Ye num'rous sects
which all declare
"Lo Christ is here.
Lo Christ is there."
Your stronger proofs
divinely give
And show me where
the Christians live.

OLD PATHS ADVOCATE

"Where is Thy Church,
O, Savior, where?"
I heard the cry,
and then I heard:
"Here is My Church
where men still dare
To take Me at My word."

"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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FROM CROSS TO CROWN

By Lynwood Smith

From studying the Scriptures we learn that "crosses" and "crowns" are both literal and figurative. Cruden's Concordance tells us that "crosses were so common among the Romans as a penalty, that pains, afflictions, troubles, and unprosperous affairs, were called crosses." We are also told that "crowns," in a figurative sense, "signifies honor, splendor or dignity, and was given to conquers and those who had won certain victories." But they are in a certain order: first, the cross—then the crown. Our Lord obtained his crown by first suffering a cross. In Philippians 2:8, we read: "And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, becoming obedient even unto death, yea, the death of the cross." Yet, in the next verse we find, "Wherefore also God hath highly exalted him." We see that now He is being exalted, and in Rev. 19:12, we see him as the "King of kings, and Lord of lords," and on his head is many crowns. Thus it was, that through the cross he obtained the crown.

Peter tells us, (1 Pet. 2:21) "Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example that we should follow in his steps." Then, why should the Christians think some strange thing had happened to them, when they meet with trouble and afflictions? Why should many turn and "walk no more with their Lord," when the crosses seem heavy? Our Lord tells us in Matt. 16:24, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me." He also says in the tenth chapter, thirty-eight verse of the same Book. "He that taketh not his cross and followeth after me, is not worthy of me." We must deny ourselves of all the sinful pleasures that we would desire. We must submit to whatsoever afflictions and persecutions might be thrown upon us. We sometimes must even submit to death itself.

Peter wrote unto the Christians (1 Pet. 4:12), "Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trials which is to come upon you as though some strange thing happened unto you, but rejoice, insomuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings." He then tells us in verse sixteen, "If any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in this behalf." It surely is nothing to be ashamed of to bear a cross for Christ, and partake of his sufferings. For if we would some day receive a crown, we must bear a cross as our Lord did.

Regardless of how many crosses we bear, or how many pains we suffer for Christ, if they are not for the right purpose, in right way, they will avail us nothing. For in 2 Tim. 2:5 "a man is not crowned except he strive lawfully." So, we should examine ourselves and see if the crosses that we are bearing are for the glory of God, and will they bring us any profit?

As we daily bear the crosses and grow weary and faint, we should find courage enough to keep following on, by reading those consoling words in Rom. 8:18: "I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that shall be revealed in us."

In Rev. 2:8, 10, there is a message to the church of Smyrna from Jesus Christ. He informs those people that he is aware of the crosses that they had borne for his name: they were poverty stricken, (yet rich), they were suffering tribulations, and they were the victims of blasphemy. He also informs them of the forthcoming sufferings that they must endure: they were to be cast into prison, they were to suffer more tribulations, but he closes the letter by encouraging them to "be faithful unto death," and he promises them a crown of life.

Paul was also a bearer of many crosses for the Lord. In 2 Cor. 23:28, he enumerates the crosses he had borne. (Are we bearing any greater than these? Then why should we give up?). Yet, when came his time to depart and be with Christ and receive his everlasting reward, he wrote to Timothy and said: "I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith; henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day. And not to me only, but unto all them that love his appearing." (2 Tim. 4:6, 8).

As we go upon this earthly pilgrimage, and our crosses and trials are many, we should look away with the eye of faith to the beautiful crown that awaits the faithful in that glorious home of God. "Look away from the cross to the glittering crown

From your cares weary one, look away.
There's a beautiful home where no sorrow can
come,
And where pleasures will never decay."

Beautiful things attract beautiful souls. What things attract you?

The color that is in your soul gives the world a corresponding tint.

PROFANITY DRESSED IN SUNDAY CLOTHES

If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart; this man's religion is vain.—James 1:26.

More than seventy-five percent of Christians I know (and I try to make friends of the best) use one or more of the following expressions: "What the deuce," "dickens," "golly," "heavens," or "for heaven's sake," "goodness," "goodness gracious," and "gee." Many more could be mentioned, but these will justify our subject.

