name the number of subs sent. We want to express again our appreciation for your continued interest in behalf of this journal. May we count on you to continue the good work? Please check the following list, and report any errors to us immediately.

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Some states have sent in most, if not all, of the information; some states have not sent in any. How do I know that you are still meeting for worship, if I cannot hear from you?

Please do not send advanced orders, because it will necessitate additional bookkeeping. I do not know when I will have the directory ready for the printers; it depends on how soon you brethren will send information.

Bro. E. H. Miller, Box 538, La Grange, Ga., has directories for sale at 50c each.

Please send the directory material to:

—Ray Asplin, 2440 SW 54th St.,
Oklahoma City, Okla., 73119

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

We have at last begun our building at Valliant, Okla. We have the floor complete and are ready to begin the frame work. If we had the needed material we could be meeting here soon, as we can do all the work and can work almost full-time until it is completed. If you would like to see this much needed congregation established, please send us help for material. Following are those who have sent since our last report: Dalhart, Tex.—\$25; Fruitland, Tex.—\$38.75; Sister A. W. Wagonseller—\$10; Bro. J. N. Tidmore—\$10; Bro. and Sister Wallace Middick—\$15; Broken Bow, Okla.—\$150; Melissa, Tex.—\$300; Fredrick, Okla.—\$50; Bro. and Sister J. C. Derden—\$20; Clifford Tidmore and Raymond Crouch—\$206.07.

Some congregations have sent as many as three times to help in this work. Dalhart sent almost by the time they had their own building. For all help received we are truly thankful. With the help of all interested brethren and the grace of God, we will build soon. Please pray for us and our families in this work.

—Clifford Crouch
Raymond Crouch

SONORA, CALIFORNIA

We are appealing for financial help to build a meeting house at this place. Our lot is now paid for. Any help that brethren can send will be appreciated and gratefully acknowledged. For further information, you may address the writer at Rt. 2, Box 863, or Bro. Warren Arnett, Rt. 1, Tuolumne, Calif., or Bro. Leon McQueary, Box 12, Jamestown, Calif.

—James McQueary

(Note: Brethren, it has been my privilege to work

with these brethren, and I know them real well. I know of brethren nowhere who are more worthy of help than these. They are tried and true, you may be assured. Any help you can give them, however small, I know it will be appreciated, and be used for the greatest Cause we know. —Don McCord)

CARD OF THANKS

We, the family of Leslie Jane Agnew, wish to express our most sincere thanks for the beautiful flowers, cards and the wonderful food provided for us during the passing of our loved one. We are so thankful, too, for our many friends who called; we can not find words to express how we feel at this time, but we are sure our great loss is heaven's gain.

—Everett Agnew and family

(Note: In the obituary of Leslie Jane Agnew, we inadvertently erred in not mentioning among the survivors her brother, John Agnew of Lodi, Calif. I am so sorry for this error, and I express my sincerest apology to John. —DBMc)

SPECIAL NOTICE

I noticed in the April issue of Old Paths Advocate that Bro. Ray Asplin, 2440 S. W. 54th St., Oklahoma City, Okla. 73119, is having the same trouble I had in getting people to send information for an up-to-date directory. Brethren, people move, phone numbers are changed, new meeting houses are built, a few congregations cease meeting and unite with nearby congregations, and so many changes are made each year, we need a new directory every year; so every congregation be sure and send Bro. Asplin full information right away, so he can have a new directory ready soon (maybe by July). Most of the 1965 directories are gone (I have a few at 50c each). You need a directory, for you never know when you may be called from home and need to know where the nearest congregation with scriptural worship is. Send address of meeting place, time of each service (mid-week, too), and names, addresses and phone numbers of two or three brethren. This will be a great help to Christians in finding a meeting place. PLEASE RUSH THIS INFORMATION TO BRO. ASPLIN AT ONCE.

—E. H. Miller

INDIANA, PENNSYLVANIA

The congregation that has been meeting for several years in the Community Center at Indiana, Pennsylvania has now moved into its new building. This is located 1½ miles north of town on U. S. Highway 119. Recently, I had the privilege of being with them for opening services and a one-week meeting. They have a very attractive and conveniently arranged building. Most of the work was done by the members with a helping hand from nearby Lovejoy and Youngstown congregations. Their plans and hopes of many years have now come to full fruition in the completion of this building. This is especially true of Bro. T. J. Shaw who has labored so long and done so much for the cause of Christ in this section of the country. I am sure this congregation will have a prosperous future, "for they have a mind to work." If you are ever in this area, try to visit with them. You will be welcomed.

—Bill H. Davis

THANK YOU!!

To all of you who sent us cards, letters and gifts, we send our thanks! It would be very difficult for us to write to each of you. We surely were made happy to receive so many cards, etc. . . . We are improved in health. May God bless all of you. With Christian love,

T. F. and Lydia Thomasson, 3456
McHenry Ave., Modesto, Calif.

A SISTER NEEDED

We are in need of a good Christian sister to come into our home and stay with my wife while I am at work, at least during the summer. The sister who has been helping is leaving June 1; she may be able to return for the fall and winter. We are able to pay \$80.00 a month, plus room and board. Blanche has to have someone stay with her because she is unable to do anything without help. We have to move her about with a caster or wheel chair. We feel that somewhere there might be a sister who could use some help and at the same time help us too. We prefer a good, honest, Christian woman.

Would any sister who might be able to help us please correspond with us at Rt. 1, Box 442, Richland, Wash. 99352.

—G. M. Everett

OUR DEPARTED

Thompson—Sister Maudie Mae Thompson was born Sept. 17, 1894 at Mesquite, Texas. She departed this life April 10, 1966, at the age of 71, in Ft. Worth, Tex. She was married to George Frantz Dec. 10, 1910; he preceded her in death Jan. 1, 1916. She was married June 17, 1931 to Mr. Wm. R. Thompson, who preceded her in death Jan. 26, 1937. She is survived by two sons, Walter Frantz, Sulphur, Okla., and Jesse Frantz, Oklahoma City, Okla.; one sister, Mrs. Daisy Frantz, Ft. Worth, Tex., with whom she resided; four grandchildren, 4 great grandchildren; one niece and one nephew, several step-children, and a host of friends. The writer spoke words of consolation and a warning to those present.

—R. B. Roden

Padgett—Erma Elizabeth Padgett, was born March 10, 1904, and passed away March 13, 1966 as the result of an automobile accident. She was the wife of Bro. Clyde Padgett, of Cassville, Mo. There are eight children who survive her; Mrs. Lorene Meek, and J. B. Padgett, of Bakersfield, Calif.; Mrs. Clara Lynch, and Lyle Padgett, of Kansas City, Kan.; Ray Padgett of Bethel, Kan.; Mrs. Marie Simmons, and Gilbert Padgett, of Kansas City, Mo.; Marlin Padgett, of the home. The funeral services were held in the Clio church, near Jenkins, Mo. The singers were from the Clio, and Mt. Home congregations. The floral offering was beautiful, and a crowd of several hundred people were present. The writer delivered the message.

—Cloviss T. Cook

Gill—Bro. Edward Lee Gill, 90 years of age, of 1608 18th St., N. E., Roanoke, Va., departed this life Mar. 21, 1966. He was born Oct. 8, 1875 in Giles Co., Va. to the late William Taylor and Rhonda Hamlin Gill. He was an elder of the East Gate church of Christ, Roanoke. He was a retired miner, and the

husband of the late Jennettie Morton Gill who passed away Dec. 12, 1960. Surviving are a son, William Herbert Gill, Roanoke, Va.; three daughters, Mrs. Lavinia G. Rutledge, Roanoke, Va.; Mrs. Basil Redden of Springdale, W. Va.; and Mrs. Geo. L. Selby of Hampton, Va.; 25 grandchildren; 41 great grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild. Included among the survivors is a daughter-in-law, Mrs. Mary Gill, Roanoke. The service was conducted at the meeting house by Bro. Elgin Thompson, with burial in Mt. View cemetery, Vinton, Va. Bearers were Jesse Adams, Fred Adams, Roy Sink, Lynwood Flowers, Gerald Gill and Carl Hurd.

—J. W. Adams

Smith—It was a beautiful spring day in the Ozarks. The trees were budding, and the lovely hillsides were gradually turning a bright green. At one-thirty in the warm afternoon sunshine, a huge crowd assembled at the West Hayes St. church of Christ, Lebanon, Mo., to pay their respects to the memory of Newell C. Smith, a faithful and devoted husband, a kind and loving father, a staunch Christian, and a respected leader of the church. Some 71 years before he had been born in Wright Co., Mo., and only three days before had suddenly departed this life as result of a heart attack. Over thirty years ago he had obeyed the gospel under the preaching of Bro. Homer L. King in the second of those, now historic gospel meetings in the McBride and Claxton communities that all but turned the whole countryside upside down. He was faithful to death.

He is survived by Vera, his wife; two sons, Jack of Oklahoma City, and Bob of Dallas, Tex.; one daughter, Katherine Meents, of Lebanon, and one brother and two sisters.

Newell and Vera live only a block from us, and when Vera called late that Saturday afternoon, I ran as fast as I could, but—it was too late. Newell was one of my best friends, and one of the finest men I ever knew. He will be greatly missed here at Lebanon, but his influence will continue to live in our hearts and lives. The writer, assisted by Bro. Arthur Wade, conducted the services.

—Ronny F. Wade

JUDGE YOURSELVES UNWORTHY—

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cups in the communion, and when I changed I repented and confessed to the church that I was wrong in my practice and wanted their prayers and God's forgiveness. I have often heard used, and use myself, the example of the man who owed the groceryman \$100.00, and one day decided to start paying cash. He said credit was no way to buy groceries and he would pay cash from now on. This did not relieve him of that back debt. He needed to pay this back debt in order to get things straight. We have used this about baptism, that it was to take care of past sins when we become a child of God. Now, what about a person that has been worshipping wrong and he comes and says I am not going to worship that way any more; from now on I will use the scriptural way? What about these wrongs he has committed in the past? What cleans that slate? We are taught to confess our faults one to another and pray one for another. Now, did we judge this man or did he judge himself? A man asked

me one time if I thought he would be lost for practicing these innovations. After he pressed me for a definite yes or no answer I told him I thought a person that practices these innovations would be lost. He replied, "you are judging." I in turn asked him if he thought a drunkard would be lost. He replied, "yes." I in turn told him he was judging. Actually, neither of us was judging. Actually, neither of us was judging because those in error and sin simply judge themselves.

In conclusion, I want to say that I believe that if a person is truly interested in his soul's salvation, and sees he is wrong, we will not have to beg or plead with him, but he will readily want to make things right. If he is truly convinced that the innovations he has practiced are wrong, he will want to make it right. I once worshipped where they used individual communion cups and I visited a congregation that used one cup, and they called on me to take part. I never did go back because I felt they thought I was all right. I visited another and they did not call on me, and not only that, they explained to me their belief and it was not long until we changed our position. We wanted forgiveness for what we believed was wrong.

Brethren, we cannot follow after liberalism and expect to please the Lord.

—10520 N. McKinley, Okla. City, Okla. 73114

MARK AND AVOID WHOM?—

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DID NOT "CAUSE DIVISIONS AND OFFENCES CONTRARY TO THE DOCTRINE WHICH YE HAVE LEARNED;" They have sinned but that verse didn't say MARK THEM WHICH SIN AND AVOID THEM—NEITHER DID IT JUST SAY MARK THEM THAT CAUSE DIVISION AND AVOID THEM! It says, "MARK THEM WHICH CAUSE DIVISIONS AND OFFENCES CONTRARY TO THE DOCTRINE WHICH YE HAVE LEARNED; AND AVOID THEM." That doesn't cover the congregation of question "1." but does cover the congregation of question "2."; for, that congregation DID "CAUSE DIVISIONS AND OFFENCES CONTRARY TO THE DOCTRINE" THAT HAD BEEN OR CAN BE LEARNED FROM THE BIBLE! (Mt. 19:9). If some of the members of the congregation in question "1," had said, "We can't worship here any more if that digressive preacher is used," and if the congregation had used him to the dividing of the Church (as in question "2."), I could not worship with them and assist them in the division caused by them (Rom. 16:17).

Let us study congregation of question "2." a little more. Does Rom. 16:17 teach us to mark and avoid those which cause divisions and offences R. V. "occasions of stumbling" contrary to the doctrine (R. V. M. "teaching") of Christ and the apostles? The following quotation is from a brother that doesn't think so; the quotation is from a printed article sent to a member of my home congregation by another brother that doesn't think so. I fear congregations have members that are drifting that way because of some of our preachers that are "deceiving, and being deceived." that doesn't think so. I fear other congregations have members that are drifting that way because of some of our preachers that are "deceiving, and being deceived."

Here is the quotation: "Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences

contrary to the doctrine which you have learned, and avoid them. Of all the scriptures which have suffered from wresting, twisting and distortion, this is one of the most prominent. . . . What did Paul mean by 'the doctrine which you have learned?' The man who was taught that it is a sin to have Bible classes thinks of this as the doctrine he had learned, and feels called upon to exhibit his loyalty to the Word by marking and avoiding all who have classes. The man who was taught that it was a sin to have individual cups in the Lord's Supper must mark and avoid all who have them. The use of multiple containers is contrary to the doctrine which he has learned. . . . The same thing is true upon the part of those who have been taught that instrumental music in the corporate worship is wrong and sinful. . . . What is 'the doctrine you have learned?' The entire frame of reference, the context both adjacent and remote, shows that it is the teaching that division among brethren is a sin. Briefly summed up, the doctrine they had learned was, 'Do not cause division or place an occasion of stumbling in a brother's way'."

Now, before quoting more, notice those last 23 words again; yes, notice what he says—"Briefly summed up, the doctrine they had learned was, 'Do not cause division or place an occasion of stumbling in a brother's way.'" (Yet, according to his teaching, when brethren or a congregation does "cause division or place an occasion of stumbling in a brother's way" by putting in "BIBLE CLASSES. . . . INDIVIDUAL CUPS IN THE LORD'S SUPPER. . . . INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC IN THE CORPORATE WORSHIP" . . . "CONTRARY TO THE DOCTRINE WHICH YOU HAVE LEARNED," OR CAN LEARN FROM THE TEACHINGS OF CHRIST AND THE APOSTLES, YOU SHOULDN'T "MARK AND AVOID THEM"! He doesn't think the Bible teaches us to do so! Yet, he seems to think we should according to what I quote from him in the next paragraph. Notice more by him in the same article.

"Even God cannot provide a doctrine that is proof against dishonest hearts or unscrupulous Motives. There will always be some who refuse to serve Christ, but in their egotism and selfishness will create a factional atmosphere and seduce the minds of innocent people with smooth and specious words. WHAT SHOULD BE DONE WITH THOSE WHO DISREGARD THE TEACHING ABOUT PRESERVING PEACE AND INSIST UPON HAVING THEIR OWN WAY, REGARDLESS OF THE CONSEQUENCES? THE ANSWER IS FORTHRIGHT. Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them.'" (CAPS mine, E.H.M.). Notice how he there explains that Bible quotation, then compare with what he said as he explained it two paragraphs back, and in the next paragraph.

"'Avoid' is from *ekklino* which means 'to turn away from, to hold aloof from, to stay out of the way.' . . . The brethren are urged to avoid involvement with the person under consideration by keeping aloof from him or staying out of his way. If there is no congregational action implied in the terms 'mark' and 'avoid,' there is none to be found in this verse at all, and those who employ the passage to separate themselves from another congregation of saints over some

point of difference are the perpetrators of division." This Brother seems to think when several of the brethren in a congregation put in "BIBLE CLASSES . . . INDIVIDUAL CUPS IN THE LORD'S SUPPER . . . INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC IN THE CORPORATE WORSHIP" and one of the brethren's conscience won't let him worship WHERE THESE UNSCRIPTURAL THINGS ARE ADDED TO WHAT HE HAS "HEARD FROM THE BEGINNING" (2 JOHN 4-6), and he separates from this "congregation of saints over some point of difference," he will become one of "the perpetrators of division," and we should "avoid involvement with the person under consideration by keeping aloof from him." NOTICE, THE WRITER HAD TO CHANGE ROMANS' 16:17 "MARK . . . AND AVOID THEM" TO AVOID . . . HIM". Notice too, the writer seems to think "there is no congregational action implied in the terms 'mark' and 'avoid'." Does he mean the individual Christians are "to turn away from, to hold aloof from, to stay out of the way" of "them which cause divisions and offences," but the congregation is not to do so? Yes, and does he mean, if "them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned" constitutes "another congregation" and we "mark . . . and avoid them" that we will be "the perpetrators of division" whom you should "mark . . . and avoid" instead of "THEM"?

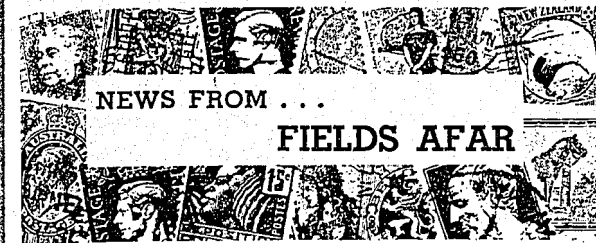
Remember our writer described "THEM" of Rom. 16:17 as those of "dishonest hearts . . . who refuse to serve Christ, but in their egotism and selfishness will create a factional atmosphere and seduce the minds of innocent people with smooth and specious words." Brethren, should a faithful congregation fellowship (use and work with) such brethren, call upon them to teach, lead songs, lead prayer, etc.? How can we fellowship "them which cause divisions" by using them to teach, lead songs, lead prayer, etc., and at the same time "avoid . . . turn away from . . . hold aloof from" and "avoid involvement with the person" as the brother quoted says "The brethren are urged to"? How can a congregation (with "no congregational action") so use "the person," while each of us as individual members "avoid involvement with the person"? I believe every Christian and every faithful congregation should "MARK . . . AND AVOID" — "TURN AWAY FROM . . . HOLD ALOOF FROM . . . AVOID INVOLVEMENT WITH THE PERSON," PEOPLE, OR CONGREGATION OF PEOPLE "WHICH CAUSE DIVISIONS" BY SUCH! No, that will not make those who "MARK . . . AND AVOID" "THEM WHICH CAUSE (SUCH) DIVISIONS" "THE PERPETRATORS OF DIVISION" CAUSED!

The writer from whom I've been quoting gives the following questions: "Have we become so hardened against our brethren that we regard those who differ with us about cups and classes as 'no servants of Jesus Christ our Lord but slaves of their base desires? . . . Are we mere spiritual robots of steel, case-hardened and unfeeling, so that we can drive out any saint who differs with us about the utility of instrumental accompaniment in praise service to God? If these do not fall into such a category as Paul describes, why do we twist and wrest this scripture as applicable to them? Have we been chloroformed by our own orthodoxy and paralyzed by partisan prejudice until we cannot see that to employ this passage to project division

makes of us the aggressors and the ones to be marked and avoided?"

Isn't it strange that a brother who "goeth onward and abideth not in the teaching of Christ" (2 John 4-9, R.V.), will thus "CAUSE DIVISIONS" (or will fellowship and assist those who do by forcing "cups and classes" and "instrumental accompaniment in praise to God" IN CONGREGATIONS OF "THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST"), and will then with "smooth and specious words" try to "seduce the minds of innocent people" into thinking these things are not "contrary to the doctrine . . . learned" (Rom. 16:17), even if he cannot find one Bible statement, command, example, or even a necessary inference for them IN "THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST"! and will then describe those who use Rom. 16:17 to keep such CHURCH DIVIDERS from taking any leading part in the congregations as those of "dishonest hearts . . . who refuse to serve Christ, but in their egotism and selfishness will create a factional atmosphere and seduce the minds of innocent people with smooth and specious words"? No church or denomination used individual communion cups, Sunday school classes, women teachers, or mechanical instruments of music for hundreds of years after the Bible was completed, THEY ARE "NOT IN THE TEACHING OF CHRIST," so those "which cause divisions" by starting (or uniting with) congregations that use such are the ones Paul says to "MARK . . . AND AVOID"! Certainly he didn't mean to "MARK . . . AND AVOID" those who taught and worshipped as he did. The church was not divided over these things for hundreds of years after Paul died; so it shouldn't be hard to tell, in regards to those things, which ones are causing the divisions contrary to the doctrine the people in Paul's day had learned. But it seems that brother wants to fellowship both sides of the division. How can he be in fellowship with two sides that are not in fellowship with each other and at the same time obey Rom. 16:17?

The Churches we read about in the Bible never used mechanical instruments of music, Sunday school classes, or individual communion cups; hundreds of years after the Bible was written someone caused "DIVISIONS" as those things were added one by one to the dividing of the Churches. We still have the original Bible way (1), then one division that just pulled off with individual cups (2), then another division that pulled off with cups and classes (3), then another division that pulled off with cups, classes, and instruments of music (4). Some liberal brethren objected to these divisions, so will fellowship all of them (?), but all of these divisions won't fellowship these LIBERAL BROTHERS! So instead of ending some divisions the LIBERAL BROTHERS have started other divisions! Some of the original type congregations are now liberals (5), and some of the cups congregations are now liberals (6), and some of the Sunday school congregations are liberal (7), and if it is true only some of the instrumental music congregations are so liberal that they will fellowship all who have been baptized, that makes eight (8), thus making the LIBERAL BROTHERS who are striving for unity (?) the cause of more divisions than all of the first dividers mentioned above. Brethren, where are some drifting? (Our next subject will continue with "CANNIBAL CHURCH MEMBERS"). —Box 538, LaGrange, Ga.



The work in Mexico continues to progress with a new congregation established at Ramos Arispe, near Saltillo. Other congregations report some baptisms. The Temple Ave. congregation in Lubbock, Tex. has agreed to send Bro. Marcial Corpus \$25 per month on his support. This will help relieve some of the heavy load that San Antonio congregations are bearing. At the present time, we here in San Antonio are supporting all of the native preachers at least \$50 per month who are not receiving that amount from some other congregation.

Not enough time has elapsed since the last article about Mexico to begin receiving donations for the congregation at Pino de la Cruz. I am sure that many will respond to this very urgent plea. Please do not let your brother answer this call for help; do it yourself. Bro. Joe Martinez is down in Mexico now. He took what funds were on hand with him, and will personally see that shoes and food will go to the most needy. We have received three boxes of clothing from Bro. Wilks and the Lawrence Rd. congregation in Wichita Falls, Tex., and five boxes of clothing from the Terrell St. congregation in Midland, Tex. Smaller amounts have been given as well. We will do our best to see that this clothing reaches worthy brethren in Mexico.

Bro. Martinez is greatly encouraged at the prospects for the establishment of a congregation in Harlingen, Tex. The Gomez family, together with some other brethren, plan to use a lot which Bro. Gomez will donate to move a small building on and remodel. May the Lord be with them in this work.

Bro. Raleigh A. Perkins and myself will have made a visit to all the congregations in Mexico by the time this article reaches print, if the Lord is willing. We plan to meet Bro. Joe Martinez in Monterrey on April 22, and extend an invitation to each native preacher to attend the meeting July 4th in Sulphur, Okla. It will be an excellent opportunity for many of the brethren to meet these native preachers face to face. This will, no doubt, help the work in Mexico and also be an encouragement to these brethren to have fellowship with the native preachers. As soon as we know for sure how many are going, an opportunity will be afforded to all who would help in this project.

Please, and again please let us know here in San Antonio if you send any money to any of the native preachers. Recently, \$50 was sent to a native preacher who is already receiving more than anyone else, while other native preachers are receiving only \$50 per month. We are so fearful of having any situation come up in which it is found that certain native preachers have been receiving money that is not reported. We want this work to be built on a solid foundation with little or no chance for a slip-up. Bro.

L. M. Crouch, 220 Roesler Rd., San Antonio, will be most happy to forward the check which you make out to the native preacher. If he is already receiving what we feel is more than his fair share, you will be notified and asked to give the check instead to one who is more needy. Checks for food and clothing may be sent to Waymond B. Coleman, 1747 W. Huisache Ave., San Antonio, Tex. Amounts received will be recorded and then turned over to Bro. Joe Martinez who will personally see that the help goes to the most worthy in Mexico.

Continue to feel free to correspond with any of the following: the writer at 1747 W. Huisache Ave.; L. M. Crouch, 220 Roesler Rd.; E. S. Perkins, Rt. 13, Box 483; R. A. Perkins, 126 Hillcrest, all of San Antonio, Tex.

—W. B. Coleman

MALAWI AFRICA

On the 31st of March we had our general business meeting to plan the work for the next six months. We made arrangements for most of the Sunday appointments as well as dates for the studies. First, we will write a word about the arrangements for studies this year. We have been in a feverish rush to finish the correspondence course. The course comprises 12 lessons which we plan to also use in our studies, along with films (powered by battery) as well as divers other lessons. Other studies will last two weeks in each place, whereas they were only one week in each place last year. To show the magnitude of our printing and preparing for the studies, we have already purchased some 40 reams of paper in the last month, and will need more in the next few days. The correspondence course alone requires 72 stencils (36 in each language), most of which have been typed by Bennie. We have already printed 2000 copies of the first lesson in Chinyanja (requiring 4000 sheets of foolscap-13" length), 1500 of the second and we are printing 500 of the next 10 lessons. In English we print 50 copies of each lesson. We are giving everyone that will take it lesson one, but (as you might suspect) no one receives number two until we are sent the test on the first. Generally, while Bennie is preparing stencils (which is a nerve-racking job), I am pre-paring tests, printing, etc. Brother Mussa, our translator, is then given the job of folding, and once folded the lessons end up with four pages, not counting the tests. Our translating for this course was done by two able young men that we are happy to be associated with, Brethren Grayson Kallitera and Joe Muyuyah. Brother John Mussa, mentioned above, is our full-time worker. He is about 60, a good speaker, and a good man.

As for the work among the churches, it is going well. For instance, on the 27th of March, Brother Cryer visited Mzizira church (where Brother Chidote is the preacher) and preached to an overflowing crowd, estimated to be 300. On the same day I visited Chinkandwe where Brother Kanyenga is the overseer, and preached to more than 200. In these two services there were 65 confessions, 32 at one place and 33 at the other, plus 13 baptisms at Chinkandwe before I arrived. Last Sunday we were at Manjolo and preached to more than 175. There were 17 confessions and 2 baptisms. Brother Hauwah is to be commended, among others for his work at Manjolo, for this is the church that formerly met at Wendewende. Everywhere we go we

have overflowing crowds, which is a real tribute to the African preachers. In all areas, Chiradzulu, Cholo, Mlanje, and Zomba the brethren are active. There are many good men and good workers in the church, and we enjoy working with them.

—Jerry Cutter

True worth is in being, not seeming;

In doing, each day that goes by,

Some little good—not in dreaming

Of great things to do by and by.

For whatever men say in blindness,

And spite of the fancies of youth,

There's nothing so kingly as kindness,

And nothing so royal as truth.

—From "Nobility" by Alice Cary.



Myrl Dean, Blue Ridge, Tex., Apr. 20—We enjoy the paper very much. We attend worship at Melissa, Tex.; it is a small congregation. Here is our renewal.

Cicero Goddard, 16701 Lipton, Cleveland, Ohio 44128, April 14—The work here continues to hold its own. People are slow in accepting the truth. We have two studies weekly in homes; this is some help as it gives us opportunity to meet other people.

Noah Langley, Rt. 1, Woodland, Ala., April 7—We are enjoying the OPA. Bro. Calvin Prince is doing good in edifying the church at Napoleon. We look forward to our meetings in 1966 with Brethren Lynwood Smith, Johnny Elmore & Leon Fancher. Here are 3 subs.

D. B. Mbamela, Khamula Vlg., N. A. Mkhumba, P. O. Palombe, Malawi, Africa, April 12—I earnestly desire that you send the *Old Paths Advocate*, as we have many Christians here. Concerning my work here, everything is going as planned, but I need some support from you; for example, starting in the morning, preaching to people up to the evening without any break.

B. S. Rawls, Box 66245, Los Angeles, Calif. 90066, April 1—During the summer I will have some time for preaching. If you are needing a meeting, and cannot financially afford one, please contact me. I have a tract for free distribution on "Not Forsaking the Assembling;" if you can use this tract, please contact me.

Ray Roe, Stroud, Okla. 74079, April 12—According to present plans, our meeting will begin the first of May thru the 10th, including two Lord's days. We pray

that Bro. King is well. The church here is still trying to hold forth the banner of Christ. We have Lord's day services 10:30 A.M., and 7:00 P.M.; Wed., 7:30 P.M. Our love to all the faithful.

Tommie J. Jackson, 5915 Margewood, Dallas, Tex., April 15—The church on Bolder Dr. is growing in several ways through the good teaching of God's work by Bro. Jim Hickey. He has worked very hard and much progress has been made. We had two obey the gospel, and a family of six came from digression, making their confessions of wrongs; and one man, a father, was also restored. We continue to enjoy the paper. Here is my renewal.

E. R. Brown, Box 750, Stilwell, Okla., Mar. 23—The Noel chapel church of Christ at Stilwell is small in number, but is still having services each Lord's day, evening and on Wed. night. If any are passing our way, please stop and worship with us. Sunday night, we had visitors from Sallisaw, other places, too. We also had visitors Lord's Day morning. I am home from the hospital, and seem to be doing better. Remember us in your prayers.

Edd Ball, 3715 Churchill Ave., Lansing, Mich., April 5—I would appreciate hearing from those who would be interested in starting a congregation in the Lansing, Mich. area. This is greatly needed! We have been having wonderful crowds at the Milford church where we attend. Everyone seems to be getting along much better. We wait with great longing to hear Bro. Don McCord when he comes to this area this summer. We pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ every day.

Coy Agnew, Manteca, Calif., April 5—We enjoy reading the paper very much and think Bro. Don McCord is doing a very good job with it. I do not feel the raise in price is too much. The meeting we had with Bro. Lynwood Smith last month was very good with large crowds at every service. Outside interest was good. We had one young man obey the gospel for which we thank God. We would like to thank all the good brethren in this area for coming and helping make our meeting a good one.

Peluse Kalongonda, Box 43, Palombe, Malawi, Africa, April 10—Jan. 16, we were in Zenje church with 3 baptized; Jan. 25, we were at the funeral of Bro. Dikison's son; Jan. 30, we were at Zenje again with 2 more baptized; Feb. 2, we were at Chiwalo church; Feb. 6, we were at Zenje church with 1 baptized; Feb. 27, we were at Namasoko church with 20 baptized; Mar. 6, we were at Kamwendo; Bro. Bennie Cryer preached. The work here is growing, and all the African preachers with Brethren Bennie and Jerry are working hard. Please, I should like to receive any kind of book or paper to read from you brethren. Thank you.

F. H. Lichapa, Namphungo church, P. O. Mikolongwe, Malawi, April 8—I am very grateful to all that another brother is to arrive here in due course. May I say once more that our preachers are living in very

poor conditions. Brethren Cutter and Cryer witness me on this critical issue. I greet you all. Feb. 6, I was at Namphungo; Feb. 13, Liponda; Feb. 20, Chinthuli with Brethren Musa, Cutter and Cryer where 4 were baptized; Feb. 27, Maonga church; Mar. 6, Chilemba with 13 baptized; Mar. 13, at Mzizira; Mar. 20, Sapatiyawo church; Mar. 27, Nkhulambe church with Brethren Musa and Cutter; 15 were baptized.

Bill H. Davis, 2725 Knox Ave., St. Albans, W. Va., 25177, April 14—I was with the Indiana, Pa. congregation for a week's meeting, April 3-10. This was the opening meeting for this congregation in its new building. It was also the first time for me to be associated with most of these brethren. I was greatly impressed with their efforts in building their new meeting house, they are to be commended. The work here at St. Albans continues to be most enjoyable. It is very easy to work with these brethren. We are looking forward to Miles King being here, April 15-24, for a meeting. Pray for us.

Clovis T. Cook, 809 Lyons, Kansas City, April 15—This week I have been in a meeting in Joplin, Mo. The crowds have been good. We have had many visitors from other congregations from as far away as Lubbock and Amarillo, Texas; Kansas City, Kan.; Kansas City, Mo.; Springfield; Mt. Home; Neosho; Burkhardt, all in Missouri, and perhaps others. We had visitors from Tulsa, Okla. This congregation is going places. A few years ago other congregations were helping to keep Bro. Jack Cutter here full time; now this same congregation is supporting work in Neosho, Mo., and Wichita, Kan. The people have a mind, willing to work. They have good potential leadership. There have been from one to five preachers in attendance. This is a sample of what can be done if we set our mind to it. God has blessed them abundantly.

Jim Hickey, 5012 Cranfill Dr., Dallas, Tex., April 15—Since last report one has been restored and two people have been baptized into Christ. Bro. John Martinez taught the chapter recently. He had formerly been with the cups and classes brethren. He is able to teach in Spanish as well as English. He and his family are a real asset to the church here. Two more families have been coming regularly from a digressive group. Our contribution and attendance have been very good. Two Lord's days this month we had over 90 in attendance. In June, I look forward to meetings at Levelland, Tex. (June 3-12), and Flippin, Ark. (June 19-26). Bro. Bill Roden will be here in Dallas, June 10-19.

Franklin E. Staggs, 359 E. Gillespie, Flint, Mich. 48505, April 14—The church in this area is growing. Debbie Harris, the oldest daughter of Bro. and Sister Floyd Harris, was baptized recently. Some of the members who have been out of duty for some time are attending services regularly now. There are several home studies being conducted in Flint each week, and we believe that much good is coming from this close contact with people. We have been edified much by studying the life of Christ with Bro. Ron Courter each Mon. night at Pontiac. We look forward to our meeting, July 14-24, with Bro. Paul Walker, and invite all who can to attend. Let us not forget—"the light of the world is Jesus!"

Ronny F. Wade, Box 564, Lebanon, Mo., April 15—This writing finds us in a gospel meeting at Mena, Arkansas. Thus far we have enjoyed our stay here. The church is small in number, but very zealous. Bro. Leon Fancher makes his home here, and works with the church. From here, the Lord willing we go to Reading, Ohio, April 29-May 8; thence to Shreveport, La., June 10-19, and Strong, Ark., June 20-26, with the time in between being spent in work at Lebanon. The work there continues to progress. We look forward to our yearly plan meeting the 15th of May. At that time we will plan our work for another year. We hope

to have five preachers working full time in the work this coming year. May God's richest blessings come to each of you, is our prayer.

Tom E. Smith, 302 Phillips, Healdton, Okla., April 15—The work in Okla. seems to be progressing. The fourth Lord's day singings in southern Okla., and the second Lord's day singings in the central part of the state and north are well attended, and it stimulates the interest in spiritual singing. The good work continues, as our beloved Bro. King mentioned in his Preface in the new song book, "Gospel Herald." It is a fine work. I have been at Andrews, Tex. since last week-end. I have enjoyed the hospitality and Christian association, both in the homes of our children and the members here. Bro. Rodney Ross and his room mate, Bill Houghs, came by Mon. enroute to Portales, N. Mex. We certainly enjoyed the short visit. Ronny is a fine Christian, we believe.

Earl B. Helvey, 7608 Prince St., Citrus Hts., Calif., April 15—We are still progressing here at 64th St. The congregation is working together as a body to serve the Lord; let us all work to please the Lord and not ourselves. Two have obeyed the gospel and 1 was restored and 3 have confessed faults since Feb. 1. The four local congregations, 64th St., North Sacramento, Orangevale, and Fair Oaks are sponsoring a singing each fourth Sat. night, alternating between 64th St. and Orangevale. The next will be by North Sacramento, May 28th, at 64th St. We had a good meeting with Bro. Paul Walker; it closed the 24th with 2 confessions and 1 restored. He is a very good preacher; he brought some good admonition. We had a good singing on his last day with various congregations represented. We enjoyed having him and his family in our home.

Paul O. Nichols, 1400 Adena Street, Bakersfield, Calif., 93306, April 19—The Lord's work in Southwest Bakersfield continues to progress. Our efforts have been abundantly blessed since we began a little more than two and a half years ago. Our weekly radio broadcast is now in its fourth year (which is jointly sponsored by the churches of Arvin and Southwest Bakersfield). The church building will soon be ready for us to use for worship, the Lord willing. Recently we enjoyed working with the congregations at Ceres and Yuba City in meetings. It was a pleasure to be with old friends again and make new acquaintances. There were restorations at both places and one baptism at Yuba City. The Lord willing, I am to be at San-Angelo, Texas (Freeland Ave.), June 3-12; Wynnewood, Okla., June 13-22; Fruitland, Texas, June 24-July 3.

Miles King, 1533 Camden Way, Norman, Okla., April 18—We have recently enjoyed a good meeting in Okla. City (21st Street) with several preachers doing the speaking. At present we are engaged in a meeting at St. Albans, W. Va. Our crowds are real good during this meeting. We have had several visitors from surrounding congregations. It is a privilege to be associated with all the brethren in this area and especially Bro. Bill Davis who is working with the congregation at St. Albans. April 13, I preached at Harrodsburg, Indiana, and April 14 at Reading, Ohio. At Reading there were 2 baptized and 3 confessions of fault. We are looking forward to our meeting at Norman (May 1-8) with Bro. Dennis Smith doing the preaching. May 15-29, I am looking forward to working with Bro. Richard Nichols in a meeting at Mozier, Ill.

Elmo House, Box 642, Chattahoochee, Fla., April 11—I have been working with the congregation at Mt. Pleasant, Fla. for nearly a year. How the time has slipped by! Having done all the good that I can for the Cause in this area, the Lord willing, on May 9, we depart for Little Rock, Ark. to work with the congregation in North Little Rock for at least one year, possibly longer. Little Rock is a large city; near a quarter of a million people. I extend to these brethren, to the

cause of Christ and to the entire brotherhood, my humble, full-time effort to save as many as we can in this city. We do humbly ask for the prayers of all the brethren as we go forth into this teeming city of thousands. Brethren, at this writing, I prepare for this great work with inadequate support. My address in Little Rock until we get located will be Gen. Del. May the Lord bless the brotherhood with peace and unity is my prayer.

E. H. Miller, Box 538, LaGrange, Ga. 30240, April 15—The third week-end of Mar. we enjoyed a good meeting at Marietta, Ga.; then back with the home congregation the last of Mar.; and then with the Lawrenceburg, Tenn. brethren the first week-end of April. We enjoyed 3 wonderful services there and our visits in the homes of old friends. The Birmingham, Ala. meeting was good last week, but due to sickness we were only able to attend two services. We will leave today for a week-end meeting at Greenville, S. C. Bro. Alton Bailey has been working with that congregation for several weeks, and he has several outsiders interested that we hope will take a firm stand for the Bible way all the way soon. Bro. Billy Orten will be with the LaGrange, Ga. congregation for the second meeting of 1966. We are looking forward to many visitors at that time, and all visitors will find our homes open for the full meeting if any can be with us that long.

R. B. Roden, 112 Kelley Dr., Moore, Okla., 73060, April 18—Our meeting at Lexington, Okla. closed without visible results; however, we did enjoy this meeting with so many of the congregations of this area helping us. We want to thank each one for the cooperation. We feel the church at Lexington has been strengthened as well as we. The meeting at N. W. 21st, Okla. City with different speakers was well attended. The speakers were Joe Hisle, Miles King, Richard Nichols, Edwin Morris, Rodney Ross and this writer. The get-together at Wiley Post Park showed good fellowship in the work of the Lord in this area. The Capitol Hill congregation has been blessed with improvement in the teaching, both among the young and older men. Two have been baptized and 10 have confessed faults since our last report. We pray that all of us can do just a little more in trying to save souls. For the past month, I have been teaching on Wed. nights at Washington, Okla. Do pray for us in the work.

Glenn Spradley, 8 Hillcrest, Ardmore, Okla., April 15—The Lord has been very good to me in my desire to begin preaching the gospel. Some day I hope that I will be able to follow in my Grandad Homer Gay's footsteps. I know there will be many tribulations confront me (Acts 14:22), but I have taken my stand and intend to keep it. Since Feb., I have been busy teaching at different congregations each Lord's day in the month: Ardmore, Marietta, Heaton, and Wilson. Marietta is being helped by Bro. Norman Thurman, Ardmore. He has helped them for a number of years. The church is small in number, with one male member, Bro. Jones. Since April, I have been going to Dougherty, Okla. where a few sisters in Christ help to keep the church up and moving. Let us pray for them. Lord's day evening the same day, was at Davis, Okla. where a fine crowd attended. Bro. Keith Wells has been helping Davis; he lives in Ardmore. Bro. Lonnie York, also of Ardmore, has been helping Bro. Wells at Davis. Lonnie is a high school senior, as am I, and wants to preach the gospel of Christ. I would like to say, too, that I thank the Lord for giving me parents who have led me in the right way, Johnny and Lou Spradley.

Marvin Fisher, 3003 Luna Ave., San Diego, Calif. 92117, April 15—In the past we have had some very fine meetings in this area, and the meeting at El Cajon which closed April 10th with Bro. Don McCord as our speaker was no exception to the rule. We were made very happy by one being added to the fold by obeying her Lord in baptism, and by the 3 confessions of faults. On the last Lord's day of the meeting we had lunch and singing. I always enjoy visiting with the brethren on these occasions, as I do the wonderful lunch and singing. All through our meeting Don handled the Word carefully, humbly, yet forcefully. We are thankful for Don, and not for Don only, but for our many brethren, and for the wonderful work they are doing in showing many the way, and for the unity and peace that follows them in their work. It is such a pleasure to commend the preaching brethren who are glorifying God by their lives as well as by their preaching. Love to all.

Bennie T. Cryer, Box 573, Blantyre, Malawi, Africa, April 13—The African field continues to expand and its limits are bounded only by our own determination and vision. If we miss the opportunities granted us on this continent it will be because we have failed to walk through the doors the Lord has opened for us. I speak not of the work Bro. Cutter and I are doing. With the help of the Lord we are trying to make the most of each opportunity presented to us and our shoulders are already burdened with the cares of more than 120 congregations. I do speak of the foresight in plans that can be made by all of you for expansion of this work. I do speak of the determination every capable gospel preacher can and should have to see that the gospel is carried beyond the narrow limits we have relegated it to in the past few years. Brethren, how big do you want the African work to be? It can be just as big as you want it, but it will take far-reaching vision, plans, dedication and money. We have shown that we do possess these requirements in the brotherhood. Now, let us develop them and use them to their fullest extent and walk through the "door of opportunity" into world-wide service for the Master.

Fred A. Renier, 1213 Montana Pl., Joplin, Mo. 64801, April 15—The church here continues to grow and is blessed with peace and harmony. We received and installed our new furniture last week and are justly proud. Bro. Clovis Cook started our meeting Lord's Day, and in the evening we had the largest crowd we have ever had. We expect much good to come of this meeting; Bro. Clovis is well-known in these parts. The Leawood Village

church of Christ takes pride in our accomplishments, although we do not intend to rest on our laurels; building the new building, helping support two full-time evangelists, helping to develop two more young preachers who will soon take their places in the Lord's vineyard, and all this taking place in the heart of an anti-preacher element. Much of the credit is due Evangelist Jack Cutter who has labored in our midst for more than two years, and to those tireless workers who came over from the anti-preacher groups. Remember the words of Gamaliel? Also, we could not have accomplished what we have without the help, financial and otherwise from the surrounding churches, who gave so liberally of their money and talent. Here is our renewal.

Bonnie B. Cayson, 1993 Burn Hame Ave., Memphis, Tenn., April 15—The congregations in this area continue to preach the gospel to the lost and the saved. The congregation at 1317 N. Willett St. enjoyed the preaching of Bro. Harry Gene Motley at Detroit, Mich. Bro. Motley is young in the faith but strong in the word. It is wonderful to see people obey the gospel and make rapid progress. In Mar., two short meetings were conducted here by Brethren Bill Roden and Richard Nichols with excellent preaching. Both are to return next year. The study conducted at the Fairview, La. congregation was most enjoyable. Many think it was the best. "The Home" was the subject. Twenty minutes were allotted to each speaker, and as Bro. Billy Orten stated, this meeting will long be remembered by those who attended. Plans are to put the sermons in book form. You will do yourself a service to obtain a copy. Some of the brethren from Miss. suggested that such a study be conducted in that State. We look forward to it. We enjoyed being with the church at Conway, La. Bro. Wayne McKamie begins here in June to continue through August. May the Lord continue to bless all our prayer.

David Macy, Box 6634, Jackson, Miss., April 4—The work in Jackson was real slow during the winter, but now that Spring has arrived, our attendance is beginning to increase. The church in Houston, Tex. is continuing to support me \$50 a month, the Pearl-haven congregation, Brookhaven, Miss. is supporting me \$20 a month, and helped support me ever since I have been engaged in the work here. The New Salem congregation has also sent me \$100 on two different occasions and paid the remainder of our baby's hospital bill. Bro. Clark Smith, of the Hillcrest congregation near Brookhaven is sending me \$10 a month support. I express my sincere appreciation to all the brethren who have helped in this work. April 3, I preached at W. Monroe, La. and I certainly enjoyed being with these brethren. I also spoke at afternoon services at the Fairview congregation along with several other speakers. There was a large crowd in attendance, and I enjoyed it very much. Bro. Alton Bailey, LaGrange, Ga. will conduct a meeting here in Jackson, May 1-8. All are cordially invited to attend. Bro. Bailey is a very able preacher of the gospel and a man of character. We welcome any and all of the brethren who come this way to visit us and worship with us. You will find a warm welcome and your visit will be a great help to the new work in this city.

Jim A. Canfield, Rt. 3, Box 86, Marion, La. 71260, April 8—The church here is doing fine; the Farmerville congregation is yet growing in the knowledge of the Bible way. Lord willing, I will go to Memphis, Tenn. tomorrow, the 9th, and stay thru next week. They are a fine group with whom to work. All preachers ought to teach, preach and practice what the Bible says and be of the same mind, obeying the apostles' doctrine (Acts 2:42-47; 1 Cor. 4:6). There would not be so much misunderstanding of the Bible with many good brethren and sisters in Christ. More about the cup of the Lord—brother sent me a little pamphlet in which he tried to prove the cup had nothing to do with drinking the Lord's blood. Repentance and remission of sins began at Jerusalem; we know the literal city of Jerusalem did not save the 3,000 on the day of Pentecost, but they had to be in the city in order to hear the gospel and believe it on that day. We do not teach that one must drink the literal cup, no more than we teach literal Jerusalem saved, but we do believe and teach that the fruit of the vine was in the cup and Jesus said to his apostles to drink of it, or out of it. If we speak where the Bible speaks and are silent where it is silent, we will do the same. If cup did not mean cup, then Jerusalem did not mean Jerusalem either—and both were named by Christ. After all, Jesus said the cup is the New Testament in His blood. Let no one tell you the cup is non-essential. We must drink the Lord's blood from one cup in the assembly. May the Lord help us all to obey His word.

J. W. Kornegay, Box 105, Belle Mead, N. J. 08502, April 4—The work here is doing well. We have visitors at almost every service. Two were restored last month and two were baptized last week. We have hopes of others being baptized any day. I wrote Bro. Carl Willis about a radio program here as it is so badly needed. The cups and classes churches are sending 20 boys here in June and 30 in July to work door-to-door. I saw in the daily paper that 80 people flew from Texas to put in applications for work, and returned Sunday to Texas; they will be back soon to stay. I must do all that I can as quickly as possible, by reaching as many people as I can before they reach them. Bro. Carl Willis is making a plea for help for a radio program. All support will be acknowledged in the O.P.A. I appreciate the support of the Flemington, Pa. congregation for getting this program started with their support of \$450, and Pontiac, Mich. with \$50. I have already signed a contract with radio station WTTM in Trenton, N. J.; it is about 16 miles from Belle Mead. It will be Lord's Day, 8:30 A.M.; the name of the program is "The Gospel Truth." We had to take a 12-month contract, stipulating that we could cancel the contract at the end of any 13-week period. I believe you can see the need for such a program, and I have faith in God and the brotherhood that they will answer this Macedonian call in New Jersey. I feel the church here will grow; I thank you for your support and prayers. You may contact Bro. B. F. Leonard, Huntington, W. Va. for more information about this work. Here are two subs.

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TRAFFIC SINNERS

Big headlines entitled "TRAFFIC SINNERS FACE CRACKDOWN" appeared recently in the daily newspaper of a major city. This news item received attention and reaction. I was impressed by the fact that the civil government looked upon its citizenry as sinners when the traffic laws were violated.

If the civil authorities rightly judge such transgression, how much more will God hold His people accountable for violation of civil law? What saith the scriptures?

Here is a brief analysis of Romans 13 on the Christian's relation to his government: 1. He is to be loyal subject to civil authority. 2. This civil authority is of God; ordained of God. 3. To resist this authority is to resist God. 4. To resist is to bring damnation. 5. The civil authorities are God's ministers to Christians for good; His ministers to execute wrath on them that do evil. 6. The Christian is to be subject, not only to avoid the wrath of God, but also for conscience sake.

Fellow traveler, where is your conscience? Where is your regard for unmistakably plain teaching on obedience to civil authority? Automobiles are one of the greatest temporal blessings we have—shall we take God's gift (this temporal blessing) and with it transgress His Word? How ungrateful!

It is a fact that many a Christian is in the category of "Traffic Sinners." It is a fact that many of our evangelists are guilty, also. Is this an "example of the believers"? Why, I ask, do we look so lightly on this transgression, yet press the attack on Satan in other areas?

Next Lord's Day, how many gospel preachers, evangelists, elders and teachers can stand in the pulpit before the congregation and state that they are obedient to the traffic laws of the various states? How many would have to confess that they are "TRAFFIC SINNERS," and not therefore an example of the believers, nor an example to our younger generation? If you are in the latter category, there's some business you need to tend to without delay.

No amount of excuses can be offered by anyone to sweep aside our traffic laws as being rules or regulations that can be violated. There is no way you can justify transgression. To ignore these laws is to ignore the authority of God; civil authorities are His ministers.

It is a shame for an evangelist to boast about a

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THE CHRISTIAN AND THE DANCE

The word "Christian" means many different things to different people. The meaning of the word "dance" is very broad in its scope. An intelligent effort to see the relationship which the Christian ought to sustain to the dance, therefore, will demand an understanding of these terms.

The Christian is one who has heard and believed the good news of Christ's sacrifice for the sins of the world. His faith in the Son of God has led him to turn from every sin (repent), and to confess his faith in Christ before men. He has been buried with Christ in baptism, and he has arisen from that watery grave to a new life. The Christian is one who belongs to Christ: "Or know ye not," the apostle Paul writes, "that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit which is in you, which ye have from God? and ye are not your own; for ye were bought with a price: glorify God therefore in your body" (1 Cor. 6:19, 20 A. S. V.). The Christian is subject to the will of Christ; he is prompted in what he does by the mind of Christ. He is a new creature: "Wherefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: the old things are passed away; behold, they are become new" (2 Cor. 5:17 A. S. V.). He has a new purpose in life: "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service. And be not fashioned to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God." (Rom. 12:1, 2 A. S. V.).

Our problem then is very simple. Can a person engage in the dance and still be on the Lord's side? In answering this question, we have only to decide whether or not the dance is consistent with the principles of purity demanded of the Christian life. Is it a fruit of the Spirit or a work of the flesh? Does it draw us nearer to God, or does it separate us from Him? Does it help to bring others to Christ, or does it serve as a hindrance and a stumbling block?

Dancing consists in the rhythmical movement of any or all parts of the body in accordance with some scheme of individual or concerted action which is expressive of emotions or ideas. You will notice at once that the word has a broad meaning. It ranges from such simple activity as that of a person who expresses with certain bodily movements their feelings of joy to that of one who is skilled in arousing powerful human emotions. The Bible records a number of cases

in which dancing was simply an expression of rejoicing over some thing. Following the deliverance of the children of Israel in Exo. 15:20 is such a case. But, the dance is flexible and is capable of expressing a wide range of ideas; it can be used to show what is suggestive and wrong. Exodus 32:19 is a case in point. Something of this same thing must have been seen in the dancing of the daughter of Herodias. Appearing before a group of men, she so played upon the emotions of Herod that he promised that she could have anything she desired; acting upon her murderous mother's suggestion, she asked for the head of John the Baptist on a charger (Matt. 14:6, Mk. 6:24).

So far we have been concerned with the dance as done by individuals to express emotions ranging from high religious joy down to base human passions. We have seen how it lends itself to the portrayal of one's thoughts and intents all along the line. When we come to the modern dance, however, we lose all trace of any religious significance. In the performance of this dance women sometimes dance with other women, but men seldom, if ever, dance with other men. By far the prevailing practice is for men to dance with women. Someone has referred to it as a walking embrace. Since there is no religious significance associated with the dance, wherein lies the secret of its appeal? Why have so many, including many members of the church, been swept up by the enthusiasm for what has been called the dance craze? Some say, "It provides a pleasant way of exercising." Others add, "It helps develop grace and poise." If these are true, then this question comes up, "Why then do not boys dance with boys, girls with girls, women with women, and men with men?" To ask this question is to strike at the very root of the modern dance, for the appeal of the modern dance has its foundation in human passion.

Now, to be sure, not everyone who takes part in the dance is aware of the basic reason why they enjoy doing so. But, and herein lies the danger! Even though they may be unaware of this basic appeal when they first begin to dance, by the time they do it long enough to recognize its appeal, they are so often captivated by it that they will not think of giving it up.

The atmosphere of the dance, its provisions for close physical contact between opposite sexes, the soft lights and music are all calculated to stimulate unlawful thoughts and desires. The practice of petting has been brought into the dance hall, set to music, and given another name. The same dangers are still present, however. Emotions which God decreed should be aroused only in the marriage relationship are kindled, and the result is a cheapening and coarsening of character if not a tragic ruining of life.

The Christian has severed himself from sin. This means that he has turned his back upon the works of the flesh. God has condemned: fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousies, wraths, factions, divisions, parties, envying, drunkenness, and such like. Those who practice these things, God warns, shall not inherit the kingdom of God. The Christian is led by the Spirit to bear the fruit of the Spirit. In him we are to see: love, joy, peace, long-suffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, meekness, self-control. In the New Testament presentation of the Christian, a clear line is drawn between the fruit of the

Spirit which he is to bring forth, and the works of the flesh from which he has turned away.

The Christian's first concern with regard to the dance ought to be himself. He must have his own house in order before he can successfully reach others. Some members of the church profess to find it hard to see anything wrong with the dance, plus other sinful things. Their trouble seems to be not so much an inability to recognize the evil in the dance as an inability to appreciate the purity of the Christian life. The average worldly person will freely admit the basic appeal of the dance, but what does he think when he sees the Christian engaging in the same practice, but professing to see no harm in it? Is he to be blamed because he concludes that one is a hypocrite?

If you still say that you can see nothing wrong with the dance and that you are not troubled with unlawful thoughts and desires, what about your influence upon others? Do you honestly believe that you can effectively represent Christianity to the world by supporting and encouraging what good people through the years have condemned as evil? Can you impress the lost with their need of salvation while conducting yourself as one of the lost?

The Christian belongs to Christ, and he comes to the world as a representative of that which is pure and upright. He cannot afford to jeopardize his own soul's salvation and the salvation of those whom he might influence by participating in the modern dance. (From a tract of the same title; the writer is unknown—selected here by Bro. A. L. Adams, 465 Finley Ave., Montgomery, Ala. 36104).

THE FUTURE OF THE AFRICAN WORK

We now have a replacement for Bro. Jerry Cutter when his time is completed in Africa in May, 1967. Bro. Roy Lee Criswell has been selected by the N.W. 21st St. congregation in Oklahoma City to take Bro. Jerry's place. Roy Lee is married and has three children. We certainly commend Roy Lee and his wife, Zella, for their interest and willingness in wanting to do everything that they can to further the Lord's work. In a recent letter from Roy Lee he said he would not want to refuse any work of the Lord that he might be able to do.

We believe that Roy Lee is qualified for the work and that he will be a great help to Bro. Bennie Cryer. We feel that these two will work together and further the cause of Christ in Africa. Brethren Cutter and Cryer have a wonderful work started in Africa and we cannot let this work cease now. This is a wide open field and we can do world's of good there.

I am afraid too many of us have had the wrong idea about this work. This work cannot be handled by a novice or inexperienced man. It is not a training ground for preachers. We need just as an experienced man for this work as we would for a work in the States. Under the program that Jerry and Bennie have outlined now, these people are really learning and growing in the faith.

In the near future we will begin collecting the money for the fare of Bro. Roy Lee and family for their trip to Africa. Brethren, we will need the help

of all. Won't each congregation plan to send help on this and in this way none will be over burdened. You will be hearing from us in the near future. As soon as we obtain the exact amount needed for their fare we will notify the brotherhood. We will make regular reports about this work and keep the brotherhood informed. The work in this phase will be continued to be taken care of in the future as it has in the past.

The N. W. 21st St. congregation in Oklahoma City is taking the lead in sponsoring the replacements for Jerry and Bennie, and any correspondence pertaining to this work may be directed to the writer who in turn will bring it before the congregation. All decisions about the work will be taken care of by the congregation.

Let us all take more interest in mission work at home and abroad. We now have something like 120 congregations in Africa. We cannot and must not let this work down.

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CANNIBAL CHURCH MEMBERS

From Webster we learn A CANNIBAL is "A human being that eats human flesh, a man-eater!" So, I suppose that kind of CHURCH MEMBER would be a "CANNIBAL CHURCH MEMBER." You may think there are no such CHURCH MEMBERS, but let us see.

We read in Micah 3:5, "Thus saith the LORD concerning the prophets that make my people err, that bite with their teeth, and cry, Peace;" Why do they "BITE WITH THEIR TEETH"? It seems these "BACKBITERS" are out to devour. Jesus said, in Mt. 7:15, "INWARDLY THEY ARE RAVENING WOLVES." These "WOLVES" (CANNIBAL CHURCH MEMBERS) ARE OUT FOR MEAT, THE LAMBS AND SHEEP OF GOD'S PASTURE. We read in Acts 20:16-30, Paul . . . sent to Ephesus, and called the elders of the church. And when they were come to him, he said unto them, . . . I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. ALSO OF YOUR OWN SELVES SHALL MEN ARISE, SPEAKING PERVERSE THINGS, TO DRAW AWAY DISCIPLES AFTER THEM." Yes, Paul knew church members, called wolves, would "enter in . . . not sparing the flock"! Paul warns us against being such "CANNIBAL CHURCH MEMBERS;" saying in Gal. 5:15, "IF YE BITE AND DEVOUR ONE ANOTHER, TAKE HEED THAT YE BE NOT CONSUMED ONE OF ANOTHER." Paul warned against fellowshiping those wolves that divide, destroy, and devour the sheep of God's pasture, Yea, Paul and Jesus both warned against letting them continue to "BITE AND DEVOUR" THE SHEEP WHILE WE LEAVE THEM UNEXPOSED ("IN SHEEP'S CLOTHING") AMONG THE FLOCK! YEA, JESUS SAID, IN MT. 7:15, "BEWARE OF FALSE PROPHETS, WHICH COME TO YOU IN SHEEP'S CLOTHING, BUT INWARDLY THEY ARE RAVENING WOLVES." Yea, Paul said, in 2 Thess. 3:6, "Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us." And again in Rom.