When you say, "What the deuce," you are really saying, "What the devil."—(See Webster's New International Dictionary.)

"Dickens" is another euphemism for the devil. A euphemism as described by Webster is "a way of describing an offensive thing by an inoffensive expression."

"Darn," according to Funk and Wagnalls' Practical Dictionary, means "to damn."

Webster defines "gosh" as a substitute for God used in oaths. Therefore, if we use this word we transgress the second commandment "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain" (Exo. 20:7).

"Golly is another euphemism for the profane use of God and is recognized by language authorities as meaning God.

Many who throw up their hands in horror when they hear the word "hell" in an oath, repeatedly say, "Oh, heavens," or "for heaven's sake," which is much worse, for it gets closer to God and His throne: "And he that shall swear by heaven, sweareth by the throne of God, and by him that sitteth thereon" (Matt. 23:22). Webster says the phrases, "for goodness sake" and "goodness gracious," refer originally to the goodness of God. Jesus said, in Luke 18:19, "None is good, save one, that is , God." "Gee," commonly thought of as slang, is listed in Webster's dictionary with a capital letter and said to be "a form of Jesus used in minced oaths." Authorities on etymology have traced these words to their origin. All disputes are settled by consulting the dictionary.

"And now, brethren, I wot that through ignorance ye did it" (Acts 3:17), that very few have been guilty of "presumptuous sin," and therefore we hope and pray this little ray of light on the subject may help many to reverence the name of Jesus and God.

But someone may say, "I don't mean it that way when I use those words." I gladly grant very few mean it that way; but it is just as true that many unsaved people who use the name of God in vain do not mean it, but do it from force of habit. "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain." We take it in vain, whether we dress it in Sunday clothes or speak plainly. Certainly you would never think of taking the precious name of Jesus in vain.

"If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body" (James 3:2).

"Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be" (James 3:10).

One asked me, "What can I say then, if I can't use *any of these words?*" There are 400,000 words in the English language, and I dare assert ninety-five per cent of them would be safe to have on your lips when you are dying. —(In A. C. R.)

"AND YE GAVE ME MEAT"
(Matt. 25:35)

I am thinking of our faithful boys in the C.P.S. camps. I am told that they are being fed by three denominational churches and that this set-up is only for this year. I do not know what will happen after the first year, but I do believe, that we owe it to these boys to support them. They are sacrificing about everything for their faith, and we should show our appreciation of their faithfulness to the Lord and His word.

I believe most of the loyal churches of Christ really **want** to help these boys, but it seems that little has been done about it, possibly, because they do not know how to go about it.

I shall offer a few suggestions and will be glad to hear from others on the matter.

It is possible that the S. S. and cups brethren will take care of their own boys. If not, we should do all we can for them, too. This, I believe, should who is willing to see after the matter, the funds be inquired into. I believe that our boys should all be treated alike.

Where we have someone living near the camp should be sent to him to be distributed to the boys. It might be better to have someone at each camp. If this would not work, then I would suggest that someone act as distributor for all the camps and all contributions be sent to him. This could be sent to one of the boys and divided among them.

I do not know of a better way for congregations to spend their contributions than this way, and we could all have fellowship in the work.

It does not make much difference to me how this work is done (so long as it is scriptural), but it surely is time for us to ACT and ACT NOW!

—Homer A. Gay.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTORS
By Ervin Waters

We have Christian boys in three C. P. S. Camps; at Lyndhurst, Va., Magnolia, Ark., and Santa Barbara, Calif. These boys have braved the multitudes in order "to obey God rather than men." They have no income and work for nothing. The Church of the Brethren sponsors these three camps and assumes the financial responsibility for them. This includes food, heat, lights, etc. The expenses will average over $30 per man. Our boys, who have no income, cannot pay this and the Church of the Brethren has been paying it when they couldn't. They haven't even asked the boys for money but, brethren, are we going to refuse to "care for our own" and leave them to the charity of a denomination? "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ" (Gal. 6:2). Can we discharge our Christian responsibility and refuse to help them?

I am glad to report that there has been some response from the kind hearts of the brethren. Individuals and congregations have sent to "their necessity" but we have felt sure that others would, when they understood the need and knew what means to use. One small congregation at Lodi, Calif., has given and pledges itself to give $25 per month to this work. God will reward them "according to their works."

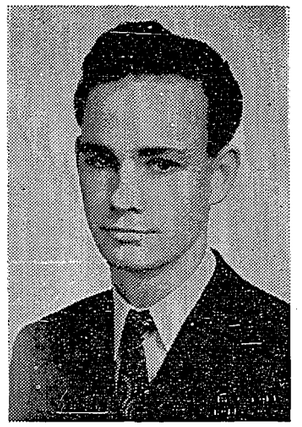
We have selected Bro. Carl N. Nichols, 849 Wilcox Ave., Hollywood, Calif., to take charge of these contributions. The contributions can be sent to him by individuals or by congregations. He will send them monthly to the Brethren Service Committee, Elgin, Illinois, so that they will be used to support these boys. Then he will make a monthly report to the Old Paths Advocate concerning contributions received, the amount and source. Bro. Nichols is a business man of integrity. He is one of our foremost leaders in church work and is the father of our young Evangelist, Paul Nichols. He will accept contributions from the Pacific Coast and from all over the brotherhood, if no others are selected elsewhere to do this job. We couldn't find a more competent man. Let's respond to this work. I personally know boys in all three of these camps and have visited the camp at Santa Barbara, Calif. We expect more of our boys to be in these camps soon and our responsibility will increase. May God bless those who are enduring for his sake and those who are sharing with them the blessings from on high!

Note:—I would suggest that one of the Christian boys from each camp report to us the number of strictly loyal boys and the number of boys who advocate cups and the S. S. in each camp. Find out, too, if possible, if their brethren are helping to support them, that we may know whether to include them in the contributions sent to us. The brethren in the Carter church, near Davidson. Okla., have recently sent me $25.00 to be sent out equally to the boys, which I shall do as soon as a definite plan is worked out. Brother Burley F. Black, of Ottumwa, Iowa, writes that they are interested in helping, and suggests that one boy in each camp be designated to receive the contributions. But, we hope to make further investigations into the management, etc. of these camps, how financed, etc., and the best method of getting our contributions to the boys, if possible, without giving the glory to a human institution.

—Homer L. King.

James R. Stewart, Rte. 5, Temple, Texas. Dec. 7.—I have recently preached at Temple, White Hall, and Waco, with good attendance at all places and one confession of faults at Waco. Bro. Clovis Cook has just closed a good meeting at Waco. So. 4th St. Some confessed faults. I had the pleasure of being with him through most of the meeting. He did some good preaching. I plan to do considerable mission work in Texas in 1943. More and more we see the need of such work. Note the change in my address above.

GETTING ACQUAINTED WITH OUR YOUNG PREACHERS



Brother Paul O. Nichols, 849 Wilcox Ave., Hollywood, Calif., was born Sept. 5, 1922, at Alamogordo, New Mexico. Shortly afterwards, his family moved to El Paso, Texas, and in 1930, they moved to Hollywood, Calif. Paul was indeed blessed in that he was "brought up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord" (Eph. 6:4) in the midst of a wonderful family. Like Timothy, "From a child he has known the holy scriptures" (2 Tim. 3:15), and, like Timothy, the unfeigned faith that is in him was "first in his grandmother and in his mother" (2 Tim. 1:5). His father, Bro. Carl N. Nichols, has been one of the leaders of the Siskiyou church for years, is an excellent teacher of God's word, and is zealous "unto every good work." Paul obeyed the gospel in 1937, under the preaching of Bro. Homer L. King and preached his first sermon Oct. 20, 1940. He graduated from high school June 26, 1941, and that night left with me on a three months tour through fifteen states.

In April of 1939, Bro. Paul, being only sixteen, said to me, "I think that I will be a preacher of the gospel." He said it quietly and resolutely and at that time began preparation for an evangelist. He has never been known to deviate from that decision or be deterred from his course. He is now twenty years of age and has preached in California, Oregon, Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Missouri, and Iowa. He is one of the most conscientious young men I have known. His sober demeanor and humble manner "adorns the doctrine" which he preaches. Most of the preachers are acquainted with him and he is rapidly becoming acquainted with most of the brotherhood. Paul is a talented singer and his articles in the Old Paths Advocate, with which he stands in the fight against digression, attest to his ability as a writer. To know him is to appreciate him.