16:17-18, "Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them. For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple."

The Apostle Paul said, in Gal. 5:4-15, "WHOSOEVER OF YOU ARE JUSTIFIED BY THE LAW; YE ARE FALLEN FROM GRACE . . . YE DID RUN WELL; WHO DID HINDER YOU THAT YE SHOULD NOT OBEY THE TRUTH? . . . A LITTLE LEAVEN LEAVENETH THE WHOLE LUMP . . . I WOULD THEY WERE EVEN CUT OFF WHICH TROUBLE YOU . . . IF YE BITE AND DEVOUR ONE ANOTHER, TAKE HEED THAT YE BE NOT CONSUMED ONE OF ANOTHER." Then the Apostle Paul says, in 1 Cor. 5:1-13, "It is reported commonly that there is fornication among you, and such fornication as is not so much as named among the Gentiles, . . . In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when ye are gathered together . . . deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus . . . Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump? Purge out therefore the old leaven, . . . I have written unto you not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one no not to eat . . . Therefore put away from among yourselves that wicked person." The Apostle Peter said, in 2 Pet. 2:1-2, "THERE WERE FALSE PROPHETS ALSO AMONG THE PEOPLE, EVEN AS THERE SHALL BE FALSE TEACHERS AMONG YOU, WHO PRIVILY SHALL BRING IN DAMNABLE HERESIES, . . . AND MANY SHALL FOLLOW THEIR PERNICIOUS WAYS; BY REASON OF WHOM THE WAY OF TRUTH SHALL BE EVIL SPOKE OF." Jesus spoke of some who worshipped Him saying, in Mk. 7:7-9, "Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men. For laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men, . . . And he said unto them, Full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition." The lambs and the sheep should be protected from such "CANNIBAL CHURCH MEMBERS"!

We read in Micah 3:5, "Thus saith the LORD concerning the prophets that make my people err, that bite with their teeth"! Thus we notice, those who make God's people err by teaching for doctrine the commandments of men also "BITE WITH THEIR TEETH"! If you still doubt such people are pictured as CANNIBALS, notice what Micah 3:1-2 says of them, they "hate the good, and . . . pluck off their skin from off them, and their flesh from off their bones; Who also eat the flesh of my people"! SO GOD LETS US KNOW SUCH PEOPLE ARE CANNIBALS FOR THEY "BITE WITH THEIR TEETH"—"HATE THE GOOD . . . PLUCK OFF THEIR SKIN . . . AND THEIR FLESH FROM OFF THEIR BONES" AND "EAT THE FLESH OF MY PEOPLE"! But that's not all! No, just plucking off their skin and eating their flesh is not enough! Listen to Micah 3:3, "THEY BREAK THEIR BONES, AND CHOP THEM IN PIECES, AS FOR THE POT"! So it looks as if after eating their flesh they are going to make a stew out of their bones by breaking and chop-

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THE SULPHUR, OKLA. MEETING

The time is drawing near for one of the most enjoyable events of the year, the Sulphur meeting. The Sulphur brethren state that the meeting will begin on June 25th and continue through July 4th; morning services at 10:00 and evenings at 8:00.

This meeting usually affords one the opportunity of hearing some of the very best in preaching and singing; this year should be no exception and thus one can ill afford to miss it.

Jack Cutter and I will, at the brethren's request, be conducting the meeting. We are looking forward to seeing you there.

—J. Wayne McKamie

NOTE OF THANKS

I take this means of expressing to one and all my sincerest thanks for the nice cards and letters that have been sent during my illness. May God bless all of you. I am now able to attend the services of the church.

—W. E. Murry, Box 12,
Waterford, Calif.

TO ALL THE FAITHFUL BRETHREN

A few days ago Bro. Don McCord sent out letters to some of the Calif. congregations in my behalf. I had written to him about my physical and financial condition. A portion of this letter also appeared in April issue of *Old Paths Advocate*. First John 3:17-18 reads: "But whoso hath this world's goods and seeth his brother have need and shutteth up his bowels of compassion for him, how dwelleth the love of God in him? My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue, but in deed and in truth." The actions of my brethren for me was a most profound manifestation of love in deed and in truth. Please do not send any more money unless I ask for it; I will have sufficient to carry me through unless some unforeseen problem arises. I will return all money sent to me after May 1st. To date, we have received money from the fol-

lowing congregations and individuals: California—Lodi, Manteca, Modesto, Montebello, Sacramento (64th St.), Stockton, Corcoran, Eureka, Salinas, Winters and Waterford; Montezuma, Iowa; Smithville, Tex.; Bro. James R. Stewart; Sister W. A. Macy; Neoma McCracken; Louis P. Howsman; Overa Freeman; Ella Walkup; De Leon, Tex.; Olive Wilburn; J. E. Smith; Sister H. C. McCombs; Elizabeth Byford; Ralph Kitson; Bob and Linda Bumgardner. My home congregation is also helping; Pauline Snow; James and Garnet Davis; Moline, Mich.; Ruth Campbell; New Salem church, Brookhaven, Miss.; Ceres, Calif.; Fredrick, Okla.; Waterloo, Iowa; Mozier, Ill.; Earl Wooster; Bowie, Texas; Fairmont, W. Va. Some have asked their name not be mentioned. Many have promised more and others have said to please let them know if more is needed.

Once again I say God's people have proved their love and faith by their works. I have never seen a more prompt or generous act of faith and love. We thank each and every one for this. We also thank God that He has such a wonderful group of people to worship Him and love each other. May He bless you all a hundredfold.

I am still improving, and I hope to be able to visit among my brethren in a few months. Please continue to pray for us that if it be the Lord's will I may recover. All the glory to God.

—Perry and Anna Mae Allen,
2520 Clinton Ave., Richmond, Calif.

MEET BROTHER LARRY LAY

Bro. Larry Lay is the son of Bro. and Sister Fred Lay of Santee, Calif. His father for several years helped guide the National City, Calif. congregation and at present is a pillar in the church at El Cajon, Calif. Having grown up in this Christian environment, it is not surprising that Larry, at the age of 18, is filling regular appointments, and teaching often at his home congregation.

Larry plans to be at the Sulphur, Okla. meeting. Why not get acquainted with him at this spiritual feast? If you feel that energetic, refreshing teaching would benefit the congregation where you attend, why not invite Larry by? During the past school term, Larry has attended college full time, and worked part time in order that he might be in a position to make this summer trip.

If you would like further information concerning this young Christian, please feel free to contact this writer. I have known Larry for 17 years, and I think he is one of the finest Christian boys I know.

—Marvin E. Fisher, 3003 Luna Ave.,
San Diego, Calif. 92117

FREE CORRESPONDENCE COURSE

Brother Ralph E. Mustard, 8592 W. 63rd Pl., Arvada, Colo. 80002, and Brother Jesse French, Box 1266, Redding, Calif. 96001, offer a free Bible correspondence course of 30 lessons. If you are interested or have interested friends, all you need to do is send name, address (with zip code) to one of the addresses above, and the course will be yours at no cost or obligation. Brother Mustard writes: "I have been mailing these out for a number of months with great success. I am con-

stantly getting requests for them. The church here is running the complete course in one of our local papers, with a circulation of well over 23,000. We print one lesson each week. The results thus far have been very stimulating."

THANK YOU

We sincerely thank all who sent sympathy cards and flowers at the passing of our son, Ernest. We are thankful, too, for the get-well cards, calls, flowers and prayers during the illness of my wife, Zella Fussell. She is much improved at this writing.

—L. E. Fussell and Family

BRETHREN PLEASE NOTICE!

Statement by the Brethren at Cave Junction, Oregon:

On the night of April 14, 1966, Brother S. H. Wilkins took his stand with the churches of Christ that do not use the Sunday School, women teachers, and individual communion cups, stating that he could and would no longer work with those who use them. Therefore, we recommend him to the brotherhood. Signed by the brethren at Cave Junction, Oregon.

—Glenn Arnett, Ed Permenter,
Leon Permenter, H. E. Carmack,
J. R. Permenter

Statement by S. H. Wilkins:

I am unable any longer to preach for and work with those churches that use the Sunday School, women teachers, and individual communion cups, and I desire to take my stand and be identified with those churches that do not use them. I have made this statement to the brethren at Cave Junction, Oregon, and they have accepted it and received me into full fellowship. I desire to be used in meetings and in whatever other ways I can serve faithful brethren.

—S. H. Wilkins

Brother S. H. Wilkins is a good, humble man. He is a talented song leader. He is a good speaker. Since he has taken his stand with us who do not use classes, women teachers, and individual communion cups, I now recommend him to the faithful congregations. I would encourage them to take advantage of his services as a preacher of the gospel of Christ.

Sincerely in love,
Orville Lee Smith

OUR DEPARTED

Laton—Brother Walter William Laton, born December 3, 1904 at Hutchinson, Kansas, departed this life at Yakima, Washington, February 25, 1966 at the age of 61. He is survived by his wife, Pauline E. Laton; one daughter, Mrs. Bobby Hyer, Yakima, and one son, Walter D. Laton of Yakima. He also has 3 grandchildren.

Brother Laton was a Christian for just a short time, but he was very zealous in his religion, and we are so happy that he died in the triumphs of a living faith. I was called to officiate at the funeral which was well attended by a large number of Brother Laton's friends.

—Paul O. Nichols

Stinson—Bro. Walter Kelly Stinson departed this life at the ripe age of 83 years, 11 months, and 14 days. He was born May 26, 1882, and passed away May 14,

1966. He had resided at 1602 12th St., Wichita Falls, Tex. for 7 years. He is survived by his wife, Sister May Stinson; four daughters, Mrs. Susie Henderson, Riverside, Calif.; Mrs. Irene Hunley, Wichita Falls; Mrs. Mildred Loudermilk, Victorville, Calif.; and Mrs. Maxine Ogden, Pine Bluff, Ark.; 12 grandchildren, and several great grandchildren. The funeral was held in the meeting house on Lawrence Rd., Wichita Falls, Tex.; burial was in Rosemont cemetery. The singers were from the congregation. The writer delivered the message.

—Arley D. Fancher

Stover—Our dear brother William F. (Bill) Stover passed on after 5 years of illness. He was born July 2, 1927 at Salona, Pa. and passed away at the U. S. Public Health Service Hospital, Baltimore, Md., April 24, 1966. He is survived by his Christian wife, Betty; two sons, Wayne of Mill Hall, Pa., and Daryle of the home; one grand daughter; his mother, Mrs. Hazel Stover; 3 brothers, George K., Jr. and Robert, both of Mill Hall, Pa. and Byron Kramer, Woolrich, Pa.; two sisters, Jessie Stover and Mrs. Richard Garbrick, both of Mill Hall, Pa. Bro. Bill was a member of the Wright St. congregation at Flemington, Pa. for 22 years. He will be greatly missed in the church and in the home.

I talked and prayed with him a few days before his passing. He expressed to me his gratitude for all the encouraging cards he had received during his illness. He suffered so much here. We believe he has gone to rest where no sin, pain, or dying can ever come. May his wife and sons be ever faithful as he would have them be. The writer spoke comforting words and warning to the erring. Many beautiful flowers were sent. He had many friends and loved ones who will miss him greatly. We never know when or how our time will be ended upon this earth; may we always be faithful and ready. The funeral was conducted April 27th from Helt Funeral Home, Lock Haven, Pa.; interment was in Rest Haven cemetery.

—J. W. Kornegay

Note: For several months before Bill's passing, we had corresponded regularly. Hearing from him was always an inspiration. I shall not soon forget his coming over 100 miles last summer to my meeting in Love Joy, Pa.; he was in so much pain he could hardly sit or stand still. Some of his writings have appeared in recent issues of this journal. We have others on file that we will be using. He is the kind of man that one is thankful for the privilege of having known. May God bless his wife, sons, mother, brothers and sisters.

—Don McCord

MY POSITION ON CARNAL WARFARE

I cannot participate in military service in any form, directly or indirectly, in combatant or noncombatant service, because:

1. My duty and obligation to my God is superior to all other obligations (Acts 5:29; Matt. 22:37).

2. My God in the Bible forbids that I engage in carnal warfare in the following references:

"Put up thy sword," "For all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword" (Matt. 26:52)—Jesus.

"My Kingdom is not of this world" (Jno. 18:36).

"For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal" (2 Cor. 10:3, 4).

"Love your enemies" (Matt. 5:44); "Turn the other cheek" (Matt. 5:39).

"Recompense to no man evil for evil" (Rom. 12:17).

3. To enter any military branch or service, combatant or noncombatant, I would be compelled to "swear" (take an oath), but the Bible forbids that I do so ("Swear not at all"—Jesus, Matt. 5:34).

4. To enter any military service I would be compelled to be yoked with unbelievers, which is forbidden—"Be not unequally yoked together with unbelievers" (2 Cor. 6:14).

5. To be in any branch of military service in any way, I would be a part of the organization and would therefore have fellowship in the service, but such is prohibited; thus: "Have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them" (Eph. 5:11).

6. To serve in any way in the military service, I would be deprived of obeying the command to assemble on Lord's day to worship God in the Bible way, at least part of the time, hence would disobey God (Heb. 10:25; Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 16:1, 2).

Therefore, I cannot conscientiously engage in carnal war in any form or branch, and for the above reasons, I authorize my name to be listed in support of the above principles.

—Carl Johnson, 723 N. Townsend, Ada, Okla.

—Gregory Alan Wooster, 205 W. Jacinto, Tucson, Arizona

—James E. Reece, Caravan Trailer Park, Space 10, Anderson, Calif.

—Lonnie Kent York, 1208 A St., S.E., Ardmore, Okla.

CANNIBAL CHURCH MEMBERS

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ping them in pieces and boiling them in the pot. We also read in Ps. 14:4, "THE WORKERS OF INIQUITY . . . EAT UP MY PEOPLE AS THEY EAT BREAD!"

Brethren, let us not be deceived by the wolves (CANNIBALS) in sheep's clothing, and by all means, let us not be wolves (CANNIBAL CHURCH MEMBERS) in sheep's clothing. Remember Paul warned us against such by saying, in Gal. 5:15, "IF YE BITE AND DEVOUR ONE ANOTHER, TAKE HEED THAT YE BE NOT CONSUMED ONE OF ANOTHER."

—E. H. Miller, Box 538, LaGrange, Ga. 30240

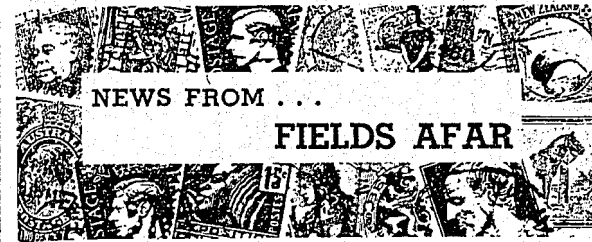
TRAFFIC SINNERS—

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trip wherein his speed was in excess of the law; it is a shame for any Christian to be a traffic violator. This is nothing less than boasting about transgression of God's law.

Are you a TRAFFIC SINNER? Think about it!

—Melvin Crouch, 220 Roseler Road, San Antonio, Texas



MEXICO

Letters of encouragement on the Mexico work continue to come in daily. A number of congregations as well as individuals have responded to the appeal for help to relieve the suffering brethren in certain areas in Mexico. Careful records are kept of these funds so that information as to what comes in and how each dollar is spent is available at any given moment. The congregation at Pino de la Cruz reports damage to their building due to eight days of continual rains. We have answered their appeal for some help to fix the building. We have also sent money for seed, some milk goats, and an animal to use to plow with.

The recent visit to Mexico the latter part of April by Bro. Raleigh A. Perkins and the writer proved to be a strenuous one. We carried eight suitcases filled with clothing sent by the brethren. Besides visiting all of the previously visited congregations, we visited the new congregations at Ramos Arispe and Guadalupe Victoria. Both congregations result from the work of Bro. Jose Rodriguez of Saltillo. The congregation at Guadalupe Victoria has already begun to build a meeting place on a lot donated by one of the brethren. Adobe bricks are being made to be used in the building. We gave them twenty-five dollars to help. They plan to go as far as they can with this twenty-five dollars and trust in the Lord to provide the two or three hundred dollars it will take to finish the building. These people are so poor that they don't even make an average of ten dollars a month. Such faith will surely be rewarded.

We have received additional boxes of clothing from the Trentman Avenue congregation in Ft. Worth, Texas and from the Reading, Ohio, congregation. Several have written as to the best way to send clothing. Common carrier truck lines will forward any boxes of clothing free simply by asking them to. Send them to us here in San Antonio and we will do our best to get the clothing across into Mexico. Children's clothing is especially needed. It still is so much better though to send a few dollars and let Bro. Joe Martinez personally see that the clothing or shoes fit.

Our plans are to help Bro. Juan Rodriguez to build a small building in Monterrey. He has a lot next to his home that may be used for this purpose. By building it separately from his home he can "Federalize" the church building. In Mexico, this means to deed the building to the government in return for the privilege of conducting services in the building. The government will also protect the congregation from molestation by other religious groups. This step would also provide Bro. Joe Martinez with a base from which to preach and teach as well as the privilege to distribute Bibles and pamphlets. We assembled with Bro. Juan Rodriguez

in Monterrey on Sunday, April 24th. About forty people were crowded into the little two room home for services. We feel it is time to have a larger place.

The congregation in Salinas, California has agreed to support Bro. Ponciano Reyes in Pino de la Cruz with \$25 per month. This is in addition to money sent for the purchase of seed for these poor brethren. Space will not permit the naming of all who are taking part in this wonderful work but of course so much is made possible by the continued support of the Trentman Avenue congregation in Fort Worth.

Bro. Jose Ruiz Cruz, in Monterrey, has just converted and baptized two young denominational preachers. We have high hopes that in the months to come Bro. Cruz may teach them so that some day we may avail ourselves of their talents. Bro. Rosendo Reyes, brother to Ponciano Reyes in Pino de la Cruz, is presently working in Kerrville, Texas but is very anxious to go back to preaching in Mexico. We are also in contact with Bro. Juan Flores in Kerrville and feel that very shortly we may influence him to preach again in Mexico. These two brethren preached in Mexico some time ago but could not make enough to live on and came to the States to work.

Bro. Joe Martinez has offered to carry a number of the native preachers to the 4th of July meeting at Sulphur, Okla. so that you may meet them face to face. He plans a meeting in Harlingen, Texas the first part of June in order to encourage the Gomez family as well as others meeting with them now. Bro. Joe has bought a pick-up truck with a sleeper body so that he might travel the back roads of Mexico.

A letter has been received asking about travel in Mexico. If you plan a trip to visit the brethren, or for pleasure, or for both, write to us and we will be very happy to help you with your plans. Better than that, plan to stop by and visit with us here in San Antonio on your way.

Continue to write to any of the following brethren: the writer at 1747 W. Huisache Ave.; L. M. Crouch, 220 Roesler Rd.; E. E. Perkins, Rt. 13, Box 483; R. A. Perkins, 126 Hillcrest, all of San Antonio, Texas.

—W. B. Colman

May 10, 1966

MALAWI, AFRICA

We were happy to learn Brother Roy Lee Criswell and family volunteered to come to Malawi, and also that they have now been chosen. I have known Roy Lee almost 20 years. When he first started preaching he traveled and studied with me. I know of no one more dedicated and sincere, and his patience and steadfastness will surely make him a real asset to this work. We heard Brother David Macy also volunteered for this work. David is to be highly commended for standing ready at all times to go and serve the Lord.

As for the work on the local scene, it continues to grow. Two young men requested baptism here in Blantyre Sunday, and at the close of our film study tonight another asked to be baptized. I visited Maone church Sunday and was pleased to meet many of the brethren, including several of my preaching brethren. Brethren Lichapa and Malowa were among the preachers present. At the end of the preaching 12 came forward confessing sins and one for baptism.

We hope to increase our work force soon. Brother Cryer and I cannot adequately care for the spiritual needs of 120 churches. At the most, we will only be able to conduct our intensive two-week studies in 14 locations this year. We estimated that in these 14 studies we will come in contact with brethren and preachers from about half the churches. This, you can see, will not do. Therefore, we plan to call in three men we feel especially qualified (and possibly more later) and give them some special training for a month or so and send them out then to conduct studies. This may require a little more money than we have, but we have never found the brethren lacking in willingness to contribute when convinced a need exists.

If we were to name the one greatest asset to the work to date, we would say it was the correspondence course. The course is just what the name suggests, the "Foundation Bible Course." We are using this course in our studies, and our mailing list is growing daily. Many outsiders are taking the lessons and this week we plan to put an ad in the "Blantyre Times" encouraging others to enroll. From this course we hope to develop more advanced studies. (I might add, there is no reason why every church in America, big or little, could not use a similar plan to reach tens of thousands every year—have we been overlooking a golden opportunity?)

Finally, in the near future we hope to write a brief history about the church of Christ in Malawi. It should be of interest to know the original work began almost 60 years ago. Pray for us.

—Jerry Cutter and Bennie Cryer
Box 573, Blantyre, Malawi.

NEW TESTAMENT CHRISTIANITY

We are living in a nation that is often times called a Christian nation. But if one follows the news accounts and reads of the crime and vice that is committed daily it is difficult to believe. Church rolls are swelling and more people parade to services on Sunday than ever before, but Christianity is not the potent force it should be.

Jesus would probably describe the impotency of the church in this day and age as salt which has lost its savor. Christians, by their lives and instructions, are to keep the world from moral corruption, but the lives of too many professed Christians are not what they should be and this renders their instructions ineffective.

By comparing Christianity as it is today with how Christianity should be as set forth in the New Testament we find the main cause of its inefficacy in this age. In the first place Christians are divided into hundreds of different denominations contrary to the prayer of Christ made for unity. The world cannot be converted to Christ as long as Christians are divided.

Secondly, too many professed Christians do not have the deep spirituality, firm convictions, and sincere zeal the Master expects of His followers. Their religion is a surface one, consisting merely of sham and pretense. Jesus said that such people outwardly appear beautiful and righteous, but are inwardly ugly and full of hypocrisy and iniquity.

Thirdly, New Testament Christianity as set forth by the inspired writers, is not to be cumbered with elaborate ecclesiasticism and pomp and circumstance as seen

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From The Fields

George Scott, Box 4, Temple, Ga., May 15—We have made plans for Bro. Barney Owens to move here and work with the church. He will be here about June 1. Here is our renewal.

Wayne H. Pearce, Rt. 1, Box 24, Commodore, Pa., April 29—We here at Love Joy are striving for the cause of Christ Jesus. Bro. Bill Stover of Flemington congregation passed away April 24, and was laid to rest April 27. Here is a renewal.

Dennis Callaway, 220 N. 4th St., Rogers, Ark. 72756, May 16—The New Hope church of Christ here is looking forward to the meeting Aug. 28-Sept. 4, with Bro. Ronny Wade doing the preaching. Our attendance and interest have been good here. We have had 1 baptism since last report.

Ivan Mink, 112 Moock Ave., Lockland, Ohio, April 26—We look forward with much anticipation to receiving the *Old Paths Advocate* each month. We consistently remember you in our prayers. Please do not forget us at Sharonville congregation. We are pressing onward to the prize. Here is our renewal.

Lonnie Kent York, 1208 A St., S. E., Ardmore, Okla., April 28—We here have started Wed night chapter study in which each male member can take part; we feel it is doing good. April 17, Glenn Spradley and I went to Healdton, Okla., and the week before to Davis, Okla. The church is doing fine and we ask your prayers.

G. O. Schultz, Rt. 2, Box 171, Everson, Wash., May 9—If any readers are contemplating coming west, we wish they would try to locate here. We would like to have a congregation established in Bellingham. I would do all I can to help a brother locate here. We worship in our home when we are not with one of the churches east of the mountains.

Paul Walker, 2955 17th St., San Pablo, Calif., May 18—Our meeting at 64th St. in Sacramento, Calif. was very enjoyable; 3 responded to the invitation. We look forward to our summer meetings: Lodi, Calif., June 16-26; Flint, Mich., July 15-24. We were happy to see and hear Bro. Ervin Waters at Yuba City, Calif. recently.

J. L. Reynolds, Rt. 3, Eubank, Ky., May 5—I have been reading *Old Paths Advocate* for many years. I always enjoy hearing from my brethren through the paper. May 21-29, Bro. Alton Bailey of LaGrange, Ga. will be here (Bandy church of Christ) for a meeting. We are hoping for a good meeting. We desire the prayers of all the faithful. Here is our renewal.

E. R. Brown, Box 750, Stilwell, Okla., May 12—The Noel Chapel church 6 miles south of Stilwell on hwy. 59 has recently enjoyed preaching by Brethren Van Butts and Ballard. Bro. James Morgan still preaches for us each Lord's Day night; we enjoy his preaching, and all the rest of the preachers who come by and preach for us. We need your prayers.

Jim Hickey, 5012 Cranfill Dr., Dallas, Tex., 75241, May 17—The church here continues in peace and good will. Several of our brethren are taking an active part in public worship, some for the first time. We have been continuing our personal work by personal contact, mimeo material, home studies, and public teaching. Our work here ends this month. We will be preaching in gospel meetings most of the summer. We plan to return to Dallas in the fall. May God bless the faithful.

Charley Ross, 811 - 12th St., Kenova, W. Va., May 7—The churches here are doing well. We have another congregation nearby at Radnor, W. Va. Bro. Arthur Wade held them a very good meeting last year. We look forward to meetings in this area by Brethren Brown, Orten and Waters. April 25-26, we enjoyed very much having Miles King preach here with large crowds both nights. Bro. B. F. Leonard has entered the field full time. We ask the prayers of all; we love the brotherhood very much.

Jack Cutter, Box 381, Neosho, Mo., May 17—The way things shape up now I may discontinue working under the Missouri work program. I have been doing evangelistic work in Mo. for the past ten years. If I do not change my mind, I will consider taking work in other areas, or seek for secular employment. We are looking forward to meetings at Oskaloosa, Iowa; May 29-June 5, Montezuma, Iowa; June 5-12, and the Sulphur meeting, June 26-July 4. If you should desire to contact us we can always be reached through my old home address: Rte. 1, Crescent, Okla.

Miles King, 1533 Camden Way, Norman, Okla., May 17—The meeting at St. Albans, W. Va. closed April 24. It was enjoyable to be there and be associated with these brethren. April 25-26, I preached at Huntington, W. Va., and April 27th at Reading, Ohio, baptizing two young people. May 1-8, Bro. Dennis Smith held a meeting at Norman. We were so glad to have Dennis in our home and he did some good preaching. At present, Bro. Richard Nichols and I are holding a meeting at Mozier, Ill. One was baptized here last Lord's Day. June 10-19 is the date of the meeting in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. We are looking forward to the meeting at Sulphur, Okla., and hope many brethren from over the brotherhood are able to attend.

Rodney R. Ross, Box 3177 ENMU, Portales, N. Mex., May 19—The Lord willing, I plan to graduate from Eastern Aug. 5, after which I plan to enter the preaching field full-time. Since my last report, I have preached at the following congregations: Portales, Mar. 20; Andrews, Tex., Mar. 26, 27, and April 24; Washington, Okla., and 21st St., Okla. City, April 3; Midland, Tex., April 10, and May 1; McGregor, Tex., April 17; 21st

St., Okla. City, May 8; and San Angelo, Tex., May 14 and 15. I appreciate each one of you who has helped and encouraged me, and, especially you who pray for me. Please continue to pray for me, and for every disciple of our Lord. Here is my renewal.

R. B. Roden, 112 Kelley Dr., Moore, Okla., May 20—The work here continues to progress. Since last report we have had one baptism. There has been a lot of sickness; this has kept us busy. Bro. Ray Asplin underwent surgery last week. He is doing fine now and we pray he will soon be able to go home. I was at Houston, Tex. the third Lord's Day this month. We surely did enjoy our visit with these brethren. We were happy to see Bro. Paul Mackey there. He was visiting his sister, Ruth Page. I begin a meeting at Davis, Okla., May 21, and continue thru the 29th; then we go to Dallas, Tex. (Boulder Dr.), June 10-19. Come, if you are nearby. Please pray for us in the Master's work.

Dennis E. Smith, 509 S. Market St., Wichita, Kan. 67202, May 9—Since last report I have continued to work with the few meeting here in Wichita. I will continue here for approximately one more month. After this, I will be free for meetings and work in other areas. I have just recently closed a meeting at Norman, Okla. We are happy to report that there were six confessions, one of them being a restoration. Attendance was very good throughout the meeting. We were pleased to have five gospel preachers attend: Edwin Morris, Bill Roden, Miles King, Richard Nichols, and Rodney Ross. I would like to thank the Miles King family for the warm hospitality shown me while I stayed in their home. I solicit your prayers.

R. A. Berry, 4704 69th St., No., Birmingham, Ala., April 18—We have just closed our annual spring meeting with Bro. M. Lynwood Smith; I believe he was better than ever. He preached some wonderful sermons. We enjoyed the meeting so very much. Even though no one obeyed the gospel, I know good was done. We had visitors from several states; we appreciate very much everyone who came to help us. The church here is doing well. We have some faithful members here—they are present everytime the church meets. We are in great need of a good personal worker. Here are six subs. (Note: We are sorry this reached us too late for May issue—DMC)

B. F. Leonard, 815 W. 3rd St., Huntington, W. Va., May 12—We had a week's personal work at Jasonville, Ind.; we were treated well by the brethren, and were supported by Bro. Joe Laughmiller. He has the work at heart. We also preached at Brazil and Pleasant Grove, Ind. while there; it was good to be with them again. We went from there to Lebanon and Lee Summit, Mo. where it was good to see all there. We preached at both congregations in Bakersfield, Calif.; there are fine brethren here. We preached to a full house at Stockton, Calif., where it was such a thrill to see our old pal and brother, Homer L. King, doing much better. We then preached one night for the faithful brethren at Manteca, Calif., where they are striving to do the Lord's will. May the Lord's blessings suffice.

Homer L. King, 1061 N. Pilgrim St., Stockton, Calif., May 17—Johnny Elmore taught a good singing school, followed by a good meeting with one baptism and one confession of faults in Stockton. We had excellent hearing in the meeting. His preaching had that old familiar ring and he hewed to the line. We hope to have him back next year. It was good to have his parents and niece with us during the meeting. May 1, we accompanied our son Don and family to Orangevale and heard him deliver a good sermon. Bro. B. F. Leonard and wife from Huntington, W. Va. spent a night with us and he preached at Stockton, May 8. We enjoyed having them. I think my health is improving and I appreciate the continued prayers of the brethren.

Alton B. Bailey, 909 Truitt Ave., LaGrange, Ga., May 16—The work in Greenville, S. C. looks good with much interest among the members. They are all working to further the cause not only in Greenville but in Walterboro, S. C. as well. I enjoy working with these brethren very much. April 29, I preached at the New Salem congregation and April 30, at Pearlhaven, both near Brookhaven, Miss. May 1-8, we were at a mission point in Jackson, Miss., where Bro. David Macy is working hard to establish a faithful congregation. The meeting was well advertised and there was much interest shown from a number of congregations from La., Fla., Ala., as well as Miss. We were glad to be associated with preaching brethren Carlos Smith, David Macy and David Reed. May 21-29, we will be at Eubanks, Ky. Pray for us and our efforts for good.

Ray Roe, 517 W. 6th St., Stoud, Okla., May 16—We had a wonderful meeting with Bro. Fred Kirbo; he did his part in preaching the word. He did his best to reach the lost; one confessed. We had some wonderful support from neighboring congregations. A man and his wife drove from Oklahoma City every night even though they were having teeth extracted. For this we are very grateful. May God bless people with such zeal. Let's remember the sick in our prayers. Keep your trust in the Lord and may He richly bless His people. I found a "wish you well" in 3 John 1:2: "The elder unto the well beloved Gaius whom I love in the truth. Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health even as thy soul prospereth." This is my wish and prayer for all the sick and afflicted, known and unknown to me. My sympathy is for both.

Paul O. Nichols, 1400 Adena Street, Bakersfield, Calif. 93306, May 19—Our hearts have been made to rejoice. The Southwest Bakersfield congregation moved into its new place of worship, May 15—two years, seven months, and nine days after we began this new work. The Lord has abundantly blessed our efforts, and we are thrilled and thankful. The first service at our new location we had eleven come forward at the invitation—two for baptism. We had 141 persons present, and the contribution amounted to \$377. We are anticipating great things here in the future, the Lord willing. Recently we heard some good preaching by Bro. Lee Boek in a short meeting at Arvin. Also, Bro. B. F. Leonard of Huntington, W. Va. recently preached for both congregations in Bakersfield and gave us some good things to think about. The Lord willing, I will be at the following places for meetings: Wynnewood, Okla., June

22-23; Fruitland, Tex., June 24-July 3; Washington, Okla., July 8-17; Springfield, Mo., July 18-27.

F. H. Lichapa, Namphungo church, C/O Namlenga Mission, P. O. Mikolongwe, Malawi, April 8—I am very grateful to all and that another brother is to come here in due course. May I once more say that our preachers are living in very poor conditions. Brethren Cutter and Cryer do witness me on this critical issue. I greet you all. Here is my report: Feb. 6, Namphungo church, 150 assembled, 12 confessed faults; Feb. 13, Liponda church and 95 assembled. Feb. 20, at Chinthuli church with Brethren Mussa, Cutter and Cryer; 11 confessed faults, and 4 were baptized out of 198 people who assembled; Feb. 27, Maonga church, 308 assembled and 9 confessed faults; Mar. 6, Chilemba church with Bro. D. Chikungwa, 13 were baptized, and 1 confessed faults and only 81 assembled; Mar. 13, Mzizira church; Mar. 20, Sapatiyawa church with 206 assembled; Mar. 27, Nkhulambe church with Brothers Musa and Cutter, 15 were baptized, 32 confessed faults out of 312 assembled.

L. J. Balakasi, Kogoya church, C/O Chisoka F. P. School, Box 25, Mikolongwe, Malawi, Africa, May 2—I am greatly delighted to inform you how the preaching of the gospel is going on here in Malawi. Many churches are progressing with a good number of new members every month. Mar. 6, I was at Chaone with 10 baptisms; Mar. 13, at Mangazi with 4 baptized; Mar. 20, at Kogoya church where 4 were baptized; Mar. 27, at Kogoya with 10 baptized; April 4, at Mangazi with Brethren Jerry Cutter and Bennie Cryer; April 15, we were at Chaone; April 17, Bro. F. H. Lichapa and I went to Chizinja where 17 were baptized. This shows that the work is progressing. Due to financial problems I cannot send reports monthly. Other brethren in Him, remember us when you are supporting others. We would attend more congregations, but we have no means of traveling such as bicycles.

A. L. Adams, 465 Finley Ave., Montgomery, Ala. 36104, May 15—Since last report, I have moved to Montgomery, Ala.; I am working with the Venora Ave. congregation. Two have obeyed the gospel thus far; for this, I am very thankful to the Lord. We have visitors for about every service. The congregation at Roanoke, Va. was sorry to lose Bro. E. L. Gill by death. He had been in the church for so many years, and had been one of the pillars of the congregation. Bro. Bill Davis handled the funeral very well indeed. May 8, I had the pleasure of hearing Bro. Preston Brown bring two fine sermons in Roanoke. Why not call on him and give him a try? At this time, plans call for me to be here until the end of Sept. This is the state capitol, a city of over 130,000, and the vast majority of them do not know of the church and our Lord. Will you help us with your prayers to the Father above? I send all of my Christian love to all the faithful.

J. Wayne McKamie, Route 1, McGregor, Tex., May 17—On June 3rd we will begin a meeting in Lee's Summit, Mo. which is scheduled to continue through June 12th. This will be our third meeting in that area and past experiences cause us to look forward happily to this one. We would like to see all the brethren in that area while there. Our next work will be in Mem-

phis, Tenn. We plan intensive and extensive work there through the middle of August, taking time out only for the Sulphur meeting. We have done a large amount of work in Memphis over the years and now that things are better there, we plan to regain our sights and come to some realization of our visions for a strong congregation in such a tremendous city. Please pray for the work there. June 25th through July 4th, we plan to be in Sulphur, Okla. for their annual meeting. It is with pleasure that I anticipate working with Bro. Jack Cutter. This meeting cannot be what it should be if you are not with us. Plan to do so!

Barney Owens, 4250 Linden Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio 45236, May 15—Since last report I have been engaged in work with the brethren who worship on Hwy. 52, north of Wayne, West Virginia. We left these fine brethren the last of April, trusting that they will continue to grow in grace and knowledge. We did all we could, according to ability to uphold the Lord's name while there. The congregations who helped support us while there were New Salem, Miss.—\$600; and Huntington, W. Va.—\$500. We are thankful for the support and hope that the things done were agreeable to those supporting. We let the work speak for itself. Lord willing to spare us, we go next to Temple, Ga. for a year or so to assist in whatever way we can. I was there for a brief period last year and will look forward to returning. At present we are at Cincinnati, where we are always made to feel at home with brethren of the faith. We will work with these until the last of the month. The Lord is blessing the brethren here real good, as they strive always to please Him regardless of consequence in this world. We request your prayers.

J. W. Kornegay, Box 105, Belle Mead, N. J., May 9—The work here is growing in spirit and in number, with visitors at every service. The radio program is showing some response already. The work is hard here, but there are many prospects. We are so thankful for the brethren who are concerned about sending the gospel to fields where it is so much needed, and there are so many, many fields and so, so few laborers. Let us pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into His vineyard. We sincerely express our thanks to those who have supported the radio program: Flemington, Pa.—\$455; Pontiac, Mich.—\$50; Blue Springs, Ky.—\$50; Huntington, W. Va.—\$25; Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.—\$10; Lawrenceburg, Tenn.—\$25; Sharonville, Ohio—\$25; Robert Brenton—\$35; Sister Byford—\$5; Arnold Thiel—\$5; Bandy, Ky.—\$5; Twelve Pole congregation, Huntington, W. Va.—\$200; Mozier, Ill.—\$30; a sister—\$5. Total: \$925. This pays for 6 months of broadcasts each Lord's Day morning at 8:30, Trenton, N. J. May God richly bless you in your help to send the light to those in darkness. With all working together we may bring forth fruit a hundredfold.

E. H. Miller, Box 538, LaGrange, Ga. 30240, May 17—Since last report, we have had good attendance at all services; there have been 2 baptisms, I believe, and a few confessions of faults. We are looking forward to more good being done in our meeting with Bro. Billy Orten, June 4-12. There is more work in this section than all of us preachers can keep up with. I have had to turn down meetings this year; I try to help the nearby

congregations in week-end meetings but I cannot fill all those calls. Bro. Alton Bailey's being in the field has added more home work to the rest of us laborers here. I am afraid we will not get to attend the Sulphur, Okla. meeting this year, and there is nothing that gives wife and me as much joy and spiritual uplift, it seems, as that meeting. Christians who have never attended do not know what they are missing. I have about a dozen church directories (1965) left at 50c each. I hope all congregations will rush Bro. Ray Asplin information needed for the 1966 directory so we can have it by July. The communion sets that I order from England are all sold, but I will order more if congregations will let me know more are wanted.

Edwin S. Morris, 10520 N. McKinley, Oklahoma City, Okla. 73114, May 17—The congregation at N. W. 21st St., Oklahoma City had a short meeting Mar. 30-April 3 which was well attended with visitors from several different congregations. The speakers were Joe Hisle, Bill Roden, Miles King, Richard Nichols, Rodney Ross and myself. This was certainly a spiritual feast. We had as our theme, "Why I am a Member of the Church of Christ." I was in a meeting at Joplin, Mo., April 22-May 1, which was real enjoyable. The Joplin and Neosho congregations cooperated wonderfully. Preaching brethren Jack Cutter, Gary Macy, Dennis Smith, Clovis Cook and Ronny Alexander were in attendance at one or more services. They render valuable assistance in a meeting. I had the privilege of visiting with Bro. Jack Cutter several times during the meeting. Jack has been doing a wonderful work in that area and has certainly grown in faith, knowledge and wisdom over the years. We learned to appreciate him more than ever. We are now at Lawrenceburg, Tenn. where we continue thru May 22. I will be at Milford, Mich., June 3-12; Mt. Home, Ark., June 17-26; Pearlhaven, Miss., July 8-17; Paris, Tex., July 24-31. We look forward to these meetings. Pray for us.

Tom E. Smith, 302 Phillips, Healdton, Okla., May 16—For the last few months, Bro. Glenn Spradley has been coming here and assisting in the teaching on the third Lord's day morning and preaching at the evening service. We appreciate Glenn for his sincerity, and he has some potentials which are outstanding. Yesterday was his last time to be here for awhile, as he is graduating from high school at Ardmore and will be leaving. We bid him God speed, for we believe he will always include God in his plans. The Healdton church is fortunate in having a good number of young Christians who are developing into stalwart Christians, both boys and girls. We desire to always encourage them. We are situated unfortunately in a location where there are few industries, and our young folk when they graduate and go on to make homes of their own go elsewhere to seek employment. We are happy to know that wherever they go they take their place in the church and assist in the advancement of the cause of Christ. C. A. Smith, our son, received his early training in the congregation, and lives at Andrews, Tex., where he works for Texaco, Inc. and devotes a good part of his time assisting in building up the church of our Lord at that place. He returns to Healdton, July 15th for a gospel meeting. Those in these parts at that time are invited to attend; you will find a hospitable band of Christians here. Each

month that has a fifth Wed., the young folk have charge of the service; they are showing some good talent, and they invite other young Christians from neighboring congregations to come and take part in the service.

Orville Lee Smith, 2113 Potter, Modesto, Calif., May 4—I began working with the Escalon, Calif. congregation in Nov., 1965. The church here is progressing in grace, knowledge and peace. Bro. Ronnie Jordan is developing into a good preacher and the other teachers are doing fine, too. The churches in this area are working together in Christian fellowship very well. We have a radio broadcast, "The Bible Answer" on Sun. afternoon from 3:00 to 4:00 on KLOC. It is stirring up wonderful interest. Recently, we had a public discussion in Grange Hall in Escalon with brethren who use cups in the communion and the Sunday School system of teaching. We successfully defended the truth that one cup is to be used in distributing the fruit of the vine to one assembly, and that teaching is to be done in an undivided assembly. We plainly exposed the innovations as being contrary to the Scriptures. Since the first of Dec., I have held enjoyable meetings at Manteca and Orange Cove, Calif. and Cave Junction, Ore. In the Escalon discussion, I was privileged to have Bro. Ervin Waters moderate for me. He is as strongly opposed to innovations as he ever was in his life and he was of very valuable assistance to me. His strength in his opposition to false worship is as strong as any man in the brotherhood that I know. Let us all work together in the cause of Christ and hold up the Bible pattern to the world.

Jim A. Canfield, Rt. 3, Box 86, Marion, La., May 9—Since last report, April 9-15, I have been in Memphis, Tenn.; we had good services. Brethren and sisters there are meeting on the first day of the week breaking bread; we had a round table Bible study, proving and re-proving. Brethren, it is so good when God's people are willing to take the Bible for their guide (2 Tim. 3:15-17; and 2 Tim. 2:15). We can all have the same mind and understanding. Yes, brethren, the Bible will keep us united in brotherly love. The church in Farmerville, La. will begin a meeting May 22; I plan to help in it. They continue to grow in the knowledge of the Bible; I am so thankful to see their wonderful progress. I received a letter from the brother in Mich. whose practice I mentioned in the OPA. He said he would only take the Lord's Supper at night, and would not partake with those who take it in the day. He seems to believe that Acts 20:7 teaches they broke bread Sat. night. Brethren, I am not contending it is wrong for people of the church to take the Lord's Supper at night on the first day of the week. Let the brother prove by the Bible that the early church met Sat. night to break bread and to drink the Lord's blood. The King James says first day of the week; Weymouth's New Testament in Modern Speech says first day of the week. I am writing to the brother in a few days. In Acts 20:7, the New English Bible says Sat. night in Acts 20:7; in Matt. 28:1-2, it says Sunday; Mark 16:1-2, it says Sunday; Luke 24:1-2, it says Sunday; in 1 Cor. 16:1-2, it says Sunday, and in Rev. 1:10, it says Lord's Day, and not Sat. night. Now, will the brother agree with the New English Bible? We will wait and see.

Preston C. Brown, 1616 19th St. N. E., Roanoke, Va. 24012, May 15— It has been several months since I have written a field report for the paper, but my heart is always made to rejoice as I read of the good work being carried on in the brotherhood. My prayer is, God bless them and give them many souls for their labor. On the first Sunday in May we visited and preached for the Church in Florissant, Mo. We enjoyed our visit very much. Bro. Gerald Stumpff worked with this congregation last year, but is leaving this year and they stand in need of someone to work with them for the coming year. Bro. Arthur Wade asked me if I would be interested in working there as Bro. Stumpff is leaving; as of yet no arrangements have been made. We are at present working with the congregation in Roanoke, Va. There is a wonderful congregation of God's people here and they have been awfully nice to us during the time we have worked with them. There have been five confessions of faults since we have been here. Sorry to say that one of the faithful members of this congregation passed away. Sister Mamie Adams passed on May 3. She is sadly missed by everyone here. The last week of our work here in Roanoke, we will be in a gospel meeting, May 22-29. We will go to Chesapeake, Ohio for a meeting June 12-26. Then July 9-17, we will be in a meeting in Raleigh, N. C. After this meeting we will return to our home in Panama City, Fla. to make arrangements to work in other needy fields. We still have some time open in August, Sept., Oct., and Nov. for meetings. If you desire our assistance you may contact us by addressing mail to: Richard Crawford, 2505 N. Drummond Ave., Panama City, Fla. 32401. He will forward it to me wherever I may be. May God bless one and all, and may peace and unity prevail throughout the brotherhood, is our prayer.

NEW TESTAMENT CHRISTIANITY—

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in the worship and work of many denominations. One of the outstanding features in the functioning of the early church was its simplicity. This simplicity intrigued people who were tired of Pharisaism which concentrated on outward forms and it promoted the growth of the early church.

Lastly, I want to mention that many preachers no longer preach "Jesus Christ and him crucified." He has been taken out or neglected in their messages and replaced with messages consisting of wild speculations, attempts to establish private opinions, and the jargon of Ashdod.

Christianity needs to be restored to the type of system set forth in the scriptures. Only then will it become the important force that it should be in this life. Christianity cannot be restored by the concern and efforts of a few, but many must be awakened to this responsibility and work till the Christian system shines forth in all its glory and beauty.

Are you concerned about the shallowness of Christianity in this day and age? Are you interested in Christianity being restored to the patterns set forth by the Holy Spirit in the New Testament? Are you sure you're on the road to being saved eternally? If you would like to talk more about these matters or ask questions contact:

—E. H. Miller, P. O. Box 538
LaGrange, Georgia

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"Thus saith the Lord, 'Stand ye in the ways, and see and ask for the Old Paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls.'" (Jer. 6:16) "And they that be of Thee shall build the old waste, places; thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations; and thou shalt be called, The Repairer of the Breach, The Restorer of Paths to Dwell in." (Isa. 58:12).

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UNITY MEETINGS

By Ronny F. Wade

The talk of the day in religious circles is unity. Like the weather, many people talk about it, but few really try and achieve it. There are several events of the past few years that have influenced the current emphasis on unity. The ecumenical council of the Roman Catholic church, the merger of several sectarian bodies into one group, etc. have all in one way or another brought the subject to our attention. Even though we may not agree with much of what is being done or said about unity, we must all agree that someone needs to make definite and correct steps in the direction of greater understanding and unity in the religious world.

Along with the talk about unity, much has been said about liberalism, fundamentalism, conservatism, etc. Recently, I received a letter from a leading figure in the current movement to unite "heirs of the restoration," stating that he had heard I considered as liberal his views on the subject of fellowship. Because of the ambiguity of the words liberal and fundamental, we shall refrain as much as possible from their use here. Suffice it to say, however, I definitely consider much that is being said about unity and fellowship to be down-right erroneous, and much of the so-called "good" being accomplished, worthless. This does not mean, however, that I am unwilling to discuss my views with other people or that I am unwilling to participate in unity meetings. As far as I know, I have taken part in perhaps more of such meetings, than any preacher among us. For the past several months on a monthly basis I have met with representatives of the conservative wing of the Christian church in order to discuss our differences and bring about a better understanding. The dean of Ozark Bible College and I have been the chief speakers on several occasions. We very frankly and openly have discussed instrumental music, the communion and other points of disagreement. The man who says we who oppose the liberalistic tendencies of the day are unwilling to discuss and talk with those with whom we disagree, simply does not know what he is talking about. This does not mean that we are willing to sacrifice everything we believe to be true and right just to bring about some false sense of unity. It is foolish, in my opinion for people to agree, to agree. Nothing is accomplished in such a move as that. I recently read of seven or eight denominations who planned to meet in Dallas, Texas and lay plans for a merger.

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CRITICISM

By Jim Hickey

By definition, a critic is one inclined to find fault or complain; to criticize is to find fault, express criticism, to blame, to censure, to condemn.

Psychologists tell us that there are three reasons why people criticize. First, we criticize in order to elevate ourselves; second, we criticize in order to project our miserableness; third, we criticize the very thing of which we are guilty, or the thing which tempts us and troubles us the most. In this connection, read Romans 2:1.

Generally, there are two types of criticism; namely, unjust and constructive. The latter is rarely ever used. It is strange that we always think we give constructive criticism and have to take unjust criticism. This is not always true. It is wise to listen to criticism of ourselves, but we should do it objectively. While listening, we should not allow ourselves to become emotionally involved. Sometimes we can profit greatly. If the criticism is just, we must do something about it; not get angry. If it is unjust, we must ignore it. Unjust criticism is often a disguised compliment. It often indicates that you have excited the jealousy and envy of the critic. As the old adage goes, "No one ever kicks a dead dog."

When criticism is necessary, we should always do it kindly, and in love, remembering that we should do unto others as we would have them do unto us. As Paul wrote, "Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such a one in the spirit of meekness, considering thyself lest thou also be tempted" (Gal. 6:1).

Many great people are great because they profited from constructive criticism. Many people persist in their faults and follies because they will not listen to sincere advice. Everyone gets criticism at some time. We can ignore just criticism and hurt ourselves, or we can accept it and improve ourselves.

Some fault-finders and critics we will never be able to please. This old Spanish parable about a man, a boy, and a donkey illustrates this: "They were all three walking down a dusty road on a summer day. They overheard some passerby say, 'Look at those foolish people, walking when at least one of them could be riding the donkey.' Not wanting to appear foolish, the father climbed upon the donkey. It was not long until another onlooker remarked, 'Look at that inconsiderate man making that poor little boy walk' Upon hearing this, the father and son exchanged places, and still

they had not satisfied their fellowmen who said, 'Look at that young man riding, and the old man walking in the heat of the day.' The father then got on the donkey with the son. They had only ridden a short distance when another passerby exclaimed, 'Look at that poor donkey, carrying those two people; they should be carrying the donkey instead.' So, the man and the boy tied the donkey's legs to a pole and proceeded to carry the donkey. Everyone then exclaimed, 'Look at those foolish people.'"

Remember: There is only one way to avoid criticism: Say nothing, do nothing, be nothing.

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SEEKING THAT WHICH IS BETTER

By Edwin S. Morris

The writer of the Hebrew letter points out to us in chapter 1, verses 4 and 5, that Christ was better than angels. His point is to show the superiority of the agent of the new dispensation, which was Christ, to the agents of the old, which were the angels and Moses. Christ's superiority to the angels is first discussed.

There are at least four respects in which we can see His Superiority: (1) In His more excellent name; (2) in His relationship to the Father—vs. 5; (3) as the One whom angels are to worship—vs. 6; (4) as angels are only ministering spirits, they occupy a subordinate position (vs. 7, 13, and 14). Christ, by making purification for our sins, by being raised from the dead, by being the firstfruits of them that slept, became in rank, dignity and authority superior to them. He was then exalted to a sphere of glory, dignity, and authority which is as far above that of angels, as the name which He inherited is superior to theirs. God never did use such language as he did in verse 5 toward the angels as he did of His Son. The style in which the Father addresses Christ shows Christ's superiority to the angels. The quotation in vs. 5 is from Psalms 2:7 and is quoted in Acts 13:32-33. This passage declares that it was fulfilled in the resurrection of Christ from the dead. He was born from the dead and God raised Him, thus demonstrated that He was His Son. And this application is confirmed by Paul in Rom. 1:4 as by His resurrection from the dead He was declared, that is manifestly approved, to be the Son of God with power.

Further we see that for a time Christ was made lower than the angels. In Heb. 2:7-9, we learn this fact. Verse 7 refers to man as is introduced in the previous verse. Man, for the time, was made lower than the angels. Yet, man was crowned, we are told in the Book of Psalms, with glory and honor, and given dominion. God has ordained that man shall inherit the earth and have dominion over it. Verse 8 declares that all things (except God, 1 Cor. 15:27) have been made subject to man. But we do not see man in dominion over the heavens. This shows that man only controls things of the earth. Now in verse 9, we see that for a short time Christ took part in pain and death from which angels are exempt; Christ even went to the grave, but angels do not die. We learn in 2:17 that "in all things it behooved Christ to be made like unto His brethren." But they are all "a little lower than the angels" vs. 7; hence, it was necessary that He too should, as man, be made "a little lower than the angels." For otherwise, He could not be a man; would not be capable of suf-

fering death for every man; and would not be such a merciful and faithful High Priest, who could sympathize with our infirmities. God manifested His grace in giving Christ the opportunity of tasting death for every man, and so abolishing death as a curse. Christ became man in order that He might die for every man.

The writer says in Heb. 6:7-9 "we are persuaded better things of you." In vs. 7 we learn that the natural result of the ground's receiving and absorbing the rains is fruitfulness, which is profitable to those who cultivate the ground. Land of this kind, blessed and fruitful, resembles true and faithful Christians. God sends sunshine and rain on the earth. If it brings forth food for man, it is blessed. In verse 8 there is a contrast between two classes of Christians under equally favorable conditions, out of which they develop opposite results. Some land may be plowed deep, and sowed with the best seed; the rains and the dews may descend upon it, and the sunshine may warm and nourish it, but it is all in vain. Bringing forth nothing but thorns and thistles, it is rejected as unfit for cultivation, and is burned over, not to be prepared for future tillage. This land represents those Christians who bring forth no fruit unto perfection. God will finally treat them as a farmer treats the barren soil. They are even nigh unto cursing, like the barren fig tree (Mark 11:21). In vs. 9 the writer is persuaded better things of the Hebrew brethren, that their fate will be better than the unfruitful ground, that they will be fruitful and will grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord.

The Hebrew brethren had not grown spiritually as they should as is pointed out in chapter 5:12-14. They had been in the church for sufficient time to go on unto the deeper things of God but they were still only ready for the fundamental or primary teaching. Brethren, let us take heed. What kind of ground are we? When the good seed is sown are we the fruitful or unfruitful type of ground. If we are the fruitful ground we will grow in Christ's likeness. Day after day we will grow to be more like Christ. We will day by day present our body a more living sacrifice for Christ. Day by day, we will give up more and more of the worldly desires within us.

I am afraid too many today have been in the church for years, but have not grown as they should spiritually. Constantly we are to be striving for a deeper knowledge of God's word. No doubt many disciples do things because they have not grown. Many things that are wrong, they cannot see are wrong, simply because they have not come to the point to discern good from evil. There are many things today that are wrong and are called by some name that we do not find in the Bible. For example, I believe it is wrong to dance, but the Bible does not specifically say "thou shalt not dance." But in dancing we see lasciviousness, revelling and such like and certainly that makes it wrong. This is true in other things of the world. Many times people ask me if certain things are wrong. I give them an answer many times based on what knowledge I have which shows me the wrong connected with a particular thing. Dearly beloved, let us strive to present our body more and more a sacrifice and not less and less. Read Rom. 12:1-2.

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the Florida-Alabama State Line. (Formerly the Lockhart, Ala. congregation). Sun. 10:00 A.M., I. D. Harrison, Rt. 2, Box 157, Florala, Alabama 36442—Phone 8-4906—Dan Rutherford, Lockhart, Alabama. Phone 8-5792; Ed Carpenter, Lockhart, Alabama. MEMPHIS TENNESSEE (Shelby County)—1757 Weiner St., Sun. 10:30 A.M. and 6:30 P.M. Wed. 7:30 P.M. Oneal Washington, 3416 Highland Park Place, Memphis, Tenn. Phone 327-9604—C. H. Dixon, 1871 Warner Drive, Memphis, Tenn. Phone 357-3289. Delane Washington, 3237 Highland Park Place, Memphis, Tenn. Phone 323-5108.

If you have not written to me giving the information about your place of worship, please do so at once, for you are holding up the publication of the Directory. Send all information to:

—Ray Asplin, 2440 SW 54th Street,
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CAN YOU HELP?

Brethren, in a recent business meeting at Mozier, Ill., we decided to build a new meeting house. We have our property paid for, and plan to build on the same property where the old house is located, meeting in it until the new building is completed.

We have met in this building for 64 years; we have nearly outgrown it. The building is hardly worth repairing. We, therefore, see the need of building a new one. Could you please help us? Any contribution the churches could send us would be appreciated. We are trying to help ourselves. We have some money in the treasury, and plan to borrow some. We do not plan to build an extravagant building, just one that will be comfortable and adequate. We estimate the cost will be about \$10,000.

All contributions will be acknowledged in the *Old Paths Advocate*. Please send contributions to the church in care of Obie Shireman, Mozier, Ill.

Signed: Ralph Kitson, Obie Shireman,
C. E. Anderson, James S. Anderson,
Edgar Ash

Under date of May 28, Brethren Richard Nichols and Miles King write essentially the same as above in addition to the following: "In past years these brethren have been known for their generosity in helping others. Many faithful churches have received help from them when they were in need. The church at Mozier is not a congregation that would sit down and say, 'Brethren, build us a new building.'

"Years ago Brethren Homer A. Gay and Homer L. King preached here. Others have labored here, too, including Brethren Jack Ivey, Billy Orten, Ronny Wade, Clovis Cook, Arthur Wade, J. D. Corson, just to name a few."

CARD OF THANKS

We, the family of William F. (Bill) Stover, Flemington, Pa., wish to express our sincerest thanks to all of you who sent cards and letters to him during his long and trying illness. We have seen over the past five years what real and sincere concern can do for people who have an illness such as Bill had. It is amazing what a word of kindness and cheer can do for them.

—Betty Stover and Sons

BROTHER G. B. HARRELL'S NEEDS

Under date of June 1, 1966, Brother G. B. Harrell, Pine Bluff, Ark. informed Brother Lynwood Smith of his financial needs. Brother Harrell is nearly blind, will be 81 years old in Oct., and has been sick for months. He receives only \$54 a month. There are brethren who are willing to help those who are in need. Brother Harrell would appreciate anything brethren can do for him.

THANK YOU!

My wife and I wish to express our sincere thanks to all of you who wrote letters and sent cards of cheer and good wishes. Many we have sent thanks, but some did not send addresses, so we take this means of thanking you.

—G. M. Everett, Rt. 1, Box 442,
Richland, Wash. 99352

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

We would like to express our thanks to the following who have sent help on the hospital bill for my grandson, James Edward Cofield: church, Marietta, Ga.—\$150; Sister Elizabeth Byford, Waco, Tex.—\$5; Beach St., Ft. Worth, Tex.—\$10; church, Brookhaven, Miss.—\$200; church, Grove Spring, Mo.—\$5.