Ervin Waters.

Note:—I want to say, **Amen!** to the above concerning Paul. —Homer L. King.

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OKLAHOMA MISSION WORK

By Raymond Bray

As some of you have already heard, we have at last, started a plan for mission work in this state. A number of brethren met at Sulphur, Nov. 1, 1942, and the following plan was adopted:

1. Select a preacher to conduct from 4 to 6 mission meetings, then change preachers, giving each preacher a chance to conduct meetings for established congregations, also, Bro. Kirbo is to begin the work.

2. The preacher is to receive adequate support, plus incidental expenses; viz., such as rent for building, lights, etc.

3. Length of meetings to be left to the option of the preacher.

4. Places for the meetings are to be designated by participating congregations or members.

5. The contributions for such work are to be reported each month.

6. Raymond Bray, Rte. 1, Box 2000, Seminole, Oklahoma, was selected to do the correspondence, reporting, and receiving the contributions.

Here is our first report, being for the month of November:

Council Hill, Oklahoma—$49.00; Equal Rights—$10.00; Healdton—$15.00; Oklahoma City—$43.00; Sulphur—$10.00; Washington—$15.00; Seminole—$6.24; McAlester—$10.00.

The suggestion was made at Sulphur that if anyone knows of a good place for a mission meeting to report it to me, that I may let the preacher know. Let us have your suggestions, that the work begin at once.

Due to tire and gas rationings it is my opinion that it will be best to conduct the meetings in thickly settled communities, rather than in the country, as we want to do the most good possible.

ATTENTION, MISSOURI BRETHREN

By Ervin Waters

Since I have been chosen by you to labor in that field next year I would like to have the name and address of at least one leader in each congregation in Missouri with whom I can carry on correspondence concerning the work. Will each congregation select such a man so that he may write me soon? I am scheduled to take over the work April 1, and I think it proper for us to make some plans immediately. I will spend a month or more, if necessary, visiting all the congregations in Missouri before launching into the meetings. We would like to become acquainted with all whom we do not personally know. Remember that we are "laborers together."

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WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

"The December issue of the Old Paths Advocate was the best of all yet published. May God help us to stand true to Him, not fearing what man shall do unto us. Surely, this is a trying time." —Carlos B. Smith, Miss.

"We do not want to miss an issue of the OPA, for it is certainly a good paper, and we enjoy reading it very much."—A. M. Graham, Okla.

"We are renewing our sub. to the OPA, and we appreciate your sending it on to us, because we do not want to miss it, as it does give encouragement in these trying times. Love and regards to all."—Mrs. Hazel Nelson, Ia.

"Send my OPA to the new address. I certainly do miss it, and I think it such a grand paper." —Mrs. Adolph Becker, Texas.

"We certainly do not want to miss an issue of the OPA. I hope that you and family are well." —Dan Sexton, Texas.

"Find enclosed my renewal to the OPA. I appreciate your sending the last issue. Don't ever stop the paper to us, for I want every issue of it. Keep the good work going, Bro. King, and I hope that you are in the best of health. May 1943 be the best year for you." —Nimrod Case, Miss.

"Find my renewal enclosed. I enjoy this paper very much." —Mrs. Opal Norman, Texas.

"We are sending some subs. to the OPA, and we will try to send several more soon. We are glad to know Bro. Gay is improving, and we hope he can soon be preaching again. I wish the OPA could be enlarged or come oftener." —Mrs. R. R. Kramer, Pa.

"Find my renewal to the OPA enclosed. Best wishes to you and all the faithful." —L. B. Badgett, Texas.

"Change our address, for we certainly do not want to miss an issue of the paper. We read every word in it." —Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Bates, Okla.

"Here is our renewal. We surely do enjoy reading the good articles in the OPA." —Alfred Finto, Texas.

"My husband has now been seven months in foreign service. The months we lived in Missouri were the happiest of our lives, for which we are deeply indebted to you." — Mrs. E. E. Miller, Wash.