—Carl Keel,
Woodland, Ala.

SPECIAL NOTICE

Directories are sold out. Brother Ray Asplin, 2440 S. W. 54th St., Oklahoma City, Okla. 73119 is now compiling a new one. Won't you please rush to him the following information: name and address of congregation; time of each service; name, address and telephone number of two or three members; also include the name of the county.

—E. H. Miller

AN APPEAL

Brother Roy Lee Criswell has indicated his willingness and desire to remain in the Winters, Calif. congregation until such time as he will be going to Africa. He has done a good work in this area the past year. He has baptized 5, and has others with whom he is working at this time. We feel that Bro. Criswell should be retained in this area, and continue this work as long as possible. However, Bro. Criswell needs financial support to do so. He has a promise of \$300 a month; this is not sufficient support for a man to raise a family on. I have talked with Bro. Criswell and it has been agreed that we would try to get \$500 a month, so that he will be able to remain in the field and give his fulltime to this work that he has endeavored to complete. Unless support is forthcoming he can not continue; therefore, we are asking brethren everywhere who can to help. Please do so, if it is only \$5, \$10, or \$15 a month, it will be greatly appreciated.

Please notify Bro. Criswell at P. O. Box 895, Winters, Calif. what you can and will do. This help is needed to start in July, 1966 and continue until Brother Criswell goes to Africa or until June, 1967.

—Ed Powell, 5410 - 73rd,
Sacramento, Calif.

OUR DEPARTED

Adams—Sister Mamie Adams, wife of Bro. Fred K. Adams, was born Nov. 30, 1905, and departed this life May 3, 1966. She is survived by her husband; one son, Larry; two daughters, Mrs. Bobby L. Snyder and Mrs. Joseph V. Brown, and 7 grandchildren; 3 sisters and 3 brothers. She truly loved the church and had long been a faithful member at East Gate congregation, Roanoke, Va. Services were conducted at Oakey's Chapel, with a beautiful tribute being rendered by Bro. Preston C. Brown of Panama City, Fla.; interment was in Sherwood, at Roanoke. The family sincerely appreciates all the kind expressions of sympathy.

—Jesse W. Adams

Blanton—Bro. William Irl Blanton, Stockton, Calif. was born in Texas, Dec. 20, 1889. He departed this life June 7, 1966 at the age of 76 years 5 months and 17 days. He leaves to mourn his passing his widow, Mrs. Florence Blanton; one son, C. E. Blanton; one daughter, Mrs. Doris Hansen, all of Stockton, Calif. He also leaves 6 grandsons and one grand daughter. Bro. Blanton obeyed the gospel as a young man, and was faithful to the Lord. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. May we all live in such a way that it may be said of us, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant" (Matt. 25:21). It was the writer's privilege to speak words of warning to all, and words of comfort to the family.

—Roy Lee Criswell

Phillips—Bro. Amos Phillips, born in Bald Eagle Township, Pa., July 23, 1891, passed away quietly early in the morning of Lord's Day, May 22, 1966, at the age of 74 years. His wife preceded him in death 11 years. Eight children, twenty grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren live to mourn his passing. Bro. Phillips was a member of the Wright St. congregation, Flemington, Pa. He loved to sing and we loved to hear him lead in the Lord's service. His seat is empty now, and his voice is stilled. While we feel that heaven is richer, the hearts of the church at Flemington are bowed in sorrow at the loss of another good soldier. The writer spoke words of comfort at the funeral. Life's journey ended; what a blessed thought, when we can say we sorrow not, as those that have no hope.

—James D. Corson

Marcum—Bro. Lewis Marcum, born July 10, 1877, in Kentucky, departed this life May 18, 1966, at McKinney, Tex. He is survived by his wife, two brothers, two sisters, four sons, four daughters, 22 grand children, 12 great grandchildren and 3 great great grandchildren. Sister Marcum resides at 704 First St., McKinney, Tex. She is in very poor health, was not able to attend the funeral, and desires the prayers of the faithful everywhere. Bro. Marcum was a member of the church at Melissa, Tex. for a number of years. He had been physically unable to attend for some time but came as long as he could. He was always, to the end, interested in the church and its work. He will be missed much by all who knew him. The funeral was conducted by the writer at the Crouch-Moore Funeral Home, McKinney; burial was in the cemetery at Blue Ridge, Tex.

—Maxie R. Crouch

Franklin—David Edward Franklin, born Nov. 5, 1962, passed away June 1, 1966 in Houston, Tex., at the age of 3 years, 6 mos. and 29 days. Our hearts were saddened by the passing of little David. Yet, we are comforted by the Scriptures which reveal Jesus' love

for children and how they are our examples of innocence. We rest assured that David is now asleep in Jesus, free from the cares and troubles of this wicked world. He is survived by his father, Bro. Edward P. Franklin; stepmother, Mrs. Maria Franklin; four small sisters, Donna, Jane, Connie and Wanda, all of Houston, Tex. He is also survived by grandparents, Bro. and Sister James C. Franklin, Sr., Orange, Calif., and Mr. and Mrs. David D. Williams of Houston, Tex. Several aunts, uncles and cousins are among survivors, too. The singing was by members of the Houston, Tex. congregation. The writer conducted the services.

—James C. Franklin, Jr.

Graham—Sister Leona Mae Graham was born Mar. 13, 1908 in Longrun, Mo. in the same log cabin in which her grandfather was born. Sister Graham departed this life June 3, 1966, at Norman, Okla. at the age of 58 years. She was married to Francis Graham, Aug. 7, 1925 at Gainsville, Mo. To this union were born 6 daughters: Glessie of the home; Versa Lowe, Purcell, Okla.; Dorothy Trent, Glennie Applegarth, and Myrtle Edmonds, all of Norman, Okla.; Mae Roe, Oklahoma City, Okla.; and 2 sons, Paul and David of the home. Bro. and Sister Graham moved to Washington, Okla. in 1948, the same year that she obeyed the gospel. Even though Sister Graham was in bad health, she was always at church. The last few years, she was in a wheelchair. The day she was taken to the hospital, she was concerned about the family going to church. The funeral was at the meeting house in Washington, Okla. The writer spoke a word of warning and comfort to the family.

—R. B. Roden

The Circle Has Been Broken

On the morning of June 3, 1966, at 9:00 o'clock, my helpmeet was called away; for what reason we do not understand. We do know that God knows best and doeth all things well. In Gen. 2:18, God said it is not good for man to be alone, so He gave him a helpmeet. In our 41 years together, we have had our joys, sorrows, trials, but we have always known that God would not suffer us to be tempted above that which we were able to bear. Leona stood by me all of these years; her leaving seems at this time unbearable, but I am more determined more than ever to keep plodding along ever looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith.

The Lord's people have been so good to us, speaking words of comfort, bringing food and helping in every way possible. We take courage and thank God for such wonderful people. We are thankful, too, for the prayers that have been answered in our behalf. We shall always remember every act of kindness.

Yes, the family circle has been broken; there is a vacant chair in our home, now. However, we remember the words of Jesus: "Let not your hearts be troubled, ye believe in God believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you and if I go and prepare a place for you I will come again and receive you unto myself that where I am there ye may be also."

We ask that our brethren continue to pray for the children and me in this sad time. We hope and pray that some day we will all be reunited in heaven where there will be no heartaches, no tears and no more separations.

—J. F. Graham, Rt. 1, Box 118, Washington, Okla.

THE WRONG KEY

By Ronald Courter

He put the key into the lock, but the twist of the wrist caused nothing to happen. It was cold and the air was chilly, so he quickly pulled the key out of the lock, put it in again, and turned. The result was the same. A little surprised and a little impatient, he stepped back and took a good long look at the house number. No doubt, this was the right house. He hesitated, observed the key ring as best he could in the shadows of evening, then reached for another key on the ring. He felt dissonance, as he reached for the other key. The first one had been opening the door for fifteen years. A pleasant surprise awaited him. As the new key was placed into the lock and turned, the door opened. He smiled and muttered, "They changed the lock."

Truth never gets worn out; therefore, it is timeless and will always be capable of doing the job. This book called the Bible is true and has been able to withstand the most careful and most careless of criticisms over the years. An old reed in the hands of an Apostle wrote:

But the Word of the Lord endureth forever.
And this is the Word which by the gospel
is preached unto you.

Such words assure us that Peter overcame the friction of reed on Papyrus and the resistance of flesh against spirit. These truths are based on the reality of God and reality that the spiritual cornerstone changeth not. It is the natural man's reality that changeth, because his degeneration leadeth him afar from God.

This brings us to the threshold of our short and rather insignificant narrative in view of the riches of Christ. There is only one thing constant about man and "his world" i.e., change. At least, he appears to change on the surface. Many times, we realize the clothes are new, but the person is the same. A recurrent theme through the pages of inspiration is man 'degenerated and becoming continuously evil. The Church is God's last outpost to stop such action. This fortress must keep in touch not only with God but with man to do her banners well.

But Jesus did not commit himself unto them, because he knew all men. And needed not that any should testify of man: for he knew what was in man.

The best way to meet the enemy and resist Satan is to know his current strategy. We have the proper weapon, which is the Word of God, but we must use it in terms of the present war. God has always been the Master of using His truth appropriately and "His Words" teacheth us. We need to take a new stance and apply ourselves to gain fresh insight.

Where there is no vision, the people perish,
but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.

The problems of the last outpost are becoming extremely complex. Once, we simply exposed a man to the scriptures. Today, we must not only expose, but frequently must convince that these scriptures may be believed as truth. We must seek the wisdom of God to know how to apply these great truths. Paul preached the resurrection to the philosopher and to the uneducated. The same fundamental truth was there for both groups, but my, how differently he approached the different people in giving them the same truth. The

same application cannot be used on all doors. The same truth that saved man fifteen years ago is still the power of God unto salvation, but the same mode of presentation may not open as many doors. Man has changed the lock. Now, we must study the lock and the key ring to see which key will open the lock.

The nation of God is no longer a Jewish Ghetto that can survive by simply holding on to the physical lineage. It must reach out and beyond.

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.
A-men.

The challenge is breath-taking and the task life-taking. Let us not only clutch the Word of God to our bosom, but let us begin to put it into our thoughts. Preachers need to have more time to study and to use their time for more study. The old hands need to steady the young hands and the young hands need to give new life to the old hands. We of few spiritual years plea for the older to reveal to us the way to run before they receive their trophy. We want to be champs too:

Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees; And make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way; but let it rather be healed.

How many times are we at the right house, but have the wrong key? How many times do we make every possible physical effort, but we do not observe that the lock has been changed? The preaching of the old Prophets reveals that they knew when to tear down and when to build up. They had the right key for the right lock. Even so, all men did not turn and today we should not grow weary, unless it is due to inactivity.

The Word of God and the petitions of the Godly can give us the vision, the insight and the wisdom to have the right key for the right lock. I do not understand prayer, but no doubt the right keys cannot be found without it.

Our best will not be enough to do the work of God. We need to have God's assistance and to utilize that quality that makes man different from the rest of His creation. Let us throw off the glasses of oral tradition and reach unto the seed beds of truth. Let us bury "the man" within and resurrect the God within.

Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think anything as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God . . .

—7120 Banks St.,
Union Lake, Mich.

FOUR THINGS

Four things a man must learn to do
If he would make his record true:
To think without confusion clearly;
To love his fellowmen sincerely;
To act from honest motives purely;
To trust in God and Heaven securely.

—Henry van Dyke.

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You will find listed below the names of those sending subscriptions since we last went to press, and opposite the name the number of subs sent. We want to express again our appreciation for your continued interest in behalf of this journal. May we count on you to continue the good work? Please check the following list, and report any errors to us immediately.

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THE AFRICAN WORK

Plans are moving right along for Bro. Roy Lee Criswell, in getting ready for the trip and work in Africa. His fare there and back will be \$4,800.00. We have been notified recently by Bro. Jerry Cutter that officials of Malawi now require a guarantee of the return trip of all who come to that country. In the past the amount needed has been for one way only. This fare has to be guaranteed before a residency permit will be given. We are now collecting the fare and hope the brotherhood will get behind this and help us get the money together. You may make your checks or money orders payable to Roy Lee Criswell, and send them to the writer, and they will be deposited in his bank account here. Roy Lee will have his account in Oklahoma City while he is in Africa. We will only be an agent for him in depositing his money and taking care of everything that needs to be taken care of here in the States. The money will go directly to him and will be his personal account.

Brethren, let us get behind this good work, as this is one of the best opportunities we have at the present time. Brethren, act now and let us not be months in getting this taken care of. We, the 21st St. congregation, Oklahoma City, Okla., will continue to inform the brotherhood of the progress.

Acknowledgments will be made of all contributions.

—Edwin S. Morris
10520 N. McKinley
Oklahoma City, Okla. 73114

SONG BOOKS

"Gospel Herald"—This is the name of the new song book published by Bro. M. Lynwood Smith, Rt. 1, Box 151, Wesson, Miss. The Price: under 50 copies, 75c; over 50 copies, 65c each.

"Songs for the Shadows"—This is another of Brother Lynwood Smith's song publications, a collection of songs suitable for funerals. Every congregation needs a supply on hand for such occasions. This book is neatly and attractively bound, easy to use and handle. This type book deserves a wide circulation. Why not order a supply from Bro. Smith; it will help him in the sale of the book, and will be a great help to the congregation when the need for it arises.

THE CHURCH DIRECTORY

The Directory will not be out by July 4th, due to my recent illness, and due to my not hearing from brethren. If I must write to each congregation for information it will take longer. When I write to you, please let me know if you want to be listed in the directory.

Add the following to the Directory: STATE LINE CHURCH OF CHRIST, (Covington County) ALABAMA —On US Highway 331, South of Floral, Alabama at

even now making some long range plans whereby we hope to better the economic lot of these people so that they may ultimately support themselves and the native preachers.

A number of the native preachers plan to come with Bro. Joe to the Sulphur, Oklahoma meeting July 4. Several of us from San Antonio plan to be there, Lord willing, and to talk with you face to face about the wonderful progress being made in the salvation of souls in Mexico.

Continue to write to any of the following brethren: the writer at 1747 W. Huisache Ave.; L. M. Crouch, 220 Roesler Rd.; E. E. Perkins, Rt. 13, Box 483; R. A. Perkins, 126 Hillcrest, all of San Antonio, Texas.

—W. B. Coleman

True worth is in being, not seeming;

In doing, each day that goes by,
Some little good—not in dreaming

Of great things to do by and by.

For whatever men say in blindness,

And spite of the fancies of youth,

There's nothing so kingly as kindness,

And nothing so royal as truth.

—From "Nobility" by Alice Cary.



Ralph Kitson, Hamburg, Ill., June 6—We had a good meeting with Brethren Miles King and Richard Nichols. We are going to try to build a new meeting house which we need very badly.

Robert L. Falvey, Huntington Park, Calif., June 17—We have recently enjoyed some good lessons here by visitors, Larry Lay, Tom Lehmann, and David Reed. Here are 10 subscriptions.

H. O. Allen, Box 1264, Midland, Tex. 79701, June 11—The church here at 907 S. Terrell St. is doing pretty good. Through vacation time we always have a slump in attendance. Please mention us in your prayers. Here is our subscription.

Harvey Jackson, Sta. Rt., Maple, Tex. 79344, June 16—We surely enjoy reading the OPA. It seems to get better all the time. Surely glad to know that Bro. King is improving. Bro. Jim Hickey just closed a meeting at Levelland, Tex.; he did some good preaching, and we learned to love Jim and Nellie very much. Here is our renewal.

F. H. Lichapa, Namphungo church, P. O. Mikolongwe, Malawi, Africa, May 25—The work of the Lord continues here. We greatly need your help; we often speak of our great poverty, but all in vain it seems. Try to

consider us please. April 3, I was at Majolo; April 10, at Namphungo church with 3 baptisms and 1 confession; April 17, I was at Chiziya with Bro. Balakas; we had 17 baptisms. April 24, I was again at Namphungo.

Jack Stalcup, N. Hollywood, Calif., June 9—We are doing nicely in N. Hollywood, still looking for a building or a building site. We still meet in the Odd Fellows Hall, 5026 Vineland. We appreciate all the assistance we have had in the teaching from the many brethren who have come our way. Pray for the work here in the Valley. Here are 2 subs.

Roy Lee Criswell, Box 895, Winters, Calif., June 17—The Lord's work continues to move forward here. Since last report there have been 2 restorations and 1 baptism. Recently Bro. Orville Lee Smith held us a series of gospel meetings. Interest was good throughout. We are looking forward to the Sulphur, Okla. meeting. Such meetings are certainly uplifting.

Obie Shireman, Mozier, Ill., May 31—We have been in a meeting for two weeks with Brethren Miles King and Richard Nichols; we had good crowds every night; 2 were baptized and 5 confessed faults. At the last Lord's Day meeting, 103 were present. Bro. Stumpff and some of the brethren from St. Louis, Mo. were with us several nights, as were Bro. Jerry Harris, wife and baby from Ind. We had good preaching and singing and we trust there was much good done for the cause of Christ.

Timothy Phillips, Rt. 1, Box 31-A, Pottsville, Ark. 72858, June 18—The church here is still growing and doing fine. Since last report, 3 confessed faults. We are indeed thankful to have Bro. Harley Nichols and family and Bro. Eddie Nichols and family who have moved here from Kansas City, Kans. We were glad to have Bro. Johnny Nichols and family and several others from Kansas City visit us. On June 5, we had 63. We are always happy to have visitors. Let us all keep working for the cause of Christ.

Jim A. Canfield, Rt. 3, Box 86, Marion, La., June 5—The church in Memphis, Tenn. is growing strong in the Bible way. Bro. Joe Rivers is learning by studying his Bible, and is help to Bro. Harris. Lord willing, I will go to Memphis June 18. I wrote to the brother in Mich. concerning the time of day we commune; he believes we should commune at night only. This he can not prove. He calls me a hobby rider. We need to have the same understanding, and believe and practice the same things according to Eph. 3:2-10; 2 Tim. 2:15; 3:15-17. May God help us all.

James D. Corson, Rt. 2, Mahaffey, Pa., June 15— I just closed a series of meetings at Rote, Pa. The interest and attendance were good in spite of so much sickness. Their hospitality and support were the best. I feel that some of the Lord's best people live there. Brethren passing through Pa. will find the faithful churches carrying the banner high for truth and right. My wife may soon return to the hospital for further correction. Remember us kindly when you approach the throne of grace.

Dennis E. Smith, 366 S. Main St., Webb City, Mo. 64870, June 11—The work that I was doing in Wichita, Kans. ended in May. I am now back home in Mo. for awhile. Since leaving Wichita, I was in Calif. for about a week and a half. While there, I preached at Manteca, Waterford, Escalon, and Stockton. I truly enjoyed my time in these places. The Lord willing, I will be in Kansas City, Mo., July 10-24 for one week of personal work and a week of meetings. Other than this, I have no other plans at present; I am available for work and meetings wherever needed.

Melvin L. McElroy, 2297 San Miguel Rd., Salinas, Calif. 93901, June 12—We here in Salinas are beginning a program of "personal evangelism" that we are very excited about. We request the prayers of those who love us for success in this effort. Our efforts are still in the planning stage. We appreciate Bro. Billy Orten's recent articles on these matters. We have determined with God's help to evangelize the city of Salinas (51,700 population). We number about 20 effective workers (men and women). Here is my renewal for 2 years and another for one year.

Philip H. Cox, Jr., 6600 Pecan Ave., Little Rock, Ark., June 15—The congregation in N. Little Rock, Ark. has moved from 219 W. 14th to 120 So. Pine St. We are buying a building at this location. We are thankful to have Bro. Elmo House working with us now; his labor has already begun to produce. We are blessed to have such a worker as he among us. For the convenience of those who might be in the N. Little Rock area on the Lord's day, the church is located one block east of the freeway at the corner of Ark. Ave. and So. Pine St. Remember us in your prayers.

J. R. Tidmore, 311 W. 5th St., Broken Bow, Okla., May 27—I have just closed a 10-day meeting at Dalhart, Tex.; we enjoyed it very much. They are few in number, but have a mind to work. They have a fine young man with them now who is a great help; his name is Bro. Orvel Griffin. Brethren Ray Lackey and Cecil Tidmore and their families are to be commended for their work there. Preaching brethren would find a welcome among them. As I am needed so badly here at home, I stay here most of the time. Bro. Jim Hickey will be with us in a meeting, July 8-17. Here is our renewal.

Paul Walker, Rt. 2, Summertown, Tenn., June 18—Our work ended in Richmond, Calif., June 15. It was an enjoyable year and we trust a fruitful one. Bro. Perry Allen is no longer able to teach; however, his son, Perry, Jr., along with Brethren Albert Brown and Eldon Campbell, are capable and willing to aid in the work there. We are now in a meeting at Lodi, Calif. In July we go to Tenn., and Mich.; in August to San Jose, Calif. We recently enjoyed visits with preaching brethren Orville Lee Smith and Roy Lee Criswell. They are doing a good work in Calif.

Jim Hickey, 5012 Cranfill Dr., Dallas, Tex., June 16—Since last report one more was baptized into Christ and another came from digression, confessing errors in worship. May 31, our work in Dallas concluded for the

summer. June 12, we closed a gospel meeting at Levelland, Tex. We really enjoyed the meeting; we had good interest and fair crowds. We trust that good was done. June 1, we spoke at Arlington, Tex., and June 15, at 21st St., Oklahoma City. We recently enjoyed hearing preaching brethren Lynwood Smith, at Wichita Falls; L. G. Butler at Lubbock, Tex., and Bill Roden at Dallas.

Miles King, 1533 Camden Way, Norman, Okla., June 16—Our meeting at Mozier, Ill. closed May 29. There were 2 baptisms and 8 confessions of fault. It was good to work with Bro. Richard Nichols in this effort. The brethren at Mozier plan to build and would appreciate help from other congregations. I arrived home in time to attend part of the meeting in Oklahoma City (21st Street) where Bro. Billy Orten was preaching. It was so good to hear Billy again and have him in our home. Our meeting at Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. began June 10. Enroute to Florida I preached one night at Chapel Grove, Tenn., and visited a gospel meeting in progress at LaGrange, Ga. The brethren at Ft. Lauderdale have their lot paid for and plan to start a building soon. At present we are looking forward to the camp meeting at Sulphur, Okla. July 8-17, we look forward to a meeting in Orangevale, Calif., and Aug. 5-14, at West Monroe, La.

J. L. Reynolds, Rt. 3, Eubank, Ky. 40318, June 7—May 29, our meeting at Bandy closed with Bro. Alton B. Bailey, LaGrange, Ga. We had a wonderful meeting with three baptisms and 2 restored. On Lord's Day before the meeting, we had one come from the Baptist denomination requesting baptism for remission of sins; her husband came from the digressive brethren. We had visitors from both congregations in Ohio, and from Hilltop, Walnut Grove, and Blue Springs. Bro. Bailey will hold us another meeting this year. Our services on the Lord's Day are 10:30 A.M. and 7:30 P.M. We invite all passing our way to worship with us. My phone number is 379-3243. We desire the prayers of the faithful.

Joe Hisle, Rt. 4, Ada, Okla., June 1—The past 10 days, I have been in a meeting with the congregation at Cable Ridge, Mo. I certainly enjoyed the meeting; it is always a pleasure to work with our Mo. brethren. Since last report I have met with the congregations at Claxton, Mo., April 24-30 (closed with 1 baptism); Wichita Falls, Tex., May 8; Tulsa, Okla. May 14-15. The Lord willing I shall begin a series of meetings at Galey, Okla., June 3. The church here at Ada has experienced some growth for which we are thankful. Within the last few weeks we have had 5 baptisms and 4 confessions of faults. Most of the additions have been young men and women whom we feel will be an asset to the congregation and the Lord's work.

Harley Ballard, 500 W. Murray St., Denison, Tex. 75020, June 15—Since last report we have traveled extensively in Tex., Okla. and Ark. We thoroughly enjoyed our fellowship with many of our fine brethren. We are now located in Denison, Tex. where we are assisting Bro. Eddie Bullard with the work. I am working part-time and preaching every weekend at various congregations located nearby. I am enrolled at Grayson

BONDS OF MATRIMONY

Harris-Hopkins—In the evening of June 4, at 7:30 o'clock, Bro. Dean Harris and Sister Linda Hopkins were united in marriage. Many friends and relatives gathered at the 21st St. building in Oklahoma City to witness this happy occasion. The wedding was formal and well arranged; Linda made a beautiful bride. Dean and Linda plan to make their home in Oklahoma City. The writer was honored to officiate.

—Miles King

UNITY MEETINGS —

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What will be accomplished by this merger? Very little, except that each in the union will accept the weaknesses and errors of the other. And I might add, that nothing more than that is accomplished when "different segments of the disciple brotherhood" agree to unite regardless of faith or practice.

If I regarded the positions I hold regarding the communion, teaching, and related subjects merely as an opinion as some apparently do, I would immediately remove the obstacle (my opinion) and unite with the others. However I do not consider the use of one cup in the communion an opinion. I do not consider my opposition to man-made Sunday Schools an opinion. This does not mean, however, that I am unwilling to meet with others and discuss our differences. I am always willing to do that, to seek unity. I feel that we have something to offer—the Bible way.

Since I oppose the false avenues that are being used to bring about a so-called "unity," just what would be the correct procedure to follow? We offer the following thoughts for your consideration:

First of all, we believe division to be a sin, as big and wrong as adultery, fornication, murder, or any other. It thus becomes the responsibility of every Christian to do all he can to rid the world of division and restore peace and unity. However, before we can unite in a way that will please the Lord, we must seek for and find the true basis for unity.

Let us suppose that I have the first and only knife in existence. One day I show this knife to a friend of mine. He likes it, and even wants one himself. So, he takes one of my blades then proceeds to build the rest of the knife for himself. After it is completed, he declares that his is the original knife. Then, let us suppose that another friend of mine takes another part of my knife and fashions the remainder for himself and when it is completed he claims he has the original knife. We know that this cannot be true. It is impossible for each man to have the original knife. However, it is still possible for us to reconstruct the first original knife. How? Simply by each man bringing back the original part in his knife and doing away with that which was added. When all pieces have been returned and re-assembled we will have the original. Of course when this is done, there will be a great many pieces left over. All these must be discarded. Now, if we will follow this same procedure in religion, we will be able to attain Bible unity. There are many churches in existence today, all claiming to be the original one built by Christ. We know this cannot be. Thus, what should be done? Our suggestion is simply this: no church should give up any truth. We believe that there is some truth in all groups and that this truth should be retained.

If each church, group, or segment will bring all its truth regarding, name, creed, worship, etc. and put it together, we can re-construct the New Testament church. Of course some things will be left over—that which was added by man. However, if such a procedure were followed no one would lose any truth, only error, and each would gain the truth that others possessed. Whereas in our present set-up, churches are uniting, retaining everything as they had it, thus accepting the error of all others. That is the reason I say such a procedure is hopeless and useless.

God's plan for unity is revealed in Eph. 4:1-6. One God—unity of worship. One Lord—unity of Authority. One Spirit—unity of Life. One Faith—unity of message. One Baptism—unity of practice. One Body—unity of organization. One Hope—unity of desire. When we build upon this platform, we can be sure that our efforts will not be in vain. May God bless all who do.

—Box 3636 Glenstone Sta.,
Springfield, Missouri

MY POSITION ON CARNAL WARFARE

I cannot participate in military service in any form, directly or indirectly, in combatant or noncombatant service, because:

1. My duty and obligation to my God is superior to all other obligations (Acts 5:29; Matt. 22:37).

2. My God in the Bible forbids that I engage in carnal warfare in the following references:

"Put up thy sword," "For all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword" (Matt. 26:52)—Jesus.

"My Kingdom is not of this world" (Jno. 18:36).

"For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal" (2 Cor. 10:3, 4).

"Love your enemies" (Matt. 5:44); "Turn the other cheek" (Matt. 5:39).

"Recompense to no man evil for evil" (Rom. 12:17).

3. To enter any military branch or service, combatant or noncombatant, I would be compelled to "swear" (take an oath), but the Bible forbids that I do so ("Swear not at all"—Jesus, Matt. 5:34).

4. To enter any military service I would be compelled to be yoked with unbelievers, which is forbidden—"Be not unequally yoked together with unbelievers" (2 Cor. 6:14).

5. To be in any branch of military service in any way, I would be a part of the organization and would therefore have fellowship in the service, but such is prohibited; thus: "Have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them" (Eph. 5:11).

6. To serve in any way in the military service, I would be deprived of obeying the command to assemble on Lord's day to worship God in the Bible way, at least part of the time, hence would disobey God (Heb. 10:25; Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 16:1, 2).

Therefore, I cannot conscientiously engage in carnal war in any form or branch, and for the above reasons, I authorize my name to be listed in support of the above principles.

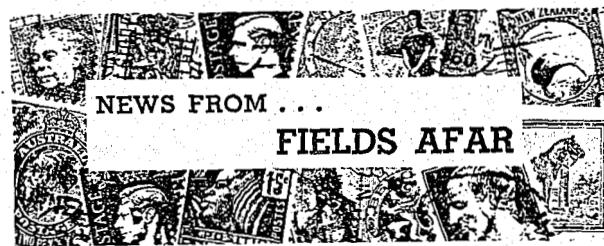
—James P. Haworth, 1417 W. Mohave, Tucson, Ariz.

—Bill Hisle, Rt. 4, Ada, Okla.

—Edward Eugene Pearce, Mahaffey, Pa.

—David McKinney, Rt. 1, Box 29, Commodore, Pa.

—Bruce Bumgardner, 1207 S. Tegner, Turlock, Calif.



NEWS FROM . . .

FIELDS AFAR

MALAWI, AFRICA

This part of the brotherhood continues to grow and do well. The Lord has blessed the efforts so very much. It seems to have jelled into a real smooth movement with very few rough places. The churches are buying their own grape juice and we can tell by the amount they buy that a great part of the churches are communing regularly. This is especially encouraging to us. A number of places were visited by Bro. Cutter and myself in May. On May 1st, we had services at Namphungo where Bro. Lichapa lives. On Monday, May 2 we began a two-weeks study at Sitima church with Bro. Maloya and brethren from surrounding churches. On Sunday, May 8 Bro. Cutter preached at Maone to a great crowd of people. On May 15, I visited the Mwakhiwa church and was with Bro. Chiuma, Lichapa and many people along with three village chiefs one of whom is a member of the church of Christ. Then on Monday the 16th we began a two-weeks study at Kenjeni church with Bro. Madula and the brethren from nearby congregations. This is one area in which we have had great difficulty in getting them to commune regularly, but we believe this study helped them and they all promised to begin having the Lord's supper each Sunday. Bro. Nowah agreed to distribute the grape juice in that area. On Sunday, May 22, Bro. Cutter visited the Myanga church with Bro. Namulova. As is usual, Bro. Namulova arranged to have a big bunch of people to hear the gospel preached. Some of our biggest crowds come to the services in the area where he preaches. On Saturday, the 21st, I visited a new church that Bro. Maloya has begun almost within the city limits of Zomba the present capital city of Malawi. We had a good crowd and they will build a new building there soon. On Sunday, May 29, I visited the Kalumbeta church which is another one Bro. Maloya has begun. Then on the 30th of May, Bro. Cutter began another two-weeks study at the Nkanji church. These studies last for several hours each day. We are using the 12-lesson correspondence we recently put out over here (in English and Chinyanja). The course is being well received by members. We have an ad in the paper and several have begun taking the course by mail. Bro. Cutter teaches the first week of the study and I teach the second week. The one who stays in Blantyre takes care of the printing, grading papers and different things that must be done daily here. Bro. Cutter goes out one Sunday and I go out the next. The one who stays in Blantyre on Sunday takes care of the two church services that we have in the morning and then we have another at night in English. The office work is increasing so much that we soon will hire someone from this country to help take care of it. In addition, we hope to soon buy property and build. Since we have to meet city codes and standards, this will require extra money that we do not have now. We would like to make an appeal to the churches to

consider the need of a building in this, the largest city in Malawi, and ask you to help in the financial obligations of such a project. You may write to us for further details. May God bless all of you.

—Bennie Cryer, Box 573,
Blantyre, Malawi

MEXICO

Bro. Joe Martinez has just returned from Mexico. He is filled to overflowing with enthusiasm about the progress there. He reports a number of baptisms in the last month. Bro. Juan Rodriguez baptized a man, along with three others, who said that he was going back home (about 75 miles) and bring some more men to hear the gospel. This man heard his first sermon and then dropped everything and stayed to talk about the Bible until he was baptized several days later. This man is a leader in his village and is connected with the government in such a way as to receive the latest information about agricultural methods and seeds. This man may prove a real addition to the cause of Christ in Mexico. Other congregations report from one to three baptisms during the month.

The native preachers in Mexico are continuing to go out into the countryside to preach the gospel. Efforts are being made at Agua Nuevo, La Vanda, Clavelina, and San Juan in addition to the efforts made in the various Colonias close to each congregation. Bro. Joe visits each of these places and attempts to encourage them. He also gave out \$102.50 during this last trip to individuals and congregations. A few dollars to a destitute widow or to a desperately ill person may not sound like much to us here in the States. Down there, Christian deeds such as these are soon known throughout the community.

Bro. Joe found the members of the congregation at Pino de la Cruz suffering for lack of water. The place where these people had obtained water by hauling it in their oxcart would not let them have water but once a week. Bro. Joe gave them \$50 to buy some planking and some rope so that they could dig their own well (about 35 feet). They report the purchase of some milk goats with some previous funds. These people wrote a very humble letter of thanksgiving for the help which you sent to them recently. They said that they were going to pray every single day for their brothers in the United States.

The pressing need for the moment is for some help to finish the church buildings at Guadalupe Victoria and at Garza Garcia. It will take about \$300 for each one. Won't some of you who have helped a congregation in the past to build a 6 or 7 thousand dollar building send a few dollars to help our Mexican brethren? Just write Jose Rodriguez Building Fund or Juan Rodriguez Building Fund on your check and mail it to one of the brethren here in San Antonio and we will see that it gets to them immediately.

We feel a certain reluctance to continue to ask for help for our destitute brothers and sisters in Christ in Mexico. After all, we here in San Antonio are not obliged to beg for help any more than are Christians anywhere. However, since we have seen and been moved by the condition of many of these people, we feel duty bound to at least mention the need from time to time. If you do not respond, that is between you and your God (Matt. 25:32-46) (James 2:15-16). We are

Co. College and begin with the fall semester to further my education. I ask the prayers of the brethren for myself and family: I will be in a meeting at Cameron, Tex. (Hoyt congregation), Aug. 14-21. Brethren, let us put aside our differences of opinion and dwell together in the unity of peace and love.

Alton Bailey, 909 Truitt Ave., LaGrange, Ga., June 18—We enjoyed the meeting at Bandy, Ky., May 21-29, where there were three souls born into God's family by baptism, and two were restored. The brethren asked us to return in Oct. of this year. We were happy to have preaching brethren Thomas Murphy and Barney Owens visit the meeting. June 5-12, we were back at Greenville, S. C. Bro. Billy Orten closed a very inspiring meeting in LaGrange last week. It seems the meetings here are better all the time, the members putting forth efforts to make it so. We welcome Bro. Barney Owens to our part of the country to work with the Temple, Ga. congregation. Hope to see many at Sulphur. We are enjoying the work of an evangelist very much. Pray for us and our efforts.

Tom Lehmann, 11417 Post Hill Pl., Lakeside, Calif. 92040, June 7—In Mar. I moved back here, my home town, from Fresno, Calif. Not long after, my brother, Bob, and I were hit by a drunk while driving home in my car—it rolled and slid down the road on its top. I thank God there were no bad injuries or deaths. Damages to the car were estimated at \$1100. God has been good to me, and more than I deserve. I continue to preach, and I am thankful for the places that use me. Since my return home, I have preached at the following places: El Cajon, El Centro, Huntington Park, Arvin and Visalia, all in Calif. The Lord willing, I will be going to Sulphur, Okla. with Bro. Larry Lay; I hope to meet many brothers and sisters in Christ for the first time. I will be free and looking for places to preach during the summer. Please remember me in your prayers.

J. W. Kornegay, Box 105, Belle Mead, N. J., June 15—The church in N. J. is doing fine; we have visitors at every service. The progress is slow, but with God with us, how can we fail? I have a home study in the home of some interested people; I believe they will soon obey the gospel. The radio program is doing some good; it reaches about 28 million people, so I am told. I would like to thank again all who are supporting this work. I am using the support to the best advantage I know. Those supporting the work since last month are Lloyd Kornegay—\$3.00; Geo. Culbertson—\$2.00; Ft. Worth, Tex.—\$10; Chapel Grove, Tenn.—\$200; Regular supporters are: Raleigh, N. C.—\$100; Flemington, Pa.—\$100; Huntington, W. Va.—\$100; Pontiac, Mich.—\$75; Rote, Pa.—\$50; Harrodsburg, Ind.—\$50; LeContes Mills, Pa.—\$25; Roanoke, Va.—\$25. All who come this way are invited to worship with us. Pray for the work in His vineyard.

Edwin S. Morris, 10520 N. McKinley, Okla. City, Okla. 73114, June 16—The meeting at Lawrenceburg, Tenn., May 13-22, was very enjoyable. There was one baptism and a few confessions of faults. We were priv-

ileged to attend most of Bro. Billy Orten's meeting at N. W. 21st St. congregation here. He did some fine preaching and we enjoyed being with him. We were in a meeting at Milford, Mich., June 3-12, which resulted in one baptism and 3 confessions of faults. The Pontiac, Flint and Farmington congregations cooperated real well. We can see a definite spiritual growth in these congregations and they have a desire to do more for the Lord. We will be at Mt. Home, Ark., June 17-26; Pearlhaven, Miss., July 9-17, and Paris, Tex., July 24-31. Pray for us.

Elmo House, 5310 E. Roosevelt Rd., Little Rock, Ark., June 15—Our last two weeks in Mt. Pleasant, Fla. were certainly eventful ones. Two families returned to the church—one had been out of duty for several years. We were thankful and give the honor to God for them. We arrived in Little Rock on May 10, and immediately sought for a home. We were in McAlester, Okla., where I preached May 22. These first three weeks have been full ones. Within a six-block area of the meeting house, I have obtained 37 leads, 25 families have promised home studies, and, presently, I am studying with about 10 families in their homes. Two digressive families have promised to embrace truth. Several families, I am sure, are nearly converted to truth. Pray for our efforts. Our home studies involve the following religious beliefs: Assembly of God, Baptist, Missionary Baptist, Catholic, Digressive and others. Our labors are day and night as I strive to be obedient to 2 Tim. 4:1-2 and 1 Tim. 6:11-14. June 19, I close a series of meetings at Okemah, Okla. I was thankful to hear Bro. James Orten in his meeting at McAlester last Sat. night. Our prayer is for unity in the Lord's work and brotherly love among His people.

Paul O. Nichols, 1400 Adena, Bakersfield, Calif. 93306, June 17—We rejoice and give God the glory for the eight baptisms and 10 confessions and restorations that the Southwest Bakersfield, Calif. congregation has had since we moved to our new location, 2215 Planz Rd., May 15. The meeting at San Angelo, Tex. (Freeland Ave.) was enjoyable, as always, and it was an honor to be asked to return in 1969. It is good to hear of the progress of the work in Africa. Gayland Osburn and I worked too hard, did too much teaching, solved too many problems, and invested too much money, not to be deeply concerned with how it is going. I am also happy when called upon that we could be of any assistance to James Orten, Jerry Cutter, and Bennie Cryer, in their preparation for working in Africa. In various ways we tried to help including letter writing, showing pictures, tape recording answers to questions and offering other information that we thought would help. It is good to see that brethren are staying behind this work and getting ready to send other men over. I have meetings at Washington, Okla., July 8-17; Springfield, Mo. (Benton Ave.), July 18-27; Reading, Ohio, July 29-Aug. 7; West Plains, Mo., Aug. 8-17.

Bill Roden, 112 Kelley Dr., Moore, Okla. 73060, June 17—We are now enjoying a good meeting at Boulder Dr., Dallas, Tex. These brethren are growing in number and in spirit. They are so good to work with. The meeting at Davis, Okla. (May 21-29) was well attended. Three were restored for which we were so thankful. We were in sympathy with Sister Ardelia Deatherage in the passing of her mother during the meeting. We look forward to the meeting at Capitol Hill, Oklahoma City, with Bro. Larry Robertson. We are looking forward to being at the Sulphur, Okla. meeting, after which we go to Montebello, Calif. (July 22-31), then to Corcoran, Calif. (Aug. 5-14). We then return to Okla. to continue the work and other meetings. Do pray for us.

Orvel B. Johnson, 2200 Burney Way, Sacramento, Calif. 95821, June 18—Bro. Don McCord started a series of meetings this date for 64th St., Sacramento, Calif. It is good to hear the forceful teaching of Don once again. Over the past several months, several have obeyed their Lord in baptism and restorations at 64th St. After much deliberation and prayerful meditations,

I have stepped down as one of the scheduled teachers and leaders in the congregation. The main reason for this is my desire to assist congregations at their call, wherever needed in California. This for a time would be on week-ends and Lord's days; also my being away from the congregation a great amount of time is not in accordance with my very strong feelings regarding leaders, elders and those who have regular teaching assignments. It is now, and has been for many years my conviction that brethren working with a congregation should be with that congregation the major part of their time. 64th St. will remain our home congregation. The Lord willing, my wife and I plan an extended tour in 1967. This will include states from California to Texas, Oklahoma and others. It is hoped that we can meet with and assist congregations in spreading the gospel. Pray for us that we shall always include our Lord in our plans and our lives.

Ronny Wade, Box 3636 Glenstone Sta., Springfield, Mo., June 15—The meeting at Mena, Ark. closed with two baptisms, one confession of faults, and one restoration. We enjoyed our stay with these brethren, and appreciate them for their zeal, faith, and courage. Bro. Leon Fancher lives and works among them. Our next meeting was with the Reading, Ohio congregation. One would have to look long and hard to find a more dedicated, hard-working group of people. While there, nine were baptized and five were restored to duty. Presently, we are engaged in an effort in Shreveport, La. Crowds are fair, with one confession of faults thus far. Since last report, we have moved to Springfield, Mo. (Please make a note of our new address). Our chief reason for moving to Springfield is the advance and progress of the T.V. work which the churches in Mo. are carrying on. We will also be working with the Benton Ave. congregation while here. We left Lebanon with regret and many pleasant memories. The brethren are to be commended for their zeal in the Lord's work. During the four years we spent among them they spent almost \$60,000 dollars preaching the gospel in one way or another. There are no finer people anywhere in all the world. We will continue to work closely with them in television work, the Lord willing. We look forward to the joys of another Sulphur meeting, and by the time you read this, it should be history. We have been privileged to attend these gatherings for many years, and if God is willing we plan to do so in the future. Our meetings are scheduled as follows: Strong, Ark., June 20-26; Bloomfield, Ia., July 8-17; Mt. Vernon, Ky., July 23-31; New Salem, Miss., Aug. 5-14; Birmingham, Ala., Aug. 15-21, and Rogers, Ark. Aug. 28-Sept. 4.

G. K. Wilks, 109 Dundee Drive, Wichita Falls, Tex., June 4—The work the San Antonio brethren are doing in behalf of the work in Mexico is certainly commendable, well managed, and based on good, long-range thinking. I say again that Mexico may be the next haven of safety for New Testament Christianity, if liberalism and regimentation continue to increase. It is easily possible that regulation of the churches may not be far away if the doctrine of "union" and "mergers" continue—the government is bound to be invited to "aid" the churches and therefore control them. Young Bro. Ralph Gomez of Harlingen, Tex. was with us from Thurs. night until Sun. night. I believe he is an apt student, and I know he is energetic. He knows a lot about the Bible and likes to study. Maturity and practice should make him very useful to the Lord and the Mexican people. He would like to learn from Bro. Joe C. Martinez. Ralph spoke for us the Sun. night he was here. The church at 10th and Ray Sts. in Kansas City, Kans. has certainly done a noble and proper thing in making friends with this young man and teaching him the truth. He has nothing but good to say of them. There is still much need of financial support for the native preachers in Mexico, and according to the plans of the San Antonio brethren, as new native preachers are taught the truth and come to practice New Testament Christianity, additional support will be needed. One cannot imagine the poverty and hardship the unsupported native Mexican preacher endures unless you

spend some time visiting these people. See Bro. Coleman's letter and report, and Bro. Joe Martinez's. The grace of God is mighty to keep them alive. Let us share of our abundance with them for the furtherance of the gospel and indeed for our own salvation.

E. H. Miller, Box 538, LaGrange, Ga. 30240, June 15—Bro. Billy Orten just closed a wonderful meeting here; we had good attendance and interest at every service with an overflowing crowd the last Lord's Day; there were 2 confessions of faults and 1 baptism. Bro. Orten preached some wonderful sermons. I feel we were all strengthened and uplifted! I wish he were in the field full time, yet I know he can be preaching more sermons and doing more good keeping the home fires burning. Preachers should preach wherever they can win the lost and strengthen the saved. I wish more Christians and congregation would learn that God's word does not teach that every brother should try to preach or teach in the Lord's day assembly (and that every preacher does not have to be gone from home all the time in order to preach). God desires "faithful men who shall be able to teach"!! (2 Tim. 2:2; Eho. 4:11-12; 1 Cor. 12:27-29; Rom. 12:6-7). Paul and Barnabas preached in other congregations, but they also preached for their home congregation! For "there were in the church that was at Antioch certain prophets and teachers; as Barnabas, and—Saul—Paul also and Barnabas continued in Antioch, teaching and preaching the word of the Lord, with many others also"!! (Acts 13:1 and 15:35). I wish all places were as blessed with home-town preachers as Antioch! My home congregation has developed many preachers who are now preaching the gospel in other states, but everyone of them are welcome to preach in the congregation that trained them. We try to train them and build them up before sending them out into strange fields; yet, we are willing and anxious to help the young brethren of other places whose home congregation does not seem to realize congregations need to train up preachers who will be able to establish and build up other congregations. Jesus said, "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few"!! May God help us in this great work is my prayer.

Tom E. Smith, 302 Phillips, Healdton, Okla., June 15—I closed a very enjoyable meeting at Huckleberry Ln., Abilene, Tex. last Lord's Day evening. There were no visible results; we did see the interest gradually increase until the closing night. There was good representation from all three congregations who contend for a thus saith the Lord in faith and practice. Anson, a nearby congregation, was also represented. There were those who differ with us in Abilene, too, who attended, and proved themselves to be good listeners. I am optimistic about the cause here. The close cooperation was accomplished by the prayers and help of all the faithful brethren who attended. I believe eternity will show some fruit of our labors. Lord's Day evening, we met at 15th and Oak at 6:00 o'clock, and at Huckleberry Ln. at 8:00. I made my home with Bro. and Sister John B. Snow, and a good home it was; they are, as many of us are, in their declining years and health, but very active in the Lord's work and they are experienced in making a good home for a preacher; I was invited into other homes and found a hospitable welcome everywhere I went. Bro. John B. Snow, Jr. was with us part of the meeting, but the last week he was at Lake View, San Angelo, Tex. We missed his visits and help in the meeting very much; he is well thought of and loved by the brethren. In my estimation he has good potential for an evangelist, but is kept busy at home. My son, C. A. Smith, visited the meeting Fri. night, June 10, and at our request preached. His subject was "The Wonderful Christ." Christ was exalted, and we were all strengthened. He will assist us in a meeting at Healdton, Okla., July 15-24. July 24 will be home-coming day for all the former members of the East Healdton congregation. All will find a hearty welcome. Love and best wishes to all; we hope to see you all at the Sulphur, Okla. meeting which will be history by the time you read this.

Our purpose is to "earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints," and to "prove all things; hold fast that which is good."

OLD PATHS ADVOCATE

To continue "speaking the truth in love," "endeavoring to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace;" "keeping the ordinances as delivered."

"Thus saith the Lord, 'Stand ye in the ways, and see and ask for the Old Paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls.'" (Jer. 6:16) "And they that be of Thee shall build the old waste, places; thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations; and thou shalt be called, The Repairer of the Breach, The Restorer of Paths to Dwell in." (Isa. 58:12).

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BROTHER PAUL MACKEY

Under date of July 8, Brother Paul Mackey, 748 Grove St., San Luis Obispo, Calif. writes: "By the grace of God we were permitted to attend the Sulphur, Okla. meeting. We greatly enjoyed the singing, prayers, sermons and Christian fellowship. We arrived home Wed. night and the next morning, I discovered a lump on my neck. I was admitted to the hospital that day and was operated on the next morning. The tumor was malignant and seems to be a recurrence from before. Again, the tumor was painless, which is one reason I did not notice it sooner. The Lord is gracious. God's richest blessings to all. Please pray for me and mine."

Today, July 20, I have called Paul, and have talked with his wife. Paul is able to work a few hours today. His physicians are optimistic; Paul is in good spirits. Paul, I know, would appreciate a letter or a card of cheer from those who read this. Such a little gesture on our part means so much to those who need it.

—Don McCord

JUST SUPPOSE

Yes, just suppose that tonight every book that has ever been written on religion except the Bible should be destroyed, and that every line and sentence, written or printed anywhere, on religion that is not plainly recorded in the Bible should be erased and destroyed. Suppose further that every doctrine, practice and name not recorded in the Bible should be utterly forgotten tonight so that it never could be remembered again. Suppose that all this should happen tonight, what would be the religious condition of the world tomorrow? There would be millions of believers in Christ who would not so much as know the religious names by which they had called themselves. They are not written in the Bible, and would have been destroyed and forgotten. Not a single denomination, from the Catholics down, could carry on its religious work and government. They would be in the utmost confusion. Their creeds by which they direct their work and worship and govern themselves would have been destroyed and forgotten. Much of their worship is not recorded in the Bible and would be forgotten. Their creeds would be no more than blank pages except a few disjointed, misapplied quotations from the Bible remaining. Every sentence not recorded in the Bible would have faded and left blank pages. As astounding as it may seem, not a single

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THE INSIDE OF THE CUP

By Homer A. Gay

(Note: In answer to requests by interested brethren, we begin in this issue "The Inside of the Cup," a tract written by the late and esteemed Bro. Homer A. Gay. Please read carefully; it is worth your time and effort.—DMc)

"Ye blind guides, which strain at a gnat, and swallow a camel. Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess." This is the reading of the 24th and 25th verses of the 23rd chapter of Matthew, which introduces our study of "The Inside of The Cup." Now we are familiar with the study of the "Cups Question," and it isn't necessary to talk along that line. But we want to talk on the "Inside of the Cup";—that is, the thing that the cup contains. We all understand that in the communion service of the Lord, which we observe on the First Day of each week, there is something that we drink. That that we drink in that communion service is that which I am interested in at this time;—that is, the inside of the cup.

We do not understand that the passage of scripture read from the 23rd chapter of Matthew applies to the communion cup, but it does teach us a lesson that the contents of the cup can be an important thing;—that there is more than just a cup;—that there is something on the inside as well as the outside. Now in a study of this that we drink in the Lord's Supper we take up what is generally called the "Wine Question." In the present-day usage of the word "wine," we usually think of it as an intoxicating wine,—as a wine that is sold and drunk by those who want to become intoxicated, or that want something with some "kick" about it. In debating this question at different times, (at least when they debate with me), those who believe in intoxicating wine in the communion service would define that intoxicating wine as "wine that will make one drunk." Well, that is what we understand by "intoxicating wine." Now all wine is not intoxicating as we shall show, but we are interested in the study of that which the Lord introduced in His Supper.

In Matthew 26:29, Mark 14:25 and Luke 22:18, the Lord calls this drink "this fruit of the vine" when He says, "I will drink no more of this fruit of the vine until I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom." Now there is a drink there,—there is something to be drunk,—and that is the fruit of the vine. In I Cor. 10:16

the Apostle Paul said, "The Cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ?" Now that is a cup of blessing. We can understand that. Even the little folk can understand language like that;—when we talk of a cup of water, of a cup of sugar, or a cup of flour. In this He said, "The cup of blessing which we bless." If we want to know more about that, we can turn to Isaiah 65:8. Here we read, "Thus saith the Lord, as the new wine is found in the cluster, and one saith, Destroy it not; for a blessing is in it. . ." Now then, we learn there is a blessing in the new wine. But that new wine is that which is found in the cluster. Certainly we understand that to be the juice of the grape. But we would like to study a little further along this line.

The Saviour teaches concerning that, that there is a vine, and there is a fruit that is borne in that vine;—that is, by having contact in that vine. Now we know that the Lord recognized that fact in the very beginning. Back in the early days of the creation, in the 1st chapter of Genesis and verse 12 we are told that God created every tree and every herb bearing seed, whose seed was in itself, and was for fruit (Gen. 2:16). God said to the man whom He created, "Of all of the fruit of the trees of the garden thou mayest freely eat." Now to me there is a familiar passage of Scripture that certainly has something to do with the thought that we are discussing. The trees that God made include the vine tree (Eze. 15:6) which we understand as the grapevine. Now that tree produces a fruit, and God told man he may freely eat of that which he created. Of course, we understand that to mean both eating and drinking. God says, "Yea, drink abundantly, O beloved" (Song of Solomon 5:1). Jesus says, "Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit" (Matt 7-17-18). Also in Matt. 12:33 He says, "Either make the tree good and his fruit good; or else make the tree corrupt, and his fruit corrupt: for a tree is known by his fruit." Let us keep in mind that THE TREE IS KNOWN BY ITS FRUIT, and NOT that the FRUIT is known by the TREE. To argue that fermented wine is the "fruit of the vine" just because some part of it was produced by the vine would be the same as to argue that every sectarian church is of God,—just because they take some of the Bible.

God never did produce,—God never did make a tree or vine that would produce WITHIN ITSELF an intoxicating drink. God has always condemned and discouraged the idea of intoxication and drinking strong drink. That is a dark picture,—a picture of evil and wickedness all the way through the Bible. God has ALWAYS condemned man in engaging in that. And yet of the tree that God created He said to the man, "Of that fruit you may freely eat."

In the 15th chapter of John the Saviour teaches us concerning the vine, its branches, and its fruit. We would like to study the vine and its branches as taught by the Saviour in relation to the subject with which we are dealing. Jesus said in the 15th chapter of John, beginning with verse 1, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit. Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you. Abide in me, and I in you. As

the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. I am the vine, ye are the branches. He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit; for without me ye can do nothing. If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned. If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples." This is the reading, at length, of the first 8 verses of the 15th chapter of John. We note this because we want to get the lesson that the Saviour teaches here,—that the Saviour teaches thoroughly;—that is, the relationship between the vine, its branches, and its fruit. Jesus said, "I am the TRUE vine." Here is a vine now that is TRUE today. It is not mixed with anything else, and He is bringing out the thought in that. We all know something about the grapevine and the fruit it produces,—and we understand that the fruit is borne by the branches. Now Jesus said, "I am the vine, and ye are the branches." We can understand that when we talk about you and me, but Jesus said further, "Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you." We conclude that the fruit that we bear when we are connected with the Lord will be clean, pure and wholesome. When we see the picture that is drawn here of the grapevine, and the branches growing from the stem of the vine, and the clusters of grapes on the branches, we see in this the picture of Christ, the true vine, of you and me as Christians, and the fruit that we bear. Jesus would take that grapevine to illustrate the lesson that He would have us to get. We want to grasp the lesson that Jesus teaches of the grapevine that He understood fully. And the people to whom He was speaking understood because Jesus was living and teaching in the greatest grape-growing country in the world;—and they all understood, as we understand, that while that branch had connections with the vine it would produce fruit. And the fruit that it would produce while in contact with the vine is the FRUIT OF THE VINE. Now that is the kind of fruit that Isaiah talked about in Isaiah 65:8 when he said that new wine was found in the cluster. Now then, the drink that the vine produced (the juice of the grape, the fruit of the vine) was created by God for food for man. And the juice that is in the grape is likened unto good fruit that you and I as Christians produce. Now Jesus would reason that so long as we hold contact with Him we can bear good fruit. But if we cut ourselves off from Him,—if we separate ourselves from Him and go independently, we get out of Christ, out of the Way, and drift out in the world; then no more do we bear good fruit. Jesus said, "No more can ye bear good fruit except ye abide in the vine." We can understand, as they could, that if we take the branch, and sever it from the vine, no more fruit is borne there. Good fruit is borne ONLY SO LONG AS IT HAS CONTACT WITH THE VINE.

Well, if we separate ourselves from Christ, leave Him, go beyond the things that are written, and get out and do the things that are wicked and sinful out there, that is NOT good fruit. We cannot charge that up to the Lord and say the Lord is the cause of our doing those things because those things are evil,—they are bad; and so it is true of the fruit of the vine. The

juice of the grape, the drink element that God produces, is good and pure. Jesus said, "Now ye are clean through the words that I have spoken unto you." Now that which God does is good, very good;—He said it was! I remember receiving a letter just the other day from a man contending for fermented wine, in which he called the fruit of the vine "that ungodly unwholesome grape juice." Now I wouldn't say that about that which the vine produces. God made that. But when we take that and sever it from the vine, any resulting product which is different from that which is produced by the vine WHILE MAINTAINING ITS CONTACT WITH THE VINE is a product of our own manufacture. We, as individuals, work on that. We no longer have that good, wholesome fruit that God produces. We take that and make it into other things. No more can we say that God made an intoxicating drink because He made the fruit of the vine than we can accuse the Lord of being responsible for a member of the church when that member gets out in sin and wickedness and does those things that are sinful and wrong and claims that God is giving him the authority to do those things. If we can keep in mind the illustrations that Jesus gives us here concerning the vine and its branches, and the fruit that is produced by this vine through the branches AS THEY HOLD CONTACT WITH THE VINE, then we can understand the meaning of the expression "fruit of the vine,"—the drink that is wholesome, the drink that is good, that that God said man may freely eat of, that which is produced while in contact with the vine; in other words, the juice of the grape.

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denomination could establish legal title to a single foot of land. The lines in their deeds where their religious names had been, and in which names they formerly held their title, would be blank, and their religious names would have been forgotten.

Destroy every book written on religion except the Bible; erase every sentence wherever found, printed or written, on religion that cannot be read in the Bible; forget every name, every item of teaching and practice not clearly recorded in the Bible—let all this happen as above suggested—and it would not disturb the church of Christ in the least measure. Every item that is taught and practiced by the church of Christ, whether it be how to become a Christian, the kind of church government, the officers and their duties, or how to worship, can be read plainly from the Bible. Their legal title to land would be secure. (Of course that would not include any church or congregation that uses individual communion cups, Sunday school classes and women teachers, mechanical instruments of music, fermented wine, or that passes two or more pieces of bread as the body of Christ in a communion service. Those things are not taught in the Bible, and were not in the church we read of in Acts 2:47. Are you in that one?)

No denomination will endorse the creed form of church government, terms of admission into the church, or the name of any other denomination. No two denominations agree on the things just mentioned. Each denomination accepts the creeds, laws, worship, government and names of its own and rejects all others.

No two denominations endorse each other, but none will affirm that any items taught and practiced by the church of Christ is wrong. That teaching and practice that can be read in every item from the word of God, and is endorsed as right by all denominations, has the seal of certainty that it is right.

The church of Christ speaks where the Bible speaks, is silent where the Bible is silent, calls Bible things by Bible names, and does Bible things the Bible way. It has no creed but Christ, and binds no name on its members but Christian (1 Peter 4:11; Deut. 12:32; Eccl. 3:14; 12:13-14; Rev. 22:14-19; John 8:31; Acts 11:26; Acts 4:12; 1 Peter 4:16-17; 2 Thess. 1:7-10).

If one subscribes to Mohammed and the Koran, and nothing more, he will be a good Mohammedan, and nothing more. If one subscribes to the pope and the Catholicism, and nothing more, he will be a good Catholic, and nothing more. If one subscribes to Joseph Smith and the Book of Mormon, and nothing more, he will be a good Mormon and nothing more. If one believes on the Lord Jesus Christ and obeys His word, and nothing more, he will be a good Christian and nothing more.

Here are some plain, concrete reasons why the church does make a vital difference in your religion. Here is why you must be sure that you belong to the right church, and the right church is the one you read about in the Bible.

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WHAT IS LOVE?

By Jim Hickey

Do you know what love really means? I am talking about love in relationship to God and spiritual things. I believe some people have mistaken ideas about love. Many people think when we are told to "love God" it refers to the type of love that man is familiar with. Man has never been commanded to love (Greek-*phileo*) God with reference to tender affection or a special affinity. Rather, man is commanded to love (Greek-*agapao*) God by respecting Him and obeying Him. "For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: And his commandments are not grievous" (1 John 5:3).

We, therefore, can easily determine the extent of our love for God by observing the direction of our love. Of course, we know that we can have misdirected love. Many people have the wrong objects for their love. Christian love has God for its primary object, and expresses itself in implicit obedience to His word: "But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him" (1 John 2:5).

Misdirected love is found in the love of money (1 Timothy 6:9-10); the love of the world, pleasures, the praise of men, self, and many other objects. Love misdirected can become inordinate desire and affection. We should flee from these things. Rightly directed love, on the other hand, manifests itself in those things that are holy, pure, honest, and good.

The royal psalmist David illustrates love, properly directed like this: "Therefore I love thy commandments above gold; yea, above fine gold" (Psalms 119:127).

Love for the truth is essential for a Christian, and
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THIS AND THAT

So much for so little—Under this caption, we have been mentioning names of those who we know that are sick, and who we believe would appreciate a card or note of cheer from our readers. This means so much to those who need our encouragement, and it costs us so little in money and time to offer it. It is not our intention to overlook anyone; if you know of those who are sick and mentioning their name would be in order, please tell us. Here are 5: Bro. Tom E. McBride, Woodson, Tex.; Sister Arizona Hurst, C/O Mr. A. L. Hurst, Rt. 2, Piedmont, Ala.; Sister Lucy Owens, Dunham Hosp., Guerly Rd., Room 117-A, Cincinnati, Ohio 45205; Bro. Paul Mackey, 748 Grove St., San Luis Obispo, Calif.; Bro. C. W. McKinney, Rt. 2, 1901 Tully Rd., Hughson, Calif. 95326.

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"Gospel Herald"—This is the latest song book published by Bro. M. Lynwood Smith, Rt. 1, Box 151, Wesson, Miss. If I may express my judgment, it is one of the finest selection of songs, both old and new that I have seen. The price: under 50 copies, 75c per copy; over 50, 65c per copy. Order from Brother Smith. You might want to request the names and prices of other song publications from him. "Songs for the Shadows," "My Anchor Holds," and "The Gospel Lamplighters Sing for You" are long-play record albums that need to be in every home; they are \$4.00 per album, and worth much more than the price, if you have a love for gospel songs, most beautifully rendered, without an instrument, by some of the very finest voices in the land. It is my understanding that 2 more recordings by "The Lamplighters" have been made; we will be happy to announce to our readers when they are available. Many of us look forward to their release. The albums may be obtained by writing to Bro. Smith.

Tracts—There is always a need for tracts to hand to those who need the truth. If you are in need of tracts, why not contact Bro. E. H. Miller, Box 538, LaGrange, Ga. 30240, and he will be glad to inform you of those he has available. We will list them in our Sept. issue.

My thanks—Very often I feel that I must publicly express my thanks, my sincerest, genuine thanks, to those individuals and congregations who in some particular, special way have helped me so much. To Veta Wissinger who so faithfully sees that the papers are mailed to our subscribers every month from Lebanon, Mo., we always owe a lot of thanks. To our readers and subscribers we owe our thanks for subscribing and sending the paper into homes that otherwise would not receive it. Sisters Elizabeth Byford and Mattie Lloyd, both widows, continue to consistently, every month, send subscriptions. How much more we would be able to do with the printed page if there were more like them!

The congregations at Modesto, Porterville and Arvin, Calif. have made it possible for me to carry on my work this summer, and maintain my home and its provisions. They have helped more than they will ever, ever know, and I want to do all that I can to let brethren know everywhere that such churches and brethren are among us. I express my thanks to them from the depths of my heart. My faith in brethren generally can not grow weak and die in the face of such goodness those brethren manifest. I am so humbly grateful to them. God bless them and theirs is my prayer.

My thanks, too, to Don and Josie Snow, of East Point, Ga., who have worked very hard to prepare for the printers, Brother Homer A. Gay's tract, "The Inside of the Cup," that we begin re-printing in this issue, in answer to requests that have been made.

My thanks, too, to my brethren for their understanding, and patience when they have not agreed with me, and have had good reason to disagree, and maybe misunderstand. Lastly, to my devoted and faithful wife, I owe worlds of thanks for all that she does, without which I would surely fail.

—Don McCord

OUR HELPERS

You will find listed below the names of those sending subscriptions since we last went to press, and opposite the name the number of subs sent. We want to express again our appreciation for your continued interest in behalf of this journal. May we count on you to continue the good work? Please check the following list, and report any errors to us immediately.

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MEETINGS — LABOR DAY

There will be meetings Labor Day at the following places: there may be more of which we are not aware:

Stockton, Calif.—The congregation meets at Nether-ton and Guernsey. For information brethren may contact Bro. Homer L. King at 1061 No. Pilgrim St., Stockton. Brother Lynwood Smith will be doing the preaching prior to Labor Day.

Wichita Falls, Tex.—The meeting will be conducted at the Fairview church of Christ, 2900 Lawrence Rd., Aug. 26-Sept. 5. Bro. Johnny Elmore will be preaching.

Pontiac, Mich.—The meeting will begin Aug. 28. Bro. Don McCord will be preaching.

THE CHURCH DIRECTORY

Brethren, there are many who have not sent information for the Church Directory. I am not listing a congregation unless I hear from you and know that you are still meeting. Beginning next month I plan to list the congregations that I have not heard from, and unless I hear from them, I will drop them from the directory.

The following are no longer meeting for scriptural worship: **BROOKS** (Summers County), West Virginia; **WARDEN** (Raleigh County), West Virginia; **Wichita** 1013 E. Mt. Vernon St. (Sedgwick County), **KANSAS**; **KEERVILLE**, 317 Schreiner St. (Bandera County), **TEX.**

The following congregations may be added to the directory: **ROBERTSDALE** (Baldwin County), **ALA-BAMA** (formerly the Seminole, Ala. congregation); Hillcrest Church of Christ—On US Highway 90, Sun. 10:30 A.M., L. J. Early; Rt. 1, Seminole, Ala. 36574—Phone WE 7-2330; Joe Early, Seminole, Alabama 36574—Phone WE 7-5303; Billy Wayne Early, Atmore, Alabama. **POTTSVILLE** (Pope County), **ARKANSAS**—On Crow Mountain; go east to Pottsville on US Highway 64 for ½ mile and then turn north on Crow Mountain Road for 2 miles, then turn right at first road for 2 miles. Sun. 10:30 A.M. Timothy Phillips, Rt. 1, Box 31-A, Pottsville, Ark. 72858—Phone 478-2507. **FAYETTEVILLE** (Washington County), **ARKANSAS**—428 Government Ave., Sun. 10:30 A.M., Marion Smith, Rt. 2, Fayetteville, Ark. Phone HI 3-2817; William Hopkins, Rt. 2, Fayetteville, Ark. Bill Taylor, Rt. 2, Fayetteville, Arkansas.

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Send information to me; please answer my cards and letters. I do not want to leave anyone out of the directory that worships scripturally, but I need the information up to date.

—Ray Asplin, 2440 SW 54th St., Oklahoma City, Okla. 73119

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

The Lord willing, on the nights of Sept. 5, 6, 7 and 8, at Frederick, Okla., Brother Ronny F. Wade of Springfield, Mo., and Bro. Elmer Moore, Jr., of Highlands, Tex. will discuss the following propositions:

Resolved: The Scriptures teach that when the church comes together for the purpose of observing the Lord's Supper, only one cup (container) may be used in the distribution of the fruit of the vine.

Affirm: Ronny F. Wade
Deny: Elmer Moore, Jr.

Resolved: The Scriptures teach that when the church comes together for the purpose of teaching the word of God, that this teaching may be done in segregated classes, and that women may teach some of these classes.

Affirm: Elmer Moore, Jr.
Deny: Ronny F. Wade

All are invited to attend this discussion.

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One lesson per month will be published along with the answers for that lesson. Once you have worked it, you may immediately score your own work. If you have questions, we would be glad to hear from you regarding them. We can thus carry on the work more economically.

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we can enter the names of those who are not able to afford the subscription price. We do not want anyone to miss the course because you can not pay the subscription price. Please take advantage of this offer.

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Further questions may be addressed to the writer at 8592 W. 63rd Pl., Arvada, Colo.

—Ralph Mustard

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I hereby acknowledge the following donations received to be used for our fare to Africa. This money has been placed in my account in an Oklahoma City, Okla. bank until the time it will be needed. I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank those who have contributed thus far. Irving P. Stockton—\$25; Detroit, Mich.—\$155; Oak St., Abilene, Tex.—\$100; C. J. Freeman—\$25; Cypress, Calif.—\$100; Legal, Okla.—\$50; Southwest, Bakersfield, Calif.—\$200; St. Louis, Mo.—\$25; Hill Top, Liberty, Ky.—\$60; Cassville, Mo.—\$10; Sentinel, Okla.—\$300; Mena, Ark.—\$100; F. L. Cook—\$10; Melissa, Tex.—\$100; McAlester, Okla.—\$100; Crescent, Okla.—\$100; Modesto, Calif.—\$100; Odom, Mo.—\$50; Cable Ridge, Mo.—\$300; Sunset Hts., Houston, Tex.—\$500; New Salem, Miss.—\$300; Stroud, Okla.—\$50; Frederick, Okla.—\$50; Garr Corner, Okla.—\$50; Milford, Mich.—\$100; Wayne, W. Va.—\$100; Davis, Okla.—\$100. Total: \$3210.00.

—Roy Lee Criswell,
Box 895, Winters, Calif.

WILL YOU PLEASE HELP

The congregation at 120 So. Pine St., N. Little Rock, Ark. has been blessed with a new laborer in the vineyard of the Lord, Bro. Elmo House of Okla.; he is doing a wonderful job. The attendance at the services is increasing and interest is growing. The Bible tells us that you can tell a tree by the fruit it bears. (Please see field report from Bro. House in this issue).

It has now come to our attention that Brother House is only getting \$250.00 a month support for himself, his wife and 3 children; and unless he gets more, he will have to get a part-time job. This would be a shame in view of his ability and willingness. Surely there are those willing and able to send to this man's necessity; you may address him at 5310 E. Roosevelt Rd., Little Rock, Ark. 72206. All contributions will be acknowledged through this paper. Thank you.

—Philip H. Cox, Jr.

HOW TO BECOME RICH!

You may give until you are rich, and you may keep until you are poor. It matters not what the wealth may be—material substance, mental skill or business sagacity. It becomes unhallowed power when you attach your own label and erase the name of God.

You can never see life in the radiant glow of its greatness, its dignity and its privilege until you recognize it as a stewardship before God. Life itself is but the individual stewardship of time.

Our age is troubled because we have become better off without being any better. Some want a great society without a good society! We live our lives on the cafeteria plan: Self-service only. The work of the church is hampered by a surplus of bystanders and a shortage of standbys. The greatest cemetery is the one where unused talents lie buried. Less "teie" and more "vision" would help. You are honored by God with His image. Christ has come to save you. To be wealthy, be willing to be wasted for the Lord. Remember, "Life's heaviest burden is to have nothing worthwhile to carry."

It's not what we take up but what we give up that makes us rich.

—Selected by Mrs. Cleo Fancher
from the Nov. 5, 1965
"Vandelia Star."

MY POSITION ON CARNAL WARFARE

I cannot participate in military service in any form, directly or indirectly, in combatant or noncombatant service, because:

1. My duty and obligation to my God is superior to all other obligations (Acts 5:29; Matt. 22:37).

2. My God in the Bible forbids that I engage in carnal warfare in the following references:

"Put up thy sword," "For all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword" (Matt. 26:52)—Jesus.

"My Kingdom is not of this world" (Jno. 18:36).

"For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal" (2 Cor. 10:3, 4).

"Love your enemies" (Matt. 5:44); "Turn the other cheek" (Matt. 5:39).

"Recompense to no man evil for evil" (Rom. 12:17).

3. To enter any military branch or service, combatant or noncombatant, I would be compelled to "swear" (take an oath), but the Bible forbids that I do so ("Swear not at all"—Jesus, Matt. 5:34).

4. To enter any military service I would be compelled to be yoked with unbelievers, which is forbidden—"Be not unequally yoked together with unbelievers" (2 Cor. 6:14).

5. To be in any branch of military service in any way, I would be a part of the organization and would therefore have fellowship in the service, but such is prohibited; thus: "Have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them" (Eph. 5:11).

6. To serve in any way in the military service, I would be deprived of obeying the command to assemble on Lord's day to worship God in the Bible way, at least part of the time, hence would disobey God (Heb. 10:25; Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 16:1, 2).

Therefore, I cannot conscientiously engage in carnal war in any form or branch, and for the above reasons, I authorize my name to be listed in support of the above principles.

—Robert Blackaby, 662 Maple Ave.,
Beaumont, Calif. 92223

—Danny Ray Falvey, Rt. 1, Box 150-A,
Wesson, Miss. 39191

—David Van Stavern, Rt. 11, Box 1320,
Springfield, Mo.

THANK YOU!

We and our mother, Mrs. Mary E. Bryant, Modesto Convalescent Hosp., McHenry Ave., Modesto, Calif., wish to express our thanks to all of the wonderful people who sent nice cards and wrote letters to our mother. What joy and happiness this brought to her! She is now 88, confined to bed and a wheel chair. She looks for mail each day; we hope that she may continue to receive cards and letters from you.

—Mrs. Elva Elkins, Stanley Bryant,
Mrs. Roy Arnett

BONDS OF MATRIMONY

Lockard-Crook—The meeting house in Love Joy, Pa. was the scene of the pretty wedding, June 4, 1966, of Bro. Harold Lockard and Sister Virginia Crook. Both are members of the Love Joy congregation. The wedding was well attended by both families and friends. We wish for Harold and Virginia a long and happy life together.

Cook-Welch—In the evening of July 1, at 8:00 o'clock, Bro. Jim Cook and Sister Sandra Welch were united in marriage at the Catalina St. meeting house in San Antonio, Tex. Many friends and relatives came together for the occasion. It makes us happy to see fine Christian boys and girls unite in marriage "until the two death shall part." The writer had the honor of officiating.

—Thomas R. Chappell

Truitt-Bailey—In the afternoon of June 8, 1966 in a simple, yet beautifully arranged, home wedding, Howard Truitt and Mary Lee Bailey made their vows to each other in the presence of many friends and relatives. We wish for this young couple a very long, happy and prosperous life together. They plan to make their home near LaGrange, Ga. The writer was happy to officiate.

—Alton B. Bailey

Willis-Painter—On the night of June 14, 1966 in the midst of brethren, friends and relatives, Bro. Ronald Edward Willis and Sister Christian Dorene Painter were united in the bonds of holy matrimony. Ronnie is the son of Bro. and Sister F. E. Willis of Rogersville, Mo. Dorene is the daughter of Bro. and Sister Dorn Painter of Bakersfield, Calif. They are loved and highly respected; we wish for them a long, happy and peaceful life in the Lord's service. The writer officiated.

—Richard De Gough

Hisle-Aldridge—In the afternoon of June 24, 1966, Brother Bill Hisle and Sister Jean Aldridge exchanged wedding vows in the meeting house at Ada, Oklahoma. Bill is the son of Brother and Sister Walker Hisle of Ada, Oklahoma. Jean is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jess Aldridge of Beggs, Oklahoma. Bill has been an active member of the body of Christ for some years, having obeyed the gospel in his early youth. Jean obeyed the gospel several months ago and was baptized by Brother Johnny Elmore. We certainly appreciate Sister Jean for her understanding and rapid spiritual growth. This was a very happy occasion for all. I was most honored to officiate at the service, as Bill is not only my brother in Christ but also my brother in the flesh. It is our prayer that Christ will have reign over this union.

—Joe Hisle

OUR DEPARTED

Hensley—Sister Myrtle Ella Hensley passed from this life in Norman, Okla.; her funeral was conducted from Primrose Chapel that city, June 15, 1966. Among her survivors is Sister Robert Potts of the Delta, Colo. congregation. Sister Hensley was 79 years old, and had been a member of the church for some 31 years. A large crowd of friends and relatives gathered to pay their respects. The writer officiated.

—Edwin S. Morris

Miller—Bro. Jesse Miller was born Dec. 12, 1899. He passed from this life April 20, 1966 at his home in Calif. He is survived by his wife, Joyce, Proberta, Calif.; 5 daughters: Mrs. Jean Lacey, Project City, Calif.; Mrs. Gloria Brown, Tucson, Ariz.; Mrs. Darlene Smith, Graton, Calif.; Mrs. Jesselyn Holldorf, Milpitas, Calif., and Mrs. Sharon Rumbolz of Seattle, Wash. There are 20 grandchildren. Burial was in Sunset Hill cemetery, Corning, Calif. Bro. Jesse French officiated.

Note: For the obituary we are indebted to Bro. Miller's daughter, Sister Vernon Smith. She further writes: "My father was a very dear man, and a loyal Christian for about 50 years. For years the church met in his house. The last Lord's Day he lived, he conducted worship in his home. He was such a little man, yet such a great one, always taking whatever came and always trying to do the right thing. I feel he has given to all of us nearest him so much strength. Never would he speak of his good deeds, but those who knew him know of his goodness. I wish to express my love for him and give to him the respect he so rightly deserved."—Don McCord.

Sutton—Sister Mintie Hisle Sutton was born Feb. 19, 1881 at Wisemontown, Ky.; she passed from this life June 7, 1966 at the age of 85 years. For many years she resided in Sulphur, Okla.; since 1956, she had made her home in Duncan, Okla. She was a long-time member of the church. She was preceded in death by her husband, J. E. Sutton in 1959. Four daughters survive: Mrs. Leona Harris, with whom she made her home, and Mrs. Violet Eslick, both of Duncan, Okla.; Mrs. Dorthy Hedglin, Chico, Calif.; Mrs. Ella Watterson, Winters, Calif.; and 2 sons: Elmer Sutton, Chico, Calif. and Joe Sutton, Brawley, Calif.; there are 22 grandchildren; 37 great grandchildren and 6 great great grandchildren. The funeral was held in the Brooks Funeral Home, Duncan, Okla. The writer spoke a word of warning and comfort to the family and friends.

—C. Clarence Kessinger

WHAT IS LOVE? —

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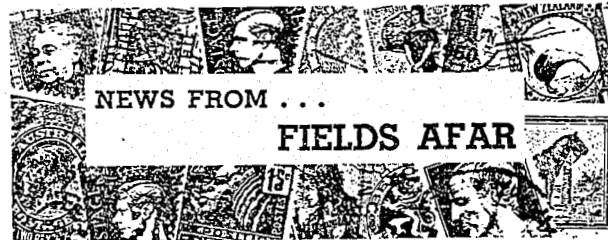
without it, we are in danger of judgment; "Because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause, God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: that they all might be damned who believed not the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness" (1 Thess. 2:10-12).

God, Jesus teaches us, should be the foremost object of our love (Matthew 22:37). We are also taught to love our fellow-man and especially our brethren in Christ. Contrary to some notions, our love should not depend on the object of our love's reciprocity, "For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? Do not

even the publicans the same? And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others? Do not even the publicans the same?" (Matthew 5:46-47). Jesus teaches us that our love and constant concern or interest seeks the welfare of all and not just those to whom we have natural inclinations or affinities for. We are even to love our enemies. A man can hate us most severely, but we can still love him, and be concerned for his ultimate good.

Briefly, we have tried to picture what love really is, and what obligations we have to fulfill. In studying about love, I believe that we cannot help but realize some of the obligations we have toward others that we have not been carrying out. The Bible teaches us that we ought to provoke one another "to love and good works" (Hebrews 10:24). Too many times we seem to provoke one another, but it is not unto love and good works. Some of us are too easily provoked the wrong way. "Let brotherly love continue" (Hebrews 13:1).

—5012 Cranfill Dr.,
Dallas, Tex.



MALAWI AFRICA

The studies in June were conducted at Nkhanje, Mangazi and Kayesa. All of these places are within 40 miles of Blantyre so we did not have to drive a great distance each day. The studies are progressing in an encouraging way. It is particularly interesting to find out, through the written tests, what the brethren do not know and the doctrinal problems they are not familiar with. For example, while none of the churches use instruments of music, many of the leaders indicated that they thought they would be alright to use. This gave us an opportunity to teach them on this problem, and also will help us plan what should be taught in the studies next year. It is also encouraging to find the talented young men in the village churches. Most of the time missionaries deal with the preachers and a few of the more powerful church leaders. While our program is limited, we get to teach not only the preachers but also the young men who will lead the church after the older men are gone. These young men have gone to school more than the older men and are therefore usually able to make better grades on the tests, learn faster and remember more. Because of them we expect the church to grow much stronger within the next few years.

In June we also preached at Liponda where Bro. Levitico lives; at Mkhunyeriwa with Bro. Muyayah; at Saidi with Bro. Chinga and at Mzizira with Bro. Chidothe. Each Saturday in June we also went out, either to preach or to help judge a "Mlandu" (case).

The first week in July we purchased a motorized caravan with butane refrigerator, stove, beds, etc. This

cost almost \$1,500.00. We purchased it on 60-days credit through the local bank. Tomorrow we begin a study in Zinje. This is more than 70 miles away and we will stay in the caravan during this study since it is very difficult to drive home each day from that far. Also, we plan to use it in the latter part of the year to go more than 500 miles to the north to begin a new part of the work. We ask the brethren to help us pay for this. We need it to live in in the villages when we stay there more than one day since we can carry and cook our own food in it. Bro. Cutter just spent almost a week in bed because of eating vegetables that had not been properly washed in germicide. The first question the doctor asks you when you go to him with stomach trouble, "Have you eaten in the village?"

We ask you to pray for us and our special thanks to all of you who remember us in your prayers, in writing to us and in supporting the work.

—Bennie Cryer, Box 573,
Blantyre, Malawi Africa

MEXICO

Several families from the San Antonio congregations attended the last several days of the Gospel Meeting held at Sulphur, Oklahoma, which closed on the 4th of July. Bro. Joe Martinez brought some of the native preachers to the meeting from Mexico: Bros. Juan Rodriguez, Roberto Martinez, Jose Rodriguez, and Jose Ruiz Cruz.

It was a wonderful experience to meet, in the flesh, so many of you who love the Lord and have compassion on our brothers in Mexico. You can imagine the spiritual uplift which we received from hearing almost a thousand voices singing songs of praise and thanksgiving at one of the services. The short talks were built around the theme of "Men are dying — Souls are crying." Bro. Raleigh A. Perkins from the Catalina Ave. congregation was given the privilege to speak on the efforts being made below the border. The writer was also permitted to speak and to show a number of slides some 30 minutes after services were dismissed. These slides showed some of the meeting places as well as some of the members of the various congregations in Mexico. No attempt was made to show only the best. Some slides pictured the poverty of these people as well. We heard that tears were shed at some of the scenes. Bro. Joe Martinez spoke for a few minutes on Mexico and introduced each of the native preachers. Several gave short talks with Bro. Joe serving as interpreter. We thank the great God in Heaven and the brethren in charge of this meeting for the opportunity to present something of the Mexico work to the brethren assembled from almost all over the brotherhood.

Bro. Joe Martinez has taken the native preachers back to Mexico and plans to stay there at least six weeks. He hopes also to pass through Harlingen, Texas on his way home and to hold a gospel meeting there. Young Bro. Ralph Gomez who has been in Kansas City is home now with his family and is very anxious to have the truth presented to many of his friends. The writer and his wife plan to be in Mexico the last two weeks in July. Each congregation will be visited, Lord willing, and many of the individual Christian families

as well. Some preliminary investigations will be made concerning some future plans for the continuance of the effort in Mexico. Plans are also made to visit several congregations in Southern California the first week of August.

Bro. Jose Rodriguez, the preacher for the congregations of Oja de Agua and Guadalupe Victoria has just married Sister Maria de Jesus Rodriguez of Ramos Arispe, Coahuila. He is a man in his early sixties whose wife passed away some years ago. We have met this sister who is in her fifties. May the Lord richly bless this Christian union and may it serve to further the work in that area.

Some help for the two church buildings in Mexico, one at Guadalupe Victoria and the other at Garza Garcia, was given at the Sulphur meeting. More is needed. Please send your assistance to one of the brethren here in San Antonio. Write Jose Rodriguez Building Fund or Juan Rodriguez Building Fund on your check and we will forward it immediately.

The congregation in Soledad, California has agreed to support Bro. Roberto Martinez in Saltillo with \$25 per month and the congregation in Arvin, California has agreed to help Bro. Jesus Rodriguez in Nuevo Laredo with \$50 each month. The Aurora St. congregation in Houston also writes offering to send another \$50 per month to be used to further the efforts of the Mexican brethren.

A brochure describing the progress of the work in Mexico has been prepared and was distributed at the Sulphur meeting and also some copies were sent to be given out at the meeting at Yosemite. If you have not received a copy, write to one of us in San Antonio and we will see that you get one.

Continue to write to any of the following brethren: the writer at 1747 W. Huisache Ave.; L. M. Crouch, 220 Roesler Road; E. E. Perkins, Rt. 13, Box 483; R. A. Perkins, 126 Hillcrest, all of San Antonio, Texas.

—W. B. Coleman

Love, joy, peace, faith, hope, humility: these are the characteristic Christian ideas. Whenever these words threaten to drop out of our vocabulary, or are used with unpleasant affectation, we may be sure we are losing the essence of the Christian spirit.

—Dean W. R. Inge.

So night is grandeur to our dust
So near is God to man;
When Duty whispers low, "Thou must,"
The youth replies, "I can."

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

No life can be pure in its purpose and strong in its strife and all life not be purer and stronger thereby.

—Owen Meredith in "Lucile."

Sometime we go to the grave of a friend, saying . . . a man is dead . . . but angels throng about him saying a man is born.

From The Fields

R. A. Berry, 4704—69th St., No., Birmingham, Ala., July 6—The church meeting at 9 South 60th St., this City, will begin a meeting with Bro. Ronny F. Wade, Aug. 15. We look forward to the meeting, and hope much good will be done. We invite all to come who can. We enjoy the OPA very much. Pray for us.

James D. Corson, Rt. 2, Mahaffey, Pa., July 5—The churches in Pa. continue to progress. Last Lord's Day, July 3, we spent an enjoyable day at Rote, Pa., with both worship services and picnic lunch and dinner. In May, at the Love Joy, Pa. congregation, I baptized one. In June, I was at the congregations in Indiana and Le Contes Mills, Pa. Let us not grow weary in well doing.

H. R. Goodman, Huff, Ark., July 10—The church here continues to grow in faith and in patience. We are few in number but strong in faith. Who can be against us if God is for us. Bro. Kornegay will be with us in a meeting, July 22-31. Pray that God will give the increase. We enjoy every copy of the OPA. Keep the good work going. Here is our sub.

Zade McClure, Rt. 1, Box 12, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456, July 10—I look forward each month to the Old Paths Advocate; it makes our heart rejoice to hear of and read about our brethren, who are working and laboring for the truth. Bro. Ronny Wade will be at the Blue Springs congregation beginning July 23. Let us live this Christian life and pray one for another. May God bless the brotherhood. Here are 2 subs.

Claude Collins, 1594 Austell Rd., Marietta, Ga. 30060, June 22—The church here looks forward to working with Bro. David Macy for a year beginning in Sept. Some of us are young in the church, but willing to work. With Bro. Macy's help, and the help of God, we should be able to accomplish much for the cause of Christ. Here is our renewal and two new subs. (We are sorry this reached us too late for July issue.—DMC).

Dennis Calloway, Rogers, Ark., July 17—Our attendance at 28 this morning, about average for this time of year. We are looking forward to our meeting, Aug. 28-Sept. 4, with Bro. Ronny Wade doing the preaching. Our radio program has aroused some interest since it was started last Aug. We hope much good will be done and no harm at all as a result of this weekly preaching of the gospel on the local radio station, 9:45-10:00 every Lord's Day morning. Here 6 subs.

Gene D. Hopkins, 1551 N. Irvington Ave., Tulsa, Okla. 74115, July 18—The congregation here at 1105 So. 141 St. E. Ave. continues to worship God in truth. We will have a series of meetings, Aug. 19-28, with Bro. Richard Nichols. Our services on Lord's Day are at 10:30 A.M. and 7:00 P.M. and 7:30 week nights. We invite all with a hearty welcome to come and meet with us. May God bless all; it is good to hear of the good being done elsewhere.

Jerry Gilbert, 200 W. 12th St., Sulphur, Okla., July 16—We, the Christians at Sulphur, Okla., enjoyed the camp meeting very much. There were many good thoughts brought forth, but they will be of no use unless we be doers of the word (James 1:22). Each one needs to look into "the perfect law of liberty" himself and see what he is doing, for we know that Christ has said that not everyone who says, "Lord, Lord" will enter the kingdom of heaven (Matt. 7:21). Here is our renewal.

F. H. Lichapa, Namphungo church, C/O Namlenga Mission, P. O. Mikolongwe, Malawi, Africa, June 13—Work of preaching the gospel here is greater than ever. Please pray for us. Here is my report: May 1—Namphungo with 123 people gathered; May 8—at Maone with Brethren Mussa and Cutter, with 13 confessions of faults; May 15—Mwakhawa with Brethren Benny Cryer and Mussa with 3 confessions of faults; May 22—at Namphungo church with 102 assembled; May 29, at Manjolo with 306 assembled.

Elbert McAnear, Jacksboro, Tex., July 14—The church here is doing pretty good. We had Bro. Bill Davis of St. Albans, W. Va. for two weeks' personal work and a one-week meeting in June; one was baptized. We learned to love Bro. Bill and his wife very much; this is the first time we had met them. We had some good preaching. Anyone looking for a preacher would do well to call Bro. Bill Davis. Bro. Red Cope of Graham, Tex. will hold us a week-end meeting, Aug. 25-28. Anyone passing this way is welcome to attend.

Wm. Tracy Moore, 608 Bluff St., Delta, Colo. 81416, July 10—We have a week's meeting scheduled, July 31-Aug. 7, with Bro. Melvin Crouch of San Antonio, Tex., the Lord willing. We would welcome any of the brethren who might be vacationing in this part of the country to attend this meeting, if it is convenient. We are so glad to have Bro. and Sister Galen Barton and family working with us in the church; they are from Calif., and are a great help, and a wonderful family. The church here is doing well and we request the prayers of the faithful. Here is our renewal.

Peluse Kalongonda, Box 43, Palombe, Malawi, Africa, June—We are well. Here is my report covering several months. Mar. 17, I was at Mimwenye where I think we will have a new church soon. April 3, we were at Mwimbi church with 16 baptized; 375 were present with 4 preachers. April 10, 12 were baptized at Genje church; April 24, we were at Namasoko with

13 baptized. May 2, we were at Chiwalo church with 2 baptized. On June 3 and 6, we were made very sad to lose by death 2 members. Please do send me the OPA. Best greetings to all brothers and sisters.

B. F. Leonard, 815 W. 3rd St., Huntington, W. Va., July 15—The gathering at Sulphur was wonderful this year. We had the honor of preaching at Ardmore, and of seeing brethren, friends of long standing. They have a wonderful place to assemble, and we are glad for them. We have preached at Springfield, Mo. for the first time, and it was a treat to be with them. We went from there with Bro. Ronny Wade to Bloomfield, Iowa. There are some good Bible students here. Our meeting starts Aug. 5 with the good brethren at Flemington, Pa. Pray for us when you have a talk with the Father.

Lonnie Kent York, 1208 A St., S. E. Ardmore, Okla., July 8—This is the first year that I have been able to attend the Sulphur, Okla. meeting from the first to the last service. I can only praise the Lord for this privilege of meeting so many fine Christians. While there, I met Larry and Danny Lay, and Tommy Lehmann. Larry and Tommy I know with the Lord's guidance will make fine preachers. I am still working with the churches in this area; Dougherty, the second Lord's Day; Healdton, the third; and then to Wilson. This work is great, and I ask for the Lord's guidance. The Ardmore congregation is doing fine. I ask your prayers for guidance.

Clovis T. Cook, 809 Lyons, Kansas City, Kan. 66101, June 22—I have been preaching at the usual places since last report: Lee's Summit and 85th and Euclid, Kansas City, Mo.; and 10th and Ray, Kansas City, Kan. I recently heard Bro. Johnny Elmore in Springfield, Mo. At present, Bro. Ron Alexander, of Neosho, Mo. is with us in a meeting. This is his first meeting, he states. Ron has a good education, and a lot of determination, and we see no reason why this boy should fail in the preaching field. Crowds are pretty good; cooperation from other churches fine. (We are sorry this reached us too late for last issue—DMC).

Paul Walker, Rt. 2, Summertown, Tenn., July 16—Last night I began at Flint, Mich. We enjoyed five nights of the wonderful meeting at Chapel Grove, Tenn. Bro. Ron Courter did some good preaching. While we were there six young people responded to the invitation, among them, Larry Hughes, my brother-in-law. We enjoyed hearing Frank Staggs at Union Hill, Tenn. recently. Since leaving Calif., I have preached at Chapel Grove and Lawrenceburg, in Tenn.; and Harrodsburg, Ind. Thanks to everyone who has been so thoughtful and helpful to us since our personal things were stolen in Calif. We appreciate your help more than we can say.

Rodney R. Ross, 937 N. Main, Lapeer, Mich., July 12—The Lord has blessed us with great opportunity as I have been able to preach at several congregations the last few weeks: Andrews, Tex., May 22 and June 26;

Terrill St., Midland, Tex., May 29; Capitol Hill, Okla. City, June 21; Ft. Worth, Tex., June 3, 4, 5; 21st St., Okla. City, June 8; Arlington, Tex. June 12; Spruce St., Midland, Tex., June 19; Healdton, Okla., July 3. The week-end of July 4, was able to attend the Sulphur, Okla. meeting. It was an inspiring week-end indeed. I am to hold a meeting at Le Contes Mills, Penna., Aug. 14-21. Everyone in the area during that time is invited; you will be welcomed. Please note my change of address. The Lord willing, I will be working with the Pontiac, Mich. congregation during the fall months. Please pray for the Lord's work.

Dennis Smith, 306 S. Main St., Webb City, Mo., July 9—Beginning tomorrow I will start two weeks of work at Kansas City, Missouri. This work will consist of one week of personal work and then a one-week meeting. I am looking forward to this work and association with all of the fine people there. Since last report I have had the privilege of attending the 4th of July meeting at Sulphur. This year's meeting was truly a spiritual feast and an encouraging experience. Since the Sulphur meeting I have also spoken at Wynnewood, Okla., and Oklahoma City (Capitol Hill), Okla. If the Lord is willing, I will be returning to Wynnewood on the 31st of this month to begin working with the church there for three months. I solicit your prayers in my work for the Lord.

Alton B. Bailey, 909 Truitt Ave., LaGrange, Ga. 30240, July 19—We enjoyed the Sulphur, Okla. meeting very much; visiting with the brethren was uplifting. Our work is increasing all the time. All of our spare time is taken up in Greenville, S. C. The church there and at LaGrange, Ga. is making it possible for us to stay in this work. July 3, I preached at two services at Washington, Okla. July 9-17, we enjoyed a very good meeting at Houston, Mo.; there was one baptism and one confession of faults. It was good to be associated with these preaching brethren while in Mo.: Brethren Billy Orten, Tommy Shaw, Tom Lehmann, Arthur Wade and Gareld Stumpff. The last of this month we will be in a meeting at Walterboro, S. C. Continue to pray for us and our efforts for good.

Ronny F. Wade, Box 3636 Glenstone Sta., Springfield, Mo.—The meeting at Shreveport, La. closed with one baptism and two confessions of fault. Our next work was with the brethren at Strong, Ark. where four were immersed into Christ. It was a pleasure, as always, to visit and be in the home of Bro. J. H. Stegall. Though advanced in age, his mind is still alert, and his body active. May God give him many years more to live, is our prayer. The Sulphur meeting was enjoyable as usual. We get a real thrill and boost going there. Brethren who fail to attend and enjoy these gatherings are certainly missing something. Presently, we are at Bloomfield, Iowa. Two have been baptized thus far. From here, if it is the Lord's will, we go to Blue Springs near Mt. Vernon, Ky., July 23-31; New Salem near Brookhaven, Miss., Aug. 5-14; Birmingham, Ala., Aug. 15-21; and Rogers, Ark., Aug. 28-Sept. 4. The Lord bless all.

Joe H. Howard, Dora, Mo., July 8—I have been away for sometime; here is my renewal. Talk of mission work; there are thousands of people in northern and western Ark. straving for the bread of life. The field is white unto harvest, and the laborers are few. For example, Fayetteville, Ark. is a town of more than 26,000, and a small congregation of 6 members. They need help. There should be someone to do personal work in that part. Union Star, about 14 miles southwest of there is a small congregation. I find numbers of people in that hill country who at one time were members but now do not have a place to meet, because brethren worshipping unscripturally, using cups in the communion and the Sunday school system of teaching, have taken their buildings. I feel the church should send a man into that part to do personal work. Let us work while it is day.

Edwin S. Morris, 10520 N. McKinley, Oklahoma City, Okla. 73114, July 19—The meeting at Mt. Home, Ark. was very enjoyable. Bro. Irvin Barnes is doing a good work there in teaching and helping build up the cause. I found these brethren sincere and having a great desire to learn and do much for the Lord. I just closed a very enjoyable meeting at the Pearlhaven congregation at Brookhaven, Miss. There were 6 baptisms and 9 confessions of faults. The neighboring congregations cooperated real well during this meeting. We preached here in Okla. City at 21st St. on July 3 with 1 baptism and 4 confessions of faults. The congregation here continues to do good. Please see elsewhere in this issue the report of the donations thus far made toward Bro. Roy Lee Criswell's fare. Pray for us in the work.

Jack Cutter, Box 522, Huntsville, Ark., July 14—In my last report to the paper I stated that I was not certain whether I would continue working in the Missouri work, or seek work elsewhere, or seek secular employment. I have decided to remain working for the Missouri churches in the mission fields. This is a good work and much has been accomplished in the past because these brethren have united together to save souls, and strengthen weak congregations. We moved to Huntsville the last of June. Bro. James Howard has done a good work here the past two years. There is much yet to be accomplished, and the prospects are good that we will complete our mission here in a minimum amount of time. The last week of May and the first two weeks in June we held two meetings at Oskaloosa and Montezuma, Ia. These two very enjoyable meetings ended with 5 confessions and 1 baptism. The Sulphur camp meeting was truly an enjoyable spiritual feast. Working with Bro. Wayne McKamie was what I anticipated and more. He is a fine preacher and Christian gentleman. The cooperation, singing, preaching, and attendance were at a very high level. Pray for us.

Barney Owens, 4250 Linden Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio 45236, July 20—Our last meeting was with the congregation in Marietta, Okla. We surely enjoyed working with these fine people. As those who have been there know, it is a hard place; however, we had good interest from outsiders, and certainly hope the seed was accepted in good ground and will produce. Preaching brethren who came were: Richard Nichols; Tom Smith; Eddie Bullard; Harley Ballard and Lonnie York. Brethren were good also to come from Ardmore, especially Brother Norman Thurman and family. They encouraged us greatly, and helped to make the meeting as successful as it was. Presently we are living at Temple, Georgia. We look forward to growing and desire the prayers of the faithful. We will be here for about a year, but we are permitted to hold meetings, and we still have some time for next year open. Brother Don McCord is at Marietta, Ga. in a meeting. It surely is good to be with him again, and to hear his encouraging sermons.

Jim A. Canfield, Rt. 3, Box 86, Marion, La. 71260, July 13—Our meeting began July 10 at Farmerville, La. with a large crowd. What a wonderful time we are having in Zion! We are all speaking the same thing, and obeying the apostles' doctrine, the things they wrote (2 Peter 1:2-10). When we lead we should understand (Acts 8:26-38). When we have a chance to have a gospel preacher in our home we should try to get our loved ones and friends together to hear the gospel of Christ (Acts 10:26-47). We ought to search the Scriptures daily to make sure we are obeying God rather than man (John 5:39; Acts 5:29; Acts 17:11-12). Take no chances, brethren; some good brethren told me once about their hearing a gospel preacher on the radio; upon listening to him I found he was a sectarian preacher perverting the gospel (Gal. 6:1-9). This is why the Lord would warn us to take no chances and search the Scriptures. We need to rightly divide the word (2 Tim. 2:15). I have not been away from home since April. I had planned to return to Memphis the last of May, but had to report for a medical check-up. In July, I will go to Memphis, the Lord willing. Pray for me and mine.

Joe Hisle, Rt. 4, Ada, Okla., July 13—Since last report I have been in gospel meetings at Galey, Okla., June 3-12, and Council Hill, Okla. June 17-26. At Galey we had very good attendance with especially good support from surrounding churches. The meeting closed with two sisters being restored to Christ. I also enjoyed working with the brethren at Council Hill. We were very happy to assist two young people in baptism, also two came forward confessing faults. I feel the church there has opportunity to grow. It has youth, leadership, and enthusiasm all directed toward spiritual growth. I am looking forward to future meetings with brethren at: Greenville, Penn. July 17-24; Thomas, Okla., July 29-Aug. 7; Norman, Okla. Aug. 21-28; Ada, Okla. Sept. 18-25; and Mt. Grove, Mo. Oct. 2-9. I enjoyed the Sulphur meeting very much this year. I believe this was the most optimistic meeting I have ever attended. I am in hearty agreement with the theme: "Win the lost at any cost."

Richard Nichols, 1815 Chisholm Dr., Duncan, Okla., July 13—Recently I had the privilege of preaching night about with Bro. Miles King in a meeting at Mozier, Ill. I can say without reservation that it was one of the most enjoyable meetings of my preaching career. The response to the truth was wonderful—eight confessions and restorations and two baptisms. Next I went to Sharonville, Ohio for a meeting. It was good to see all the brethren there. I appreciated the hospitality shown me in the Ivan Mink home. I could not have asked for finer treatment. While in the area I was able to go by and see the Harrodsburg, Brazil and Pleasant Grove, Ind. people. Those are some fine folks. At present I am teaching the rudiments of music in Jerusalem, Ark. I preach on Saturday nights and on the Lord's days. Last Sunday night we had two confessions. I am to be here two weeks. At Duncan, where I have been working since January, I can see progress. On July 3rd we had two more baptisms. Brethren, pray for me that I would always have the strength to stand for the truth.

D. B. McCord, 1414 N. Albertson, Covina, Calif., July 20—It was a real pleasure being in the Sacramento, Calif. area for a meeting at 64th St., June 18-26. We had good crowds and interest; the brethren all were good to me. July 2, it was my privilege to hear Bro. Paul Nichols in a good sermon at Fruitland, Tex. July 3-10, we were at Graham, Tex. for our second meeting there. Some of the finest people I know live there; we certainly appreciated the cooperation from brethren at Wichita Falls, Woodson, Arlington, Jacksboro and Olney. I was able to attend the Sulphur, Okla. meeting July 4. As always, it was a real pleasure; an inspiration indeed. Presently, I am in a meeting at Marietta, Ga.; it will close July 24. Crowds are very

good; interest increases as the meeting progresses. Surrounding congregations are wonderful to attend and help us. In the evening of July 24, we begin at Piedmont, Ala., and close July 31. That evening, we begin at Temple, Ga., and close Aug. 7, the Lord willing. Being in the deep South again, for the first time in 5 years, is a real joy to me. Some of my very best friends among brethren live in this section of our land. Aug. 12-21, we are scheduled at Trenton Ave., Ft. Worth, Tex., and Aug. 28-Labor Day, at Pontiac, Mich., before going home. I sincerely need your prayers, and kindly request them, please.

Elmo House, 5310 E. Roosevelt Rd., Little Rock, Ark., July 11—We have been working with the N. Little Rock congregation for six weeks. They have been very eventful and fruitful weeks. Thus far, one has been baptized and her husband restored—coming from digression; another good one has also renounced digression. I have been studying with a woman of the Baptist belief; she will be baptized for the remission of sins next Lord's Day. A Pentecostal Holiness family have promised to obey their Lord in baptism soon. Presently, I am conducting about 10 home-studies with different families and working approximately 40 prospective leads. In addition to this, I am studying with a group of brethren who use 2 cups on the Lord's table, but reject the Sunday School system of teaching; about half have promised to combine with us if the other half will, renouncing their error. Remember us in your prayers in behalf of this great work. It is with deep regret that I was unable to conduct a gospel meeting with the faithful in Woodson, Tex. I do hope they will forgive me. I had arranged for Bro. Preston Brown to relieve me in this obligation. It was because of my great and heavy work load here in N. Little Rock that I could not go. I must work day and night to carry on this great work for the Lord. Remember us when you pray is our humble request.

K. G. Wilks, 109 Dundee Dr., Wichita Falls, Tex., July 10—My wife and I worshipped with the Latin American brethren in Dallas, Tex., Lord's Day, July 3, ate lunch with them and spent several hours with them afterward. We went partially to meet the native Mexican preachers Bro. Martinez had there, intending to take them on to Sulphur, Okla., Mon. morning. We also carried some clothing the brethren at Lawrence Rd., Wichita Falls, and others had collected for the Mexican people. We were given a very warm reception by all. Everyone came to meet us and tell us they were pleased to have us. We appreciated the adult courtesies and dignity displayed by the children and young people. This congregation is fortunate to have men who are zealous to attend to duty and capable of leadership in the absence of Bro. Joe Martinez who is spending so much time in Mexico. I believe one reason we were given so hearty a welcome is because, as they said, "We get lonesome because no one visits us." I believe it would be a treat to anyone to go by and visit these fine people; and it would be encouraging to let them know that someone else is interested in them. The reports that come from the San Antonio brethren and Bro. Joe Martinez with reference to the mission work in Mexico is very encouraging. Things look better each report it seems to me. Baptisms are a regular thing. Brother Joe is accomplishing good. The Mexican people seem anxious to learn. Freedom of worship in Mexico is becoming a reality and according to Mexican laws is given some special protection. More churches and individuals should be helping in this great work. It does not take much to do a lot of good because the need is so great and any help at all is a great deal compared to what these people have. I believe Mexico is the next center where "the word of God grew mightily."

The finest qualities of our nature, like the bloom of fruits, can be preserved only by the most delicate handling.

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"Thus saith the Lord, 'Stand ye in the ways, and see and ask for the Old Paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls.'" (Jer. 6:16) "And they that be of Thee shall build the old waste, places; thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations; and thou shalt be called, The Repairer of the Breach, The Restorer of Paths to Dwell in.'" (Isa. 58:12).

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BROTHER E. H. MILLER

Under date of August 16, 1966, the following letter comes from Bro. E. H. Miller, Box 538, LaGrange, Ga. 30240:

Dear Brethren and Sisters and Friends across the nation:

Just a few lines to thank each of you for the prayers which have been offered in behalf of my wife, Bro. Angus Shelnett, and myself since our automobile accident some three weeks ago. Your visits, cards, and letters have certainly been uplifting in such a time as this. Many inspiring verses from the Bible were sent by our many Christian friends; the following two, in particular, I would like to mention. I am not sure of the translation, but this is the reading of Phil. 4:6-7:

"Let nothing be worrying you, but in every prayer and petition let your requests be made known to God with thanksgiving, and the peace of God, being superior to every frame of mind, shall garrison your hearts and your apprehensions in Christ Jesus."

Brethren, I am afraid many of us have lost faith in prayers; yet, I know many prayers have been offered and answered since our wreck. Even the doctor is amazed at our improvement day by day. The doctor said at first it would be 5 or 6 months before I could walk even with crutches; now, he says I can walk with crutches in another three weeks, and in five or six months, I can walk without them. For this, I am so thankful!

Even though we do not want to accuse others, it is a comfort to know that the insurance companies and all concerned agree that the accident was due no fault of my own.

We were returning home Sat. night, July 23rd, from a meeting being conducted by Bro. Don McCord in Marietta, Ga. when the accident occurred. I would like to mention here a wonderful point he made at the close of that service. Since the next day was the Lord's Day, and also the close of the meeting, he thanked all of the visitors for their attendance and encouraged them to be back the following day, **only if they could and it would not hinder the work at their home congregations.** Too many, I fear, neglect their duty toward their home congregation in order to attend other meetings.

Yesterday, the doctor said that I could go home in a day or two, but please remember us in your prayers as we continue to recuperate.

Your brother in Christ, E. H. Miller

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THE INSIDE OF THE CUP

By Homer A. Gay

(This is the second in a series from Brother Gay's tract by the same title. Please make reference to our August issue for the first installment—DMC).

The advocates of intoxicating wine in the communion like to quote, "wine that cheers God and man," and seem to try to show that both God and man need a little "snort" of alcohol now and then to cheer them up. Why cannot people be honest with themselves and with God? Notice Judges 9:13. "And the vine said unto them, should I leave my wine, which cheereth God and man, and go to be promoted over the trees?" Notice that the VINE said, "MY wine." What kind of wine does the vine produce? "New wine, that is found in the cluster . . ." (Isaiah 65:8). God created this vine, and He rejoices in its fruit, and there is a blessing in it for man.

God says, "My soul desireth the first ripe fruits" (Micah 7:1). Some men say, "No, you have to wait for it to ferment!" Such are pictured in Isaiah 5:11-12, "Woe unto them . . . And the harp, and the viol, and the tabret, and the pipe, and wine, are in their feasts: But they regard not the work of the Lord, neither consider the operation of His hands." Who could think to IMPROVE on the "operation of God's hands?" He makes the juice of the grape. Again, in Isaiah 62:8-9 He shows that "strangers shall not drink thy wine, . . . but they that gathered it shall drink it in the court of His Holiness," and this "wine" is that that is treaded out, and which will dye one's garments (see Isaiah 63:1-3). Yet the sons of Aaron were not to drink wine (Lev. 10:9),—but in Numbers 18:31 these same priests were to "eat it in every place." Thus, the drunkard's wine is forbidden, but the wine which God makes, the juice of the grape, is to be used everywhere.

God made the grapevine to bear fruit for mankind. Now we take the juice of the grape (what we call grape juice), and recognize that almost at first sight. We can recognize it as soon as we taste of it. **THE TREE IS KNOWN BY ITS FRUIT.** We know this to be grape juice; this is what the grapevine produced. But if we distill that,—if we take that and make it into intoxicating liquor, then we cannot tell by tasting of it (so I'm told) whether it is made of grapes, or dates, or other fruits. We can tell that it is a fruit drink, and, of course, if we drink enough of it, it will make us drunk. But we cannot tell by the taste of it whether it came from the palm tree, or from the grapevine, or

some other fruit tree. Not so when we taste of the fruit that the tree produces because the "tree is known by its fruit."

Another point we want to keep in mind, Jesus said in Mark 4:26-28 that you sow the seed, and while you sleep, it grows. It puts forth the leaf (the blade), then the stalk, then the full-grown ear,—that is, the ripe fruit. "Man knoweth not how it grows." That is a point that will be well for us all to remember. That that God does we do not know how it is done. We plant the seed, and there it is. It comes up, and it grows. First, there is just the blade, then there is the stalk, and then there is the full-grown ear (the ripe fruit), and Jesus says that man does not know how it is produced. Man does not know how the fruit of the vine is produced. We know it is there. We go out there to the grapevine and there we see the clusters of luscious grapes. We know they are there. They grow there on the vine,—but how did they do that? We don't know. Now when the juice of the grape is taken and fermented, is made into intoxicating wine,—MAN KNOWS HOW TO DO THAT. They have recipes for making that just like they have recipes for making pie, apple cider, or anything else. Man KNOWS how that is made; he KNOWS HOW INTOXICATING WINE IS MADE. You can get the recipe for making the stuff. Man knows how to make that. But man does not know how to MAKE that that God makes. Why, there, it seems to me, is an argument that is worthy of our consideration. The drink that God produces, man knows not how that is made. We can't understand nor realize how it is that the grapevine grows right up out of rocky soil, and there right by the side of it bitter weeds will grow. Out of the same soil and climatic conditions the grapevine will grow and produce the nice, luscious fruit of the vine. We do not know how it does that. But we know that this occurs because God does that, and "man knows not how." Man knows how to take that juice of the grape that God has made and manipulate it into an intoxicating drink. Man knows how to do that, and is able to tell me how to do it.

We notice the corn that is planted in the ground. Here it grows. It is first just the blade, then the stalk, and then there is a full-grown ear of corn out there. But man takes that, and out of that corn he makes what is called "corn whoskey." Over in Kentucky I heard one man ask another how his corn crop was, and he said it wasn't much good. He said he doubted if he would "make more than 10 gallons to the acre." They just measured it by the gallons,—how much whiskey it would make. Now, man knows how to do that. He knows how to take that corn, distill it, and make corn whiskey. Well, would we say that the stalk of corn made the whiskey???? Would we say this corn whiskey was the "fruit of the corn stalk?" Now the fruit of the vine, the juice of the grape, is that that God created. God made that. He caused it to grow and bear its fruit, but man doesn't know how it is done. Man doesn't know how that process is carried out. He doesn't know why you can plant two seeds side by side,—that you can plant the corn here and the grapevine right over there: the corn stalk will grow up and produce an ear of corn (maybe 2 or 3 ears), while the grapevine will produce the nice, luscious grapes. Now I maintain that if we try to argue that intoxicating wine is the "fruit of the vine," we would have to make the same argument that CORN WHISKEY is the "fruit of the corn."

Now God didn't make either one. Man manufactures that out of the things which God has made.

God made the corn; man makes the whiskey;
God made the grape juice; man makes the fermented wine.

But as we study this question, which to me is an interesting study, it may be well to go over into Genesis about the 40th chapter and read a little bit over there right along this line. In the 40th chapter of Genesis, beginning with verse 9, we read, "And the chief butler . . ." (it might be well to remember that the butler and the cup-bearer meant about one and the same thing in that day. Nehemiah was the king's cup-bearer, and he was the king's butler.) "And the chief butler told his dream to Joseph," (You remember, they were both in prison) . . . "and said to him, In my dream, behold, a vine was before me; and in the vine were three branches: and it was as though it budded, and her blossoms shot forth; and the clusters thereof brought forth ripe grapes." Now there is something that the butler saw in his dream that we can all understand. Now that is the way the thing happened, that is the way it grows, and man doesn't know how, but in the dream the butler saw this take place. "And it shot forth and brought forth ripe grapes: and Pharaoh's cup was in my hand; and I took the grapes, and pressed them into Pharaoh's cup, and I gave the cup into Pharaoh's hand." Now there we see how the juice of the grape is produced,—how the drink is produced. The wine is pressed into the cup,—not intoxicating wine, certainly, in this case, because here are the ripe grapes in his dream. The butler takes the grapes in his hand. Pharaoh's cup was in his other hand. He pressed the grapes into Pharaoh's cup and gives the cup into Pharaoh's hand. He was the king's cup-bearer, bearing him "wine." This we believe to be that fruit of the vine, the new wine which we have read about in Isaiah 65:8 wherein he said "the new wine was found in the cluster: Destroy it not, because there is a blessing in it." There is a blessing in that new wine that is found in the cluster. Now then, we can learn from this that back in the earliest days man knew what to do with the fruits that God produced. He realized that God produced for him a drink here that is the fruit of the vine. But this fruit of the vine is called "wine" ("oinos" in the Greek,—giving that "ine" sound that comes from "vine"). But "oinos" is that that the vine produces;—that is, the juice of the grape. Now the Hebrew "yayin" means just the same thing, "grape juice," that that the vine produces, and both of them are translated by the English word "wine."

In Haggai 1:11 the Lord said, "And I called for a drought upon the land, upon the mountains, and upon the corn, and upon the new wine . . ." Now we understand that if he were talking about intoxicating wine, which had already been distilled and bottled up, the drought wouldn't hurt that. But a drought will hurt it in production out there,—the grapes would dry up out there on the vine. Haggai said, "I called for a drought upon the corn, and upon the new wine." Again in Joel 1:10 we read, "The field is wasted, the land mourneth; for the corn is wasted: the new wine is dried up." Now this "wine" is the fruit of the vine, of which man may FREELY DRINK. Good created it for man to use freely. It is good for babies. It is good for invalids. It is good for food. God created it for that very purpose.

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A PLAN THAT WILL WORK

By Paul O. Nichols

The "Great Commission" was a part of our Lord's last earthly instruction before He ascended to heaven. He said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mk. 16:15). Again, ". . . Ye shall be witnesses unto me . . . unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:8).

Today the souls of men are just as precious in the eyes of God as they have always been. It is still the responsibility of the church to make known "the manifold wisdom of God" (Eph. 3:10, 11). Jesus said, ". . . They shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me" (Jno. 6:45). Peter says, "The Lord is not . . . willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance" (2 Pet. 3:9). And Paul says, God "now commandeth all men everywhere to repent" (Acts 17:30).

I believe there have always been Christians who have been interested in the salvation of others, but we have not always felt that we have had the funds with which to evangelize the world. But, brethren, even if this might have been the case in the past, it is not true now. Every Lord's day thousands of dollars flow into the treasuries of the faithful congregations. We have the potential to carry out our duty if we will just rally our forces and concert our efforts through a scriptural and workable plan. (Does God command the impossible?)

At the present (as in the past) brethren have had to just beg and importune others to contribute to any good work that calls for financial assistance. It has been a struggle nearly every time, and the money has been slow coming in. (In fact the first time that the church sent my wife and me to Africa for mission work we ended up paying part of our fare home out of our own pockets.) Well, I believe I have a plan that is a remedy to this; and one that will work.

Brethren, can your home church afford just one or two Lord's day contributions a year toward preaching the Gospel to "every creature?" Honesty answers "Yes"—at least in most cases. There is hardly a congregation, regardless of how full of work our hands are that cannot afford one Lord's day contribution out of fifty-two.

Here is the plan. First of all, a field can be designated (either domestic or foreign). Second, a congregation could volunteer to oversee the work. Third, a man or men could volunteer or else be chosen to go. This information could be made known to the brotherhood, and a certain Lord's day suggested for the contribution to this work. And, brethren, with any cooperation at all, we should be able to raise enough money from that one donation from all these churches, who would be interested, to put a man in any field in the world and possibly support him for a full year in most cases. For a domestic field enough money could be raised for the support of a man and his family, plus enough to rent a place for worship, plus enough to support a weekly radio broadcast and pay for advertising. How about that? Just one donation from all the churches. Do not "poo poo" the idea too quickly, brethren. It might just be what we have been needing. In this way even the

smallest congregation can have part in the largest undertaking.

Now, I am not so naive as to think that all the congregations will cooperate with this plan; but there never will be any kind of a plan advanced that all will accept. We realize this! But, just suppose half of the faithful congregations in the U. S. would contribute just an average of \$50.00 (one Lord's day contribution), just think how much this would total.

Let us do a little figuring. Suppose just ten churches sent one worship service collection of \$300. This would amount to \$3000. Then twenty churches sent theirs of \$250, which would amount to \$5000. Then, suppose thirty congregations contributed to the effort, \$100; this is \$3000. Then, there are fifty churches that send one Lord's day contribution of \$25 each, amounting to \$1250. When we add all these figures, we have one hundred and ten churches contributing a total of \$12,250. This is not half of the congregations that could contribute and not near the amount of money that could be donated. And this could all be collected in less than one week, if it were agreeable, and the treasurer of each congregation on the Lord's day designated would just sit down and write a check for the amount of the contribution that day and mail it where it is supposed to go.

Also, we have churches among us who have up to several thousand dollars lying in the bank doing no one any spiritual good whatsoever. If they should think that their contribution for that day is not large enough, then they could get out some of that "mossy, moth-eaten" money and donate some of it, so they can receive a blessing for having used it for the right purpose, instead of being cursed by the Lord for laying up treasure here on earth where "moth and rust doth corrupt and where thieves break through and steal" (Matt. 6:19).

The apostle Paul says, ". . . It is high time to awake out of sleep" (Rom. 13:11). Let us quit excusing ourselves for not doing our duty, saying that we cannot afford it or that we are not financially able. It may be true that by ourselves as individual congregations we cannot do much, but together we can "move mountains" with the help of God.

No longer is the question, "Can we afford to do it?" but, "can we afford not to do it?"

This plan can work, will you?

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Bakersfield, California

NOTE TO THE BROTHERHOOD

Opportunities like those mentioned in the following letter can be found again and again in Mexico—people ready and willing to learn the Way of the Lord. In the person of Brother Ralph Gomez, age 17, we have a willing and capable worker for his age. Many others are available for training. The key to success is support for those who are prepared and willing to work in the vineyard of the Lord. Joe Martinez of Dallas, Texas is the captain of this great potential. Brethren, forget your own ease at home and at the meeting house and have fellowship in this great work of the Lord. Expensive homes and church houses are but salve to

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You will find listed below the names of those sending subscriptions since we last went to press, and opposite the name the number of subs sent. We want to express again our appreciation for your continued interest in behalf of this journal. May we count on you to continue the good work? Please check the following list, and report any errors to us immediately.

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—1; Ben Frentrup—1; Bobby Reeves—1; Herman Fink—1; Ruth Pasley—1; Cecil Chestine—1; E. T. Yarbrough—1; Franklin Frisbee—1; C. C. McCampbell—1; Elmer Snow—1; W. H. Jones—1; Earl Helvey—1; Andy Shores—1; A. R. Coldiron—1; Mrs. Robert Townsend—1; Ralph Mustard—1; Juanita McFarland—1; Mrs. Charley Dave—1; P. H. Cox, Jr.—1; J. V. Bryant—1; J. B. Lasater—1; L. C. Dent—1; Duane Cutter—1; Bill Davis—1; Howard Hefley—1; Don Thomason—1; Jack Cutter—1; Eugene Brown—1; Wm. H. Nichols—1; Christine Walkup—1; Mrs. Ethel Parks—1; Florence Plunkett—1; Mrs. Helen DuVall—1; Elmer Cockerham—1; Mrs. Howard Harris—1; Rey Karr—1; Robert M. Hollis—1; Joe Bass—1; F. K. Reeves—1; Martha Broughton—1; Cliff Tidmore—1; Neil Adkison—1; W. S. Cummings—1; Mrs. J. C. Hayes—1; Linda Crouch—1; Charles Goodgion—1; W. B. Fisher—1; Joe Lee Norton—1; B. G. Studer—1. Total—137.

THE AFRICAN WORK

We now have almost enough money for Bro. Roy Lee Criswell's fare to and from Africa. The expense will be more than what we first thought (but we will have enough to take care of those things that we overlooked) simply because this was the first experience of this kind for the N. W. 21st St. congregation here in Oklahoma City.

We have learned that fares will go up in May, 1967; so his return fare will be more than his fare over; also we figured his fare from Oklahoma City. But Bro. Criswell will dispose of his car and other belongings in Calif. and we feel that we should take care of his travel expenses from Calif. to Oklahoma City. Then there will be extra baggage expense that we were not aware of. This must be sent ahead of time since he will need it when he arrives, and sometimes it takes longer for it to get over. He is allowed only a certain number of pounds with his ticket. Also, he will have to have expense money on his trip over, and there will be some added expense in setting up housekeeping there. Finally, if Bro. Criswell goes in February, Bro. Cutter plans possibly to visit some congregations in other countries before returning home, and Bro. Criswell will have to be supported along with Bro. Cutter. The amount that we now have will just about take care of this. You will find a report of the amount contributed elsewhere in this issue. This has all been deposited to Bro. Roy Lee Criswell's account. We at N. W. 21st St. are extremely elated at the manner in which our brethren have responded to this worthy cause. Pray for us in this great work.

—Edwin S. Morris
10520 N. McKinley
Oklahoma City, Okla. 73114

FARE FOR BRO CRISWELL

Since the report in the August issue of Old Paths Advocate, the following donations have been received for our fare to and from Africa: Bakersfield, Calif.—\$100; Rote, Pa.—\$100; San Antonio, Tex. (Catalina)—\$50; Stockton, Calif.—\$200; Clell Kendrick—\$20; Washington, Okla.—\$100; Elmwood, Ill.—\$100; Marietta, Okla.—\$20; Yakima, Wash.—\$30; El Centro, Calif.—\$100; Lee Summit, Mo.—\$200; Porterville, Calif.—\$200; Alta Vista, Kans.—\$100; Orange Cove, Calif.—\$200; Kansas City,

Mo.—\$100; Grand Rapids, Mich.—\$50; Love Joy, Pa.—\$100; Westminster, Colo.—\$50; McAlester, Okla. Rt. 5—\$25; Duncan, Okla.—\$100; Casper, Wyo.—\$65; Medina, Tex.—\$100; Healdton, Okla.—\$200; San Angelo, Tex. (Lakeview)—\$100; Mt. Home, Mo.—\$100; Lompoc, Calif.—\$100; Memphis, Tenn.—\$100; Oklahoma City, Okla. (Capitol Hill)—\$250; San Luis Obispo, Calif.—\$50; David Macy—\$20. Total: \$3,030.00. Grand Total: \$6,240.00.

The response from brethren has been wonderful. We are indeed thankful for this and we wish to express our most sincere appreciation and thanks to each and everyone who has contributed.

In the letter that was mailed to the brethren it was stated that we would need approximately \$4800.00. However, there were several matters overlooked; such as, our fare from San Francisco to Oklahoma City, expense of shipping extra baggage, meals, lodging, etc. Too, we plan to be in Africa at least two months before Bro. Cutter will be leaving, and any extra will be used for our support for this time.

We have learned that our return fare has been increased about \$400, effective May, 1967.

—Roy Lee Criswell, Box 895,
Winters, Calif.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.—The church in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. wishes to acknowledge the help received to date on our building: Jacksboro, Tex.—\$50; Wesson, Miss.—\$100; Longwood, Fla.—\$50; LaGrange, Ga.—\$50; Montebello, Calif.—\$25; Ceres, Calif.—\$50; Total: \$325. We are still in need of approximately \$800 to make the down payment to the bank. All donations will be appreciated. Our contractor says if we are unable to raise the money needed within 60 days the contract price will be subject to change.

—J. V. Bryant, 3480 S. W. 15,
Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

Mozier, Ill.—We at the church of Christ here have begun our new building, and wish to thank the following contributors for their help. We express also our thanks to Brethren Miles King and Richard Nichols for help in getting us started. Capitol Hill, Okla. City, Okla.—\$50; Montebello, Calif.—\$25; Broken Bow, Okla.—\$25; Tucson, Ariz.—\$50; LaGrange, Ga.—\$25; Wynwood, Okla.—\$100; Bloomington, Ind.—\$200; Modesto, Calif.—\$50; Huntington, W. Va.—\$100; Gary M. Stumpff—\$20; Strong, Ark.—\$25; Atlanta, Ga.—\$100; Las Vegas, Nev.—\$100; Waterloo, Iowa—\$25; Kenova, W. Va.—\$50; Santa Rita, Calif.—\$50; Dallas, Tex.—\$25; Mrs. Chester Knight—\$25. Total: \$1045.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Let us get the Church Directory completed as soon as possible, because I have been far too long in collecting the material; I want it to be up to date and I must hear from you before I can put the congregation where you worship in it.

As far as I know, I have heard from all the congregations in: ALABAMA, ARIZONA, COLORADO, GEORGIA, IDAHO, ILLINOIS, IOWA, KANSAS, MICHIGAN, NEVADA, NEW MEXICO, OKLAHOMA, SOUTH CAROLINA, TENNESSEE, and WYOMING.

I have listed the states and the number of congregations that I need to hear from as follows:

ARKANSAS (2) — CALIFORNIA (10) — FLORIDA (1) — INDIANA (5) — KENTUCKY (4) — LOUISIANA (6) — MISSISSIPPI (2) — MISSOURI (1) — NEW JERSEY (2) — NORTH CAROLINA (1) — OHIO (2) — OREGON (5) — PENNSYLVANIA (6) — TEXAS (24) — VIRGINIA (2) — WASHINGTON, D. C. (1) — WASHINGTON (1) — WEST VIRGINIA (10) a total of 95 congregations yet to report. Brethren, please help me.

The EAST RIDGE CHURCH in Pennsylvania is no longer meeting for worship.

The Church that was meeting at 8160 Airline Highway in BATON ROUGE, LA. now meets at 9800 Foster Road—North of Hooper Road, BATON ROUGE, LA. The church meeting at 219 West 14th Street, NORTH

LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS now meets at 120 South Pine Street, NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS.

Are these congregations still meeting for worship (I have written these brethren twice and have had no reply)? OAK GROVE CHURCH, near Foreman, Ark.; South Ann & Mamie Drive, TEXARKANA, ARK.; Railroad Avenue, ARMONA, CALIFORNIA; 2354 Oakmont St., NORTH SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA; and 1049 Huckleberry Lane, ABILENE, TEXAS. Please let me know about these congregations so that they will not be left out of the directory. Send all information to:

—Ray Asplin, 2440 SW 54th St.,
Oklahoma City, Okla. 73119

OUR DEPARTED

Moore—Velma Smith Moore was born May 30, 1904 and departed this life August 13, 1966 at Brookhaven, Miss. On Aug. 19, 1926 she was united in marriage to D. A. Moore, who survives. In addition to her husband she leaves to mourn her passing one brother and two sisters. Sister Moore was a member of the Hillcrest congregation near Brookhaven. The services were conducted from the New Salem church of Christ meeting house, with burial in the church cemetery. Singing was furnished by Christians in that area with the writer as speaker.

—Ronny F. Wade

Pace—Florence A. Pace was born Sept. 8, 1886 in Cape Girardeau, Mo., and departed this life July 27, 1966. She was a member of the church at Neosho, Mo. Those surviving are 2 daughters, 5 sons, 3 brothers, and 2 sisters. Sister Pace was held in high esteem and respect by all who knew her. Services were held at the Clark Funeral Home in Neosho. The writer officiated.

—Jack Cutter

Gaddis—Bro. Erie S. Gaddis was born Sept. 23, 1908, and departed this life July 31, 1966 at his farm near Mtn. Grove, Mo. He was a member of the church at Ben Davis, Mo. Besides his wife, Sis. Winnie Gaddis, he is survived by 2 daughters and 3 sons. Services were held at the Craig-Hurt-Hutsell Funeral Home in Mtn. Grove. The writer officiated.

—Jack Cutter

Batsel—Sister Florence M. Batsel was born Jan. 19, 1878 and passed from this life August 7, 1966. She is survived by four children among whom is Sister A. H. Pinegar of the Memphis, Tenn. congregation. Brethren Richard and Hilmon Pinegar, her grandsons, are leaders in the congregation here. Sister Batsel was a good woman; in her, members of this congregation ever found an assuring voice, a tender heart, and a helping hand. At age 88, quietly, as she had lived, she left.

—J. Wayne McKamie

Hillhouse—Bro. Sherman Hillhouse of Competition, Mo., passed away July 5, 1966 at his home. He died suddenly, which of course is always a shocking way to go. He left his wife Sylvia, who is a half niece of Bro. Homer L. King and one daughter as survivors. He was baptized by Clarence Kessinger several years ago. He was a member of the Claxton church of Christ. The funeral services were held in the Colonial Funeral Chapel in Lebanon, Mo., and Bro. Ron Alexander closed the service at the graveside.

—Clovie T. Cook

Masser—Sister Ada Ethel Masser was born Feb. 18, 1895 in Jack Co., Tex.; she passed away July 14, 1966 at the age of 71 years. She was married to Bro. Geo. Masser, Nov. 24, 1912, at Jacksboro, Tex. To this union three children were born. Sister Masser obeyed the gospel in 1911 and lived to enjoy 55 faithful years in the service of the Lord. She has been a great influence in the church and in the lives of those who knew her. May we follow such a lovely example, one who followed Christ. Besides Bro. Masser, she leaves 2 daughters, Mrs. Arvin Williams, Abilene, Tex., and Mrs. Chas. Webb, Carlsbad, N. Mex.; 1 son, Leo, Ft. Dodge, Iowa; 4 sisters, 1 brother, 8 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. Interment was in Cedar Hill, Abilene, Tex. The writer officiated.

—John B. Snow, Jr.

Meeks—Sister Vinnia Lou Meeks was born Jan. 2, 1896 in Okla. and departed this life July 31, 1966 at the age of 70 years. For the past 20 years she had made her home at Winters, Calif. She had been in the hospital the past several months with cancer. She was a faithful member of the church at Winters. She is survived by her husband, Alex; 2 children, Leon of Winters, and Odell of Rio Vista, Calif.; 3 sisters, 3 grandchildren, and 2 great grandchildren. The funeral was conducted in the Smith Colonial Chapel, Winters. The writer spoke words of warning and comfort to the family and friends.
—Roy Lee Criswell

Allen—Bro. Perry Allen, Sr. was born Aug. 22, 1899 and departed this life Aug. 8, 1966 at the age of 66 years. Bro. Allen obeyed the gospel at the age of 15 and became a great leader and worker in the church. He was known throughout the state of Calif., and he was certainly an inspiration to all who knew him. Bro. Allen was united in marriage on July 5, 1919 to his faithful and devoted Christian companion, Sister Anna May Allen. To this union 6 children were born: Perry, Jr., El Sobrante, Calif.; Henry, Redding, Calif.; Norman, Pinole, Calif.; Mrs. Nora Mae Bumgardner, Turlock, Calif.; Mrs. June Swagerty, Riverside, Calif., and Mrs. Phyllis Wells, Richmond, Calif. He is also survived by 16 grandchildren, 3 brothers and 2 sisters.

It was the writer's privilege to visit him only a few days before his death. Bro. Allen was a victim of cancer, and even though he would be weak and in great pain, he would faithfully attend the worship of the church. The funeral was conducted at Wilson and Kratzer chapel, Richmond, and interment was made in the beautiful Rolling Hills Memorial Park. The writer endeavored to speak words of comfort and warning to all.
—Roy Lee Criswell

Note: It is with sincerest regret that we must chronicle the death of Bro. Perry Allen, Sr. His zeal, sunny disposition, and hospitality will always be remembered by us who knew him. It was in the June issue of *Old Paths Advocate* that Bro. Allen expressed his thanks to those who sent assistance to him. We express our sincere sympathy to Sister Allen and their children.—Don McCord

BONDS OF MATRIMONY

Porterfield-Smith—In the evening of July 9, at 8:00 o'clock, this writer was honored to officiate at the wedding of Bro. Roger Porterfield, and Sister Laverne Smith. In the midst of relatives, friends and brothers and sisters in Christ, the vows were exchanged at East Tex. Ave. church building, Healdton, Okla. We are optimistic as to the success of this marriage; both are fine Christians, and we believe their home will be a Christian home. May God bless them with a long and fruitful life and a permanent home in heaven.
—Tom E. Smith

Ross-Morris—In the evening of Aug. 8, 1966 at 8:00 o'clock at the N. W. 21st St. church of Christ, Oklahoma City, Okla., Rodney Ross of LaPeer, Mich. and Linda Kay Morris of Oklahoma City, were united in the bonds of holy matrimony. Rodney is the son of Bro. and Sister Floyd O. Ross of La Peer, Mich., and Linda is the daughter of Evangelist and Sister Edwin S. Morris of Oklahoma City. It was a beautiful wedding with a large crowd in attendance. Rodney and Linda are both fine Christians, having both obeyed the gospel when they came to the age of accountability. Rodney plans to preach, and Linda will certainly make him a good helpmeet in this as she is very familiar with the duties of a preacher's wife. We wish for them many years together in their labors for the Master. May God ever bless them.
—Edwin S. Morris

Note—Frances and I feel that this is an answer to many prayers we have prayed that our girls would marry in the Lord (Christians), and that when they are grown they will be devoted to the cause we love so much. We are so thankful to our Father in heaven for all the wisdom, guidance and help He has given us in teaching

Linda and Susan over the years. Without His help we would have been helpless. We want, also, to thank our many wonderful brethren and sisters who over the years have taken us into their homes and been so wonderful to our girls and encouraged them so much. You will never know how much this has meant to them and how encouraging it has been in the midst of the worldliness that exists today. Rodney aspires to preach the gospel, and we pray that our brethren will call him for meetings. Even though he has a degree to teach he still is willing and wants to forego that in order to preach the gospel. I had the privilege of baptizing Linda, and now she granted me the privilege of performing the wedding ceremony. Ron Courter made a short talk and I gave Linda away, and then took over for the vows. We are proud of Linda and Rodney but mistake me not, we dearly miss her. Pray for us.
—Edwin S. Morris

MY POSITION ON CARNAL WARFARE

I cannot participate in military service in any form, directly or indirectly, in combatant or noncombatant service, because:

1. My duty and obligation to my God is superior to all other obligations (Acts 5:29; Matt. 22:37).

2. My God in the Bible forbids that I engage in carnal warfare in the following references:

"Put up thy sword," "For all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword" (Matt. 26:52)—Jesus.

"My Kingdom is not of this world" (Jno. 18:36).

"For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal" (2 Cor. 10:3, 4).

"Love your enemies" (Matt. 5:44); "Turn the other cheek" (Matt. 5:39).

"Recompense to no man evil for evil" (Rom. 12:17).

3. To enter any military branch or service, combatant or noncombatant, I would be compelled to "swear" (take an oath), but the Bible forbids that I do so ("Swear not at all"—Jesus, Matt. 5:34).

4. To enter any military service I would be compelled to be yoked with unbelievers, which is forbidden—"Be not unequally yoked together with unbelievers" (2 Cor. 6:14).

5. To be in any branch of military service in any way, I would be a part of the organization and would therefore have fellowship in the service, but such is prohibited; thus: "Have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them" (Eph. 5:11).

6. To serve in any way in the military service, I would be deprived of obeying the command to assemble on Lord's day to worship God in the Bible way, at least part of the time, hence would disobey God (Heb. 10:25; Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 16:1, 2).

Therefore, I cannot conscientiously engage in carnal war in any form or branch, and for the above reasons, I authorize my name to be listed in support of the above principles.

- Chester Ray Brower,
Lebo Rt., Box 54, West Plains, Mo. 65775
—Clarence Pontruff, 729 Broadnax, Rockdale, Tex. 76567
—Carl Robert Beavers, S. C. Route,
West Plains, Mo. 65775
—Larry Dean Beavers, Lebo Rt.,
West Plains, Mo. 65775
—Alfred Luther Newberry, Moody, Mo. 65547
—George Edward Pontruff, Rt. 1, Box 215,
Rockdale, Tex.

NOTE TO THE BROTHERHOOD —

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our ego and strangulation to our ability to support the Gospel. Shall callousness and selfishness abort this germ of opportunity? GOD FORBID IT!—K. G. Wilks.
July 7, 1966

Dear brother K. G. Wilks:

I pray this letter finds you and sister Wilks in the best of health and happiness, as are my Christian wishes. The Lord has been good to us and we are thankful to Him.

Brother Wilks, I am sending you the pamphlet you wished me to translate and hope you will be able to make several copies of it, because honestly, I need some to have with me when I go down again to Matamoros where I have an aunt and attentive uncle with whom I am presently working. I've every hope in these people, or family. Next door to them lives a Jehovah's Witness who pays close attention when I talk to her and my aunt and uncle. She has promised to read all the scriptures I gave her and to study them carefully. I pray the Lord He will grant me to use the correct technique with these people, for it takes patience and consideration on their behalf to thoroughly understand what is required of them. Recently (about two weeks ago), I went to Mexico City to visit and talk to my aunts and uncles who live there. Believe me, brother, I was really amazed and heartily rejoiced after receiving such close attention from these people when I spoke to them about the Word of God.

One uncle in particular, a devout Catholic, asked me to send him pamphlets or material concerning all of our beliefs because he would like to study and search for the Truth. Another aunt asked me if I could give her my Spanish Bible, which I gladly did. She promised to read it and all the scriptures I gave her.

One thing I can proudly say of them (not because they are my relatives), but they sure paid much more attention than three years ago when I went down to visit them. I wish Brother Joe Martinez could go and talk to them. I know they will pay him the same attention as they did me. And I know brother Joe could do much more with them than I can.

Well, brother, this is all for now. I should be sending you the other tract as soon as I get the time to finish the last two pages. May the Lord bless, guard, and direct you and sister Wilks in the same path which you have sincerely persevered. Please remember me in your prayers.

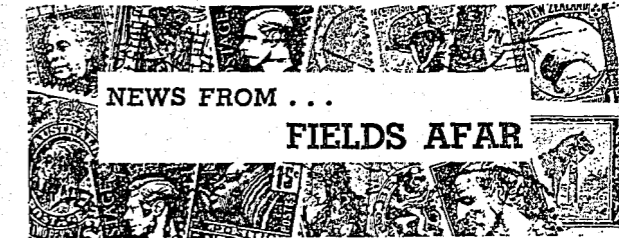
Your friend and brother in Christ,

s/ Ralph M. Gomez

P. S. Regards to the brethren, from us all. Answer soon.

Note—At Sulphur, Okla. this summer I mentioned this young man, Ralph Gomez, who finished high school in Kansas City this past Spring. This boy is of Mexican descent, and we think he is a very fine boy who can be of inestimable value to the Spanish speaking people. He writes that Bro. Joe Martinez has agreed to take him along on his next trip into Old Mexico. Ralph Gomez is worthy of our support. We should help him with his expenses on this trip. Ralph and his family are hard working people, and like many of us are not wealthy. Ralph does not know that I am making this appeal in his behalf. I think we should help him. Any amount will be appreciated. The church at 10th and

Ray Sts., Kansas City, Kans. has agreed to buy Bibles and song books in Spanish for the newly planted congregation meeting in Harlingen, Tex. If you can see fit to help in this work, send your financial help to Ralph Gomez, 502 Marjory Ave., Harlingen, Tex. He has been asked to keep a record of the amount and publish same.
—Clovis T. Cook



SCOTLAND

Recently I had the privilege of worshipping with a loyal church in Tranent, Scotland, and I have been asked to give a brief account of my visit. The fact that Brother James Orten had been there and had established such good rapport with these brethren I am sure paved the way for my very pleasant visit.

The air of reverence which prevailed during the services impressed me more than any other one thing. It seemed that the congregation as a whole was really involved in the service. Perhaps I had this feeling because the hymns were scattered throughout the service instead of having most of them at the beginning as we have and because everyone stood each time a hymn was led. It was also interesting to observe that the hymnals contained only verses and no music. Everyone knew the music by memory. While the arrangement of the services was somewhat different from ours, the items of worship were performed just as we perform them.

Visiting in the home of the Mark Plain family on one Lord's Day was also an enjoyable experience. The hospitality of this family is exceeded by none in the U. S.; their warmth and friendliness made me feel quite at home. On this same day, I also visited with a young man, Brother John Colgan, of the same congregation, which has about 60 members. The background and interest in the church which these people have is so similar to loyal Christians in the U. S. that we had an interesting visit. I found them to be staunch supporters of the truth.

These brethren are interested in meeting other Christians from the states who worship as we do. If others can go over in future years, they can help to establish closer personal ties with these churches. They have been glad to learn in recent years that there are over 340 loyal congregations in this country. If anyone does plan to go to Scotland, before he goes he should get in touch with Brother Mark Plain, 33 Lamer Moor Terrace, Tranent, East Lothian, Scotland.
—Joe Norton

MALAWI, AFRICA

Tonight is August 4, 1966, and I am at Saidi church some 45 miles north of Blantyre. I have been here since Monday completing a study begun by Bro. Bennie Cryer almost 2 weeks ago. We now have a caravan that we use in the work, and we take week about living in the

bush, rather than commuting daily as we did before. As a result, we are saving as much as 5 hours driving time a day in some studies.

As for the caravan, it is equipped with the usual equipment one would expect to find; such as, propane stove and refrigerator, table, bed, sink, water reserve, etc. Thus we do not lack for any of the creature comforts we have grown so accustomed to. Some of these so-called comforts are very essential for our well-being, such as screens to protect us from mosquito bites, any of which could be potentially dangerous, and also a ready and fresh supply of pure water. The caravan then permits us to live "with" the brethren while at the same time relieving us of some very heavy road expenses, not to mention the time saving. However, on the other hand, all the time is not saved for someone has to cook and clean dishes, and you can imagine who that someone is. As for myself, I take the usual bachelor short-cuts in preparing meals and cleaning up, so these mundane tasks have not been too onerous at that.

There is no typical day in the bush; however, today is as good as any to tell about. In the bush, I usually start the day by tuning in the "Voice of America" at 6:30. This always gives me the feeling that I am not so far from home after all. Before I could get dressed this morning, I had callers at the door. By a little past 8:00 the morning meal and cleaning were finished. I then did a bit of reading before the study started at 9:00; and this, incidentally, was the only free time I have had since the day started for me almost 15 hours ago.

Shortly after the study began a stranger arrived with a note from Bennie. The letter had to do with some church business involving the stranger, but it also contained some sad news. Bennie reported he had heard that Bro. and Sister E. H. Miller, LaGrange, Ga. had been in a serious car accident, but knew no details. While the students recited the memory verse for the day, (Heb. 11:6), I graded their papers. The students proceeded to drill on the books of the Old Testament; they finished the New Testament last week while Bennie was here. Then, before, studying the lesson for the day, I asked questions for the next half hour or so. The lesson today contained three major headings: 1) giving, 2) teaching, and 3) prayer. We finished by answering students' questions and assigning the lesson and memory verse for tomorrow. (Incidentally, it looks as if 15 students will finish all the lessons; in the study before this at Zenge 28 finished. The average completion is 15 to 20 students per study).

At five minutes until one, I was back at the caravan which is parked next to the meeting house. Lunch was no sooner finished than at half past one, I began receiving visitors. The first was Bro. Nelson Nkwampitere from Mlanje side; he had come some 30 miles to report on a Baptist church that wants to work with us. Next, the stranger mentioned above came in. He is a Nazarene. He reported the church he is the leader of wants us to come over and visit them. He said they were interested in the church of Christ. However, I should mention here that we do not put much stock in any of these, no matter how sincere they may seem, until they are thoroughly checked by some of the African preachers and by us. As soon as these visitors left I began to grade back papers the students brought in today, only to be interrupted by Bro. Chinga with a

report that one of Severe's preachers was present to see me. We visited some two hours, and the man said he definitely wanted to come back and work with the church. He admitted he and the others left because they thought they would get something: namely, money or clothes. He became discouraged when he received nothing (not even a shirt) even after helping collect \$120 for Severe to get the clothes out of customs—or so goes the story.

As soon as the last visitor left I finished grading papers and preparing the certificates for all the students I expect to finish. By the time the paper work was finished the sun was down. I then went out and visited the students who are staying here about 30 minutes. By the time the evening meal was prepared and finished it was almost time for the 7:30 devotional. So, at 9:00 I started this report and hope to finish in time to do a little reading before calling it a day. One last comment—things are so quiet here; if it were not for the hurricane lantern, I do not believe there would be any perceptible sound at all, not even a cricket. Pray for us.

It is reasonable to have perfection in our eye that we may always advance toward it though we know it can never be reached on earth.



W. H. Jones, Box 43, Alta Vista, Kans., Aug. 7—We are still serving the Lord to the best of our understanding, according to His will. Here is our renewal. We ask the prayers of others.

E. T. Yarbrough, Cherokee, Tex., July 12—The Old Paths Advocate seems to get better every copy; I surely like to read every word of it; I wish it could be read in more homes. Bro. King, I wish I could hear you preach again. Here is my renewal.

Lonnie Kent York, Ardmore, Okla., Aug. 12—The meeting that closed here July 31 was uplifting to my soul and the souls of others. Bro. Leon Fancher is a wonderful preacher. I will start school soon and hope while I am away I will be able to preach, as I have three summer months. I ask for your prayers, and may God guide us all.

Charles J. Freeman, Rt. 1, Douglassville, Tex. 75560, Aug. 14—We here at Texarkana, Ark. are still keeping house for the Lord. We are few in number, just 10 souls, but by the grace of God we will soon have our meeting house built; we intend to begin soon. The Old Paths Advocate gets better with every issue. Keep up the good work; here are three subs and my renewal.

Elbert McAnear, Jacksboro, Tex., Aug. 16—We at Jacksboro are getting along fine. Each month, we have Bro. Doug Woolsey on the second Lord's Day; Bro. Red Cope the fourth; and Bro. Bob Chancellor, the fifth. Brethren Woolsey and Chancellor are from Ft. Worth, and Bro. Cope is from Graham. The brethren here take care of the services the rest of the time. Here are 16 subs.

F. H. Lichapa, Box 573, Blantyre, Malawi, Africa, July 8—Brethren Cryer and Cutter called me here June 18. People here are still being baptized as they were in 1953 when I first started; I am now 55. Bro. John Mussa translates for Brethren Cutter and Cryer. June 5, I was at Liponda; Bro. Cutter preached. June 12, I was at Maonga church where 24 were baptized; June 19, and 26, I was in Blantyre; 3 were baptized.

T. E. McBride, Woodson, Tex., Aug. 18—I want to thank those who sent cards and letters wishing my recovery from my illness. I am at home, doing real well, getting my strength and weight back and feeling fine. Bro. L. M. (Melvin) Crouch preached for us July 22-24 and baptized two young folk. Both are my grandchildren and are well taught by their parents. The church in Woodson now has 13 members. Our services are usually real good, and we are at peace.

Edwin S. Morris, 10520 N. McKinley, Oklahoma City, Okla., Aug. 16—I was in a meeting at Paris, Tex., July 24-31. This was really an enjoyable meeting, and I learned to love these people. There were 2 confessions of faults. I preached at Washington, Okla., Aug. 7, and at Norman, Okla., Aug. 10. I am now in a meeting at Lexington, Okla. which will continue thru the 21st. Crowds and interest have been good thus far. I will be at Huntington, W. Va., Sept. 16-25. Pray for us.

Harley Nichols, Rt. 1, Dover, Ark., Aug. 14—We have been worshipping with the Timothy Phillips family since we moved here about 3 months ago. There are about 21 members, and our attendance is usually in the forties. We love the Christian spirit that is manifested here. We look forward to buying a building or building one to meet in. In the meantime, we are thankful to these fine brethren for permitting us to meet in this home. Pray for us and the Lord's work in this part of His vineyard.

Jack Cutter, Box 522, Huntsville, Ark., Aug. 15—The work here continues to show progress in most areas vital to its growth. We have just finished a very successful meeting here; 4 were baptized. Three new families now have united with us, and the prospects are good that more will come. When the work began, there were only twelve members attending, but we now have half again as many members. The future looks good for the church in this area. Pray for us.

S. D. Pindani, Box 38, Mikolongwe, Malawi, Africa, Aug. 8—I was born Jan. 15, 1932, and born again (into Christ) in 1953. I was a servant here along with Brethren Paul O. Nichols and Gayland Osburn. We have a new church planted. I will keep the example set by Brethren Nichols and Osburn, having a love for poor people, and so I will preach Ps. 41:1-2; Prov. 14:21. I am very happy with our Brethren Jerry Cutter and Bennie Cryer; their preaching takes them far and near. Remember us and the churches in Africa when you pray.

Cliff Tidmore, Rt. 1, Box 111, Valliant, Okla. 74764, Aug. 15—We had a very good meeting at Broken Bow, Okla., with Bro. Jim Hickey. We enjoyed being with him, his wife and her brother, and having them in our home. They are fine people, and I highly recommend Bro. Jim to those who do not know him. We have received the following help on our building since last report: Bro. and Sister C. J. Freeman—\$25; Council Hill, Okla.—\$50; Boulder Dr., Dallas, Tex.—\$25. May God bless them all, and we are so thankful. Here is our renewal.

Bill H. Davis, 2725 Knox Ave., St. Albans, W. Va., 25177, Aug. 18—Since the last of May I have held meetings at Winifrede, W. Va., Jacksboro, Texas and Foreman, Arkansas. The meeting in Winifrede was well attended, and we trust good was done. I was in Jacksboro almost a month doing personal work and concluding with a meeting. This was our first time to be with these brethren. We learned to love and appreciate them more than we could say. The work there was most en-

joyable as a result of their wonderful hospitality. We also enjoyed a 10-day meeting in Foreman with crowds and interest generally good. The church here continues to do well. We look forward to our meeting in Sept. with Ron Courter. Pray for us.

Tom E. Smith, 302 Phillips, Healdton, Okla. July 15—The camp meeting at Sulphur, Okla. was a grand and glorious event. Thanks to Brethren Wayne McKamie and Jack Cutter for the efficient way in which they directed it, and for the fine cooperation of all who participated. The Lord willing, we expect to meet you there again in 1967. If it is otherwise, we expect to meet you at the greatest of all meetings on eternity's side. Our meeting here began last evening in a good way; we pray for a bountiful yield. (I am sorry this reached us too late for Aug. issue—DMC).

Jim Hickey, 5012 Cranfill Dr., Dallas, Tex., Aug. 17—Since last report I have enjoyed visiting and preaching at the following congregations: Dallas, Arlington, and San Antonio, Tex. In Okla., I spoke once at Healdton. Aug. 5-14, I enjoyed a series of meetings at Graham, Okla. near Healdton. We enjoyed good crowds and good interest throughout. Several attended from the community. Two were baptized into Christ, one came back to the church, and some others confessed sins taking on new interest. We look forward to returning next summer.

Roy Lee Criswell, Box 895, Winters, Calif., Aug. 15—Since last report we have preached one or more times at the following congregations: Dallas, Tex. (Boulder Dr.) where I was restored; Okla. City, Okla. (21st St.), and Crescent, Okla. We greatly enjoyed the Sulphur, Okla. meeting this year. Brethren Jack Cutter and Wayne McKamie did a wonderful job conducting it. We are now working with the small congregation at Winters, Calif. These are fine people and we have learned to love them very much. We will continue to labor here until shortly before going to Africa. Remember us in your prayers.

Jim Hickey, 5012 Cranfill Dr., Dallas, Tex., July 18—Since last report I have conducted a series of meetings at Fairview, Ark. The attendance and interest were very good. We enjoyed staying with the F. H. Andersons. July 17, we concluded a 10-day meeting at Broken Bow, Okla. There were good crowds at every service. Interest and cooperation were good. While there we enjoyed visits with Leon Fancher, Eddie Bullard and Don McCord. During the past month I have spoken at Oklahoma City (21st St.), Norman, Okla. and Dallas, Tex. Lord willing, we plan to be in Calif. by the first of Sept.

Rodney R. Ross, 937 N. Main, Lapeer, Mich., Aug. 16—Since last reporting I have preached at the following congregations: Boulder Dr., Dallas, July 10; Spruce St., Midland, July 17; Andrews, July 17 and 24; and Terrill St., Midland, Texas, July 31; and 21st St., Okla. City, Aug. 7. At present, we are engaged in a meeting in LeContes Mills, Pa. Thus far attendance has been very good, and we have great hopes that much can be accomplished here. Following this meeting, the Lord willing, we will be working with the Pontiac, Mich. congregation through Dec. We are eagerly awaiting the Labor Day meeting at Pontiac which is to begin Aug. 28th. We anticipate many inspiring words from Bro. Don McCord in that meeting. We ask the prayers of all the faithful.

Paul Walker, 1328 Santee Dr., Apt. 3, San Jose, Calif., Aug. 19—We certainly enjoyed our summer meetings at Lodi, Calif. and Flint, Mich.; 5 were baptized at the close of the Flint meeting. While at home in Tenn., we enjoyed being with the brethren at Chapel Grove; Springer Lane, Lawrenceburg; Union Hill and Memphis. Too, we enjoyed association with preaching brethren Billy and James Orten, Ron Courter, Wayne McKamie, Preston Brown, Ronny Wade, Bonnie Cayson and John Fisher. John is doing a wonderful work in

the Lawrenceburg area. Last Lord's Day we began our work in San Jose, Calif. This work is being supported by the Modesto, Calif. congregation. Wed., Aug. 10, I was privileged to speak at Modesto.

A. L. Adams, 465 Finley Ave., Montgomery, Ala. 36104, Aug. 5—I understand that the idea is out that I have gone "liberal." If wishing to listen to the ideas of others and talking with them about our differences makes me what is called a liberal, then, I am one. But, and I wish to make this clear to all, I do not, I never have, and I never shall preach the use of individual cups in the communion, the class system (Sunday School), or any such thing that is foreign to the word of God. My views on the worship, the items of worship, and the church in general have not changed since I started preaching close to 4 years ago.

Franklin E. Staggs, 359 S. Gillespie, Flint, Mich. 48505, Aug. 17—The church here is growing. Bro. Walker was with us for a meeting in July and on the closing night, 5 teenagers obeyed their Lord in baptism. There was much rejoicing. Over the 4th of July week-end, I was with the Union Hill congregation near Lawrenceburg, Tenn. They are making definite growth; I was privileged to baptize one of my cousins while there. Enroute to Tenn., we stopped at Sharonville, Ohio for mid-week; I enjoyed teaching there and associating with Christians whom we had not met before. We were inspired by their beautiful singing. May the God of love and peace be with you all.

Dennis Smith, 306 S. Main St., Webb City, Mo., Aug. 14—As of today, I have been working with the church at Wynnewood, Okla. for two weeks. I have really enjoyed the work thus far, and I'm looking forward to three months of enjoyable work. I am very thankful for the brethren here and for the work they are doing. I will be here until Nov. 1. My mailing address here is Box 693, Pauls Valley, Okla. The meeting at Kansas City, Mo. was very enjoyable. The brethren in Kansas City are very fine people. It was also good to be associated with Brother Clovis Cook during the meeting. Clovis has done some good work in teaching and building up the Lord's church in that area. If the Lord is willing, I will be returning to Kansas City in Nov. to begin six months of work with the 85th and Euclid congregation. I ask that you pray for me.

Barney Owens, 4250 Linden Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio 45236, Aug. 15—We have recently had a fine meeting here at Temple, Ga. conducted by Brother Don McCord. There was one restored to God's people, and many made stronger in the faith. I believe Brother Don to be a fine example for all to follow. The work in this area is a great one; we have met several times discussing plans for the work. We believe this work will be enjoyable because of the good attained for the Lord. Pray for us that we here may defend and confirm the Lord's words (Phil. 1:7). We will be at Alton, Mo., Sept. 9-18; Mtn. Home, Ark., Sept. 23-Oct. 2. Aug. 7, we were happy to be at Cincinnati, Ohio again as we always are. These brethren have been good to me through the years for which I am thankful.

Paul Gifford, Rte. 1, Huntsville, Ark., Aug. 16—This is my first report to the paper. It was a little over two years ago that the congregation was established here. After watching Bro. Ronny Wade's T.V. program from Springfield, Mo., I inquired of him about Sunday School and the Lord's Supper. He came down and studied several times with my family and several others about the scriptural way to worship. Then, Bro. Miller was sent here by some churches in Mo. to hold a mission meeting, and he planted the existing congregation. The Lodi, Calif. congregation sent Bro. Jimmy Howard here for a lengthy period of time. Recently, we have been fortunate in locating and purchasing a nice building a few miles west of here on highway 68. The Missouri congregations have sent Bro. Jack Cutter here to help us. He is to stay for an indefinite time. He just finished a 10-day meeting which was one of the best

ever held in this area. There was excellent outside interest with attendance ranging from 40 to 70 each night. The Lord blessed us with 4 baptisms. We are grateful to the Mo. brethren for sending to us such a wonderful worker as Bro. Jack Cutter. Pray for the future success of the work in northwest Ark.

Bonnie B. Cayson, 1993 Burn Ham Ave., Memphis, Tenn., Aug. 10—At this writing, the church on Watkins St. has closed a good meeting. There were no visible results, but indeed the gospel was preached and all made stronger by the powerful sermons delivered by Bro. Wayne McKamie. Lord willing, the church plans another meeting the last of Aug. We enjoyed being with the church at Strong, Ark.; this was our first with them. It is wonderful to learn of all the good that is being accomplished—congregations being reconciled, brethren showing more love and long suffering for each other. Let us work while it is day and march on to victory. We attended one night of the meeting at Batesville, Ark.; Bro. J. W. Kornegay did a splendid job preaching. We have received word that the meeting was very successful. Last evening we were in a most enjoyable service at 1315 N. Willett St.; Wayne McKamie was the speaker. The following have preached here: David Macy, Leo Burns, and J. W. Kornegay.

R. B. Roden, 112 Kelley Dr., Moore, Okla., Aug. 12—The month of July was a busy month for us. We are so thankful to be busy in the Lord's work. July 14-15, I preached at Bakersfield, Calif. (Brundage Ln.); July 17, at Visalia, Calif., we enjoyed worship and the fellowship all day with surrounding congregations. July 20, I preached at Highway City, and July 21st, at N. Hollywood. We were at Montebello, Calif., July 22-31; 2 were baptized and 1 came back to duty for which we were thankful. Aug. 3, I preached at El Cajon, Calif. We wish to thank everyone for their wonderful hospitality; it has been so good to see everyone. We are now in a good meeting at Corcoran, Calif.; 2 have been baptized thus far. We pray that others will obey before the meeting comes to a close. Lord willing, we leave for Okla., Aug. 15. Aug. 19-28, I will be in a meeting at Jerusalem, Ark. I plan to be at Sulphur, Okla., in Sept. Do pray for us in the work of the Lord.

Melvin Crouch, 220 Roesler Rd., San Antonio, Tex., Aug. 16—It has been a real pleasure and a privilege to conduct three short gospel meetings in the past month: July 22-24, at Woodson, Tex.; July 31-Aug. 7, at Delta, Colo.; Aug. 14-17, at Farmington, N. Mex. Two were baptized at Woodson as a result of excellent local congregational teaching and Christian family influence. It was wonderful to be with the Tom McBride family group, most of whom I have known for almost 40 years. At Delta, three fine Christian sisters made public confessions for having cut their hair. Take notice, brethren, that when this vital, doctrinal issue is taught, conscientious and sincere Christian sisters will humble themselves in submission to this command and make things right with God. The Delta brethren are among God's finest. At present, we are at Farmington, N. Mex. enjoying association and fellowship with more fine Christians; the meeting closes the 17th.

Clovis T. Cook, 809 Lyons, Kansas City, Kan., Aug. 14—Bro. Johnny Nichols and I recently went to Russellville, Ark., and preached twice (Sat. night and Sun. night) for a little congregation at Chickalah, Ark. This little congregation up until a few years ago used only one cup for the distribution of the fruit of the vine. We preached on this matter for some time Sat. Night. Then we dismissed the audience and opened the meeting for questions and answers. After some forty-five minutes of this all but a few went home. We stayed with those who wanted to talk until almost midnight. We hope much good was done. We have reason to believe the whole congregation may return to one cup. This part of Ark. is a ripe mission field; one of the greatest I have seen in this country. Two of the Nichols boys moved from the 10th and Ray Streets congregation here, to that area. We miss them here, but they will do much

good there. While in Ark. I preached for the little congregation meeting on Crow Mountain, Southeast of Russellville. Bro. Timothy Phillips started this group and they are doing well. In fact, they are planning to build a meeting place soon. We left Kansas City, 2:30 A.M. Sat., July 30th, and arrived back in K. C. 5:00 A.M. Mon., Aug. 1st. Needless to say we both had to work that day. Let God have the glory, and bless us with more opportunity.

Larry Lay, 7844 Rancho Fanita Dr., Santee, Calif. 92071, Aug. 11—The Lord has indeed blessed me this summer. I have been very busy in His work. I have spent the last month in the deep South. I enjoyed very much staying with the Andersons in Marietta, Ga., the Millers and Baileys of LaGrange, Ga. While in the South I had the privilege of preaching at Marietta and LaGrange, Ga., Napoleon and Birmingham, Ala., and Panama City, Fla. I enjoyed my visits to each of these places very much. The brethren treated me wonderfully and I wish to express my sincere thanks for this. I have also been privileged this summer to attend parts of the meetings held by Bro. Don McCord at Marietta and Temple, Ga. I was also pleased to be able to attend one night of Bro. Miles King's meeting at West Monroe, La. The Lord willing, I will return home and finish the final year at the 2-year college I am attending. After this I plan to devote full time in service to my Master. May God bless us all as we strive to serve Him.

J. Wayne McKamie, Route 1, McGregor, Tex., Aug. 16—After the Sulphur, Okla. meeting we began in Fairview, La. on July 8 and continued through the 17th. This was my first time in Fairview and it was most pleasant indeed. Everyone was most hospitable and very receptive to the Word. Two were baptized into Christ. The presence of visiting brethren from many areas was deeply appreciated. We are now in Memphis, Tenn. and have held one meeting and are now advertising and making plans for another the last of August. The work is progressing nicely in that we have a most cooperative group with which to work. The congregation is much more closely knit together than it has been in years. Indeed they are in a good position to go forward in His work. Two have been restored and two were baptized yesterday. Aug. 13, we were in Batesville, Ark. where Bro. Wallace Kornegay had just closed a most successful meeting. It was a pleasure to meet the brethren there. Oct. 1-9, Bro. Lynwood Smith will be with us in McGregor for a meeting. If distance permits, make your plans to attend.

Jim A. Canfield, Rt. 3, Box 86, Marion, La. 71260, Aug. 7—I held a short meeting, July 24-29, at the church near Brookhaven, Miss. Crowds were fair every night; outside interest seemed better than in the years past. I believe much good was done. Bro. Robert Adams continues to fight the good fight of faith, fighting hard to keep error out of the church by keeping false preaching brethren from bringing false practices in. When we let preachers hold our meetings who believe in and practice the use of cups in the communion and classes in teaching, we ask for trouble. Harm is not always done publicly, but privately. If we can believe Paul in Eph. 4:3-5 and in 2 Cor. 5, and other places, why not believe him in 1 Cor. 11:25, 1 Tim. 2:11-12, and 1 Cor. 14:33-35? We began a meeting today at Farmerville, La. with a fair crowd of outsiders. Bro. Adams came from Miss. with a truck load. He taught the morning and evening lessons; we had lunch at noon, with good old-time singing in the afternoon. Aug. 20, I go to Memphis, Tenn., the Lord willing. Pray for me, brethren.

J. W. Kornegay, Box 105, Belle Mead, N. J., Aug. 9—The meeting at Raleigh, N. C. was a good one with 4 confessions. I preached at Mt. Pleasant, Fla. on Wed. night with one baptism; then on Thurs. at Memphis, Tenn. It was good to be with the brethren there. The meeting at Huff, Ark. was enjoyed by all. One was baptized by a preacher in digression on Mon. night before I started the meeting on Fri. I talked with him

and he began worshipping scripturally; 2 more made confessions, taking their stand against digression; 6 others confessed faults and 4 were baptized. We pray for them that they will grow in spirit and truth. I am in a meeting at Sand Grove, Tex. now with good crowds. It was good to have Bro. James R. Stewart and wife with us Mon. night. I was happy to have Bro. Arthur Wade visit one night at Huff, Ark. We are sorry to hear of the wreck in which Bro. E. H. Miller and others were injured. My prayer is for them and that soon Bro. Miller will be able to be back in the field preaching. The church in Belle Mead, N. J. was doing fine when I left about 5 weeks ago. I am looking forward to the meeting Labor Day at Pontiac, Mich. I enjoy the OPA.

James R. Stewart, 601 So. 4th St., Waco, Tex., Aug. 9—Since last report, I have preached at the following places: McGregor, Hoyte, Sand Grove, Waco (Circle Rd.), Dallas (Industrial Blvd.). For the last few months, I have been doing personal work with my home congregation, 1415 Circle Rd. Two have been baptized and several have made confessions. Several who left have come back; this more than doubled the congregation. The church has taken on new life; we are working together in peace and unity, and all are happy. We have redecorated the building inside and out, and enjoy our new song books "Gems of Gladness." We have some outside interest. We have been having quite a lot of preaching by Brethren Doug Woolsey and Bob Chancellor of Ft. Worth, and Bro. Bill Davis of St. Albans, W. Va. Bro. Cyrus Holt and his son, Keith Holt, are good teachers. I see no reason why this congregation should not prosper. For all of this we are very thankful; give God the glory. We were very happy to have Bro. David Macy visit in our home.

H. R. Goodman, Huff, Ark., Aug. 8—Bro. J. W. Kornegay closed a 10-day meeting here Aug. 31 with the most wonderful results; God be thanked for His wonderful love and mercy toward men. Five were baptized and 2 came from digression, and 6 others were restored to duty. After 5 long years of labor, the harvest is now ready, and with God's help we shall endeavor to move forward with more determination than ever before. A part of this long period of time there were just 3 of us standing against a whole county. God's word is not bound, and once the seed reaches good, honest hearts it will start growing. We are now in need of help more than ever before. Would some of you bigger congregations please help us to get a preacher to take over these babes in Christ until they are firmly established in Christ. For more information in regard to this church, and what it stands for, write these brethren: B. B. Cayson, 1993 Burn Ham Rd., Memphis, Tenn., phone EI 7-3665; Arthur E. Wade, Box 92, West Plains, Mo., phone 256-2583; J. W. Kornegay, Rt. 1, Raleigh, N. C. We need a preacher for at least 6 months. For more information from the church here you may contact the writer, phone RI 3-2040, or I. G. Altom, Huff, Ark., phone RI 3-2990.

Ronny F. Wade, Box 3636 Glenstone Sta., Springfield, Mo., Aug. 16—The meeting at Bloomfield, Iowa closed with two baptisms. We learned to appreciate the brethren in that area for their zeal and sincerity. We enjoyed the presence of Bro. B. F. Leonard who assisted greatly in the meeting. Sunday, July 17, we were with the Lee's Summit and Lebanon, Mo. congregations. Sunday night, at Lebanon, one was baptized. Our next meeting was at Blue Springs near Mt. Vernon, Ky. Two were baptized and 12 confessed faults and were restored to duty. At New Salem congregation near Brookhaven, Miss., three were baptized and two confessed wrongs. It was a pleasure to be with these brethren and especially enjoy the presence of Bro. Lynwood Smith throughout the meeting. Presently, we are in Birmingham, Ala. with the 60th St. congregation. We look forward to a good meeting here. On July 31, it was our distinct pleasure to be present at the dedication of the new church house at West Chester, Ohio, formerly Reading, Ohio congregation. These brethren are to be commended for their good taste, moderation, and wise

planning. They have a nice building in a good community. We believe nothing but good awaits them in the future. Our next meeting is at Rogers, Ark., Aug. 28-Sept. 4. Then Sept. 5-8, we are scheduled for a discussion at Frederick, Okla. on cups and classes. We request your prayers in all our labors for Him.

Tom E. Smith, 302 Phillips, Healdton, Okla. 73438, Aug. 15—We have been very busy attending meetings since the camp meeting at Sulphur. Our meeting at Healdton, July 15-24, was held by our son, C. A. Smith. It was a very enjoyable meeting, and was well-attended, though no visible results. The seed were sown and we believe the church was strengthened, and that eternity will show some fruit for our labor (Isa. 55:10-11). We were grateful indeed for the response to the invitation to the home-coming day, July 24, and for the sweet fellowship during the entire day with those who came from hither and yon to make it a success. We feel with the efforts put forth by all of us including the preacher to make the entire meeting a success will receive the approbation of God and we will trust Him for His blessings and a bountiful yield (Ps. 26:6). After our meeting closed, we attended a part of Bro. Leon Fancher's meeting at Ardmore, Okla., and as usual heard some good preaching. Running concurrently, unfortunately, were the meetings at Duncan and Graham, with Brethren Richard Nichols and Jim Hickey, respectively. We attended two nights at Duncan, and most of the Graham meeting. We enjoyed all of these services. This was our first time to hear Bro. Jim Hickey in a meeting. He is a forceful speaker and his efforts were crowned with success. To God, to Whom all praise is due, be all the praise for any accomplishments in these meetings.

Paul O. Nichols, 1400 Adena Street, Bakersfield, Calif. 93306, July 14—The meeting at Wynnewood, Okla. was enjoyable. I helped establish this congregation, and it was a genuine pleasure to be with them again. We were encouraged by the many visitors, including preaching brethren Johnny Elmoro, Richard Nichols, Joe Hise, and Miles King. Our next was an enjoyable effort at Fruitland, Texas. Here we also had visitors from many different congregations, which helped to make the meeting better. There was one restoration. Next, we were at Sulphur, Okla. for part of the annual meeting. It was good to see so many of our friends and preaching brethren there. The meeting was fine. I was impressed by the Mexican work and the interest that the brethren of San Antonio are taking in it and encouraging it. I hope others will get behind it more and more. My home congregation in Southwest Bakersfield is contributing to this work. Also, we have contributed to the Roy Lee Criswell travel fund for his trip to Africa, and urge that the brotherhood not lag in this good work. At present we are in a meeting at Washington, Okla., which closes July 17. We go next to Springfield, Mo. (Benton Ave.). After that we go to Reading, Ohio, July 29-Aug. 7; West Plains, Mo., Aug. 8-17; Golden, Okla., Aug. 19-28. (I lost a pair of prescription bifocal sunglasses off the Bible stand at Sulphur tabernacle after the meeting was over. I would be very grateful for their return if someone picked them up for safe keeping.)

Elmo House, 5310 E. Roosevelt Rd., Little Rock, Ark., July 16—Three months have now elapsed since we finished our labor in Mt. Pleasant, Fla. and moved to work with the N. Little Rock congregation. Some of this time was spent in a meeting in Okla.; however, our schedule is progressing nicely at the present time. In the Aug. issue of the OPA, I reported that several of our prospects with whom we had been studying were nearly converted to Christ. It is a source of joy and gladness for me to report the following results of our overall labors: We have baptized 5 and there have been 3 restorations. Of these five baptisms, two were a Pentecostal Holiness man and his wife, a Baptist woman, a young man and the wife of a digressive brother who confessed his sins. The other two restorations were an elderly lady who renounced digression and a sister who had been out of duty for about 2 years. Presently, I

am working with 8 "baptismal prospects" and 4 who need to be restored. The road before us here has never looked better than it does now. Because of the baptisms and restorations, our prospective card file that we keep now shows about 30. We are contacting new leads about every day. As we teach and they obey, we search for others interested in truth. Brethren, the days do not contain enough hours for all the work that must be accomplished. The laborers are too few and the work is too great for the few of us to slack or cease to work. Remember us and His cause when you pray. Always, we need the prayers "of those we love."

Ronald Courter, 7120 Banks St., Union Lake, Mich., June 27—We have held meetings at LeContes Mills and Flemington, Pa. since our last report. The meetings appeared to have served the needs of the congregations and one was restored. There were 2 baptisms in the Mich. area about a month ago. A year has passed since our decision to enter full-time evangelistic work. The results of our labor have not been as complete as we would desire, but we take courage in the fact that a large number of potential converts has been accumulated through home studies. Our studies within the church were beneficial and began to make many realize we are still a people of much ignorance. Our greatest satisfaction through this last year has been to see the youth in their teens that were obedient to the gospel and those who are beginning to manifest the potential of future leadership for Christ. We are very pleased to have Terry Burnell, a lad of 14 years with us for the summer, to begin a systematic study of the Bible. The "spiritual processing" of man has been and will continue to be the greatest blessing of life, if not life itself. Under date of July 21—A large interval of time has lapsed since the writing of the first portion of this report. The July 4th meeting was very enjoyable and highlighted by the efforts in Mexico. We enjoyed preaching two nights in Pocahontas, Ark. and becoming acquainted with the brethren there. We just closed at Chapel Grove, Tenn. and enjoyed the meeting greatly; it had been 8 years since we had visited in that area. There were 4 baptisms and several confessions of faults. May we all learn to purge our spirits and remove the true causes of stumbling. Please pray.

BROTHER E. H. MILLER —

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Under date of July 25, 1966, Bro. Alton B. Bailey, Bro. Miller's son-in-law wrote the following for publication: "Things are very sad here, but we are still thankful that God saw fit to spare the lives of Bro. and Sister Miller and Bro. Angus Shelnut. The day after the accident, Bro. Miller underwent surgery; his hip was broken, and he had multiple bruises. He was in shock for awhile, and one lung partially collapsed. Bro. Shelnut's jaws were broken; he will have to be operated on. His hip and chest were injured but will not require surgery. Sister Miller was very badly bruised but has no broken bones. She was fortunate in that she was asleep in the back seat when the accident occurred. There were 3 killed in the other car. Please pray for them.

Note—I am sure Bro. and Sister Miller and Bro. Angus Shelnut would appreciate cards and letters. Why not let them know your concern; you may address all of them at Box 538, LaGrange, Ga. 30240. Another dear brother who has been ill for a long time is Bro. W. S. Cummings, Davis, Oklahoma. He, too, would appreciate hearing from his brethren—a card will do more than you realize. A sister who deserves a word of cheer, too, is Sister Lola Fletcher, Rt. 3, Kingwood Tr. Ct., Mt. Home, Ark. Won't you please remember her in your prayers, too.

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"HIM THAT IS WEAK — RECEIVE YE"

By Ronny F. Wade

The above words come from Romans 14:1. The entire passage reads thusly: "Him that is weak in the faith receive ye, but not to doubtful disputations." The New American Standard Bible renders it: "Now accept the one who is weak in the faith, but not for the purpose of passing judgment on his opinions." The apostle teaches some very definite things in this passage, and to overlook these would be wrong. It would be equally wrong, however, to infer that our writer teaches in this passage that everyone, without restraint, may be received. Those who argue so, show their disrespect for divine law.

To begin with, let us notice exactly what Paul teaches in this verse. First of all, it is evident that someone is to be received. Secondly, that "this one" is weak in the faith. And thirdly, that he is to be received upon certain conditions. Now let us review each of these. Number one, we are commanded to receive a weak brother. To receive means to accept into our fellowship. Even though the brother may be weak in the faith, he is not to be held in contempt or spurned in any way. Let us remember that this is a "brother" or a "disciple" of the Lord. To make this verse apply to some individual that has never been baptized into Christ for the remission of sins does violence to the context. For an individual to rely upon the teaching of this verse for proof that sectarians should be received into the fellowship of the church, simply shows a lack of understanding on the part of that person. Such statements as "I can fellowship a Roman Catholic" or "I can fellowship a Methodist" are irrational to say the least, but especially so, when the person making the statement is relying upon Romans 14:1 as a proof text.

Next, let us notice that the brother to be received is weak in faith. What does this mean? We are inclined to agree with Moses E. Lard who says, "The weakness spoken of does not belong so much to the man as to his belief. He is weak in the matter of his belief, or it is his belief itself that is weak. But this weak belief reacts upon him and renders him weak, so that both are weak together, both he and it." Now certainly "the faith" in which he is weak is not his faith in Christ, or the faith of Eph. 4:5, Jude 3. One whose faith in Christ or doctrinal matters happened

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FELLOWSHIP

By Paul O. Nichols

"If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another . . ." (1 Jno. 1:7). Thus we have a true and scriptural ground for fellowship, both with God and our brethren. If we are in fellowship with God by walking in the light of the Gospel, then we are in fellowship with one another. But, of course, if a man makes his own law and substitutes this for divine, God-given law, then he has no fellowship either with God or the brother who accepts the divine law and walks in the light of it. "Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son" (2 Jno. 9). "But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men" (Matt. 15:9).

In Romans the 14th chapter the apostle lays down certain principles concerning fellowship. These principles deal with liberty and the attitude of brethren toward each other who take advantage of these liberties. But nowhere in this chapter does Paul teach that we can break the law of God ourselves, nor does he teach that we have to receive or fellowship the man who does.

In verse 2 he says, "For one believeth that he may eat all things . . ." Why? Because the law of Christ says, "For every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving" (1 Tim. 4:4). Here the law of Christ gives permission to eat — it is lawful to eat meat. But if a man does not eat meat, that is lawful, too. Why? Because "the kingdom of God is not meat and drink" (Rom. 14:17). A man is at liberty to either eat or not eat. So in such matters of liberty or indifference we are not to judge our brother (Rom. 14:12), but allow him the liberty that is lawfully his.

Now, then, please notice that God's word teaches that the kingdom of God is "righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost" (Rom. 14:17). Again, we read, ". . . In every nation he that feareth him and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him" (Acts 10:35). ". . . For all thy commandments are righteousness" (Psa. 119:172). ". . . Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man" (Eccl. 12:13). Paul says, "My heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved. For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but

not according to knowledge. For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God" (Rom. 10:1-3). And Jesus said, "Not everyone that sayeth unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven" (Matt. 7:21).

Paul, referring to certain Gentiles, said, "Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart" (Eph. 4:18). And in the preceding verse he was writing to Christians, admonishing them not to walk as these were; showing that even members of the church (baptized believers) could be in just as bad condition. And a person alienated from the life of God certainly is not in fellowship with God, nor does he deserve the fellowship of faithful Christians.

Today some preachers are trying to lead people to believe that they cannot be sure of what the will of God is, so, therefore, they should fellowship anyone who believes in Christ. They say he is a "potential brother." But the Bible says, "... Be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God" (Rom. 12:2). Again, "If ye continue in my word... ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (Jno. 8:31, 32). Too, Paul says, Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord. And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them" (Eph. 5:10, 11).

One preacher argues, "But suppose God does decide to be merciful and accept some other way? He's God and He can." But the truth is, that we must go according to what He says. "... Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Rom. 10:17). And Paul says, "Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them. For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple" (Rom. 16:17, 18).

"What is law to you might not be law to me at all." This is another argument to justify loose fellowship (use digressives in church services to teach, wait on the table, etc., and even use unbaptized men in some services.) But, only in this respect is this possibly true. "... To him that esteemeth anything to be unclean, to him it is unclean" (Rom. 14:14). The reason for this is found in verse 23, "... He that doubteth is damned if he eat, because he eateth not of faith: for whatsoever is not of faith is sin." "If our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things" (1 Jno. 3:20). But, when God gives a law, whether we receive that as law or not, it is still law. God does not permit us to loose where He has bound.

Some people think that we do not show proper love to others when we do not receive them in their error, and fellowship them in spite of what God's word says. This is not right. Christ said, "As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten..." (Rev. 3:19). Again, Paul says, "Wherefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith" (Tit. 1:13).

In conclusion, here is a real way to determine our

love for brethren. "By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments..." (1 Jno. 5:2, 3).

—Bakersfield, Calif.

MEXICO

The work in Mexico continues to make progress. Each letter from the native preachers reports baptisms and tells of studies in the homes of those who are interested in the truth. The church building in Guadalupe Victoria is almost completed. The meeting place in Garza Garcia is well on the way. Thanks to brethren in the States whose hearts have been opened to the great need existing in Mexico, these buildings will soon be ready for services.

We have just been offered the opportunity to obtain the rights of worship to the building where Bro. Roberto Martinez holds services. This building is the one which has Iglesia de Cristo across the front. It is by far the largest building where our brethren meet. Bro. Isabel Martinez has moved near Monterrey and wants to sell his equity in the building. In return for paying him his share in the building, he would "Federalize" it and then give a letter giving our brethren the rights of worship to the building. We would then be protected against molestation by anyone. While he is asking a little more, we feel that we might buy out Bro. Isabel with \$500 to \$600. As Bro. Isabel's name is the only one on the deed to the property, we would thus acquire the exclusive rights to worship in the building. With this building, each congregation in Mexico would have a place to meet. May we make a special appeal to each congregation to help in this matter. Many feel that the sums asked for are so small that they do not even bother to send help. We need a little from each one if we are to succeed.

We have also been asked to help Bro. Roberto Martinez with some of his bills in the illness of his wife. She has been hospitalized for the last two months with rheumatic heart trouble. His daughter has been able to borrow some money from the place where she works but they need more help. Perhaps some who have had this problem come into your lives in the past might be willing to give just a little bit to help this brother. His preaching would become much more effective once he received some relief from his burdens.

Bro. Joe Martinez has just returned from a visit to Mexico. He spent most of the month of July and the first several weeks of August working among the native preachers and the congregations. He held some short meetings with excellent results. He returned to Dallas through Harlingen, Texas and visited with young brother Ralph Gomez and his family. They are trying to establish a congregation in Harlingen among the people of Mexican descent. Bro. Joe plans to go back to Harlingen in the next several weeks on his way to Mexico. Bro. Ralph Gomez has asked us for some help in printing a tract in Spanish so that he may send it to various people in Mexico as well as in the States. Bros. Miles King and Dennis Smith plan a visit to Mexico the last week in August. They hope to make a report at the Texas Labor Day meeting.

The help which the Salinas, California congrega-

tion, as well as others, gave to the brethren in Pino de la Cruz has produced a remarkable change in the lives of those brothers. Whereas they were discouraged and sick and almost starving in the early spring, they took the money sent and bought seeds and planted corn, beans, and wheat. They even set out some small grafted apple trees and then dug a well to water them. Bro. Ponciano Reyes was proud as a peacock as he took the writer and Bro. Joe Martinez to see his crops. He hopes to plant enough fruit trees on the land that the government gave them that they may be able to be completely self-sufficient within the next several years. A little help goes such a long way with these people.

Since the last report, the congregations at Salinas, California; Ardmore, Oklahoma; and Westminster, Colorado have each agreed to send \$25 per month toward the support of the native preachers. The support reported last month as being from the Soledad congregation should have been reported as being from the Greenfield, California congregation. Bro. George Dutton who mails the checks lives in Soledad.

The writer and his wife made an extensive trip through northern Mexico and into California during the latter part of July and the first part of August. Entry was made into Mexico at Reynosa, Tamaulipas near the Gulf of Mexico and continued to Monterrey and Saltillo. Visits with the congregations in and around these two places were made. An endeavor to evaluate the opportunities to spread the gospel was made as the journey continued on to Mazatlan, Sinoloa on the Gulf of California and then up the coast to Tijuana, Baja California across from San Diego. It seems that the people are there by the thousands. They only await our sending native preachers to them. An opportunity was afforded the writer to tell of the work in Mexico on a Sunday evening at the congregation in Montebello, California. The congregation sent \$100 for the Juan Rodriguez building fund.

Please write to any of the following brethren: the writer at 1747 W. Huisache Ave.; L. M. Crouch, 220 Roesler Road; E. E. Perkins, Rt. 13, Box 483; R. A. Perkins, 126 Hillcrest, all of San Antonio, Texas.

—W. B. Coleman

THE WADE - MOORE DEBATE

Bro. Ronnie Wade, of Springfield, Mo., and Bro. Elmer Moore, of Highlands, Texas met at Frederick, Okla., and discussed the cup question and the class question, Sept. 5-8. Ronnie affirmed the first two nights on the cup question. Bro. Moore affirmed the last two nights on the class question. The discussion was attended well by our brethren. We had several preachers in attendance, from six to a dozen throughout the discussion. Ronnie acted the part of a gentleman at all times during the discussion. He was analytical, thorough and very conscientious in presenting what we believe to be the truth on these matters. I feel like Ronnie's effort was well-pleasing to all who heard him. I would be very ungrateful to the opposition if I did not say what fine gentleman we believe them to be. Bro. Bill McCuiston, of Beaumont, Texas moderated for Bro. Moore. It has been said before, but this time it is so true, we agreed on far more things than we disagreed. Bro. Clayton Fancher's home was the common meeting

place where all were invited to stop and be refreshed. Clayton and his wife are undoubtedly two of the most hospitable people I have ever known. We all met at his house after the discussion was over for watermelon, and other refreshments. Bro. Moore, Bro. McCuiston and Bro. Price stopped by and we had a wonderful visit with them. The church at Frederick bore the financial burden for the discussion, as far as our part was concerned, and supported it well. I moderated for Ronnie.

On Friday night, after the discussion closed on Thursday night, we, Jack Cutter, Ronnie, Velma and I, motored to Huntsville, Ark., where Jack is presently living and working with the church. Things were set up for another study on the cup question. Those who believe the cup is the fruit of the vine called on Bro. Ralph Gage, of Ft. Smith, Ark., to affirm their position which he did for thirty minutes; then we asked him questions for fifteen minutes. After the same manner Ronnie affirmed our position on the cup question, and they asked him questions for the same length of time. Bro. Gage admitted the name of the container was "cup", and the name of the contents was "fruit of the vine." Now, since the "container" and the "contents" are not the same in reality, or name, how can the "cup" (container), and the fruit of the vine (contents) be the same? We think this study was well worth the time and effort spent to make it possible. Brethren Arthur Wade and Joe Howard were present for this study.

—Clovis T. Cook

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THIS AND THAT

Musings at press time—Not often are private conversations made matters of public record, but in John 4 we find one which was—it was between Christ and the Samaritan woman. Worship was the subject. Christ made one of the most forceful statements of all time in verses 23 and 24. After saying the hour had come that true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth, He stated emphatically that God is a Spirit, and predicated upon this eternal, uncontrovertible truth, He makes the most demanding statement of all: **“they that worship God must worship him in spirit and in truth.”** Worshipping God in spirit and truth thus becomes eternally, divinely required, imposed. How wonderful it would be if all men, and especially brethren, would feel the fullest impact of this and act reverently in strictest accord. Now, let it not be denied, it has been proven time and again, and clearly proven, that the way we worship God is in truth; since the Word is the only source of truth, what sayeth the Word? The Word sustains that when men worship singing with no instrument; teaching and learning in one assembly with one teacher; praying; communing with one cup of the fruit of the vine and one loaf broken by each participant; and giving as we are prospered they are worshipping in truth. There is simply no question about that. One need go no further than First Corinthians to find this so—let it not be said these are not matters of command, for after mentioning all of them except giving Paul plainly asserts that if any man think himself to be spiritual “let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord.” What a pity the commandments mean so little to some in view of what the Master said, “If ye love me, keep my commandments” (Jno 14:15).

I have said that in order to point out this if I may: Men must worship God wherever the worship is conducted according to the pattern, and any practice that would endanger worshipping God as He seeks is not to be tolerated. I have never understood what brethren think they do for the good of the cause when they insist on calling on brethren who believe, teach and practice other than the way the Bible teaches. Of late, the brethren in Walterboro, S. C. who came confessing error

in worship were convinced to do so, not because brethren in any way condoned them in the error, or by partaking of it with them. We should, we must be willing to convert and bring to the truth all men, but we do not do it by compromise or failing to stand the ground that has been gained at such a dear price. Perhaps we have a generation that needs pointed out to them, since they did not see it firsthand, the places where brethren contending for the truth in worship were driven away, locked out of buildings, mistreated—all because brethren believing in error were not willing to trade it for truth, and thus were led to apostatize. I can point out places where this has been done in this generation's time. “The proof of the pudding is in the eating;” we need pointed out to us where good for the cause has been accomplished by compromising and turning our pulpits, the Lord's table, our song-leading and praying over to digressives, sectarians and even outsiders.

It is denied emphatically that we do not love our brethren when we can not call on them in their error. He is nonetheless respected, loved and longed for, and considered a brother, though erring.

To worship in spirit is just as necessary; what I have had to say about worshipping in truth is in no way intended to detract from this necessity.

It is true that we have error among us—in the personal lives of members; it is true we worship together and try to work these things out; but to apply the same principle to those in error in worship as we do here is to overlook a principle. Worship must be in truth; and thank God that my errors otherwise and my sins otherwise do not rub off on you, and vice versa. Even among us when brethren do those things that offend and cause division contrary to the doctrine, they are to be marked and avoided (Rom. 16:17). On the other hand when a brother's personal sins due to weakness, lack of knowledge, and matters undoubtedly under consideration in Romans 14, do not cause offenses and divisions contrary to the doctrine, he is not the subject of marking and avoiding. There are things that cause divisions and offenses and things that do not; “we don't put all of our eggs in one basket.”

When brethren call on digressives, sectarians, Catholics included; and turn to them our pulpits, the Lord's Table and other functions, the greatest cause of earth and heaven is at a distinct disadvantage—the cause that Jesus Christ died for, and the apostles and our brethren before us and contemporary with us have fought so long and so hard to sustain and preserve. Truth is a pearl of too great price to be so liberally treated. Lord deliver us from the spirit and practice that defeats the divine purpose, and would in a generation or less put the church farther back into the wilderness of error than we can visualize. This can not be; there are staunch brethren all over this land in virtually every congregation who will “hold the line” on any and everything that weakens the cause of my Lord and yours.

The so-called ecumenical movement among Catholics and sectarian seems to have enthralled some of our brethren, warping their thinking. The spirit of this movement has been thusly described by its proponents: “Those who participate seek, not to convert or persuade or instruct their opposite numbers, but simply to get to know them well and to understand and accept them in the fullness of their differences.” One of my most favorite secular newspaper columnists (not, a

Christian) makes this comment about this movement, and they would be mine so precisely that I quote them here for our readers: “—any wishy-wahsy, lukewarm fraternal philosophy which says you must respect everybody else's views but don't dare have any of your own—that is a painted smile on a false face.” Such the spirit of our Master? Hardly!!!

Conclusively, I do not profess to know all that Romans 14 teaches, but there are some things it does not teach:

1. It does not teach that brethren are to call on brethren who are in error in worship, or men who are in sectarianism.

2. It does not teach that we do not love, respect and long for the conversion of those who are in error.

3. It does not teach that just because we can call on brethren who believe in worship as the Bible directs, yet do not see eye to eye with us on other points, that we are inconsistent and wrong in calling on them. They may even hold error in certain matters, but have not caused division or offenses, so they are not subjects of avoiding and marking, but subjects of warning and exhortation.

A wonderful summer comes to a close—My summer's work took me from northern Calif. to Texas, Okla., then to Ga. and Ala., and back to Texas, and then to Mich. I came to the close more convinced than ever before that I work with, worship with, preach to and for the best people on earth. Everywhere I went, brethren were found who will be with the Ship of Zion when she anchors safe in the harbor at last, it matters no how fierce the winds may blow, or how mercilessly the tempests may beat. Brethren in many places and in so many ways have been more than good and kind to me, and I take this means of saying a big “thank you.”

I came home from Mich. Labor Day morning, having been away from home, wife and children since June 30th. My thanks are due my faithful companion who kept home fires aglow, played her role and mine, and for being diligent in seeing that all material intended for the paper reached me in time for me to edit, arrange, and otherwise prepare the July, August and Sept. copies for the printer.

Being associated with my preaching brethren was such a source of inspiration! The summer's work closed with the meeting Labor Day at Pontiac, Mich. What a spiritual feast it was! The brethren who came from so far, and the Pontiac brethren in particular are to be highly commended for their wonderful spirit and diligence in the greatest work on earth. May the Lord bless them all.

Coming by Napoleon, Ala., seeing so many of my friends and hearing a wonderful sermon by Bro. Johnny Elmore was an inspiration. That night at the Calvin Prince home will long be remembered. Hearing Miles King at West Monroe, La. was a real pleasure, too. Here I met so many whom I had not known. The Royce Gorman home was our haven for the night—how hospitable! Preaching one night, camping as it were on home ground, at Oklahoma City was, as always, such a treat. Hearing Bro. Joe Hisle at Norman, Okla. was a real joy—here is a young man with much ability, zeal and knowledge who will be a great asset to the Lord's church as time goes by. At Norman, I was made to remember 20 years ago, when I went there as a very young man to enroll at the University, there was not a

congregation then; now look at the progress and in surrounding areas—God bless those who have made such progress possible. Thank God, we are growing not only in number, but spiritually, too! Let us take courage!

Brother Gay's article—Matters of pressing concern take the space we had reserved to continue Brother Gay's “Inside the Cup.” We shall Lord willing resume it next month. Installments were in our August and Sept. issues. Look for its continuation; you will be glad you did.

Brother Billy Orten's material—We now have ready for publication more of Brother Billy Orten's material on house to house evangelism. You will be glad to read all of this, and we hope to make it available to our readers in issues coming, beginning with November, Lord willing.

—Don McCord

OUR HELPERS

You will find listed below the names of those sending subscriptions since we last went to press, and opposite the name the number of subs sent. We want to express again our appreciation for your continued interest in behalf of this journal. May we count on you to continue the good work? Please check the following list, and report any errors to us immediately.

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CAN YOU HELP?

On October 10, 1964, I quit my job, gave up several temporal blessings, and went forth to prove to myself and others that the harvest is white. In Nov., 1964, only 22 months ago, the true church met for the first time in Denison, Tex. We, being in very desperate

need of a place to meet, purchased a corner lot with a very small building on it, 14 by 24; it cost \$3500. We now owe \$1500. We can seat about 30 or 35 in it comfortably. This Lord's Day we had 40 present. The time has now come for us to make room for these and others. Our present plans are to build a larger building behind our present one, on the same lot. We will then tear down the old building, and use the space for parking. One brother plans to lay the blocks; I plan to mix the cement; two of the brethren will work with the lumber and another is a plumber. Our labor expenses will be held to a minimum. Can you make a donation to help in this work of the Lord?

I worked here three months full-time for the church before it became necessary for me to seek secular employment. Since that time, I have been limited as to how much time I can give to the church. Many have watched the work here. The brethren are doing their part. I was away this summer for two months and they carried on and restored one during my absence. We have many leads and many who soon will be coming.

These are the brethren asking your help: Dean Neal, Charles Wilson, T. C. Coffey, H. L. Bullard, Harley Ballard and myself.

—Eddy Bullard, 1018 W. Walker, Denison, Tex.

SPECIAL NOTICE

Since the last notice appeared in the OPA regarding the Free Bible Correspondence Course we are offering, the results have been so gratifying that I want to take this opportunity of mentioning it again. At this writing, I am mailing the course into 23 states. The interest among the brethren has been the best. May I encourage you again to have your name added to the growing list. This is one of the finest ways to gain a good knowledge of God's word. All I need is your name, address and zip code. Please do not delay.

I have another correspondence course entitled "Foundations of Faith" that I will be happy to mail out if there is enough interest. Please let me hear from you.

—Ralph Mustard, 8592 W. 63rd Pl., Arvada, Colo.

LET'S CLEAR THE AIR

By A. L. Adams

A few weeks ago an article written by me was published in a certain religious journal. Since that time confusion has arisen in a few places over this writing, and it is for the purpose of ending this confusion that I write these words.

First of all, permit me to say, that this article was written some 20 months ago, at which time I held what some would say are liberal views on the subject of fellowship; these were private views and were not taught openly; however, since that time, my views on the subject have changed.

I do not now nor have I ever fellowshiped or advocated the fellowshiping of those who have brought things into the work and worship of the church that were unknown to the first century church. I am deeply sorry over any and all confusion that has come about as a result of this writing, for such was never intended. I pray this writing has caused none to stumble and fall,

for it is not my wish for any to miss the crown of life, but that all should be faithful to the gospel and by doing such shall enjoy the glories of heaven for eternity.

For the 16 years that I have been a member of the Lord's church, it has been my goal, hope and desire to serve Him with humility and never to cause friction or division among the children of the Lord, and today my feelings are unchanged. It is with deepest humility, in a state of repentance, that I come before my brethren and my Lord seeking forgiveness for any harm done by me in this matter.

—465 Finley Ave., Montgomery, Ala.

CONCERNING AFRICA

We, the Lebanon, Mo. congregation, believe that each congregation should take care of its own individual work of preaching the gospel, ministering to the sick and helping the poor in their own locality whenever this is possible, and that each state should implement plans to preach the gospel in that state and help in neighboring states, whenever possible.

It is our feeling that the African work, the work in Mexico and other countries should be shared in by all the congregations of our great nation, and that is why we are not ashamed to ask for help in support of this great work. There have been and still are several churches of Christ over our land that are very faithful in sending monthly support to both Africa and Mexico.

Two items of need follow: there is yet some needed for Bro. Jerry Cutter's return fare to the States; and there is yet some owing on the caravan they are using in the work of the church over there. If there are congregations who would like to help even in a small way in these matters, please let us know. If you would like more information, we would be glad to send it upon request.

—church, Lebanon, Mo.

BRO. CRISWELL'S FARE

May I again take this opportunity to thank the brethren who so generously have contributed to our support for the African work. The following contributions have been received since the Sept. issue of Old Paths Advocate: Montebello, Calif.—\$200; Wynnewood, Okla.—\$100; Deep Dale, Okla.—\$100; Richmond, Ind.—\$50; Dallas, Tex. (Boulder Dr.)—\$100; Brookhaven, Miss. (Hillcrest)—\$50; Cincinnati, Ohio (Reading)—\$200; Cottage Grove, Ore.—\$100; Tulsa, Okla. (11th St. Acres)—\$10; Lawrenceburg, Tenn. (7th and Springer)—\$100. Total \$1010.00. Grand Total \$7250.00 —Roy Lee Criswell, Winters, Calif.

OUR DEPARTED

Everett—Donivan Dewey Everett was born Feb. 11, 1921, into the family of the late Frank and Annie Everett at Maud, Okla. He was baptized into Christ by Bro. Homer L. King in June, 1935 at Seminole, Okla. On Dec. 5, 1943 he was married to Miss June Corey in the home of Bro. and Sister Elbert Phillips, by Bro. Orvel Johnson. He departed this life, July 8, 1966, in Puyallup, Wash. as the result of a heart attack. Survivors include his wife, June; three children, Michael of Colorado Springs, Colo., Patricia and Donnie of the

home; 4 brothers, Mikel, Richland, Wash., Charlie of McAlester, Okla., Rolland of Albuquerque, N. Mex., and Keney, formerly of Los Angeles, Calif.; one sister, Mrs. Glenn Bray, Oklahoma City, Okla. The parents, and two brothers, LeRoy and Herbert, preceded him in death. The funeral was in Puyallup, Wash.; interment was at Tuscola, Ill.

(We are indebted to Donivan's sister, Sister Donna Bray, for the obituary—Don McCord).

Everett—Sister Blanche Everett of Richland, Wash. was born Aug. 23, 1906 at Dale, Okla., and departed this life Aug. 28, 1966 at the age of 60 years and 5 days. She obeyed the gospel in the late summer, 1922, and was a faithful member of the Lord's church. On Dec. 25, 1932, she was united in marriage to Bro. G. M. Everett, and to this union 4 children were born. Sister Everett is survived by her husband, Bro. Mikel Everett; one daughter, Mrs. Gayland (Roetta) Osburn, Cottage Grove, Ore.; 3 sons, Charles, of Sacramento, Calif.; Thomas of Moore, Okla.; and George of Glendora, Calif. There are also 4 brothers, 4 sisters and 13 grandchildren. Sister Everett was a wonderful Christian woman. She and her husband did a wonderful work in rearing their children, all of whom are Christians. Her life was a picture of beauty and all who knew her loved her dearly. She will be greatly missed by everyone. The funeral was conducted at the Mueller's "Chapel of the Falls" Mortuary. It was the writer's privilege to speak words of comfort to the family.

—Roy Lee Criswell

Note—We regret most sincerely the necessity of having to chronicle the death of Blanche Everett. Less than 2 years ago, she and her husband, Mike, took time out of a very busy schedule to come by and see us—this we will always cherish. To Mike and the children we tender our sympathy in this trying time. Thus in less than 8 months, Mike has lost 3 very close to him, his companion and 2 brothers in the flesh. God bless him.

—Don McCord

MY POSITION ON CARNAL WARFARE

I cannot participate in military service in any form, directly or indirectly, in combatant or noncombatant service, because:

1. My duty and obligation to my God is superior to all other obligations (Acts 5:29; Matt. 22:37).
2. My God in the Bible forbids that I engage in carnal warfare in the following references: "Put up thy sword," "For all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword" (Matt. 26:52)—Jesus. "My Kingdom is not of this world" (Jno. 18:36). "For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal" (2 Cor. 10:3, 4). "Love your enemies" (Matt. 5:44); "Turn the other cheek" (Matt. 5:39). "Recompense to no man evil for evil" (Rom. 12:17).
3. To enter any military branch or service, combatant or noncombatant, I would be compelled to "swear" (take an oath), but the Bible forbids that I do so ("Swear not at all"—Jesus, Matt. 5:34).
4. To enter any military service I would be compelled to be yoked with unbelievers, which is forbidden—"Be not unequally yoked together with unbelievers" (2 Cor. 6:14).

5. To be in any branch of military service in any way, I would be a part of the organization and would therefore have fellowship in the service, but such is prohibited; thus: "Have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them" (Eph. 5:11).

6. To serve in any way in the military service, I would be deprived of obeying the command to assemble on Lord's day to worship God in the Bible way, at least part of the time, hence would disobey God (Heb. 10:25; Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 16:1, 2).

Therefore, I cannot conscientiously engage in carnal war in any form or branch, and for the above reasons, I authorize my name to be listed in support of the above principles.

—Richard Fritz, 3026 N. 32, Kansas City, Kansas

—Roger Lee Cosby, Rt. 5, Ada, Okla.

—Larry L. Baker, 2221 Goldie Ave., Modesto, Calif.

—Edward Eugene Westover, Westover, Pa.

—Daniel S. Glover, 716 Western Dr., Bloomington, Ind.

—Robert Lockard, Rt. 1, Box 30, Commodore, Pa.

CARD OF THANKS

May I take this means of thanking one and all who were so wonderful during the illness and passing of my loving wife, Blanche. My loss is heavy, as I am alone now after over 33 years of her companionship, but I pray we will meet again in that home prepared for the faithful some day. Thanks for the many flowers and sympathy cards.

—Mikel Everett

THE CHURCH DIRECTORY

I know you are getting tired of my plea every month for members to write to me, giving information on the congregations. I have written to brethren in the following congregations twice and have received no reply, so I feel you do not want in the Directory; I will not include you against your will, but I would like to hear from you. Some brethren to whom I have written may have moved or passed away, so if you want in the Directory, please send the (1) Location (2) Time of the services, (3) Names, addresses and telephone numbers of the leaders. I would like to hear from the following: CALIFORNIA: Armona—Railroad Avenue; Fresno — Orange Avenue; Graton; Highway City, Market St.; North Sacramento, Oakmont St.; San Jose, White & Aborn; San Pablo, 13th St.; Ukiah, Rupe St.; Vinton. INDIANA: Brazil, E. Blaine St., Clear Creek.

I am giving the other states a little more time, as I am hearing from them and I did not write them as soon as I did these brethren. Next month I will give a complete list of all the congregations that I have not heard from.

The CLIO, WEST VIRGINIA congregation is no longer meeting for worship.

You may add the following to the Church Directory: Texarkana (Miller County), Arkansas—1104 Community St., Sun. 10:30 A.M.—Charles J. Freeman, Rt. 1, Douglassville, Texas, Phone 846-5513; Mitchell Mize, 1221 Martha St., Texarkana, Ark.; D. I. McConell, 1102 Community St., Texarkana, Ark.

Please do not order Church Directories yet because

I do not have time to take care of it with my large correspondence; I will refund any money sent until I have them ready. I will have enough printed and will announce in the O. P. A. There are no Directories available at this time. Address all correspondence to: Ray Asplin, 2440 SW 54th St., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73119.

"HIM THAT IS WEAK—RECEIVE YE" —
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to be weak would have been rebuked and instructed in ways of righteousness. But, "the faith" in which this Jewish Christian was weak was in regard to the eating of meats and the observance of days. His "weak faith" had no reference to a proper understanding of what constituted gospel obedience, or how the worship of the church was to be carried on. There is no reason whatsoever to assume that this brother was weak in any way other than that specified by the apostle.

Thirdly, let us notice the conditions upon which he is to be received. We are not to receive him with the idea of disputing with him about or over his opinions. Again, Moses Lard's comments seem to clarify when he says "accept him, but not to the end of deciding relative to his thoughts in regard to certain things. These thoughts are his own private opinions respecting things about which there is no command (Emphasis mine). He, therefore, has the right to hold them without interference from others. The things which his thoughts respect are in themselves indifferent; and therefore the thoughts which relate to them are indifferent. Consequently, so long as the thoughts do not lead him into wrong, he is not to be disturbed in them."

By way of review, then, what is taught here is simply this. A weak Christian who holds some private opinions about the eating of meats and the keeping of days, though admittedly weak, is nonetheless to be received without disputes over his opinions, realizing, of course, that his opinions are matters of indifference. This is the sum total of what Paul teaches. To try and get more out of it, would be to go beyond what is written.

Now that we have dealt with the positive aspects of Romans 14:1, it will be much easier to deal with the negative aspects. Since we know what is taught, it is easier to see what is not taught. Thus we cannot refer to this passage and justify receiving into our fellowship one who is not a child of God or a brother in Christ. Sectarians and/or unbelievers just do not fit into the scope of Paul's teaching here. Even a brother who is wrong doctrinally either in teaching or practice, does not fit into Romans 14:1. Who would be willing to affirm that a Roman Catholic should be received into our fellowship, and that after he was no one should attempt to teach him, or dispute with him over this belief? Remember, however, the subject of Romans 14:1 is not to be disputed with over his opinions. Therefore it should be evident that this verse cannot apply to just anybody and everybody, as some would like for it to.

May I then suggest to those who would make this passage include practically anybody, that they give serious thought and restudy to the apostle's teaching. Surely, you can see the consequences of such a course.

Of all subjects that have come to the forefront of discussion in recent years and have been misrepresented and badly handled by those involved, fellowship must head the list. Some have become so extreme and liberal in their views that they have advised congregations to disband and be absorbed by sectarian and digressive bodies, rather than continue as a separate group trying to uphold the truth. When will people wake up to the danger of such teaching and practices? With all due respect to those involved, one must certainly be grasping for straws when he pounces upon Romans 14:1 and tries to prove that sectarians may be received into the fellowship. May God open our eyes!

Box 3636,
Springfield, Mo.

From The Fields

Yual Hammons, Rt. 2, Elmore City, Okla., 73035, Sept. 12—The church at Wynnewood, Okla., is doing fine. Bro. Dennis Smith is working with us until Nov. 1. There is a lot of interest. Here is our renewal.

F. H. Lichapa, C/O Namlenga Mission, P. O. Mikolongwe, Malawi, Africa, Sept. 16—Aug. 7, 14, 21 and 28, I was in Blantyre; there were 29, 32, 41 and 46 present on these respective days. We are gathering in Bro. Jerry's house.

F. H. Lichapa, C/O Namlenga Mission, P. O. Mikolongwe, Malawi, Africa, Aug. 20—July 3, I was at Maonga church with 10 baptisms. July 10, I was in Blantyre. The work here in Malawi goes along fine. Bro. Bennie's house boy is wise and is really preaching.

Wayne Robinson, 708 N. Ave. F, Olney, Tex., Sept. 14—The church here is doing very well. Bro. Wayne McKamie preached for us on Lord's Day before Labor Day. We certainly enjoyed having him and his family. Two were baptized and one was restored. We enjoyed the meeting Labor Day at Wichita Falls very much. Here is my renewal.

Gary Macy, Rt. 3, Anderson, Mo., Aug. 31—I am now working in southwest Missouri with the churches at Neosho, Burkhart and Joplin. We are launching an all out attack against error and a united front for truth. I held a meeting in Walnut Grove, Ky. this month with several responses. The meeting was extended that others might come. We will return next May, Lord willing.

Waymond B. Coleman, 1747 W. Huisache, San Antonio, Tex., Sept. 17—Bro. Joe Martinez has now taken Bro. Ralph Gomez with him to Mexico in order for Ralph to train to be a preacher. Bro. Jose Ruiz Cruz of Monterrey is very gravely ill, almost to the point of death; prayers are very much in order. We plan another trip in October, the Lord willing to see all the congregations in Mexico. Will report.

J. F. Prince, 1008 Juniper St., LaGrange, Ga., Sept. 12—We are doing very well. Certainly glad that Bro. and Sister Miller and Bro. Shelnut are recuperating and able to attend worship. I am still preaching in this area almost every Lord's Day. I am to hold a

meeting at Earlytown, Ala., the fifth week-end in October. We look forward to a good meeting the first week in October with Bro. Paul Nichols.

Glenn Spradley, 924 N. W. 2nd, Moore, Oklahoma, Sept. 15—I am presently doing C. O. work here; I will be happy for it to be over so I can preach full time. I am now teaching at a few congregations around Oklahoma City. I would be glad to conduct a week-end meeting near here in case I am needed. Let us remember, Christians, that we have someone on our side who can always lead us, help us and make us better, and that is our Jesus.

Roy Lee Criswell, Box 895, Winters, Calif., Sept. 15—Since last report, I have preached at Manteca, Yuba City in Calif., and the congregation here. We have suffered the loss of 2 families recently; they have moved to other areas. We are very sorry for this since the congregation is very small. I am presently working part time in one of the stores here to supplement our income. We look forward to the work in Africa.

Jim Hickey, 5012 Cranfill Dr., Dallas, Tex., Sept. 17—Since last report we have enjoyed visiting and preaching at the following congregations: Arlington, Wichita Falls (Lawrence Rd.), and Levelland all in Tex. While in Calif., I have preached at Covina, Huntington Park and El Centro where one sister came back to the church. We plan to return to Dallas, Tex., this fall. May God bless the faithful.

J. F. Graham, Rt. 1, Box 118, Washington, Okla. 73093, Sept. 1—We had a good meeting with Bro. Edwin Morris, Aug. 12-22. He did some sound preaching as usual; the church is always strengthened by such preaching. Sept. 23-Oct. 2, Bro. Johnny Elmore of Ada, Okla., is to hold a meeting here. We hope all in driving distance will come and help us. Please remember us in your prayers. Here are 2 subs and our renewal.

Paul Walker, 1328 Santee Dr., Apt. 3, San Jose, Calif., Sept. 18—We enjoy living and working here. Bro. Lawrence McElroy is a very good teacher and is a great help. Bro. Harris adds much to our singing and plans to encourage home singings this winter. We look forward to this. We recently visited at San Pablo and plan to be at Eureka the first Lord's Day in October. It was a pleasure to hear Lynwood Smith at the Stockton, Calif. Labor Day meeting. Here are 2 subs.

Jerry Harris, 1000 Drummond, Apt. 239, Arlington, Tex., Sept. 16—My work at Harrodsburg for the time being has ended. We enjoyed working with them, and look forward to working with them again the first of the year. We were in Calif. about 2 months this summer. I preached at various congregations and conducted a meeting at Manteca which was very enjoyable. We are presently at Arlington, Tex. We find a very zealous group of Christians here. Pray for us in the work of Him Who died that we might live.

Chester E. Spoonts, Rt. 5, Temple, Tex., Sept. 13—The work of the Lord seems to be pregressing quite well in central Tex., or at least in the McGregor area. Not only is Bro. Wayne McKamie and his family back with us, after their summer's work, but Bro. Joe Lee Norton from Ft. Worth has moved to Temple and is planning to be at McGregor most of the time. We are also looking forward to Bro. Lynwood Smith's meeting in October. Let us pray always for the Lord's work even unto the uttermost parts of the earth.

Dennis Callaway, 220 N. 4th, Rogers, Ark., Sept. 15—We just finished our meeting here Sept. 4, and are happy that one man was baptized. Bro. Ronny Wade did excellent preaching throughout the meeting; we enjoyed him and his family while they stayed in our home. We had one baptism Sept. 11, a 16 year old girl. We are very happy and encouraged as we see the response of these two. Our attendance is about as usual.

The Woodrow Black family have moved to Midwest City, Okla.; this leaves us short on speakers. They will be missed by all.

Larry Lay, 7844 Rancho Fanita Dr., Santee, Calif. 92071, Sept. 12—Since last report I have had the privilege of preaching at the Beech St. congregation in Ft. Worth, Tex. In Calif. I have preached at El Centro, August 28; El Cajon, Sept. 4; and Huntington Park, Sept. 11. I enjoyed very much being able to meet once again with these brethren, most of whom I had not seen for the entire summer. The Lord willing, I will be at Orange, Calif., this coming Lord's Day. I am looking forward to this. God Bless the faithful, and let us continue to pray for the work.

Ralph E. Mustard, 8592 W. 63 Pl., Arvada, Colo.—Brethren, because of the need for more evangelists in the field, I am taking time away from my business to hold at least 6 meetings each year. I already have the month of Sept. booked but I will take the time for a meeting in Jan., 1967; two meetings in March, 1967; one in May, 1967, and one in July and one in September of 1967. Brethren, if I can be of service to you during any of these dates, I would appreciate hearing from you as soon as possible so final plans can be made. Here is a sub. (I am sorry this did not reach us in time for Sept. issue.—DMC).

Elmer H. Stamper, 2761 Vendome St., Auburn Hts., Mich., Sept. 12—We surely enjoyed hearing Bro. Don McCord in his meeting at Pontiac, Mich. We enjoyed a nice trip to LaGrange, Ga. over Labor Day; we saw all of our dear friends and rejoiced over the fact that Bro. E. H. Miller, his wife and Bro. Angus Shelnut are making such a wonderful recovery. Both Bro. Miller and Bro. Shelnut attended worship that Lord's Day on crutches. I was asked to preach Lord's Day morning and evening; that evening 3 were restored which made us all rejoice. The work goes forward in this area and we look forward to many souls being added to the church. Pray for us.

Homer L. King, 1061 N. Pilgrim, Stockton, Calif., Sept. 14—We had a very good meeting conducted by Bro. Lynwood Smith, beginning Aug. 25, and closing Labor Day. One was baptized. The preaching was fine and crowds were good. We enjoyed having Lynwood and Bro. Don Brittain in our home some. The last Lord's day about 300 communed. We had all day services Sept. 4, and dinner was served to 500 people with plenty left over for an evening meal. Stockton will host the Labor Day meeting next year. I want to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to the young people all over the brotherhood for the nice gift of a Stereo. Most of all I treasure the thoughtfulness that prompted the giving.

James R. Stewart, 601 S. 4th St., Waco, Tex., Sept. 13—Aug. 28, I preached at Hoyte, Tex., with one baptism, a young lady. In the afternoon, I preached at Sand Grove, and that evening we were at Circle Rd., Waco and heard Bro. Bob Chancellor deliver a good lesson. Sept. 4, I preached at Circle Rd.; one confessed faults. Sept. 11, we were with the church at Frederick, Okla., for the morning service with 1 confession of faults. For the evening we were at Sentinel, Okla. We enjoyed the sweet fellowship, and meeting old-time friends and new ones. We are happy to know that the Millers and Bro. Shelnut are recovering. We continue offering up our prayers in their behalf.

R. B. Roden, 112 Kelley Dr., Moore, Okla. 73060, Sept. 16—Our meeting at Jerusalem, Ark., Aug. 19-28, was blessed with one baptism and one returning to the church. I am to return next year for a meeting and as it has been in the past, I am looking forward to being with them again. We are now at Sulphur, Okla., to begin tonight, continuing through Sept. 25. We have been here working a few days getting ready

for the meeting. We pray much good will be done; we always enjoy working with these brethren. In October, we will be back home to work in that area. We are so thankful for this opportunity to work with the Capitol Hill congregation. Do pray for us in the work.

R. F. McClendon, Walterboro, S. Caro., Sept. 12—We have enjoyed a wonderful meeting here with Bro. Alton Bailey, of LaGrange, Ga. We had good attendance and much interest was shown. I was made very happy when my oldest son obeyed the gospel. I would like to thank the church at LaGrange, Ga. and Greenville, S. C. for making this meeting possible. The congregation here is small and we are working toward a building to meet in; we have our lot paid for, but we are in bad need of a building. Please pray for us in this work. At present we are meeting at my home, 6.2 miles north of Walterboro on Highway 15 North, Lord's Day 10:45 A. M. When passing this way, please worship with us. I enjoy the OPA very much and look forward to its coming each month.

Paul O. Nichols, 1400 Adena St., Bakersfield, Calif. 93306, Sept. 21—The meeting at Washington, Okla. resulted in one restoration. After this we were at Springfield, Mo., West Chester, Ohio (several baptisms and confessions), West Plains, Mo., and finally Golden, Okla. All these were enjoyable meetings. Brethren were good to us, which we appreciated. We hope some good was done. We arrived home, Aug. 31, after having been away three months. We held a meeting with the home congregation (Southwest Bakersfield), Sept. 9-18. We appreciated the assistance and encouragement from other congregations in the area. There were 3 baptisms and 9 confessions (3 from the cups persuasion). To God we give the glory. The Lord willing, I will be at LaGrange, Ga., Oct. 1-9, and at Frederick, Okla., Oct. 14-23.

Clovis T. Cook, 809 Lyons, Kansas City, Kansas, Sept. 12—Since last report I have preached at several places in this part of the country. Sept. 4, I preached at Frederick, Okla., for whom I have preached so much in the past. It was a real joy to be with them again. That night we went to Lawrence Rd. in Wichita Falls, Texas and heard Johnny Elmore. We attended the Labor Day meeting at this place on Monday, Sept. 5th. A good crowd gathered for this meeting. A lot of good singing and talks were heard that day. Bro. Joe Martinez, and Ralph Gomez, were present and both made talks. They left soon after the meeting for Old Mexico via of Harlingen, Texas for at least a six-weeks stay. The work in this section, as well as to the South of us, is doing well. Bro. Morris begins his meeting here at 10th and Ray Streets, Kansas City, Kan., Oct. 21st. Bro. Smith will begin working with the 85th and Euclid congregation on the Missouri side, Nov. 1st.

Edwin S. Morris, 10520 N. McKinley, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73114, Sept. 18 — We are now in a meeting at Huntington, W. Va. which is off to a good start; we continue thru the 25th. I will hold a meeting at 21st St., Oklahoma City, Oct. 7-16; Kansas City, Kans. (10th and Ray), Oct. 21-30. I preached in Dallas (Boulder Dr.), Aug. 28; Oklahoma City (21st), Sept. 4, and Capitol Hill, Oklahoma City, Sept. 11. We attended part of Bro. Joe Hisle's meeting at Norman, Okla. Joe gave real good lessons. He is rapidly developing into a forceful speaker. We attended the meeting Labor Day in Wichita Falls, Tex. and the first night of Bro. Ronny Wade's debate at Frederick, Okla. We have certainly enjoyed being with many of our preaching brethren of late. Pray for us.

Cicero Goddard, 16701 Lipton, Cleveland, Ohio, Sept. 20—Brethren, I am sure you think I have forgotten you but I have not. I have been pretty low in spirits since I moved to Cleveland. Things have been very bad for me; we have not made the progress I had hoped for. My support was so low I had to take part-

time work. We had to move into a building that is not conducive to building a congregation. I was not able to pay the \$90 a month out of the amount I received. However, things are looking up now. Verse two page 184, in *Heavenly Harmonies* is now my song. Since Pontiac, Mich., took the oversight of my work, I have begun a 30-minute broadcast beginning Sept. 25, if the Lord wills. I am looking for a better building, too. Pray for the work here. Enclosed is my renewal for the OPA; I do not want to miss a copy.

Paul Mackey, 748 Grove St., San Luis Obispo, Calif., Sept. 5—My health since my operation in July continues to be good; for this I thank God. My treatment consists of x-ray therapy and a drug called "Velban." According to present thinking of the doctors, I am to continue this treatment for some time. Due to this I feel some loss of strength, but I feel good and am able to continue working. My sincere thanks for the many cards and letters that were sent and for the generous financial aid and for those who said they were remembering me in their prayers. I am happy that Bro. Ron Alexander moved to Lompoc, Calif. to work with the brethren there. I am sure he will be of valuable help to them. May God bless the brethren. Let us be ever watchful in these perilous times. I have a tract, "Jesus Christ is the Son of God" for free distribution to those requesting it.

Dennis Smith, 306 S. Main St., Webb City, Missouri, Sept. 14—I am still working with the church at Wynnewood, Okla., which is doing fine and the work continues to be enjoyable. Since last report, I have had the privilege of going to Mexico. While there, I met several of the brethren and also I got better idea of what the work is like. Brethren, it is my belief that this work is well worth supporting. This is a great opportunity for us in doing the Lord's work, and my prayer is that we will take heed to the instructions given by the apostle Paul in Gal. 6:10, and not neglect this great opportunity. I enjoyed this year's Labor Day meeting at Wichita Falls, Texas. I'm glad that I was able to attend. I'm also glad that I got to attend the discussion between brother Ronny Wade and brother Elmer Moore. The discussion was on the cups and classes, and the two nights that I attended, Brother Ronny defended the truth very well. Remember me in your prayers.

Alton B. Bailey, 909 Truitt Ave., LaGrange, Ga. 30240, Aug. 19—We are happy to announce that Bro. and Sister Miller and Bro. Angus Shelnett are all much better. We were so thankful that God saw fit to spare their lives. Bro. Miller was the last to leave the hospital; he went home Aug. 16. I am at this time enjoying a very good meeting in Houston, Tex., to continue through Aug. 31. We were back in Greenville, S. C., July 24 and 31. Aug. 7, we were home for the second Lord's Day this year. We enjoyed hearing Bro. Don McCord one night in Marietta, Ga., and one night at Temple, Ga. We were happy to have Bro. Larry Lay, one of our most promising young preachers, in our home for several days. Sept. 4-11, we will go to Walterboro, S. C. Pray for us in our efforts.

(I am sorry this reached us too late for Sept. issue.)

John Stidham, Rt. 1, Box 215-A, Valliant, Okla., Sept. 1—It has come to my attention that the idea of a secondary religion is being taught among the brotherhood under the title of second mile religion. Having considered it very carefully of late, I am anxious to know more of what the New Testament teaches about such a religion. For instance, how do the commands contained therein compare in importance with the primary commandments in the apostles' doctrine. I note that James 2:10 says for whosoever shall keep the whole law and yet offend in one point he is guilty of all, and the Lord said but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments. I would sincerely like to hear from someone on the question that I may know more of God's will if the idea is true; if not, may I

offer the following admonition from Gal. 3:15 — "Though it be but a man's covenant, yet if it be confirmed, no man disannulleth, or addeth thereto." If we wrest the Scriptures, it is to our own destruction. My love to all of God's people.

B. F. Leonard, 815 W. 3rd St., Huntington, W. Va., Sept. 18—Our meeting at Fleming Pa., was a good one; there are some fine workers there; hospitality is the best. We then went to Pontiac, Mich. for the meeting Labor Day; it gets better every year; it was the largest gathering yet. I was privileged to speak with the church at Milford, Mich. about 20 miles from Pontiac where I was baptized and 5 confessed wrongs. We are thankful and the Lord be praised. We hope Bro. Stanley Watkins will have many years of faithful service there. The Flemington, Pa. congregation sent me to Rochester, N. Y. to see about planting a church. Prospects look good to begin with 30 to 50 in attendance; when details can be worked out, there will be a congregation there. Next, we were at Bell Meade, N. J.; were at Bro. Powers' and Bro. Kornegay's, both fine brethren. We then returned to Flemington where we reported to the brethren our findings at Rochester. We are at home and Bro. Edwin Morris's meeting is off to a good start. Do not forget us when you pray.

C. A. Smith, 1312 Alpine, Andrews, Tex.— Our meeting with the congregation at Healdton, Okla., was such an enjoyable one. These dear ones make a preacher's job so easy. During the course of the meeting, there were no visible results, yet we are hopeful of results in the near future because of this cooperative effort. We had several visitors from various congregations, including Wilson, Ardmore, Oklahoma City, and Graham, all in Okla., and Dallas, Tex., and Mena, Ark. and possibly other places. We also enjoyed a visit from preaching brethren Johnny Elmore, Leon Fancher, Jim Hickey, and Donald Brittain. We look forward to our meeting here at Andrews with Bro. Lynwood Smith, Sept. 9-18. We are now engaged in a television ministry using the films made by the brethren in Mo., featuring Bro. Ronny Wade. The program can be seen on Channel 9, Monahans, Tex., each Lord's Day at 1:00 P. M. God bless all everywhere who are striving for the Master in His kingdom, the church, to make heaven their home. (I am sorry this did not reach us in time for Sept. issue. —DMC).

Ronny F. Wade, Box 3636 Glenstone Sta., Springfield, Mo., Sept. 16—Presently we are home from our summer meetings, laying the foundation for the work here in Springfield. We are very optimistic about the work in this area. The meeting at Birmingham closed without visible results. We enjoyed our stay there as usual. Visitors from LaGrange and Marietta, Ga., and Piedmont and Napoleon, Ala., added greatly to the success of the meeting. Our next effort was at Rogers, Ark. One was baptized into Christ while we were there. On the nights of Sept. 5-8, I participated in a discussion on the cups and classes with Elmer Moore, Jr. of Highlands, Texas, at Frederick, Okla. We trust good will come of it. Bro. Clovis Cook was my most able moderator. Presently negotiations are under way between Bro. Ralph Gage of Ft. Smith, Ark. and myself for a discussion on the cups to be held at Huntsville, Ark., sometime in Nov. The cups people are hard pressed in this area since so many of their followers have accepted the truth of late. Brethren, let us never go out looking for a fight or wrangle, but at the same time, let us always be ready to defend the truth.

Alton B. Bailey, 909 Truitt Ave., LaGrange, Ga. 30240, Sept. 17—At Houston, Tex. was one baptized. Sept. 4-11, we were in a wonderful meeting in Walterboro, S. C. This meeting was held where brethren use cups in the communion and classes in the teaching. When the meeting was over all the members but 3 made their confessions and took their stand for the Bible way. There are some wonderful people there and now a con-

gregation not to be overlooked. The congregation in Greenville, S. C. was represented every night even though the two churches are nearly 200 miles apart. There were also three baptized, and some of our members confessed faults. Throughout, this was a wonderful meeting. Sept. 18, I preached at Greenville, S. C.; it was good to be back with them again. Oct. 14-23, I will be with the church in Bandy, Ky. for the second meeting of the year. Our sick are still improving. We trust that soon they will be back to normal. We do so much appreciate the fine help by Bro. Larry Parker and Bro. Calvin Prince during our time of teacher shortage at LaGrange. We look forward to Bro. Paul Nichols' meeting here Oct. 2-9. Continue praying for us and our efforts.

E. H. Miller, Box 538, LaGrange, Ga. 30240, Sept. 15—I was able to go to church the last two Lord's Days (just missed 6, counting the day of the wreck and operation). The Lord has surely been with all of us. Bro. Shelnett also was able to go to worship the last two Lord's days, and my wife only missed 3 or 4. Although the doctor says it will be sometime next year before I can walk without crutches, I hope to be able to preach at my home congregation by the third Lord's Day in Oct. One leg will not support me that long now, and I am also too weak to study and prepare a lesson. The doctors can not understand how the 3 of us have improved so fast. I gave my doctor the following Bible verses and told him he should get them across to all of his patients. He read them, then said he needed to first get them across to himself: Prov. 17:22—"A merry heart doeth good like a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones"; he is a bone specialist; and Prov. 15:13—"A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance; but by sorrow of the heart the spirit is broken." We all need to put more trust in God for all of our needs, pray to Him more, then look on the bright side of life.

Tom E. Smith, 302 Phillips, Healdton, Okla., Sept. 15—We went to Wichita Falls, Tex. Labor Day; it was a fine meeting. We were privileged to see many of our old friends and brethren we had not seen in some time. Generally speaking, the talks were edifying. It was encouraging to hear of the progress being made in foreign fields on every front. We should be able to sing with zest, "The kingdom is spreading." We in Okla., are also interested in building up the smaller congregations; we are working and praying for more laborers on all fronts. After the meeting at Wichita Falls closed, several of us went to Frederick, Okla., where we attended the discussion between Bro. Ronny Wade and Bro. Elmer Moore. We were privileged to hear the first and last nights, and sincerely believe Bro. Wade represented the truth in a worthy manner, and that truth prevailed. We were at Anson, Tex. last Lord's Day for the morning worship; we were impressed with the zeal and brotherly love manifested in this congregation. We visited in the home of Bro. Clell Kendrick and his sister, Verna. We then came to Andrews, Tex. where we are attending and enjoying Bro. Lynwood Smith's meeting with these brethren. We are enjoying the hospitality and fellowship of Christians here and from surrounding congregations. The singing is fine and the messages soul-stirring. There have been three restorations; there are prospects for more. To the Lord be all the praise. Let us all work harder for the cause of the Lord, "redeeming the time, because the days are evil" (Eph. 5:16).

Jerry Cutter, Box 573, Blantyre, Malawi, Sept. 12—Our studies were scheduled to end in two weeks originally; however, due to the pressing demand we plan to continue them for two more months which will take us into the rainy season. In our last study (which was at Gowelo), some 75 were in regular attendance and 27 completed all the lessons, including three women; thus already this year about 400 have completed the series of lessons we use. This is not counting the many students who are taking the course by mail but who

have not finished. Yesterday Bro. Cryer visited Zenje church where he reported an overflowing crowd. Bro. Kalongonda is the overseer. I preached here in Blantyre yesterday morning and more than 40 Africans were in attendance. Two more added to the church. We believe the church here now has enough money to buy a good lot, and we are busy looking for a suitable location. Recently Orange Cove, Visalia, Corcoran, Millbrook (Fresno) and Highway City, all in Calif., purchased some additional film for use in our night studies locally. Our studies in Blantyre have been very successful. We were happy to hear that Bro. Criswell and family had received enough for round trip fare already. I should mention that a good part of our return fare has been contributed. Most of the money for the caravan has been sent also. We continue to speak our thanks for the financial help and great interest being shown in this work. We are all doing well. Pray for us.

Jim A. Canfield, Rt. 3, Box 86, Marion, La. 71260, Sept. 6—July 24-29, I was in a meeting with Jerico congregation near Brookhaven, Miss. Bro. Robert Adams is keeping the church strong in the faith by upholding the practice and teaching of the Bible. We had fair crowds. No one obeyed the gospel but the good seed of the kingdom were planted in their minds. It may not reach their hearts of understanding (Matt. 13:14-15). Aug. 7-12, was at Farmington, La. for a meeting; we had nice crowds. Two Baptist meetings were going on near town; many were leaving their own churches and coming to our meeting. We tell the people to leave their pocket books at home. Many do not understand that we give only on the first day of the week. A Methodist friend was visiting in our home a few days ago, and remarked how he had been following our teaching and found it was from the Bible only. Two men, heads of families, obeyed the gospel at Farmington, one during the meeting and one following. This is a young, growing congregation. It was a joy to hold the meeting and be in brethren's homes; being in Bro. Gatson's home and being with his good family was a joy, too. I am thankful I am able to be back in the field preaching. Thanks again to the faithful brethren and sisters who continue to support me. Aug. 21-25, I was with the faithful at Memphis, Tenn. I plan to return in October, Lord willing. May the Lord bless all His faithful children.

Richard Nichols, 1815 Chisholm Dr., Duncan, Okla., Sept. 14 — After the annual camp meeting at Sulphur, Okla., I was at Jerusalem, Ark., for two weeks teaching singing and preaching on the week-ends. I had a most enjoyable time. These are wonderful folks. I am to return next year in August for a meeting. In August, this year, I had the pleasant experience of preaching ten nights for the congregation that meets out E. 11th in Tulsa. We appreciated the cooperation from the other congregation in the city. We had quite a bit of interest shown and had some inspirational services. I was thankful to have preaching Brethren Miles King, Gary Macy, and Dennis Smith come our way and add their talent to our services. The work here in Duncan continues to progress. We had two baptisms in July and four made confessions this month. Two of these were taking their stand with us coming from digression. At present Bro. Miles King and I are making preparation for a tent meeting in Chickasha, Okla. in an effort to establish the truth in that town. The meeting starts Sept. 16 and runs through the 30. Please pray for the work.

Billy Orten, Route 3, Box 48, Marion, Louisiana 71260, Sept. 6—My summer's work ended with a very enjoyable meeting at Lebanon, Mo. This was my first visit there for a meeting since 1951. The congregation at Lebanon is to be commended for its world-wide interest in preaching the gospel. They are willing to plunge thousands of dollars in debt to send out the word of God. July 30 - Aug. 7, I was at the Earlytown congregation near Samson, Ala. What a meeting this

was! The crowds thrilled me. Six were baptized and two returned to the fold from a backsliding condition. One will never find more generous hospitality than we were shown while there. I appreciate Brother James Orten driving down from Tennessee to preach in my place while I came to Louisiana for the funeral of Sister Paul Brantley. During July, I held meetings at Seymour, Mo. and Twelve Pole, near Huntington, W. Va. The brethren at Seymour have had a difficult struggle in trying to build up the church in that city. The crowds at the services were not large; however, neighboring congregations assisted us. One family was restored. The meeting at Twelve Pole was well attended. Associating with the Christians in this area was an uplifting experience. Brother Tom Lehmann of San Diego, Calif., was with me the months of July and August. Tom is a very pleasant young man whose desires to preach the gospel are most sincere. Any congregation that needs the services of a young preacher will be more than satisfied with his ability as a preacher, and his conduct as a Christian. For the next few months, I will be working with the congregations in North Louisiana and Strong, Arkansas while teaching school. Pray for the work here, please.

Tom Lehmann, 11417 Post Hill Pl., Lakeside, Calif. 92040, Sept. 7—I hope all of my brothers and sisters in Christ have had a summer as profitable and uplifting as the one I enjoyed. I am glad to report that my time was well spent as I traveled with Bro. Billy Orten and his family. I met Billy for the first time at the Sulphur meeting this year. After talking with him a short time, he invited me to travel with him for the remainder of the summer. I have been privileged to preach at various places in the following states: Ind., La., Mo., Okla., Ohio, and W. Va. The brethren have been good to me everywhere and some have asked me to return sometime in the future. I find it impossible to express in words just how much I have been encouraged in the few short months I have been with Billy. Perhaps my actions in the future will speak louder than any words I could say. I invited my brethren who are looking for a preacher to write to Billy or my home church in El Cajon, and inquire about me. I have the desire to preach, but preaching is impossible if my brethren do not call me. I will be on hand for preaching during school vacations and through next summer. Please remember me if you are in need of a preacher. I am not aware of any error in my belief, and I stand strong on fellowship, and confession, just as the Bible has always taught. I thank Paul Nichols for the ride back to Calif. Remember me in your prayers.

Miles King, 1533 Camden Way, Norman, Okla., Sept. 15—As the summer comes to a close I can truly say it has been a joy to work with my brethren in several gospel meetings. In June, I was in a meeting in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., where a few have met faithfully for years. It was good to be with these brethren, some with whom I was associated when I first began to preach the gospel. After a very good camp meeting at Sulphur, Okla., Bro. Buddy Perkins accompanied me to Calif. We held a meeting at Orangevale. One was baptized. While in Calif. I also preached at Bakersfield and Arvin. On this trip it was very good to visit and preach again in Tucson, Ariz. August 5-14, we were in West Monroe, La. Again my family and I enjoyed some of the hospitality of the South. This summer I have also preached at Lowery, Ala., Chapel Grove, Tenn., Mt. Home Ark., and San Antonio, Texas. We were very glad to see brethren in all these places and hear of the good work being accomplished for the Lord. Thank you, brethren, for your interest in our work and also the good hospitality shown us. The last part of Aug. Bro. Joe Hisle closed a good meeting at Norman. Five were baptized. We were impressed with Joe's straight forward manner in presenting the gospel and the completeness of his lessons. We were very glad to have several preachers attend this meeting. The cooperation from surrounding congregations was good.

Our purpose is to "earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints," and to "prove all things; hold fast that which is good."

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"Thus saith the Lord, 'Stand ye in the ways, and see and ask for the Old Paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls.'" (Jer. 6:16) "And they that be of Thee shall build the old waste, places; thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations; and thou shalt be called, The Repairer of the Breach, The Restorer of Paths to Dwell in." (Isa. 58:12).

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A VERY DANGEROUS TREND

By Orville Lee Smith

Paul taught that the Lord would not come again until an apostasy came first (2 Thess. 2:2-3). Evidently, the apostasy is not complete, for the Lord has not come again. Paul further says in 1 Thess. 5:3, "For when they shall say peace and safety, then sudden destruction cometh upon them." Again, Rev. 20 teaches that prior to the judgment, Satan will gather his forces together and surround the beloved city (the true church), and then God will destroy Satan and his forces.

The first apostasy began by a corruption of church government and developed into an apostate religion known as Roman Catholicism. This false religion did not destroy the truth or the true church, even though it tried to. The Lord's church and the truth cannot be destroyed because they are eternal. How can something incapable of being destroyed need to be restored?

I think Campbell and others in his era are falsely called founders by some and restorers by others. Jesus Christ is the founder of His church, and since it is eternal, it needs no restoration. The true church has not been and cannot be destroyed.

Denominationalism was not a restoring of the true church. A division among the apostates is what denominationalism is, so the sectarians form another part of the apostasy. The modern-day digressives and innovators that have corrupted the worship and functions of the church are apostates, too.

It seems now that the time may have come when Satan would unite his forces together and surround the beloved city. The peace and safety calls of the wicked are sounding out. Notice the increase of unlawfulness in all realism. People are advocating complete liberty to practice unlawfulness in civil government, in the home, and in the church. Notice also the nations of this world trying to establish peace without the Lord. Consider further the unity movement of Roman Catholics with the sects, the unity movement among denominations, the unity movement of denominations and digressives, and the unity movement of the different digressive groups. In the false unity movements none are required to drop their false doctrines. Notice all of these worldly powers and false religions trying to unite with all false doctrines and sins tolerated. I think this is Satan gathering his forces together. Let us beware!

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THE INSIDE OF THE CUP

By Homer A. Gay

(This is the third in a series from Brother Gay's tract by the same title. Please make reference to our August and September issues for preceding installments.—DMC).

It is a shame that erroneous doctrines have crept in among religious people, among those who have gotten an idea into their heads and refuse to give it up because, mainly, as Brother H. C. Harper said one time, "the wish is father to the thought,"—because they want the thing. They have contended that intoxicating wine must be the drink that is served in the communion service;—that it must be fermented, intoxicating wine before it will do for the communion service. Were it not for the fact that this idea has crept in in some places, and a few of our brethren down through the ages have believed that, have taught that, and are teaching it today, we would not need to discuss this subject. Micah 2:11 says, "If a man walking in the spirit of falsehood do lie, saying, I will prophesy unto thee of wine and of strong drink; he shall even be the prophet of this people." Also please read Micah 3:11-12 and consider.

You know, it is easy for people to understand the Truth of God if we would just read it and believe it, but because false teachers come along teaching and advocating false doctrine,—things not taught in the Word of God,—then sometimes we must UNDO the false teaching that is done. And the best time in the world to undo that false teaching is before it gets its foothold. You know the old saying is "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." We must be ready to oppose any false doctrine that might come our way,—and the best time to do that teaching is before the false teaching gets in among the people. Because of that, then, we will study the "fermented" side of the question for just a little while.

In Young's Analytical Concordance, page 596, we find some definitions of words. Young says the Hebrew word for "leavened" is "chamets," and he defines it "anything leavened or fermented" coming from the Hebrew word "chamets." "Sour" or "soured" comes from the Hebrew word "seor," which also means leaven. The idea is that "leaven" and "ferment" mean one and the same thing. But in the Greek leaven is from the word "zume," which means "to ferment." Leavened is from the Greek "zumbo," and is the word

that is used in Matt. 13:33, where Jesus says, "The kingdom of heaven is like leaven, which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal (or flour) till the whole was leavened." We notice now the difference between "leaven" and "leavened": The woman took the "leaven" and mixed it in with the flour until the whole was "leavened," —UNTIL it became leavened. We notice first the mixing. The leaven is mixed with the meal, BUT IT ISN'T LEAVENED YET. "Until" is an adverb of time, and it takes time for leaven to work as all the womenfolk know who make bread, —the different recipes for making rolls and letting them rise. We can all understand the meaning of that, —that it takes time for that to happen. In I Cor. 5:8 we read, "Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth."

Now those who contend for fermented wine argue that the leaven is in the grape juice, and you have to let it "work" out. But friends, that same leaven is in the tomato juice. Shall we let it "work" out before it is fit to drink? If tomato juice went through that same process that they insist the fruit of the vine must go through, we would say it was "SPOILED." We wouldn't even let the children or anyone else drink it; —but it goes through the same process that the fruit of the vine goes through when they ferment it. Now then, "ferment" and "leaven" mean one and the same thing. But the Lord's Supper was instituted during the days of UNLEAVENED bread; —not only unleavened bread, but they must put ALL LEAVEN out of their houses. Now that would include a leavened drink. It would include anything that would cause anything to become leavened. They must put it out of their houses. Now if leaven and ferment mean the same thing, (and certainly they do if language means anything), well, then, anything that was leavened or fermented would have to be put out of their houses. THE LORD INSTITUTED THE LORD'S SUPPER IN A MAN'S HOUSE (Matt. 26:18). So they could not have any such thing as leaven in that house. They couldn't have it there according to the law of God, —hence nothing leavened could have been in the Lord's Supper.

It will help us in our study of this question to see what the Lord considers as being leavened. In Exodus the 12th chapter we begin reading at verse 34, "And the people took their dough before it was leavened, their kneading troughs being bound up in their clothes upon their shoulders." Notice that they had their dough. Most of the womenfolk have had experience with their sourdough bread, you know, —putting a piece back and keeping it. The leaven is in their dough, but hasn't risen yet. The people took the dough before it was leavened, their kneading troughs being bound up in their clothes upon their shoulders. "And the children of Israel did according to the law of Moses, and they borrowed of the Egyptians jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment: And the Lord gave the people favour in the sight of the Egyptians, so that they lent unto them such things as they required. And they spoiled the Egyptians. And the children of Israel journeyed from Succoth, about 600,000 on foot that were men, beside children. And mixed multitude went up also with them; and

flocks, and herds, even very much cattle. And they baked unleavened cakes of the dough which they brought out of Egypt, for IT WAS NOT LEAVENED; because they were thrust out of Egypt and could not tarry, neither had they prepared for themselves any victual." (Exodus 12:36-39). Now we understand from this that the Lord understood that it would take time for that dough to ferment, —that it took time for it to become leavened, —even though the leaven was in that dough. They bound it up and took it with them because they were thrust out of there. After they made the journey over there they baked UNLEAVENED CAKES of that dough that they brought with them out of Egypt, because, as we read, "they could not tarry." They were thrust out of there, and it takes time for anything to ferment. Now if it takes time for dough to thus ferment and become leavened, then it takes time for the fruit of the vine to ferment and become leavened or fermented. And so the idea that the germ that causes fermentation gets into the grape juice when it is exposed to the air and it is then leavened is not true, —it certainly is not according to the Bible. The Bible doesn't teach such a thing as that. It does teach that there could be leaven in the dough and still it would not be leavened because it wasn't aged, —it was not yet leavened.

Again, in Exodus 22:29 the Lord said, "Thou shalt not delay to offer the first of thy ripe fruits, and of thy liquors." Now if they had to offer fermented, intoxicating liquor, they would have to "delay" before they could offer the liquor. "Liquor" means just "liquid," not as we generally understand the expression today, liquor as being whiskey, —something to make people drunk. But the Lord said, "Delay not to offer the first of thy ripe fruits and thy liquors." So it wouldn't have time to ferment. It takes time for both bread (dough) and grape juice to ferment. But the Lord said, "DON'T DELAY." Man says, "Delay, —give it time; —wait until it ferments." Here is what some of the brethren down in Louisiana a few years ago did. A brother who was insisting on fermented wine in the communion service told the brethren to "just gather your grapes and squeeze the juice out of them, and let it set in an open crock for a certain time, —possibly 5 or 6 weeks." "Then," he said, "it would come out good wine, . . . the best wine." Well, they tried it. They strained it off, —but it didn't make wine. It made VINEGAR as strong as you ever saw in your life. It would skin your throat. They couldn't drink it. They had to throw it away and got to the PRIEST and get some liquor from him (some intoxicating wine) in order to have their communion. But the Lord doesn't want it delayed. He said, "Delay NOT to offer the first of thy ripe fruits, and thy liquors."

(To be continued)

"Tell me," said a heathen philosopher, to a Christian, "where is God?" "First tell me," said the other, "where he is not."

He who makes an idol of his self interest, will often make a martyr of his integrity.

Goodness is one investment that never fails.

THE HOUSE TO HOUSE TEACHER

By Billy Orten

The gospel of Christ is the power of God to save the lost, however, the teacher of the gospel has a very important role in getting the gospel to the sinner. The apostle Paul's statement in 2 Corinthians 4:7, "But we have this treasurer in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us" is referring to the fact that the gospel has been committed into the hands of men who are to take it to all the world. The "treasure" spoken of in this passage is the gospel. The earthen vessels are faithful men (2 Timothy 2:2). The passage is teaching the necessity of a human instrument in reaching the lost with the gospel. There is a great demand for laborers to do this work. On one occasion Jesus looked on the multitude as they were scattered abroad as sheep without a shepherd, and being moved with compassion for them said unto his disciples, "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest". (Matthew 9:36-38). The need of workers in the harvest field calls for the constant preparing of preachers and teachers. Jesus said Christians should pray for more workers to be sent into the fields.

There is a need for preachers who will go into all the world with the saving message, and for personal workers to teach from house to house. The apostle Paul did both kinds of teaching. "I have taught you publicly and from house to house" (Acts 20:20). Philip was effective as a preacher before large crowds, and competent as a personal worker teaching one individual. Acts 8:5 tells us, "Philip went down to the city of Samaria and preached Christ unto them." The results of his preaching was that many turned to the Lord, and there was "great joy in the city." Immediately following his preaching to the multitudes in Samaria, Philip was instructed by an angel to "go toward the south unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza, which is desert" (Acts 8:26). When he arrived at this place he saw the eunuch riding along in his chariot reading the scriptures. The Spirit spoke to Philip and said, "Go near, and join thyself to this chariot." Philip preached with such effectiveness to this one individual there in the calm solitude of the desert that he was baptized after one lesson (Acts 8:35-39). This is personal work.

This lesson is not written to help train someone to preach before large audiences, rather to assist those who would like to develop the equally important ability of teaching one or a very few individuals in their homes. Since the teacher plays a prominent part in the winning of lost souls to Christ, we shall discuss the teacher and his qualifications.

Qualifications

1. **Faithful**—The personal worker must be faithful to God and His Word. The apostle Paul wrote in 2 Timothy 2:2, "And the things which thou hast heard from me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men who shall be able to teach others also." It is very necessary that the teacher be a man of approved fidelity to the scriptures. He must be a lover of truth, and not one who seeks to substitute man's ways for clear examples in the scriptures. "Faithful men" are men who are reliable and trustworthy in

contending for the teachings and practices of the apostles and the early church. There are many men today who are gifted as teachers, but they will practice and contend for things not authorized by the Word of God. To be a workman approved by God, one must teach that Bible things are to be done according to the pattern (Hebrews 8:5). The faithful teacher will warn people against going beyond the doctrine of Christ. "Whosoever transgresseth and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God" (2 John 9).

2. **Of Good Report**—It is of utmost importance that the personal worker have a good reputation. If he does not, he will have very little influence over the people he wishes to teach. There must be consistency between what the teachers says and what he does. He must live the gospel he preaches. One of the qualifications of an elder is that he be of good report (I Timothy 3:7). It is equally important that the Christian Worker's life be above reproach. Jesus condemned the Pharisees because their life did not conform to their teachings. "All therefore whatsoever they bid you observe, that observe and do; but do not after their works, for they say and do not" (Matthew 23:3). The life of the house to house teacher should be a living example of what he preaches. Paul writes in Philippians 1:27, "Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ." Conversation here has reference to one's manner of life. The apostle is saying, "Let your manner of life add glory to the gospel of Christ."

Paul besought the Roman Christians in Romans 12:1 to present their bodies a living sacrifice, which is a reasonable service. He continues by urging them in verse two, "And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God." When a person's life is so transformed that it radiates Christ, instead of the world, then the message preached by that individual is much more effective. On the other hand, if the Christian worker's life is spotted by sin, the gospel is hindered. People can hardly hear what that person says for thinking about the things he does.

Christ asks his followers to let their lights shine so that he may be glorified (Matthew 5:16). Christians must win the confidence of others by their lives. When you approach someone about studying the Bible with him, he must respect you as a Christian before he will listen. Colossians 4:5 says, "Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time." The meaning here is clear: we are to walk wisely (uprightly) before non-Christians, taking advantage of the time we have to win them to Christ. As workers with Christ, we must walk carefully before the world, realizing that our lives are being watched for any discrepancy between our preaching and our practice.

(To be continued; this is a continuation of material intended for Bro. Billy Orten's forthcoming book on personal evangelism. Several installments will follow.)—D.Mc.

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We seem to be able to resist everything but temptation.

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You will find listed below the names of those sending subscriptions since we last went to press, and opposite the name the number of subs sent. We want to express again our appreciation for your continued interest in behalf of this journal. May we count on you to continue the good work? Please check the following list, and report any errors to us immediately.

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DIVORCE — A STATUS SYMBOL?

What a terrible thought—yet as we look around in the world today this seems to be the vogue, and it is like a spreading cancer into the Church. Can part of the blame lie in parents not preparing their children for marriage? Titus 2:4-8 says for the older women to teach the young women (mothers teach daughters?) to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, to be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed. Young men likewise exhort to be sober minded. In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine shewing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity. Sound speech that cannot be condemned.

With our affluent economy today most children are given all the advantages money can buy. Then once married, many young couples want (and buy on credit) the very best. They expect to start out with as much, or more, than it has taken their parents 20 to 30 years to accumulate. Soon it becomes necessary for the wife to work, or for the husband to work at 2 jobs, keeping him away from home and family. Often this is the first step toward divorce.

As in all phases of life, the Bible has the answer. Eph. 5:22-25 says, "Wives, submit yourself unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and He is the saviour of the body. Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything. Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it."

Here are 10 rules for a successful marriage: 1. Bear and Forbear (which is to say, give and take.) 2. Work together, play together, and grow up together. 3. Avoid the little quarrels, and the big ones will take care of themselves. 4. Compromise. It is the antitoxin of divorce. 5. Patience, sympathy, good humor, a mutual understanding. 6. Don't grouch before breakfast—or after it. 7. Respect your "in-laws," but don't criticize them or take criticism from them. 8. Establish your own home, even in a one-room flat. 9. Fight for each other, but not with each other. 10. Build your own home on religious faith, with love and forgiveness as the watchword.

"When two sincere and well-suited lovers promise before God to be true and devoted to one another in sickness and in health, in joy and in sorrow, in prosperity and in adversity, the basis for a happy life has been laid. Forsaking all others and keeping themselves to one another until God shall separate them by death, being fruitful and multiplying and replenishing the earth, they have fulfilled a glorious destiny appointed by the Father of all mankind."—Selected

FROM AFRICA

Bro. Cutter and I are very grateful for the continued support and interest the brethren are currently manifesting in the African work as well as the other fields of endeavor. Last week there was a good study at Chete Church with Bro. Diston Bandula. This week Bro. Cutter is about 125 miles north of Blantyre with Bro. Stewart Mquaizi. We do not visit or see him very often because of the distance and rough terrain but he has begun three churches in that area and seems to be doing a good work. Next week I will go to Bro. Kanyenga's area for a week's study. Bro. Kanyenga is one of the preachers that is working in the Portuguese East Africa area in addition to Malawi. His home is near the border. We do not have an accurate account of the number of churches in that area but we do know that the work over there is growing. On October 24, Bro. Cutter will begin a study in Bro. Kamoto's area near Lake Chilwa. All of these studies are in the outlying areas that we do not visit very often. We will finish these by December and the heavy rainy season, Lord willing. Unless something happens to change our plans Bro. Cutter and I will journey northward in Malawi for approximately 500 miles to attempt beginning a new work area. We have this trip scheduled for the first two weeks in November, so by the time you read this we should be in the midst of that work, Lord willing. At the present time we have plans for developing 4 new areas in the Central and Northern regions of Malawi and they should be well underway by the time another year passes.

It was very gratifying to hear of the tremendous response to the appeals for funds for Bro. Criswell's journey here. We are looking forward to his coming.

—Bennie Cryer

THE CHURCH DIRECTORY

THE LAST CALL: For months I have been pleading through the O. P. A. and have written to the following congregations, at least twice, but some of the ones to whom I wrote have passed away or have moved. If I do not hear from these congregations, giving me the location of the place of worship, time of the services, and names, addresses and telephone numbers of the leaders, I will consider they are no longer meeting or that they do not want to be in the new directory.

CALIFORNIA: ARMONA (Railroad Avenue); FRESNO (Orange Avenue); GRATON (Main Street); SAN JOSE (White & Aborn); SAN PABLO (13th St.); UKIAH (Rupe St.).

INDIANA: BRAZIL (Blaine St.); CLEAR CREEK. **KENTUCKY:** CHESTNUT RIDGE, and WALNUT GROVE. **LOUISIANA:** COLUMBIA & TRIBODAU. **MISSOURI:** JAMESVILLE. **OHIO:** AKRON (Manchester Road). **OREGON:** CAVE JUNCTION. **PENNSYLVANIA:** CLEARFIELD (River Street); LE CONTES MILLS. **TEXAS:** AUSTIN (Blue Bonnett & Ashby); ABILENE (Huckleberry Lane); LITTLEFIELD; LUBBOCK (Temple Ave. & 3rd St.); STANTON; WHITE HALL. **VIRGINIA:** VIRGINIA BEACH. **WEST VIRGINIA:** Ceredo, CLINTONVILLE, SPRNG HILL, and WINIFREDE. This is a total of 28 congregations which will not be listed unless I hear from you.

Here is a list of new congregations that will be listed for the first time:

ALABAMA: Montgomery (Vonora Ave.), Roberts-dale, Samson (Broad St.) (col.) Shavertown, (col.), State Line. **ARKANSAS:** Fayetteville, Hartwell, Pottsville, Texarkana (Community St.). **CALIFORNIA:** Visalia. **COLORADO:** La Fayette. **FLORIDA:** Crestview (Griffin St.) (col.) **INDIANA:** Breeze Hill. **IOWA:** Savan-nah, Sunnyside. **KENTUCKY:** Cranks Creek (col.), Harlan, (col.). **MICHIGAN:** Wyoming. **MISSISSIPPI:** Jackson. **MISSOURI:** Stapleton, Kansas City (East 45th) (col.) **OHIO:** Westchester (8845 Cincinnati - Dayton Road). **OKLAHOMA:** Tulsa, (11th St. Acres). **OREGON:** Corvallis. **PENNSYLVANIA:** Rote. **SOUTH CAROLINA:** Florence. **TENNESSEE:** Johnson City (West 8th St.) (col.). Memphis (Weiner St.), Sevier-ville. **TEXAS:** Hoyt, Smithville, **VIRGINIA:** Arlington, Tazewell (col.) **WEST VIRGINIA:** Valls Creek (col.) If you know of congregations that I may not have, please send the location, the time of the services and names, addresses and telephone numbers of leaders.

The Church is still meeting at 1650 N. 36th St. in Phoenix, Arizona. I understand it is the only faithful congregation in Phoenix. Those formerly meeting at Absecon Highlands, N. J. no longer meet for worship. The Church meeting in READING, OHIO has moved to WEST CHESTER, OHIO—8845 Cincinnati—Dayton Road. The church at HAMILTON, TEXAS no longer meets.

BEWARE: There are those who obtain a Church Directory and travel all over the brotherhood begging, using it as a source for help. If they are in need, why don't they call their home congregation for help, instead of asking brethren who are strangers? If they are in good standing in their home congregation, I feel they could get help there.

Please mail all correspondence to: Ray Asplin, 2440 SW 54th Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73119.

PLEASE NOTICE

The congregation at Seymour, Mo. would like to buy about 60 copies of the song book, "Old Paths Hymnal," published by Brethren Homer L. King and Tom E. Smith in 1960. Please correspond with me if you have them or know of any who may have them. Thank you.

—Pete Howard, Box 113,
Seymour, Mo. 65746

NOTE OF APPRECIATION

In the September issue of Old Paths Advocate there appeared a notice that I had undergone surgery in the mouth and throat. To this notice many have responded with cards and we feel with prayers, too. For this I am thankful. If you sent a card please be certain it was appreciated. Please continue to pray for me.

—Mrs. Odas Fletcher

AN OPEN LETTER

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

I am very grateful and take this opportunity to thank each congregation and each individual Christian everywhere for the prayers and words of cheer in behalf of Bro. and Sister Miller and myself during our recovery from the automobile accident. I feel sure had it not been for the prayers that were offered in our behalf, we would not be here in the body. Certainly,

I wish to give to God all the glory, all the praise, and all the credit that He so greatly deserves. God listened and answered those prayers.

We are very much improved now and are able to attend worship. Bro. Miller and I are yet on crutches, but I have hopes of using just a cane in a week or so. We are very thankful that God has been so good. Brethren, it makes me realize how much more I am indebted to God and also to my brothers and sisters in Christ than ever before. I thank you for the Christian love that you have shown toward us, not in word only, but in deed also. Please continue to remember us when you pray.

Your brother in Christ,
Angus Shelnutt, 1005 Truitt Ave.,
LaGrange, Ga.

BROTHER CRISWELL'S FARE

The following contributions toward our expenses to Africa and for our support the first couple of months while there have been received since the last issue of the paper: Arvin, Calif. — \$100; Olney, Tex. — \$25; Youngstown, Ohio—\$25. This makes a grand total of \$7400.00. I wish again to express our most sincere thanks and appreciation to those who have contributed to this work.

—Roy Lee Criswell,
Box 895, Winters, Calif.

BONDS OF MATRIMONY

DeWitt-French—In the evening of Aug. 20, 1966, at the church of Christ, Yuba City, Calif., Sammie Glenn DeWitt and Kathryn Lorraine French were united in marriage. Both are members of the body of Christ. The writer, the father of the bride, considered it a privilege to be their officiant. We wish for them the very best in this life.

—Jesse French

OUR DEPARTED

Canfield—Sister G. W. Canfield, the widow of the late Bro. G. W. Canfield, evangelist, easily slept away in Jesus in the evening of Oct. 8, 1966 at Farmerville, La., the result of a stroke. She was 82 years, 4 months and 4 days old. Sister Canfield is the mother of Bro. Jim Canfield who sent this much information, saying that a fuller account will be forthcoming. We are sorry about Sister Canfield's passing; she, being the faithful companion of a preacher for many years, must be accorded some of the credit for the good he was able to accomplish in this life. He preceded her in death several years. Those who have attended consistently the meetings at Sulphur, Okla. will remember both Bro. and Sister Canfield being in attendance there several years ago.

—Don McCord

Whitson—Bro. Oscar Steve Whitson was born Feb. 9, 1901 at Ardmore, Okla., and departed this life Sept. 5, 1966. His death was the result of a tragic tractor accident. He is survived by his wife, Dora Lee, of the home; two sons, Steve, of Tulsa, and Henry, of Ada; three daughters, Opal Bibins, Wanda Lanor Berryman, and Mary Frances Kite, all of Ada; four brothers, four sisters, 12 grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. Bro. Whitson was baptized into Christ in 1930, and was

a long-time member of Galey congregation. He was appointed as an elder in 1957, which post he held until death. Funeral services were held Sept. 7, in Ada, where a large, overflowing crowd gathered to pay their respects to Bro. Whitson. I am told that the day before his death he had pointed out the brevity of life and the certainty of death in teaching in the regular Lord's Day worship. He had hundreds of friends in this vicinity. We shall miss him, but hope to meet him by and by.

—Johnny Elmore

Strain—Reba Strain was born September 30, 1895, at Kings Mountain, Kentucky. She departed this life October 6, 1966 at Gary, Indiana, having spent 71 years in this life. She was united to Clarence Claude Strain, July 31, 1912 who preceded her in leaving, December 13, 1925. She leaves behind two sons, Earl and Robert; three daughters, Dorthy Pulliam, Louise Estep, and Ethel Moore; also, eighteen grandchildren and eighteen great-grandchildren. Her father, William Smiley; a brother, Edward Smiley; and a sister, Ethel Caldwell still remain. She obeyed the gospel at an early age, being a member of the church of Christ. Many will feel a closeness to her, even though perhaps never knowing her, because of Brother Robert Strain, who is known throughout the brotherhood for his works. Members of the congregation sang; the writer officiated.

—Barney Owens

Willyard—Sister Mary A. Willyard was born in Kansas October 19, 1898 and departed this life October 12, 1966. She is survived by her husband, Bro. Claude Willyard, one son, five daughters, two brothers, three sisters and a host of other relatives and friends. Sister Willyard was a faithful member of God's family. She, along with Bro. Willyard and several others of her family worshiped with the Orangevale, Calif. congregation. Even though in the hospital, Sister Willyard was happy and cheerful before passing suddenly. She will be greatly missed in the home and in the congregation. We have this hope in knowing that her works will follow her. May God bless the family and friends. Services were held in the beautiful Mount Vernon Chapel with the entombment in the Garden of Humility nearby. The mortuary director said the singing was the most beautiful he had heard and the service was inspiring to him. The writer officiated.

—Orvel B. Johnson

Spradley—Sister Lula Florence Spradley was born June 11, 1887 in Lee Co., Tex. She passed away in an Olney, Tex. hospital at the age of 79 years, 3 months and 20 days. She had been in ill health for a long time, and for some time prior to her passing, she had made her home at Graham, Tex. She was a long-time member of the body of Christ. Among her survivors are 7 sons: Elmer, Theron P., Ed Ray and Kenneth S., all of Houston, Tex.; Gillis L. of Calif.; J.B., Ft. Worth, Tex.; and John, Jr. of Arlington, Tex.; 2 daughters, Mrs. Myrle Snodgrass, Pomona, Calif., and Mrs. Doris Fancher, Graham, Tex. There is one brother, John W. Ponton, Temple, Tex., and 1 sister, Amandia V. Vance, Oklahoma City; 35 grandchildren and 36 great grandchildren. Her husband, John, and a son, Glenn, preceded her in death. The writer officiated at the funeral at 1:00 P.M., Oct. 3, at the Boulevard Cullen Chapel, in Houston, Tex. Interment was at Forest Park, Lawndale.

—J. Douglas Woolsey

Note: It was my privilege to number Sister Lula

Spradley among my friends, and some of my best friends are children and grandchildren of hers. She was a mother of a multitude in Zion. As I observed publicly, at the congregation where one of her daughters and I hold membership in the Lord's church, to my knowledge she has descendants in the church in at least 5 states, Tex., Ark., New York, Okla., and Calif. For many years to come many in Zion will arise and in her memory call her blessed.—Don McCord

MY POSITION ON CARNAL WARFARE

I cannot participate in military service in any form, directly or indirectly, in combatant or noncombatant service, because:

1. My duty and obligation to my God is superior to all other obligations (Acts 5:29; Matt. 22:37).
2. My God in the Bible forbids that I engage in carnal warfare in the following references:

"Put up thy sword," "For all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword" (Matt. 26:52)—Jesus.

"My Kingdom is not of this world" (Jno. 18:36).

"For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal" (2 Cor. 10:3, 4).

"Love your enemies" (Matt. 5:44); "Turn the other cheek" (Matt. 5:39).

"Recompense to no man evil for evil" (Rom. 12:17).

3. To enter any military branch or service, combatant or noncombatant, I would be compelled to "swear" (take an oath), but the Bible forbids that I do so ("Swear not at all"—Jesus, Matt. 5:34).

4. To enter any military service I would be compelled to be yoked with unbelievers, which is forbidden—"Be not unequally yoked together with unbelievers" (2 Cor. 6:14).

5. To be in any branch of military service in any way, I would be a part of the organization and would therefore have fellowship in the service, but such is prohibited; thus: "Have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them" (Eph. 5:11).

6. To serve in any way in the military service, I would be deprived of obeying the command to assemble on Lord's day to worship God in the Bible way, at least part of the time, hence would disobey God (Heb. 10:25; Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 16:1, 2).

Therefore, I cannot conscientiously engage in carnal war in any form or branch, and for the above reasons, I authorize my name to be listed in support of the above principles.

—Stanley Burd, 4947 Hi Drive N. W., Parkville, Mo.

—Keith Yeager, 1512 Ave. D, Levelland, Tex.

—Jimmy Hill, 456 Old Marlin Rd., Waco, Tex.

Every life we touch is a field; everything we do and all the words we speak, are seed. What will the harvest be?—Roland.

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Self-righteousness is the devil's masterpiece to make us think well of ourselves.

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A VERY DANGEROUS TREND —

(Continued from page one)

These false unity advocates are even effecting the unstable in congregations that have scriptural worship. This ultraliberalism may be another step of the apostacy. This is the dangerous trend.

The dangerous trend is ultraliberalism, free fellowship with the digressives, free fellowship with the denominations, complete religious liberty, and no church discipline. Brethren, the Bible is against this dangerous trend. The faithful of God need to fight this ultra-liberalism as good soldiers of Christ. Written in Christian love. —Modesto, Calif.

From The Fields

Paul Walker, 1328 Santee Dr., Apt. 3, San Jose, Calif., Oct. 19—We recently enjoyed a wonderful weekend at Eureka, Calif. The congregation there is small, but faithful and zealous. The work here in San Jose continues with interest.

G. W. McCain, Rt. 2, Box 223, Chico, Calif., Oct. 17—We are pressing right along here. Bro. Luther Book's son preached for us yesterday morning; we had a very large crowd. We study by chapters. We welcome all brothers and sisters to worship with us. My health is some better. I am still able to walk each day. Pray for me.

Jim A. Canfield, Rt. 3, Box 86, Marion, La., Oct. 14—At this writing, my heart is broken over the loss of our mother. Brethren, pray for me at this time. My sister waited on our mother faithfully. She has agreed to stay on here with me and keep house. In Aug., when I went to Memphis, Tenn., I checked my luggage and it went astray; it has not been found. Brethren, remember me in your prayers and support.

Jim Hickey, 5012 Cranfill Dr., Dallas, Tex. 75241, Oct. 17—At the present time we are back in Dallas. While we were in Calif. we enjoyed visiting and preaching at congregations in El Centro, Covina, El Cajon, Manteca, Sonora, and Orange. We plan to return next Spring for a meeting at Covina. Oct. 15-16, we were at Tucson, Ariz. with the brethren on Grant Rd. The past week, they doubled the congregation by uniting with a congregation which meets at Liberty School.

Lonnie Kent York, Station 1, Box 692, ECSC, Ada, Okla., Oct. 10—Since last report I have gotten established in college and a good winter schedule for preaching. I have preached at Healdton, Wilson, Ada, all in Okla. and took part at a meeting at Dougherty, Okla. The Lord has blessed me. The meeting here at Ada with Bro. Joe Hisle was a good one. The congregation here is truly benefitted with the young members coming here to attend college. I ask your prayers.

Julius Mauwa, Thumbwe Postal Agency, Chiradzulu, Malawi, Africa, Oct. 7—Sept. 4, I was at Manjolo; Sept. 11, I was at Gowelo church where 8 were baptized and 12 confessed sins. Sept. 22, I was at Manyesa; Sept. 29, I was again at Manjolo where 8 were baptized; Sept. 25, I was at Ehawi church. Oct. 2, I was at Ndanga church where a new church has started. Please, I ask you to pray for me and the church in Africa. We greatly need your help to finish our meeting house at Manjolo. Best wishes we send to you. The church in Malawi grows.

Earl B. Helvey, 7608 Prince St., Citrus, Hts. Calif., Oct. 15—The 64th St. congregation in Sacramento is

still making progress. We had one young man baptized in Sept., and have hopes of others. We have several young people attending services. Our young men are good in taking part in the worship services. We look forward to the Thanksgiving meeting with Bro. Miles King, Nov. 16-23, with speeches by various members of all the congregations on the 24th (lunch, too). We encourage you to come and have fellowship with us in giving thanks to the Lord.

Larry Lay, 7844 Rancho Fanita Dr., Santee, Calif. 92071, Oct. 10—I have been enjoying the O. P. A. very much. It always contains many good articles. Since last reporting, I have had the privilege of preaching at Orange, Sept. 18; Norco, Oct. 2; and Huntington Park, Oct. 9. I enjoyed being at all of these places very much. They are all wonderful people. There is much work to be done in the Lord's vineyard; let us not be slothful in doing this work. May God bless us all as we strive to serve Him.

Roy Lee Criswell, Box 895, Winters, Calif., Oct. 19—The work here continues. We enjoy the work, although at times it has its trials. Presently I am the only male member who can teach. I hope others can see the need here, and come to the rescue when we are gone. We are making final preparations for our trip to Africa. We have taken a number of the immunizations needed, and will take the remainder shortly. As yet our papers for the "residency permit" have not cleared with the Malawi government. This must clear before our personal things can be shipped. We request the prayers of the brotherhood in this great undertaking.

G. M. Everett, Rt. 1, Box 442, Richland, Wash., Oct. 16—We are very thankful to God for Bro. James C. Franklin, Jr. of Houston, Tex. and his willingness to come to the Northwest to work with the congregations here. He is selling his home and quitting a good job as an electrician to go into the field full time. This is very praiseworthy of a man with a family of 3 children, I think. I hope we will be able to keep him busy here for some time, at least 2 years or longer. He feels he will be able to be here by Nov. 20th. This way he will be able to attend the meeting at Thanksgiving at Cottage Grove, Ore., Nov. 13-27, with Bro. Don Brittain doing the preaching. May God bless and keep us all in His way.

Rodney R. Ross, 20 Taylor St., Apt. 2, Pontiac, Mich., Sept. 22—The meeting at LeContes Mills, Pa. was a good one. Attendance was very good throughout. We are happy to report that two made confessions of faults, realizing their need of and dependence upon God. Aug. 20, we visited with the congregations at Milford and Flint, Mich. It was wonderful to associate once again with those brethren. The meeting Labor Day at Pontiac was a great one. There were over 500 in attendance. Our work with the Pontiac congregation began Aug. 29th, and is to continue through at least the first of the year. Last evening our hearts rejoiced as one young man made confession of faults. In this area we look forward to Johnny Elmore's meeting and singing school, Oct. 22-30. Bro. Kornegay is to hold a meeting at Detroit in Nov. Pray for the work here and throughout the world.

Paul O. Nichols, 1400 Adena St., Bakersfield, Calif. 93306, Oct. 19—I had the privilege of holding a meeting at LaGrange, Ga., Oct. 1-9. There was one confession. I enjoyed being with these brethren again. We had cooperation from a number of congregations which we appreciated very much. I was glad to see Bro. and Sister E. H. Miller and Bro. Angus Shellnut doing as well as they are since their terrible car accident in July. Bro. Miller is still on crutches and suffers a lot yet. They are thankful for all the prayers of the Christians everywhere. Oct. 10, 11, 12, I was at Fruitland, Tex. I enjoyed the short stay there. Several from other congregations attended. Oct. 14, we began at Frederick, Okla. We are praying that good will come from our efforts here. My next meeting is scheduled at Sonora, Calif., in Dec.

Bennie Cryer, Box 573, Blantyre, Malawi, Oct. 12—The work in Malawi goes well. The African preachers are baptizing many people and beginning new congregations in the villages. After the first of the year we hope to be able to give you another report about the number of congregations that are working with us now. The church in Blantyre continues to grow. Brethren Lichapa and Maloya have been assisting the church to grow and we are now having crowds of 50 to 60 people all trying to meet in Bro. Cutter's one car garage. We are very thankful to those who have contributed to the purchase of the camper we are now using in the work. If you have helped, why don't you write the church in Lebanon, Mo. or the 21st St. congregation in Oklahoma City. Since its purchase in June, Bro. Cutter and I have missed only one week using the camper. It has helped us and it has given the brethren here a tremendous boost because of our staying in the villages with them.

Gene D. Hopkins, 1551 N. Irvington, Tulsa, Okla., Oct. 17—Aug. 19-28, Bro. Richard Nichols held a wonderful meeting for the 11th St. Acres congregation here. There were no visible results, but the members were uplifted and inspired. We were pleasantly surprised with Bro. Richard's preaching ability. This entire congregation loves him very much. He is a fine gentleman and has such a meek and humble spirit, leaving us all with a wonderful example. We hope to have him back. I do not believe any congregation would be disappointed in calling Richard; we certainly recommend him. We enjoyed having him make his home with us while he was here. We appreciated those who attended from the Latimar congregation, as well as those attending from congregations out of town. We were glad to have evangelists Miles King, Dennis Smith and Gary Macy with us. May the Lord bless His laborers in His vineyard.

David Macy, %143 Shadybrook Dr., Marietta, Ga., Sept. 21—I moved here the last of Aug. to work a year. The work here has begun real well. We had 109 present Lord's Day morning and about 70 in the evening. We plan to build a new building here right away and we hope to have it completed by our fall meeting in Nov. with Bro. Alton Bailey. Bro. Miles King will conduct a meeting in Mar. 1967. I have never worked in an area that had as much potential as this one. This is one of

the fastest growing counties in the U. S. We plan to establish a new congregation in Atlanta in Sept. 1967; we already have 5 families and some individuals coming from Atlanta, and another family is moving in this week. If you know of those living in this area who may be good prospects, please send their names and addresses. If you are visiting in this area, please worship with us and visit in our homes.

Kenneth J. Croxton, Rt. 1, Pottsville, Ark. 72858, Oct. 15—The church here is still progressing nicely. Recently we have purchased a meeting house to be moved here. We are presently looking for a desirable location. We have received \$500 from Kansas City, Kans. which brings our total to \$525. This is greatly appreciated and will go a long way toward our goal. Sept. 25, Bro. B. B. Cayson and family were visitors here and Bro. Cayson preached for us. We are sorry to have Bro. Eddy Nichols and family return to Kansas City, but our loss will be their gain. If you are interested in donating to the cause here, it will be appreciated; please send to Bro. Timothy Phillips, Pottsville, Ark., or Bro. Harley Nichols, Dover, Ark., or to the above address. We greatly desire the prayers of the brotherhood. Here is our renewal.

Ron Alexander, 4004 Constellation Rd., Lompoc, Calif. 93436, Oct. 7—We are here teaching school and working part time with the church. The brethren here are quite enthusiastic and want to see much done in the Vineyard. We have begun a 30-minute radio broadcast on station KNEZ, Lompoc, 8:45 each Lord's Day morning. We hope to create new interest with the program. The church has been meeting here for about a year. Our crowds are increasing some in number and we have about 25-30 adults in attendance on Lord's Day morning. If you know of prospects living in this area, we would appreciate receiving their name and address. We enjoyed meetings at Kansas City, Kans., and Midland, Tex. this past summer. One was baptized and one made confession during the Kansas City meeting. We enjoyed the fellowship with all the brethren. Our hearts were saddened when we heard of the death of Bro. Ray Figgit of the Midland, Tex. congregation. Pray for us and the work here.

Clovis T. Cook, 809 Lyons, Kansas City, Kan. Oct. 18—Over the past three weeks I have baptized five here at 10th and Ray Streets congregation. We continue to grow, for which we take courage, give God the glory and press on. We have had some very nice visits over the past three weeks with Bro. Homer L. King and his wife, Helen; also, the Hugh Milners, from Ohio, and the Foy Wades, of Ft. Worth, Tex. I think the Oct. issue of Old Paths Advocate, should cause everyone to sit down and do a little real thinking. When we start lifting certain passages of scripture out of their context to fit our own liberal thinking with respect to unity and fellowship, such as some have apparently done with Rom. 14:1, Brother! it's time to stop and think. From the able pen of three writers we were instructed in this month's O. P. A. as to what this passage teaches and what it does not teach. The first step in the direction of liberalism is as dangerous as the last one. Once you start in that direction, where

will you stop? It's time for the brethren to put up a posted sign in their pulpits against preachers and leaders who are going in this direction, unless of course, you plan to go with them.

Alton B. Bailey, 909 Truitt Ave., LaGrange, Ga. 30240, Oct. 18—Our work continues with the church in Greenville, S. C. Interest seems good among all the members. We have some outside interest most every Lord's Day. Bro. Paul O. Nichols held our Oct. meeting in LaGrange. I think all the church was uplifted by his being there. We feel he revealed to us "a treasure in an earthen vessel." We appreciate him for his strong stand against liberalism and sin in the church. The church in Walterboro, S. C. is making preparation to build a meeting house, and will be making an appeal to the brethren soon. This is a very worthy cause and a necessity at this time. There is much interest there. They baptized another young man last Lord's Day. This month I have preached at LaGrange, Ga., Greenville, S. C., and Walterboro, S. C. Pray for us in our efforts for good.

A. L. Adams, 1616 19th St., N. E., Roanoke, Va., 24012, Oct. 4—The work with the Vonora Ave. congregation, Montgomery, Ala. is now over. I can say of a truth that good was done. The majority of the members are stronger; and, I believe the congregation is again stable, and in good hands. Brethren, again let me say that I have not gone "liberal" in spite of a writing by me which appeared some time back in a paper which comes out of Ohio. It was written over 2 years ago at which time I held some rather liberal private views. These views were never taught, openly or in private. I call your attention to the fact that it was two years ago when I held these views. I found that I could no longer hold that line of thinking and be true to myself, to others, and most important of all, to my Lord. At this writing, I would also like to thank the congregation at Huntington, W. Va. and the faithful at Roanoke, Va. for helping to support the work in Montgomery. I ask your prayers.

R. B. Roden, 112 Kelley Dr., Moore, Okla. 73060, Oct. 17—Our meeting at Sulphur, Okla. Sept. 16-25 was blessed with 3 baptisms and 1 returning to the church. We surely did enjoy our work with these brethren. I have held several meetings at Sulphur, but believe we had one of the best this time. I enjoyed working with Bro. Tom Smith in arranging the meeting at Dougherty, Okla., Oct. 2-9, with different speakers for each service. My wife was unable to be with me for the work at Sulphur and Dougherty. She was called to the bedside of her niece, Sister Thelma Vaughan, at Sentinel, Okla. She has been real sick for the past 5 weeks in the Sentinel hospital. We are thankful she is better at this time, but feel it will still be a long time before she will be well again. We enjoyed attending the meeting at 21st St., Okla. City, Oct. 9-16, with Bro. Edwin Morris doing the preaching. We look forward to some real good home studies here with the men this winter at the Capitol Hill congregation. Do pray for us.

Joe Hisle, Rt. 4, Ada, Okla., Oct. 4—At the present time I am in a meeting at Mt. Grove, Mo. Since last

report I have held meeting at Greenville, Pa., where I enjoyed my stay with the Bro. Lawrence Bee family; Thomas, Okla., where I enjoyed working with Bro. Butler and the congregation there. We closed with 4 baptisms. From Thomas I went to Norman, Okla., for a meeting. This meeting was one of the most enthusiastic and enjoyable meetings I have had the privilege of conducting. I feel we had a very successful meeting due to the individual efforts of the Norman congregation and in particular Bro. Miles King. We were happy to have with us on various occasions several of our preaching brethren: Brethren Edwin Morris, Johnny Elmore, Dennis Smith, Don McCord and Miles King. The meeting closed with 5 baptisms and 1 sister restored. From Norman, I traveled to Samson, Ala., for a short meeting, followed by a series of meetings at Ada, Okla. The work at Ada closed with 1 confession of faults. I look forward to working with the congregation at Washington, Okla., in a meeting Oct. 14-23. I am certainly thankful to have had the opportunity of participating in these meetings. Remember me when you pray.

Orville Lee Smith, 2113 Potter, Modesto, Calif., Oct. 18—Last winter and spring I worked with Escalon, Calif., congregation. During that time we studied the first 9 chapters of the book of Revelation, and assisted in helping brethren develop talents to use in the Lord's work. Also, during this period of time we started a radio program sponsored by the Modesto and Waterford congregations called "The Bible Answer Program." This broadcast stirred up great interest. I still have many leads to follow from that program. Beginning in June, I began working with Modesto congregation. We have a local television program which we feel sure is reaching many people. Through the summer we had a successful study in development of teachers. We have many young men who are progressing rapidly. I have been conducting several interesting studies in people's homes. We will renew the study of Revelation in this area on Thursday nights at Waterford. The churches are working in unity and peace in the Valley and are growing. This area has seen several baptisms this year. I am to conduct a meeting at Covina, Nov. 18-27. May the Lord bless the faithful and strengthen us in His work.

J. W. Kornegay, Box 105, Belle Mead, N. J., Sept. 4—Missionary work is still in demand as when Christ commanded it in Matt. 28:19-20. The laborers are so few and the harvest is so plenteous. Brethren, can't we put the plan to use that Bro. Paul Nichols gave in Sept. issue of *Old Paths Advocate*. We need to work together, and "throw out the lifeline; someone is sinking today." There is a tremendous need for preachers here in the eastern states, and the work in Mexico is a must. Who is ready to go? Who is ready to send? The mission effort at Florence, S. C. was very good. We had a tent there Sept. 16-25 with good weather, fair attendance, and 4 adults obeyed the gospel. These brethren have been meeting in their home for several years and are to be commended for their steadfastness. They now meet at 161 Carter St. Anyone passing that way would be welcome to visit and worship with them; contact Bro. Walter Buffkin, 901 W. Evans St., Flor-

ence, S. C. The church at Raleigh, N. C. has suffered the loss of Bro. Carl Hurd and family, and Bro. John Prince and others moving away. Attendance here at Belle Mead is fairly good; 26 were present Lord's Day, Sept. 2. Anyone seeking employment and a place to worship will find jobs plentiful in this area.

Wayne Fussell, Box 2541, Las Vegas, Nev. 89104, Oct. 14—A year has now passed since coming to Las Vegas to make our home. We have enjoyed the work here, and plan to remain for some time to come, Lord willing. We have had some set-backs, but at the present, prospects for growth are good. We would appreciate our preaching brethren visiting us on their way to California. Some seem reluctant to come to this city, but we are sure that if you visit here, you will find that life goes on here as in any other city. I have lost my list of congregations where I had meetings booked for 1967, which has made it impossible to write each one individually. Due to my work here, I will be unable to conduct these meetings. Please forgive the delay in this notice. If you have relatives or friends here whom we might contact, please write us. We would like to encourage other Christians to make their homes in Las Vegas. You will find a wonderful climate (much like Phoenix, Arizona, only higher and drier), plus a higher pay scale. School teachers especially would profit financially to work here. (No, you don't have to be a gambler). We solicit the prayers of all. The Lord bless you.

Tom E. Smith, 302 Phillips St., Healdton, Okla., Oct. 14—Wife and I, along with Bro. Bill Roden were at Dougherty, Okla., Oct. 2-9; the nine following speakers participated in this gospel meeting: the writer, Bruce Word, Harvey Frizzell, Lonnie York, Johnny Elmore, Richard Nichols, Dennis Smith, Jerry Gilbert and Bro. Roden. All of the brethren cooperated wonderfully and made a sacrifice in order to make this meeting possible. We had fair representation from surrounding congregations, and fair attendance from Dougherty. There were no visible results other than an upswing in interest in this small community; we expect to see further fruition of our labors. Until we begin thinking positively instead of negatively, the work will go undone, and I fear the Lord will hold us responsible. See Ezek. 3:18-19 and James 4:13-17, and do not forget what God said through Isaiah 55:10-11. Thanks to all for their cooperation and may God bless you with an incentive to do more. While we were so near by, Bro. Bill Roden and I went to Sulphur, Okla., and discussed with the brethren ways and means of finishing the work on the camp meeting tabernacle. More will follow about this. In the meantime, let us all be thinking about this.

Tom Lehman, 11417 Post Hill Pl., Lakeside, Calif. 92040, Oct. 17—Since my last report, I have preached at Arvin, El Cajon, and El Centro, all in Calif. Hearts were made to rejoice upon the confessions of two sisters in Christ (one at Arvin and one at El Cajon). May God help them to see and continue in His ways. I have enjoyed working with Bro. Larry Lay in a private study with a "cups" preacher. This effort, so

far, has been both interesting and a good experience for both of us. The study is to continue tomorrow afternoon. There has been some interest working up through this study, and some talk of public debate; however up to this point, nothing definite has been planned. Next week, Bro. Marvin Fisher is going to be talking with these brethren in a larger study. May the Lord bless this effort with results. I am looking for a preacher to travel with next summer, but I will be free to preach anywhere in the brotherhood. As I have said before, I am so happy that my brethren are calling for me to come preach, rather than me writing them to see if I can come. I hope that will continue in the future. For references and endorsements on my behalf, I invite you to write to Bro. Billy Orten, or to my home church at 517 Pepper Dr., El Cajon, Calif. God bless all the faithful; remember me in your prayers.

Ralph E. Mustard, 8592 W. 63rd Pl., Arvada, Colo., Oct. 10—Since last report I have had the pleasure of holding two of the most enjoyable meetings of my preaching career; one at Love Joy, Pa. and the other at Rote, Pa. Both meetings were filled with the Spirit and the fellowship was unexcelled. I am to return next year for several meetings in Pa. On my way home I had the privilege of traveling as far as St. Louis, Mo. with Brethren J. D. Corson and Lloyd Kramer. Sept. 28, it was my good pleasure to preach for the brethren at Cincinnati, Ohio; and Sept. 29, at Harrodsburg, Ind. While waiting for my plane in St. Louis, I had the pleasure of visiting two fine preaching brethren, Gareld Stumpff and P. C. Brown. I was impressed so very much with Bro. Brown. He has invited me to Panama City, Fla. Brethren, I still have time open for meetings for the balance of this year and the first part of 1967. I can handle any personal work you might desire for short periods of time. I hope to be in the field full time by the spring of 1967; it all depends on you, my brethren. There is a need. It would be simple if all churches would follow the plan set forth by Bro. Paul Nichols in the Sept. issue of OPA. This is one way we can keep what few preachers we have busy full time. Think on these things.

James D. Corson, Rt. 2, Mahaffey, Pa., Oct. 10—By the time you read this, I will have completed the month of October with the churches in Edwards, Mo. and Mozier, Ill. Bro. Lloyd Kramer from Rote, Pa., is with me on this mission making a fine co-worker. I will report the progress in the next issue, Lord willing. Bro. Ralph Mustard spent the month of Sept. in Pa. He did some fine preaching, though no visible results. The attendance and interest were the best. We are so sorry to learn of Bro. and Sister Miller's accident; we are thankful they were spared. They have our prayers and sympathy. Those of you who are blessed with good health and bodies have no way of knowing what it is to carry a bottle of pain reliever in your pocket, half crippled and praying always for courage to keep on. Money will not buy health, love and bring sunshine to the shut-ins, but it certainly helps to bear some of the burdens in times like these. If there are those with surplus treasures, I am sure Bro. and Sister Miller could use a helping hand, as well

as Bro. Paul Mackey. I do not know they are in need, but I do know that insurance companies can be mighty slow. Our elder and sick brethren need our care to be able to keep watch on the home front while our younger ones are going forth. My closing remark, "Brother, keep watch for your flocks."

Bonnie B. Cayson, 1993 Burn Ham Ave., Memphis, Tenn., Oct. 15—The church on N. Watkins St., has been made stronger in that Bro. Wayne McKamie worked here this summer. The sermons he preached filled our thirsty souls with joy. We enjoyed many visitors the past summer, among them Bro. Paul Walker. Bro. Elmo House of N. Little Rock, Ark., was with us last Lord's Day, and delivered two wonderful sermons. Congregations in this area will do well to use Bro. House. He is doing a good work in N. Little Rock, but his support is not enough. Brother, if you are able and would like to join in this work, the state of Arkansas is an open field ready for harvest, and you may contact Bro. House. We have preached at Batesville, Ark., where the zeal is greater than ever before; they need preachers there for awhile. Bro. Arthur Wade and I plan to go there for week-end meetings for awhile. We enjoyed being at Jerusalem, Ark., where they have made tremendous gains. It was a pleasure, too, to be with the church on Crow Mt., near Pottsville, Ark., where Bro. Timothy Phillips and the brethren are to be commended for good work; their future is bright. We have also been with the church at N. Little Rock, and at the No. Willett St. congregation, this city. It is wonderful to learn of the good being accomplished everywhere. Brethren, keep up the good work. We want to give a hearty amen to Bro. Paul Nichols' instructions in the Sept. OPA on how to build new congregations.

E. H. Miller, Box 538, LaGrange, Ga. 30240, Oct. 19—The church here is doing fine, though we have had several sick the last few weeks, one or two of them serious. We had a wonderful meeting with Bro. Paul Nichols, Oct. 8-16. He certainly brought us some wonderful lessons; there were not many outsiders in attendance, but we had a nice crowd of members for each service, so he preached sermons that children of God need. I think he woke up a lot of us, and we appreciate his doing so; we booked him again for 1968 (we already had booked our three 1967 meetings). Any congregation that calls him for a meeting, I feel sure will get a good shaking up, so I would advise them not to call him if they do not want a waking up. I feel we all need to be shook up a little, for the work we should be doing I fear is being neglected by too many sleepy members. A lot of us might be shocked if we tried to find a good answer to the personal question, **What am I doing for Christ and the church He loved and gave Himself for?** Bro. Shelnutt, my wife and I are still on the improving list. I am still too small for my breeches, as I still weigh less than 150 pounds, but by drawing my belt a little tighter I am able to get by. I get along well on crutches, and am able to preach and visit the sick, and the doctor says I will be able to walk without crutches in a few more months. We are all truly thankful that God has blessed us with such a speedy recovery thus far, and for

the wonderful cards and letters from across the nation, and the prayers that have been offered in our behalf.

Barney Owens, 4250 Linden Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio 45236, Oct. 15—Since last report we have been in meetings at Alton, Mo., which was certainly enjoyable. Brother Sifford, who all who know him will agree, is an inspiration. I have never been treated better by anyone. They are small but have the fruit that appears to need harvesting. Let us take notice of such places as we plan for the future, as Brother Sufford is getting well up in years and he must carry on the services there now alone. After his passing what of the Lord's work there??? We then went to Mtn. Home, Ark., for our second meeting there. This, too, was an inspiring meeting, with a good number of folks each service. I enjoyed again being with my old friend and brother, Irvin Barnes, bringing back many memories of our first meeting together, etc. Christianity is sweet; surely Heaven shall be. In attendance at these meetings were the congregations at Odom, West Plains, Bardley, Mo.; and Chouteau, Okla.; also to come and assist in support of the latter meeting were those from Oak Grove, Ark. Preachers who came one or more times: James Howard, Arthur Wade, and already mentioned, Irvin Barnes. We have met one or more times with the following; Cincinnati, Ohio; Harrodsburg, Ind.; Houston, Mo. We were able to attend part of the meeting held by Brother Irvin Barnes at Cincinnati which we enjoyed very much. These brethren have been so good to me in trying to devote full time to the work; without them I would have failed often. We are presently at Temple, Ga., to resume our extended work here; remember it when you pray.

When you are in the right you can afford to lose your temper, and when you are in the wrong you can't afford to lose it.

Knowledge cannot be stolen from us. It cannot be bought or sold. We may be poor, and the sheriff may come and sell our furniture, or drive away our cow, or take our pet lamb, and leave us homeless and penniless; but he cannot lay the law's hand upon the jewelry of our minds.

The rung of a ladder was never meant to rest upon, but only to hold a man's foot long enough to enable him to put the other somewhat higher.—Thomas Huxley.

Every life we touch is a field; everything we do and all the words we speak, are seed. What will the harvest be? —Rowland.

As a field, however fertile, cannot be fruitful without cultivation, neither can a mind without learning.—Cicero.

"Grant unto me, Oh God, this day
Light enough to see thy way,
Wisdom enough to guide my feet,
And I will walk in thee, complete."

Our purpose is to "earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints," and to "prove all things; hold fast that which is good."

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To continue "speaking the truth in love," "endeavoring to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace;" "keeping the ordinances as delivered."

"Thus saith the Lord, 'Stand ye in the ways, and see and ask for the Old Paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls.'" (Jer. 6:16) "And they that be of Thee shall build the old waste, places; thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations; and thou shalt be called, The Repairer of the Breach, The Restorer of Paths to Dwell in." (Isa. 58:12).

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By Tom Lehmann

1. If we cannot be sure of salvation, then why did Peter say to be SURE (II Pet. 1:10)?
2. If we cannot speak the same things, then why did Paul say, "SPEAK THE SAME THINGS" (I Cor. 1:10)?
3. If we cannot mind the same rule, then why did Paul say, "WALK BY THE SAME RULE, LET US MIND THE SAME THING" (Phil. 3:16)?
4. If we cannot see the Law of Christ alike, then why did Paul say, "WITH ONE MIND AND ONE MOUTH GLORIFY GOD (Rom. 15:6)?
5. If divisions are not to be taught against, then why did Paul teach against them (I Cor. 1:10)?
6. If we cannot let an angel from heaven bring us another gospel (Gal. 1:8-9), then why should we allow a digressive or sectarian preacher to do the same thing? Is he more privileged than an angel?
7. If a person is not walking in the light, he is in darkness (I Jno. 1:7).
8. If we are to let a digressive or sectarian preacher, who teaches another doctrine, preach for us, then why did John say, "RECEIVE HIM NOT — NEITHER BID HIM GOD SPEED" (II Jno. 9-11)?
9. If we cannot withdraw fellowship from a brother who teaches a doctrine unknown to the Bible, then why did Paul say, "MARK AND AVOID THEM" (Rom. 16:17-18)?
10. If worshipping according to the doctrines and commands of men in vain (Mt. 15:9), then why should we allow people to do so without trying to convert them?
11. If Jesus wants His church to be without spot or wrinkle (Eph. 5:26-27), then why should we spot it by letting those in error teach? I stand amazed that some would have us believe that the church that Jesus died for should have little or no discipline.

We will never have scriptural unity on terms of compromise or any other way that turns from the Bible. The doctrine of loose fellowship is as far from the Bible as the doctrine of a second chance or purgatory. The only way one can come up with these doctrines is to twist the Bible verses out of context; thus the doctrines are no longer of the Bible.

I hope our brethren who are teaching these false

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GENUINE CHRISTIAN LOVE

By Paul Walker

"My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth" (I Jno. 3:18). John realized the danger and folly of pretending. He understood perfectly well, and he wanted his "little children"—humble disciples—to understand, that to love with the mouth and tongue only was simply not sufficient. Now, it was no accident that John knew this truth. He had been with Jesus and the Master Himself had repeatedly warned against lip service void of truth and love. He taught, in Matt. 15:8, 9, "This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me. But in vain they do worship me . . ." Does your love spring forth from the lips or from the heart? The apostle states in I Jno. 4:16, "God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him." Love and life come from God and life in God means a life of love.

But, how do we love? John says, first of all: in DEED. The word "deed" denotes action. If we love in deed we say and do! Matt. 23:3 mentions a group of people whose lives were lacking in deeds—"They say and do not." A Christian—true, genuine Christian—will not be guilty of speaking without acting, for he will ever realize that in judgment he will answer for his deeds. James 1:22 teaches us, "But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves." The word heard should become the word in action. He further writes, verse 25, "But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deeds." Could truth be plainer? If we are steadfast in doing what the law teaches, we will merit God's blessings and our lives will produce worthy deeds, pleasing to Him and beneficial to mankind.

The second way to love—according to John—is in TRUTH. The word "truth" has power. In fact, Truth and Love are two of the most powerful things on earth, and together they weld a firm and solid foundation for our feet. Truth is an inseparable ally of love. To love God and to love truth are one and the same! Paul writes about love and says, I Cor. 13:6, "Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth." To the elect lady, John wrote, 2 Jno. 4, "I rejoiced greatly that I found of thy children walking in truth, as we have re-

ceived a commandment from the Father." He then adds, in verse 6, "And this is love, that we walk after his commandments." "Walking in truth" denotes action—habitual action. It means steady progress toward our Christian goals. What preacher doesn't thrill to hear that those whom he assisted in obedience to the gospel are walking in the truth. Those who preach know, and can share with John, his joy in reporting, "I found them walking in truth." For that, indeed, is the equivalent of saying, "I found them loving God." What is the real secret of brotherly love? Paul, I believe, gives the answer in Eph. 4:15—"But speaking the truth in love." If we will all speak the truth in love, we will cement brotherly love so that it cannot fall apart!

May we ever keep truth in view. If we will do this, we will not soon be disturbed by the opinions of men. One of the sublimest things in the world is plain truth. What then is more sublime than the New Testament with its simple rules of faith and practice? May we resolve now that we will ever accept truth and use it so that our deeds will be a blessing to all mankind and pleasing in the sight of God. And may we further resolve that we will love God with all our heart, mind, soul and strength and instead of laboring to get truth on our side, we will labor instead to get on the side of truth—the Word of God!

—San Jose, Calif.

THE INSIDE OF THE CUP

By Homer A. Gay

(This is the fourth in a series from Brother Gay's tract by the same title. Please make reference to our Aug., Sept. and Nov. issues for preceding installments. —DMc).

Now "leavened," "soured" and "fermented" all mean the same thing. They are used interchangeably. Now we think of leavened bread as what we used to call "light bread" in Texas. That which is leavened, you know, is light bread. We have common expressions in different places. Words mean something. Over in Tennessee, for instance, you ask for the "bread," and they will pass you the CORNBREAD. Now, if you want "biscuits," you ask for biscuits; and if you want light bread, you call for "loaf" bread. Well, we just speak of all of it as "bread." In the North, "bread" is our "light bread," and cornbread and biscuits are just a "sideline" with them. Now we understand that there are three words, and that they mean three different things. According to the different expressions used where we live, we would have different understanding of them. And that is true, now, of using the words leavened, soured and fermented. If we make bread, and we have the yeast in that bread, we would say that we had "leavened" bread. But if we take the juice of tomatoes and let it sour, we would say that it is "soured." But the same germ works on it that works on the bread. Tomato juice is soured. We take the fruit of the vine, the juice of the grape. The same germ works on it, and we call it "fermented,"—but it is just "soured," too. That's what has happened to it. It is leavened. The same thing has happened to all three of them. It means the same thing.

We might go into a little more detailed study about that;—not that I know so much about it, but I have

studied it. Now this is all caused by a little germ that comes from the OUTSIDE, they tell me. That germ has a jawbreaker name,—it is "saccharomyces cerevisiae." They say it is a tiny germ not seen by the human eye, and it enters from WITHOUT, not from within. That is the reason the grapejuice does not spoil, sour or ferment while it is in the grapes;—the very same reason that milk does not sour when it is in the cow's udder. But this germ of the air is that which enters from without. When the skin of the grape is broken, then the germ enters. I had an interesting interview with a noted man, a man called Dr. Baine. He was one of the greatest men they had in Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas. Some of us preachers went and talked to Dr. Baine about this, and I give from memory as best I can some of the explanations that he gave us. He was a pharmacist, and he knew, I think, what he was talking about. He said with regards to the juice of the grape that "when the air strikes the juice of the grape then the little germ enters. Now this little germ fights for Nature. It fights to return everything back to Nature. That is the germ that is after humans,—it is after everything. That is the germ that causes your milk to sour. That is the germ that causes your meat to spoil. That is the germ that causes grape juice to ferment. And so we talked to him about when it was leavened. And he said, "Not until this germ had done its work." And he gave us this same Scripture that I quoted a while ago, where Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like leaven which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal until all were leavened; —TILL UNTIL, all were leavened." And so he said, "This germ entering the juice of the grape will begin to work. Whatever sugar there is in it it begins to work to make alcohol out of that sugar. And when it has completed this job, it becomes what we call FERMENTED WINE, INTOXICATING WINE. But this little germ isn't through,—it has just finished ONE job. If you let it set out there in an open vessel, the little germ goes right to work again on the remainder of FOOD that is left. It goes to work on that and will form what we call a 'mother,'—you know, a skum that will rise upon it. And then it goes to work and eats up that mother, and when it has completed that work it is VINEGAR now. BUT IT ISN'T THROUGH YET. The little germ is still working. When people talk about grape juice being 'fully fermented' they do not know what they are talking about. They say, 'Leave it alone,—let it fully ferment.' That little germ will go to work and form another 'mother' (skum that will gather). The little germ keeps working on that until it eats up all the food that there is in it, and then returns it back to WATER. It is NOW 'fully fermented.' That germ is on its way, then, after something else." It is ready just to be poured out. The germ has done its work. It will return that back to water if left alone. Now that is what the germ will do that causes it to ferment.

In a study of the Bible on the subject under consideration I find that there are thirteen words in the Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek that are translated "wine" in our English Bible. These thirteen words are translated "wine" because the produce comes from the vine. It is interesting to note that NOT ONE OF THESE WORDS is used in connection with the Lord's Supper. All of the thirteen words which are used refer to wine

in its various forms. If we had time to go into that, we could show, generally speaking, they refer to it as a syrup, or as a jelly, or as an innocent drink, a healthful drink that they drank,—not intoxicating drinks at all. Very, very few times does it refer to intoxicating liquor, but when it does it is always condemned. It carries with it a condemnation for drinking it when it is fermented; that is, when it is intoxicating. But, as we said, not one of these words is used with reference to the Lord's Supper. Jesus seemingly, in His wisdom simply left ALL out of those words,—skipped over all of those words and took up a word that NEVER HAS BEEN TRANSLATED "WINE," either in classical Greek or in sacred writings. He used the word "gennema." It means "the produce of men, plants or animals." It seems that the Lord realized that there might be a disagreement over that some time, and so in order to stop that disagreement He just skipped over all of those 13 words and used a word that is NEVER translated "wine." He used the word "gennema," which means the direct produce. Now then, there is no vine that PRODUCES an intoxicating drink. And the Lord knew that.

THE HOUSE TO HOUSE TEACHER

By Billy Orten

(This is a continuation of material intended for Brother Orten's forthcoming book. He continues here with qualifications of the house to house teacher. —DMc).

3. Love—The successful soul-winner must be motivated by a genuine love for souls. You will fail regardless of how hard you try unless there is a deep concern for the lost. Many are lacking in this qualification. This is the reason there are not many active personal workers in the church today. It is of little concern to many that there are lost ones all around them that have never been spoken to about their salvation.

The trouble may lie in a failure to understand the meaning of the word "love." We think of love as referring to a mere sentiment, a tender emotion or feeling. The love we should have for the lost is not the impulse of the feelings, nor does it always run with the natural inclinations. We might be more naturally inclined to despise a certain individual; however, we must love him in the sense that we seek his welfare. Thus we may truly love a person who has a disposition we do not like. "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thy self" is a command (Mark 12:31). To love in the New Testament sense is to seek his good, to desire his salvation.

It will help you to love people if you think of them as souls. When you see a man who is lost, what does he mean to you? Is he just another human being; or do you see a body that will someday die and be buried, and a precious immortal spirit that is going to live on in eternity? Try putting yourself in his position: if you were lost and doomed to an eternity in hell, would not you want someone to try to save you? Jesus looked with compassion on the lost. He realized how terrible their fate was. Even as they mocked Him in hate as He hanged on the cross, He looked not on them as hateful, spiteful people; but in love He saw them as lost souls facing a terrible destruction. Thus He prayed for His

enemies, "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do."

Again, it will help us to love men, if we remember that Christ loves them. Many times, we are concerned about a certain individual simply because someone we love is concerned about this person. If we love Christ, we will love what He loves. We will be interested in saving lost souls because Christ is interested in them. Jesus taught Peter this in John 21:15. Jesus asked Peter, "Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these?" Peter answered, "Yea, Lord, thou knowest that I love thee." Jesus replied, "Feed my sheep." If we may rephrase this conversation in our own words, Jesus said, "Peter, loving me means loving my sheep and caring for them. You will love what I love."

The apostle Paul taught this same truth in 2 Corinthians 5:14, "For the love of Christ constraineth us." This love constrains, impels, motivates the Christian to service for Christ. It is not a command to go teach the lost that motivates the Christian worker, but the love he has for Christ and for men. Dozens of commands may not move us; but when we are possessed and controlled by the love of Christ, we will go even if there was no command. The personal worker will find developing this love for the lost a necessary part of his preparation.

4. Sacrifice—You will find it necessary to sacrifice in soul-winning. If you want to be a house to house teacher, prepare to sacrifice of your time, effort, and even money. It will mean missing a few of your favorite T. V. programs, because some appointments will have to be set up on the very night these programs are on. A lot of effort will go into the preparation of lessons to be taught the sinner. Some extra gasoline will be burned, and a little extra money will be spent on books, film strips, and other teaching aids. Your time must be sacrificed, because at least one night a week should be set aside for this work. Do not undertake the work unless willing to practice some self-denial.

One must crucify self in order to serve others. We must die to the world before we can be a vessel unto honor for the Master. Jesus said in Matthew 16:24, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me." Self has to be put in the background. There will be times we would like to go somewhere, do something for ourselves, or just stay at home and rest; but an appointment to go teach someone must be kept. A part of the Christian worker's preparation is to train his mind to sacrifice.

The apostle Paul learned the meaning of sacrifice. Hear him in Galatians 2:20, "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me." Again Paul writes in Philippians 2:5-8, "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made of himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death, even the death of the cross." The prospective personal worker should think on this passage. Paul informs us that the mind of Christ must be in us. He was willing to humble himself, to sacrifice, and to obey; therefore, we must be of the same disposition. A person who is

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In coming issues—We now have on hand more material for publication than ever. For this we are thankful. We need very much to increase the size of the paper, but for the present this is not financially possible. In our next issue, we hope to have for you the best observations on Romans 14 that I have seen. Other good things are coming. We need and solicit your good-will; and kindly, humbly request your prayers.

—Don McCord

OUR HELPERS

You will find listed below the names of those sending subscriptions since we last went to press, and opposite the name the number of subs sent. We want to express again our appreciation for your continued interest in behalf of this journal. May we count on you to continue the good work? Please check the following list, and report any errors to us immediately:

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THE CHURCH DIRECTORY

I am making arrangements to have the Church Directory published in the very near future. If there are any additions or corrections please send them to me, and if it is too late for the Directory, they will be published in the O.P.A. Please keep me informed about any changes in your congregations and we will try to keep the Directory up to date. Please send no money until the announcement is made in the O.P.A.

The following changes and additions need to be made: FRESNO (Fresno County), CALIFORNIA, — The congregation that has been meeting for years at 757 Orange Avenue has moved to 1571 East Swift Avenue, 1 Block East of Blackstone Avenue, Sun. 10:30 A.M. & 7:00 P.M., Wed. 7:30 P.M. Brethren Howard Walker and Shelby Buchanan are still the leaders.

The Church has now entered the state of NEW YORK. I have a letter from Bro. Bill H. Davis, who is working with the church there. The location is as follows: HENRIETTA (Monroe County), NEW YORK —(a suburb of ROCHESTER, N.Y.)— In the Henrietta Y.M.C.A. Building, 3044 East Henrietta Road (N. Y. Highway 15-A) Sun. 10:30 A. M. & 6:00 P. M. Allen Griffith, 640 Clay Road, Rochester, N. Y., Phone (716)

ED 4-3164; and David R. Griffith, 806 Madison Street, East Rochester, N. Y. Phone (716) LU 6-1869.

If you know of other congregations, groups or families who are meeting scripturally please let me know. I want to put out an up-to-date Directory and keep the readers of the O.P.A. informed of any changes or additions. Send all correspondence to Ray Asplin, 2440 S.W. 54th Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73119.

BACK ISSUES NEEDED

I am interested in having all back issues of the OPA bound into volumes for my own use. For some unknown reason several of the papers were missing from the files we had stored back in Mo. At one time our files were almost complete. Now, we need the following papers: 1965 - June; 1948 - Feb.; 1944 - July; 1943 - May; 1941 - May; 1940 - Sept.; 1939 - April; 1938 - Aug. and June; 1937 - Dec.; 1936 - Jan., Feb., Mar., Apr., May, June, Sept. and Oct. The files for 1935 were complete, but everything back of that is gone, and we would be glad to have any papers you have, especially 1932, which is the year I took over the paper as publisher.

—Homer L. King

DALHART, TEXAS

The church that has met here for some time will no longer be meeting. We have returned to Calif., and the Lackey family will be leaving Dalhart soon.

—Cecil Tidmore

WATERS-JENKINS DEBATE

On the nights of Nov. 7, 8, 10, and 11 in the Crescent Park church of Christ in Odessa, Texas, Bro. J. Ervin Waters and Bro. Jess Jenkins engaged in public debate. It was my distinct pleasure to moderate for Bro. Waters. Though it had been some seven years since his last debate, Bro. Waters upheld the truth in his strong characteristic fashion. Large crowds were present each evening, and outstanding order prevailed throughout. Both disputants conducted themselves as Christian gentlemen.

Both the cups and classes were discussed. Bro. Waters contended that Bible authority permitted the use of only one drinking vessel in the distribution of the fruit of the vine to a congregation. He proved that such a practice is taught by example, command, and necessary inference. On the other hand Bro. Jenkins contended that the cup is the blood. This was his only argument. And though I feel he failed miserably in trying to prove it, I must commend him for not bringing in such things as plates, upper room, etc. He did try to stay with the issues. The same was true with the classes. Bro. Jenkins tried to show that they are authorized under the command "feed the flock," Acts 20:28. He did his best to stay with the issues, in fact better than any man I ever heard. But even in his efforts to deal with issues, he was unable to cite the scripture that by command or example taught the classes. He admitted that the church could worship scripturally and do all God commanded it and never employ their use. Bro. Waters showed the scriptural arrangements for the assembly and proved that when the church divided into classes for teaching the Bible it did something that is not mentioned in the Bible.

All in all it was a good debate. Truth never shined brighter. And some present who previously had held unscriptural ideas could see it. I can certainly commend both speakers for their conduct as well as Bro. R. L. (Bob) Craig who moderated for Bro. Jenkins; and especially Bro. Waters for a fine defense of the truth. It would be difficult, if not impossible to find a man, who with such ability and power, can denounce false doctrine. Should there be any doubt in the mind of anyone as to Bro. Waters' views on cups and classes or those who employ their use I have copied directly from the tape the following: "The man does not live and his mother has not been born who can stand up and challenge the truth in which I believe that I won't meet in public debate. When our practice and our worship is challenged don't you think for one minute that I won't meet any man living." Let that stand as a warning to all who deal carelessly with the Bible Way. For THEY SHALL NOT PASS.

—Ronny F. Wade, Springfield, Mo.

ROCHESTER, NEW YORK

Since Oct. 1, my wife and I have been in Rochester endeavoring to plant a new congregation. The first few weeks we were here we met with only two other families, but for the past two Lord's days, there have been over 20 in attendance. We are now meeting in the Henrietta Y. M. C. A. building. Henrietta is a suburb of Rochester. This is located at 3044 E. Henrietta Rd. (N. Y. Hwy. 15A). We are presently meeting at 10:30 A. M. Lord's Day only. If you are in this area, try to visit with these brethren.

—Bill H. Davis.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Please notice the following correction: In the Sept. issue, a \$200 contribution was credited to Bloomington, Ind.; this should have been to Harrodsburg, Ind. Since our last report, we have received the following: E. K. Lockard, Starford, Pa.—\$10; New Salem, by Grafton Smith, Brookhaven, Miss.—\$100; church, El Cajon, Calif. — \$150; church, Mt. Home, Mo.—\$50; church, Chain Rocks, St. Louis, Mo.—\$100. We are still in need of help if any congregation feels it can help. We want to thank all who have helped with money and with their prayers. We have the building up, but it is not completed; the finish work is where the expense lies. Help may be sent to the church in care of Obie Shireman, Mozier, Ill. 62070.

—Obie Shireman

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The church at Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. wishes to acknowledge the help received to date on our building. Besides the \$325 previously reported, we acknowledge with sincerest thanks the following: Pansy, Ala.—\$20; Starford, Pa.—\$10; Harold B. Spears—\$60; Denver, Colo.—\$25; Houston, Tex.—\$50; a church in Nevada—\$50; Dallas, Tex.—\$25. Grand total: \$565. We would also like to make a plea for more help, as we are unable to obtain financing due to the small amount of funds we have in our possession. All contributions will be appreciated.

—J. V. Bryant, 3480 S. W. 15, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

OUR THANKS

We, at the church in Lebanon, Mo., wish to thank one and all who have been so good in helping us take care of the various needs of both Brethren Bennie Cryer and Jerry Cutter with their work in Malawi, Africa. Enough money has now been received for Brother Cutter's return fare.

—Church, Lebanon, Mo.

PLEASE HELP!

Several months ago Bro. James Vannoy moved to Monahans, Tex., a city of close to 10,000 persons. At the time there was not a loyal congregation meeting, but now Bro. Vannoy sees the need of such due to the prospects that he has found since being there. A meeting place has been found at a reasonable rate, but the owner specifies that necessary repairs must be made if the building is to be rented at that rate. Seats will have to be built. This initial expense will make it very difficult for Bro. Vannoy and others if they do not get help from brethren. Please do not let this call for help go unheeded; send your gifts to Bro. James Vannoy, 908 So. Ike, Monahans, Tex.

—C. A. Smith, 1312 Alpine, Andrews, Tex.

TUCSON, ARIZONA

We would like to announce that the church of Christ meeting at 2917 E. Grant Rd., Tucson, Ariz. will be meeting in the Liberty School, 5101 S. Liberty Ave. as of Oct. 23, 1966. Times of service: Lord's Day at 10:30 A. M. and 7:00 P. M. The new meeting place is the result of two congregations unifying and forming one congregation. We are all grateful to God for this kind of fruit from our efforts of almost a year. All visitors will be welcome and are encouraged to stop. Following are brethren who may be contacted: William Oxner, 4002 Fontana Ave. 887-3231; Joe Fields, 520 W. Michigan Dr. 294-8190; Earl Wooster, 205 W. Jacinto St. 624-0939; Luther Taylor, 419 W. 41st St. 623-8029; and the writer at 509 E. Radburn St. 887-6717.

—Ron DeWitt

AN OPEN LETTER

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Church of Christ at Harrodsburg, Indiana, wishes to announce a gospel meeting with the young brethren in charge. Brother Dennis Smith will be preaching each night at 7:30 p. m. DST, December 28 through January 1. We take this means of inviting all, across the country and locally, to come. Our theme and goal is, "Remember Thy Creator in the Days of Thy Youth." Each young brother will be asked to participate in the services. Why not come and see the New Year in with others of like precious faith?

Christian fellowship along with wholesome activity is being planned. There will be arrangements made for those who wish lodging. If you are interested and plan to attend please contact the following brethren for information: Transportation from Bus, Train Station and Lodging. Randy Heath, R. R. No. 5, Box 120, Bloomington, Ind., Ph. 82-44457; Dan Glover, 716 Western Dr., Bloomington, Ind., Ph. 33-66498; Lewis Anderson, P. O. Box 335, Bedford, Ind.

FROM AFRICA

The last study for this year was completed this week. The Dyanyama church with Bro. Moses Kwapata was the host for this last scheduled study. Day after tomorrow Bro. Cutter and I leave for the northern region of Malawi to assist in beginning a new work there. There should be a complete report on this trip in the next issue of the paper. This is not the only new field of labor over here. In Portuguese East Africa one of the preachers, Bro. A. Bvimbani, has succeeded in registering three churches with the local authorities, and we know of others meeting there in the area, visited by Bro. Kanyenga that are not as yet registered. Also, here in the Blantyre area the cause has been blessed by men obeying the gospel that are capable of excellent leadership in the church. Our homes have become too small for the crowd of people coming, but we were fortunate to find a school building the authorities will let us use in the Soche district between Blantyre and Limbe, and since many of the brethren live in that district, they will begin meeting in that building on Lord's Day, Nov. 13, the Lord willing. We will also continue meeting in our homes since many of the members live in this area.

I do not know whether we have mentioned this or not, but some of the churches in the Central San Joaquin Valley in Calif. have supplied us with films to use in our studies over here. These have proven very helpful in attracting the people to hear the gospel, and thus far we have lost very few who became members that were first attracted by just the showing of the films.

Sister Cutter and the children have already returned to America. She received word concerning the seriousness of her father's health, and we felt it best for them to return at this time. We miss them very much, and of course we are more anxious now for Bro. Criswell and his family to come. Bro. Cutter will return to the States around the first of the year. We again express our thanks to all of the individuals and the congregations who have manifested their interest in the African field by their financial support and prayers.

—Bennie Cryer

MEXICO

Since the last report, Bro. Raleigh A. Perkins and the writer have made a three-day trip into Mexico. Bro. Ralph Gomez of Harlingen, Texas was taken along to do the translating as Bro. Joe Martinez was not in Mexico at the time.

We were saddened to receive the news of the death of Bro. Jose Ruiz Cruz of the Monterrey congregation. Those of you who attended the Sulphur meeting will remember him as the small, elderly, rather thin man of the group of four preachers from Mexico. While in Monterrey, arrangements were made for the congregation to carry on with the help of Bro. Juan Rodriguez. He will go over on Sunday evenings until such time as one of the present leaders of the congregation is qualified to take over.

While in Saltillo, the purchase of Bro. Isabel Martinez' rights in the church building was concluded. Purchase price was \$500.00. However, several days after we returned home, Bro. Juan Rodriguez came to San Antonio and returned the money. He said that

Bro. Roberto Martinez had threatened to go to law about the purchase of the rights to the building. He thus decided that it would be better to take the money back rather than to have a lot of trouble with a lawyer sympathetic to another religion. Both Bro. Joe Martinez and Bro. Juan Rodriguez had just recommended that we quit supporting Bro. Roberto Martinez as he was neglecting his duties toward the church. Bro. Joe Martinez had attended a Sunday morning service in which only one member came. The other members had gone over to meet with Bro. Jose Rodriguez at the Ojo de Agua congregation and said that they would not worship with Bro. Roberto Martinez. We have written letters to those congregations supporting Bro. Roberto so that they will not continue to do so. Such a step as this has not been lightly undertaken but as has been promised all along, when some person does not work out as he ought to, he will be warned. If he does not change his ways, we will recommend that he be no longer supported. We are your eyes and ears in these matters.

Now to good news. The buildings at Guadalupe Victoria and Garza Garcia are now complete. Bro. Jose Rodriguez has started a third congregation near Saltillo at Tortuga. Bro. Juan Rodriguez accompanied us on all of our visits to the several congregations. He has also gone with Bro. Joe Martinez as he visited and worked with each of the churches. Bro. Juan is an outstanding preacher, very devoted to the cause and is likewise possessed of a mature mind.

Bro. Ralph Gomez of Harlingen is now attending school several nights a week and working in the daytime. Bro. Ralph made a trip into Mexico and spent some weeks with him there. Bro. Ralph has decided to postpone working fulltime in Mexico and instead to visit Mexico as he has opportunity during holiday periods.

Bro. Juan Flores of Kerrville is planning on moving to San Antonio and establishing a congregation. We look forward to this and feel that he will be able to start with at least six members. Your prayers are solicited.

Please write to any of the following brethren about any phase of the Mexico work: the writer at 1747 W. Huisache Ave.; L. M. Brouch, 220 Roesler Road; E. E. Perkins, Rt. 13, Box 483; R. A. Perkins, 126 Hillcrest, all of San Antonio, Texas.

—W. B. Coleman

MY POSITION ON CARNAL WARFARE

I cannot participate in military service in any form, directly or indirectly, in combatant or noncombatant service, because:

1. My duty and obligation to my God is superior to all other obligations (Acts 5:29; Matt. 22:37).
2. My God in the Bible forbids that I engage in carnal warfare in the following references:
 - "Put up thy sword," "For all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword" (Matt. 26:52)—Jesus.
 - "My Kingdom is not of this world" (Jno. 18:36).
 - "For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal" (2 Cor. 10:3, 4).
 - "Love your enemies" (Matt. 5:44); "Turn the other cheek" (Matt. 5:39).
 - "Recompense to no man evil for evil" (Rom. 12:17).
3. To enter any military branch or service, combat-

ant or noncombatant, I would be compelled to "swear" (take an oath), but the Bible forbids that I do so ("Swear not at all"—Jesus, Matt. 5:34).

4. To enter any military service I would be compelled to be yoked with unbelievers, which is forbidden—"Be not unequally yoked together with unbelievers" (2 Cor. 6:14).

5. To be in any branch of military service in any way, I would be a part of the organization and would therefore have fellowship in the service, but such is prohibited; thus: "Have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them" (Eph. 5:11).

6. To serve in any way in the military service, I would be deprived of obeying the command to assemble on Lord's day to worship God in the Bible way, at least part of the time, hence would disobey God (Heb. 10:25; Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 16:1, 2).

Therefore, I cannot conscientiously engage in carnal war in any form or branch, and for the above reasons, I authorize my name to be listed in support of the above principles.

—Dennis Mahurin, 2121 Report Ave., Stockton, Calif. 95205

—Johnny Tucker, 838 Bystrum Rd., Modesto, Calif.

—Eddie Gamble, 1258 Lytle Rd., Yuba City, Calif. 95991

OUR DEPARTED

Hill—Bro. Fred A. Hill, Sr. was born Nov. 7, 1886, and departed this life Nov. 10, 1966 at Shreveport, La. He was a member of the church at Shreveport. He is survived by his wife, Mae; 3 sons, 4 daughters, 1 brother and 3 sisters. Bro. Hill was respected for the life he lived as a Christian. The service was conducted in the meeting house on Midway in Shreveport, La. The writer officiated.—Jerry Harris

Davis—Bro. Charles Clifford Davis passed away Oct. 18, 1966 in Oklahoma City, Okla., the result of a heart attack. Bro. Davis was a member of the N. W. 21st St. church of Christ, Oklahoma City. He is survived by his wife, Merdise Davis; two children, Charles Lloyd Davis and Mrs. Judy Barrett; three brothers, Earl, Claude and Clifton; three sisters, Mrs. Lillie Latham, Mrs. Millie Powers and Mrs. Ollie Bivins. Funeral services were conducted at the Oakgrove church of Christ, Foreman, Ark., Oct. 20th. Clifford will be missed by all who knew him. The writer attempted to speak words of comfort to the bereaved.—Edwin S. Morris

Cogburn—Sister Maudie Estelle Cogburn passed away Oct. 19, 1966 at De Leon, Tex., at the age of 78 years, 10 months, and 2 days. She was born Dec. 17, 1887, in Pontotoc, Miss. She had been a member of the Lord's church for 59 years. She was preceded in death by her husband, Bro. Walter Cogburn, on Dec. 6, 1941, and an infant son in 1908. She is survived by one daughter, Sister Stella Park, De Leon, Tex.; 1 sister of Carbon, Tex.; two grandchildren, Mrs. Peggy Box, Pleasanton, Tex., and Buddy Park of Ft. Hood, Tex., and two great grandchildren, Tonya and Mark Box. Funeral services were conducted by Bro. James R. Stewart, Thurs., Oct. 20th at 3:30 P.M. Interment was in the Oliver Springs cemetery.

Canfield—Sister Seona Moore Canfield was born June 4, 1884, near Marion, La.; she died Oct. 8, 1966 in the Norris Clinic in Farmerville, La. She was married to the late George A. Canfield in 1901; he was a faithful gospel preacher from 1916 to 1954 when he died. Mother joined the Baptist church at an early age, but she obeyed the gospel, becoming a member of the Lord's church, in 1923, under the preaching of the late W. M. Childress in a gospel meeting here with the home congregation. She remained faithful until death. She left 11 children to mourn her passing, 3 sons and 8 daughters; 30 grandchildren, and 55 great grandchildren; 5 brothers and a host of other loved ones and friends. Brethren Robert Adams and Gatson spoke words of comfort to all there.

—Jim A. Canfield

Richardson—Sister Grace Watson Richardson, daughter of Harriet Saltsman Watson, and the late Leonard Watson, was born March 7, 1905, in Reynolds Co., Mo., and departed this life, Oct. 29, 1966, at her home in Alton, Mo., at the age of 61 years, 7 months, and 22 days. She is survived by her husband, Lloyd; 4 sons, 5 daughters, 20 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild; her mother; 2 sisters; 7 brothers, one of whom is her twin. Sister Grace and Bro. Lloyd were members of the Oak Forest congregation at Alton, Mo. She was the mother of Sister Norma Campbell, whom we love so much, and who with Bro. Paul, her husband, was so faithful when they lived here in St. Louis; they now attend at Oak Forest. Sister Grace was also a sister-in-law to Bro. Hosea Sifford who is the leader and backbone of the church there. Interment was at Bailey Chapel cemetery. The writer officiated.

—Gareld Stumpff

Mahaffey—Bro. Alton Albert Mahaffey, a native of Texas, born Oct. 6, 1891, died in a tragic automobile accident Sept. 25, 1966. Alton and most of his family had been faithful in Christian labors for many years in the Fresno, Calif. area. The family attended the original Sanger congregation in 1940 and were with the Orange Ave. church, Fresno, until 1950 when they volunteered to assist in establishing a new work in Madera (now Highway City). Alton was always a gentle person. It was with ease that his many friends came to "like" him. His wife, Josie, was in the automobile with him at the time of the accident. She suffered several fractured ribs and is still hospitalized. The writer, assisted by Jimmy Terrell and Bill Lynch, spoke at the funeral service. Beautiful singing and a lovely floral offering were attractive, but the most wonderful fact is that he was a child of God.

—James W. Russell

David W. Terrell was born January 18, 1944, at New Boston, Texas, and died on the battlefield in Viet Nam, July 4, 1966, at the age of 22 years, 5 months and 16 days. He is survived by his father, J. R. Terrell, Shreveport, La.; three brothers, E. R., of Shreveport, P. L., of Millington, Tenn., and Jimmy B., of Modesto, Calif.; 1 sister, Mrs. Lewis Kennedy, of Texarkana, Ark. David became a member of the body of Christ after having served several years in the Marines, and had great aspirations for Christian service when his military term was to end; but death, that sanctity whom all men must respect, claimed him before those fine ambitions could be fulfilled. He is the brother of one

of our finest young gospel preachers, Jimmy Terrell. Funeral services were conducted in the Midway Church of Christ in Shreveport, and he was buried with full military honors in Centuries Memorial Park Cemetery. A large number of friends and fellow Christians gathered to pay their last respects to this young man who was loved by all who knew him. It was the painful task of this writer to deliver the funeral sermon.

—Wayne Fussell

BONDS OF MATRIMONY

Coleman-Kenney—August 6, 1966, Bro. Jim Coleman and Sister Judith Lee Kenney were united in the bonds of matrimony before a host of relatives and friends at Monrovia, Calif. Jim is the son of Bro. and Sister Waymon Coleman of San Antonio, Tex. Judy is the daughter of Bro. and Sister Lee Kenney of Monrovia, Calif. The bride and groom are fine young Christians and we pray for them a long and profitable life, both spiritual and temporal. Their families have a long, faithful history of service to the church of our Lord Jesus Christ. The writer officiated and offers his apology for such a belated report.—Luther Boek

Kelley-Young—On Sept. 2, 1966, Bro. David Ross Kelley and Sister Judy Kay Young exchanged wedding vows in the meeting house located in southwest Bakersfield, Calif. The wedding was attended by many brethren, relatives and friends. David is the son of Bro. and Sister Phil Kelley of Bakersfield, and the grandson of Bro. and Sister D. C. Kelley, of Woodlake, Calif. Judy is the daughter of Sister Gertrude Young. These young people are loved and respected; our hope for them is that they will have a long, happy and peaceful life together in the Lord's service. I was pleased to be asked to officiate.—Richard De Gough

Patrick-Powell—On Oct. 21, 1966, Bro. James R. Patrick, Jr. and Sister Charlene Powell were joined in marriage, at the 64th St. church of Christ, Sacramento, Calif. A large crowd was present. James is a young man from the state of Alabama. It was my pleasure to baptize him some time ago. Charlene is the daughter of Bro. and Sister Ed Powell, Sacramento. Having had the honor to speak words joining these two in marriage, I encouraged them to always include God and our blessed Savior in all their plans.—Orvel B. Johnson

THE HOUSE TO HOUSE TEACHER —

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not willing to deny himself some of the things others enjoy will never be a successful soul-winner.

5. Study—Willingness to spend time studying the Bible is an absolute necessity for the teacher of God's Word. Paul wrote to the young evangelist Timothy in 2 Timothy 2:15, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." It is equally as needful for the house to house teacher to study as it is the evangelist. The responsibilities of teaching one individual are as great as teaching a multitude. One does not have to know all about the Bible when he begins conducting home studies; but he does need to be increasing his knowledge, and becoming more competent as a teacher. The only way this is accomplished is by diligent study of the scriptures, which requires

time. Personal workers may profit from the instruction Paul gave Timothy in I Timothy 4:13, "Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine."

The foregoing paragraph should not be interpreted by the beginning teacher to mean he has failed when asked a question during a study that he cannot answer. Quite the contrary, sometimes it puts your prospect at ease to learn that you do not claim to have all the answers. However, let each question be a challenge for more study on your part. Tell your prospect that you are going to investigate the subject he has mentioned, and on your next visit, you will have more information. Do not wait to begin your house to house work until you think you can answer every question that might be put to you. There will always be a need for study.

We are told by the apostle Peter, "Be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear" (I Peter 3:15). The soul-winner should at all times be prepared to give reasons from the scriptures for believing that obedience to the gospel gives one the hope of eternal life. Be able to turn to the passages that show the steps into Christ and the basic principles of Christian living. These things are sometimes referred to as the first principles of the doctrine of Christ. Do not be as the teachers Paul referred to in I Timothy 1:7, "Desiring to be teachers of the law; understanding neither what they say, nor whereof they affirm." Instead, do as Peter says in 2 Peter 3:18, "But grow in grace, and in knowledge of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ." Begin working for Christ, and study for more knowledge as you gain experience in soul-winning. It is much better to make a few mistakes, than to make the big mistake of not starting at all for fear of making a mistake.

Suggestion to the beginner: For your first few home studies, select a prospect that you know will be easy to teach. Until you gain confidence which comes with experience, do not attempt studies with someone you know is prejudiced toward the church; or someone who delights in trying to confuse you with "loaded" questions. After a little experience, you will have the confidence to study with anyone.

—Marion, La.

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ideas will re-study this subject prayerfully in the light of God's word.

—11417 Post Hill Pl.,

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Food for Thought from Clippings

"I have noticed that just about everytime a brother gets ready to depart the faith and head toward modernism or some other error, that his swan song is "we have stressed the letter of the law and forsaken the spirit of it." —C. W. Adams, *Truth Magazine*

"When one starts to talking about the pattern of work or worship as being unimportant or legalistic, you had better watch him. He's headed out of the church and into some form of modernistic sectarianism. The apostasy of scores of men, young and old, down this well-worn path testifies to this fact."

—Cecil Willis, *Truth Magazine*

"We are not as careful as we once were to do Bible things in Bible ways. Isn't it time for all concerned

to seriously consider the possibility of finding mutual ground, and the unity that goes with that?"

—Ruell Lemmons, *Firm Foundation*



L. T. Cryer, 356 E. 47, San Angelo, Tex., Nov. 2—The church here is getting along all right. We invite all Christians coming our way to meet with us. Here are 2 subs.

Paul Walker, 1328 Santee Dr., San Jose, Calif., Nov. 18—The work here continues with some progress. We will be with the Orangevale, Calif. congregation, Nov. 20th, Lord willing.

Dennis E. Smith, 4327 Harrison, Apt. 2, Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 8—The three months' work at Wynne-wood, Okla. closed with the month of Oct. I truly enjoyed this, and I am thankful to the brethren there for their hospitality. We closed the work with a meeting; there were 5 confessions and 1 restoration. I am now in Kansas City, Mo. to begin for six months. I solicit your prayers in the work. Please notice my new address.

Jerry D. Harris, 1000 Drummond Dr., Apt. 239, Arlington, Tex. 76010, Nov. 15—Our work here continues until the first of the year; we are enjoying it. The Christians here are cooperating and I believe they are in a good position to begin to reap from their labors. The week-end of Nov. 12-13, I preached at Conway, La. and Strong, Ark. We enjoyed our visit in the Billy Orten home. The Lord willing we plan to begin working with the church at Harrodsburg, Ind., the first of 1967.

E. H. Stamper, 2761 Vendome, Auburn Hts., Mich., Nov. 6—We just closed a good meeting here with Bro. Johnny Elmore. After each service, Bro. Elmore conducted an hour's singing school which was well attended and much good was accomplished. We surely did appreciate Bro. Johnny and all were built up spiritually. The spirit at Milford is good and brethren are zealous and working to build up the church. The good sisters here, too, are to be commended for their work and hospitality.

Rodney R. Ross, 20 Taylor St., Apt. 2, Pontiac, Mich., Nov. 20—We have recently enjoyed attending the meetings of Johnny Elmore and Wallace Kornegay at Milford and Farmington respectively. Both meetings accomplished their purpose of raising the spirit of the brethren in the Lord's work. Our work at Pontiac is to continue through at least Jan. '67. The home-studies we are having are very helpful in the Lord's work. We are having a study on 1 Cor. each Fri. evening. Young male members are being given opportunity in learning to speak. That will be a future blessing. Please pray for the work here, and throughout the world.

R. B. Roden, 112 Kelley Dr., Moore, Okla., Nov. 15—The month of Oct. was a busy one in the Okla. City area. We enjoyed our short meeting Oct. 4-5th. The speakers were Edwin Morris, Richard Nichols, Johnny Elmore and myself. We used two speakers each night and feel that all were edified by the good talks. Our plans for the winter are to study more and work harder for the Lord. We look forward to the meeting New Year's at Norman, Okla., Dec. 25-Jan. 1. Since last report, I have preached one or more times at the following places: Davis, Lexington, Oklahoma City (Capitol Hill), Norman, Sentinel, and Washington, Okla. Lord willing, I will be at Healdton, Okla., Nov. 20th. Do pray for the work here and elsewhere.

Elmo House, 1818 Baldwin, Memphis, Tenn., Nov. 17—We have now finished our first week of "door to door" evangelism here. Among the many whom we have contacted, we have arranged studies with 7 families, most of them Baptists. We are also studying with one family of our digressive brethren. He does not fully believe in individual cups and the Sunday School method of teaching. Brethren, they are out there if we can locate them. We must go to them. We finished our labors with the congregation in N. Little Rock with good results. We have entrusted the watch and care of those souls we won to Christ into their hands. Pray for them. Brotherly love, unity and kindness prevail among the brethren here in Memphis. We shall save some souls while we are here. Pray for the church and for our labors. Our prayers follow the faithful.

Clovis T. Cook, 809 Lyons, Kansas City, Kan., Nov. 21—Edwin Morris recently closed a meeting here. We think it was a very good meeting. One was baptized. Crowds were very good. Edwin did some very strong and firm teaching, which we all need, lest we forget what manner of person we ought to be. On Thursday night after the meeting closed we baptized a young man, and the following Sunday we baptized a young lady. Yesterday we baptized two and restored one. All these conversions and restorations are the work of a few members who are at work in this congregation. Prospects are good for a radio program to begin here soon with Dennis Smith doing most of the teaching while he is working in this area. I would like to say a big amen to the article by Orville Lee Smith in the last issue of the O. P. A. It was very good. Speak to us again about these matters for your voice needs to be heard. I recently heard Ron Courter at Joplin, Mo. He seemed to know what he was talking about; a very good preacher indeed.

Jim A. Canfield, Rt. 3, Box 86, Marion, La., Nov. 13—The church here at home is growing in knowledge of the Scriptures. One brother, head of a family, confessed faults and asked the prayers of the church to help him keep faithful. The church at Farmerville, 10 miles away, is growing, too. Bro. Joe Rivers at Memphis, Tenn. wrote the church there is growing. He baptized a man of the "Sanctified Holiness church of God" a few Lord's days ago. To date my suitcase has not been found; how I hope it is found, with my suit, 3 pairs of pants, and shirts, my Bible and other belongings. At this writing, my sister and I are doing fine since our mother died Oct. 8. Pray for us, brethren,

for we can only look to God's word for consolation that guides our faith to the end (Rev. 14:13; 2 Cor. 5:1-3). Pray for me, brethren, in this dark hour.

Carlos B. Smith, Rt. 1, Wesson, Miss., Nov. 3—I surely enjoyed the Oct. issue of OPA. Amos 3:3 still reads, "Can two walk together except they agree?" I enjoyed a week-end meeting the second in Oct. with brethren I have labored with much. Bro. Bailey baptized one at Pearlhaven lately, and Bro. Pate Shaheen baptized 2 of his children. They are with the church in Jackson, Miss. He and Bro. Gene Butler are doing a good work there although they have a small attendance. We need a man there to do part-time work to take Bro. Macy's place. If anyone is interested in moving there, let us know. There are jobs open; Bro. Shaheen would like to hire some Christian boys or men on the job he has. He is a man who will spend and be spent for the sake of the cause as was the apostle Paul. May the Lord bless him in his work.

Rodney R. Ross, 20 Taylor St., Apt. 2, Pontiac, Mich., Nov. 1—Since last reporting we have been laboring with the Pontiac congregation. There have been three confessions of fault and one baptism since Sept. 25th. The Lord willing we will be working with this congregation for two months or more. In mid-October we were able to make a trip to Oklahoma City. We truly enjoyed our visit. I spoke in Chickasha, Okla., Oct. 16; and, at 21st St., Okla. City, on the 19th. Here in the area, we really enjoyed Johnny Elmore's meeting at Milford, Mich. He conducted a singing school in conjunction with the meeting which I know was very helpful to everyone. We look forward to Bro. Kornegay in Detroit beginning this coming Sunday. Our hearts grieve at the passing of our dear Bro. Dude Pearson. He will be missed by everyone. Please offer a special prayer in behalf of his family.

Paul O. Nichols, 1400 Adena Street, Bakersfield, Calif. 93306, Nov. 18—The meeting at Fredrick, Okla. closed Oct. 23rd. It was a pleasure, indeed, to be with these brethren again. I look forward to being with them again. We appreciated all of our visitors from out of town. From Fredrick I returned home and to the work with my home church in southwest Bakersfield. We have had two confessions and one restoration. It was enjoyable to hear Bro. Miles King in his recent meeting with the East Bakersfield congregation. He did some good preaching. We enjoyed having him in our home, too. After the meeting closed Bro. Miles and I went to Ukiah where we discussed some matters with members there. My next meeting is at Sonora, Calif., Dec. 4-11. Brethren, I am opposed to liberalism, and opposed to anyone else who is liberal preaching in my home congregation.

Peluse Kalongonda, Box 43, Palombe, Malawi, Africa, Nov. 7—I am very glad to write you brethren and sisters in the U. S. A. this day for the work of God. The church here at Zenje is doing fine. July 24, I was with Bro. Jerry Cutter at Mauzi church; Aug. 14, we were at Chinalo; Aug. 21, I was at Mlomba church where I met Bro. Bennie Cryer. Aug. 28, I was at Likhura church where 14 were baptized. Aug. 31, I was at Kambenje with 24 baptized. Sept. 11, we had a

meeting here at Zenje; Bro. Bennie Cryer with 5 African preachers were present. Brethren pray for us that we must not forego our Lord. I am sorry to report the death of Bro. Ragison Bwana on Oct. 25th; Oct. 28, we were at Namasoki church with 5 baptisms. Bro. Jerry Cutter was there, along with 5 African preachers. Let us help one another in prayers to carry on the work. The gospel is now going ahead, region by region, here in Malawi.

C. A. Smith, 1312 Alpine, Andrews, Tex., Nov. 20—It was indeed a great privilege to attend the Waters-Jenkins debate in Odessa, Tex., Nov. 7, 8, 10th and 11th on the communion and teaching questions. Bro. Waters certainly has not lost his ability to stand up and wield the sword of the Spirit for he very capably presented his affirmations and refuted Bro. Jenkins at each and every session. It is indeed comforting to know that we have such men of valor to defend the truth when the occasion demands it. May the Lord increase his tribe. It was good to see preaching brethren Ronny Wade who moderated for Bro. Waters; Jack Cutter, B. F. Leonard, Arthur Wade, and of course my father, Tom E. Smith. The congregation here in Andrews is enjoying peace, prosperity, love, periods of Bible study and an occasional addition. To God be the glory.

Johnny Long, 2052 Auburn Blvd., Sacramento, Calif., Nov. 21—I am sure thankful for the OPA; there is not an issue in which I do not get some spiritual benefit in one way or another. We are having an enjoyable meeting here at 64th St. with Bro. Miles King. We are doing fine at Oakmont. We have some visitor preaching for us almost every Lord's Day. The first Lord's Day we have Bro. Al Newman from Yuba City; the third, Bro. Earl Helvey from 64th St. (the last time he was here there was a large crowd of brethren who use more than 1 cup on the Lord's table); the fourth Lord's Day, we have Bro. Ronnie Jordan from Escalon. Thurs. night we have a round table discussion in which male members, sitting around a large table, discuss the Scriptures going from thought to thought or idea to idea instead of verse by verse. Pray for us here, and visit us.

James D. Corson, Mahaffey, Pa., Nov. 8—My work in Mo. and Ill. the month of Oct. closed with good interest, also a zeal for future progress. At Edwards, Mo., Bro. Lloyd Kramer from Rote, Pa., and I preached night about. After twelve years, it was good to see again and be with these fine folks, and enjoy their friendship and hospitality. From there we went to Mozier, Ill., one of my home places of preaching. The congregation continues to grow under loving and sound leadership. Bro. Ralph Kitson and Bro. Bentsch, Sr., of Edwards, Mo. have both been more than a father to me in preaching the gospel. May they be blessed for their continued efforts. We sowed the seed, and will let the increase come from heaven. I appreciated Bro. Kramer's being with me on this trip. It was his first experience away from our local churches in Pa. In the future he hopes to dedicate more time in carrying the gospel to others. He can be an asset to the cause, for his years of home-learning and teaching have been rooted and grounded in the faith. To my brethren near and far, greetings.

Edwin S. Morris, 10520 N. McKinley, Oklahoma City, Okla. 73114, Nov. 10—We were in a very enjoyable meeting in Huntington, W. Va., Sept. 16-25. We made our home with Bro. and Sister B. F. Leonard while there. It was a pleasure to be in their midst. I was in a meeting here in Okla. City at 21st St., Oct. 7-16, with 1 baptism. Crowds and interest were good throughout. I was in Kansas City (10th and Ray), Kans., Oct. 7-16; there was 1 baptism and a few confessions of faults. This was indeed an enjoyable meeting. I will be at Houston, Mo., Nov. 12-20, and that will bring our meetings for the year to a close. It has been an enjoyable year. Of course we always would like to have more visible results, but we feel much good was done that was unseen. Frances lost her father Oct. 1. He lived in Waco, Tex. Pray for us.

Tom Lehmann, 11471 Post Hill Place, Lakeside, Calif. 92040, Nov. 16—Time seems to go faster and faster each year. It seems like only yesterday that the Sulphur meeting came to a close, and now the New Year is almost here. As this year comes to a close, I wonder if we can look back at our accomplishments and feel satisfaction in our work for the Lord. I know I have a lot of room to grow spiritually because I am young in the faith, as well as in years. I ask the prayers of the faithful as I strive to preach and set a good example. With determination, God's help, and the prayers of my brethren, I know I can do better in the future. With the encouragement of one another, we all can do better and be more closely knit together as we labor for the Lord. Since last report, I have been privileged to preach at El Cajon and El Centro, both in California. I have no set appointments in the future at this time, and would be very happy to fill any appointments that my brethren set with me, if at all possible. Please remember me in your prayers. May God bless all of the faithful.

Jerry L. Cutter, Box 573, Blantyre, Malawi, Africa—Last night, as far as I now know, my wife and children arrived back in the States. Pat's father is seriously ill, and due to the gravity of the illness, and the shortness of the time we had left to stay in Malawi, I encouraged her to return to America. The flight time from here to Okla. City is down to 37 hours including 11 hours of layovers. It was not easy for me to have my family leave; however, I feel it was best they did under the circumstances. My present plans are to return to the States after the first of the year. Brother Criswell is hoping to come by the first of February. Our last study was completed by brother Cryer yesterday; the next round will begin next April. Monday we plan to leave for the Northern Province to begin a new work at the old home of our translator, brother John Mussa. One way the trip is more than 500 miles. We will be gone about two weeks, the Lord willing. Last week, after finishing a study at Mautana church, I went directly to Namasoko for a big week-end meeting. I preached four times and the last day the crowd was overflowing; several hundred were present. Six baptisms took place and there were 13 confessions. Many of the faithful preachers from the Palombe area were able to attend. Included were Kalongonda, Chibalo, Kusamale, Namalova, Nkwampitira, Wahiya and others. These are good men. In Blantyre last Sunday two more were baptized, bringing the total of baptisms to some 25 in the last year. The work goes well now in all areas. Continue to pray for us.

Tom E. Smith, 302 Phillips, Healdton, Okla., Nov. 15—Wife and I were at Dougherty, Okla., Oct. 29-30; we feel the meeting conducted there the first of Oct. will bear fruit eventually. We were at Graham, Okla., Lord's Day, Nov. 6, for both services, and were encouraged with zeal manifested there. We were at Andrews, Tex. the past week, Mon. thru Fri. C. A., our son, and I, along with our wives, attended the discussion at Odessa between Brethren J. Ervin Waters and Jess Jenkins on the classes and communion. The truth certainly did not suffer in Ervin's hands. We came home by way of Fredrick, Okla. and preached at the morning and evening services last Lord's Day, Nov. 13. It was certainly uplifting to be with all of our beloved brethren and sisters in Christ whom we have known and appreciated through the years. Some of them are ill, and we shall always remember them and their loved ones when we approach the throne of grace. Let us all be more thoughtful of our afflicted brethren and sisters (see Matt. 25:31-46). Never, never neglect to visit and administer to their needs.

Orvel B. Johnson, 2200 Burney Way, Sacramento, Calif., Oct. 29—Recently, I have had the opportunity of teaching for the congregations at El Cajon, Covina, N. Sacramento, Orangevale, and 64th St., Sacramento, all in Calif. Over the past several months, a number have obeyed the gospel. These are mostly young people which is very encouraging. I was called upon to conduct the funeral of my chief assistant on Oct. 18. He had passed away as the result of a heart attack. A large group of business and professional people were in attendance. Many have told me since that they now realize, from words spoken, that all people can and should, without being ashamed, include God in their lives. We used this phrase: Be not ashamed of a tear that may dim the eye, for we have lost a loved one and a good friend; but rather be concerned with our lives, that they include God and Christ unto the end. E'er long we leave Sacramento for a several months' stay in San Diego. We hope to be of some assistance to the congregations in that area. Pray that we shall remain solid in the Way, that stalwart Christians have upheld for many years.

Joe Hisle, Rt. 4, Ada, Okla., Nov. 7—Since last report, I have enjoyed working with the Washington, Okla. congregation in a gospel meeting. The effort there closed without visible results. I would like to make this report a special letter of thanks to all those who have helped me this year. As you may know, this was my first year to work full time in the field. About this time last year, when I first began to think about full-time work, I was wondering if I would be able to get enough work to stay busy. I realized that I was not known by the various congregations; it looked as if it would be a slow process to get started. I am happy and thankful to report that I have been able to stay busy. I thank my preaching brethren, Tommy Shaw, Bill Roden, Billy Orten, Miles King, and especially Johnny Elmore for helping me. I would like to thank all my brethren who have recommended me and assisted me in any way to get started. I have certainly enjoyed being associated with my brethren and sisters in Christ. I look forward to a new year of work for the Lord. My plans now are to begin work with the Earlytown congregation near Samson, Ala. in Dec.

David Macy, C/O 143 Shady Brook Dr., Marietta, Ga., Nov. 18—The future looks bright for the church here. It appears that most problems have been worked out, and the church is right on the threshold of accomplishing great things. Out attendance runs from 80 to over 100 almost every Lord's Day. Last month contributions totaled \$683, and this was a record to my knowledge. Eleven have confessed faults and 1 has been baptized since I moved here the last of Aug. Plans have been drawn for a new building, and we hope to begin construction in the near future. Bro. Alton Bailey is conducting a gospel meeting here this week and we are having a good meeting. Bro. Bailey is a forceful preacher of the gospel and a very able person

worker. Four have confessed faults so far in the meeting. Bro. Bailey has been a great help in working out the problems in the church here, and I give him credit for what has been accomplished in this respect. I preached at Walterboro, S. C. last Lord's Day, and the work is really progressing there. They have almost completed a new building and several members have been added in the last few months. I have some time available for meetings next year. May God richly bless all the faithful.

Homer L. King, 1061 N. Pilgrim, Stockton, Calif., Nov. 14.—Sept. 24-Oct. 17, we were in Mo. where we visited five congregations, Lebanon, Lee Summit, Claxton, Springfield, and Kansas City, Kan. We had a real good singing at Lee Summit; this continues to be one of the best singing congregations in the brotherhood. Bro. Hugh Milner preached there on Sunday, a good lesson, and we enjoyed a bountiful lunch at the noon hour. We were glad Hugh and Nola could be with us that week end. We enjoyed the hospitality of the brethren at Lebanon one Lord's day. We spent Sat. nite and Sunday at Claxton visiting with brethren and relatives and again enjoyed having lunch with them. Our last Lord's day was spent in Springfield, Benton Ave., where we had a large crowd, and Bro. Ronny Wade gave a good lesson. We are always interested in their growth since we labored so long with them. We had a good lunch and singing in the afternoon, then Bro. Clovis Cook and wife took us to Kansas City for the evening services, and we heard a good lesson from Clovis. We left for home the next day. Since arriving home, we have enjoyed a good visit with Bro. Lynwood Smith. Last Sat. evening we heard our son, Don, give a good lesson at Manteca; he also preached for us the fifth Lord's day here in Stockton. Last Lord's day we had four deacons ordained by Bro. Orville Smith at Stockton.

E. H. Miller, Box 538, LaGrange, Ga. 30240, Nov. 17—Soul-winning work in this section is still plentiful; yea, such workers are in great demand. As Jesus said in Mt. 9:37-38, "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest." It is hard to understand why such laborers are so hard to find when the best pay possible is offered. I am thankful we do have as many such laborers in this section as might be found in any section, yet lost souls are passing into eternity day after day. Due to the lack of more laborers I wonder if each laborer could not work a little harder, and maybe a few more hours each week. Speaking of harder work and more hours, I am thankful I am gradually recovering from damage received in July, and am able to walk on crutches and drive a car now. That permits me to do more personal work and visit those less fortunate than I. The doctor hopes the crutches can be put aside by Mar. I am able to preach two or three times a week. The doctor told Bro. Shelmutt yesterday that he perhaps can go back to work in two weeks; my wife has been back at work several weeks. We all appreciate the many cards and letters received from across the nation, and are thankful for the many prayers offered in our behalf. Many who saw our condition on July 24 are surprised that we survived; even the doctors are surprised. After the operation my doctor said I could not walk on crutches for five months, but I said, "Listen Doc, the Lord, you, and I all together can do a faster job than that." Well, instead of five months it took only 6 weeks. I wish all Christians would put more confidence in prayer and then pray more! My printer promises to have my article proving fermented wine cannot be used in the Lord's Supper in book form by this time next month (by the time the Dec. OPA comes out). Several requests for it to be put in book form have been received. One preacher gave up fermented wine after reading it, and one congregation that had used fermented wine said they would not use such again. I am not sure of the price yet, but hope I can let them go at 25c each, for we need them all over the country. I hope to have a debate with Bro. Perry Langston on this subject ready to mail in early 1967 (maybe in Jan.).