"Here is our renewal to the OPA, and keep the good work going. Best wishes to all." —L. J. Smith, Miss.

"Thanks for the extra copies of the OPA. I am placing them where they will do the most good. I would like very much to see you." —Tom E. Smith, Okla.

"I am enclosing ten dollars for my renewal and two other subs. Keep the rest for your good work. May the Lord bless you and keep you in good health that you may carry on. Many thanks for the paper, and kind regards to you and your family." —Ruth Cohea, Calif.

"I am sending two new subs. I like the OPA so well, that I wish I were able to put it in every home in this part."—Dora Barker, Ark.

"Enclosed you will find my sub. for another year. Use the rest to the best advantage. I wish I could do more for the Lord's cause and the good old OPA, for I do enjoy every bit of it. Some times I re-read it. I wish it could be twice its size." —Martha Gallemore, Calif.

"Thanks to Bro. Barney Welch for sending us the OPA. It is a wonderful paper. I know you are busy, but drop me a line when you can." —Travis Cogburn, Lyndhurst, Va.

"As I have read a number of copies of the OPA and find them a great help in Bible study, please send it to me for one year. Also, send me a copy of the Clark-King Discussion on the number of drinking vessels used in the Communion." —E. A. Newman, Calif.

"Here are a few subs. (5), Bro. King. We didn't know we did miss it so much, until we failed to get the Nov. issue. We pray for you and yours. Give our best regards to Bro. Gay and family." —Mrs. J. E. Jones, Texas.

"I know you are very busy and I appreciate hearing from you. I often think of the work you have to do, and I hardly see how we can appreciate you enough. We can now see the need of studying the Bible and of taking a firm stand." —Sam Smith, Miss.

"Here is my dollar for the OPA. I think it is the best paper that a Christian can take. Love to you and family." —Clarence Kessinger, W. Va.

"I am very sorry that I have no subs. to send this time, but I hope that I will not be without them another month. Yours in faith, hope and love." —Barney Welch, Texas.

"I see a red mark on my paper; that means **danger**, so I better get busy, for I do not want to miss an issue." —E. A. Lowry, Tenn.

"I appreciate the articles in the OPA on Carnal Warfare very much. I still stand and preach the same as for the past five years, being opposed to all man-made theories." —T. R. Chappell, Texas.

"Find a dollar for my renewal. I don't want to miss and issue of it, for I read some good things in it. I hope we may hold out faithful to the end." —W. H. Gill, Texas.

"Here are two dollars for two renewals. If you stopped our papers we would become offended. We are wishing you much success." —W. M. Rollins and Family, Okla.

"Here is my renewal and another sub., also five dollars to help you keep the good work going. May the Lord bless you and help you to keep the good work in progress." —Osie Callaway, New Mexico.

(Thanks a lot to all for the many encouraging words and, especially, for the subscriptions and financial help. May God bless you all and keep you in His love and protection in the most trying times I have ever experienced. Surely, this is a sifting time, when the wheat is being separated from the chaff. Which are we? My only refuge and hope is in the Rock of Ages. Let us pray and read often. Remember me and mine to the Merciful and "Great High Priest, Who can be touched with the feelings of our infirmities."

—Publishers)

From The Fields

W. M. Rollins, Purcell, Oklahoma, Dec. 12.—In spite of the "perilous times," we have had a prosperous year here, for which we are very thankful. "God is not slack concerning his promise."

W. H. Gill, Eola, Texas, Dec. 12.—A few of us here are trying to carry on the fight, but at times it seems rather discouraging and hard to do. I hope that we may continue faithful unto the end.

Frances Kimbler, Rte. 1, Seminole, Oklahoma, Dec. 16.—The past year has been a very discouraging one here, but I am glad the gas rationing has not hurt us, even if some of the members do live 15 miles away. I pray that the new year may bring peace and joy to all.

T. R. Chappell, Eola, Texas, Dec. 16.— The church here is getting along splendid, with large crowds and interest each Lord's day. Bro. Joe Castleman is to preach for us this week-end. I am preaching about every Lord's day. I still stand where I have for the past five years, against all man-made things or ways. Pray for me that I may remain steadfast.

Emmett A. Lowry, 4923, 15th Ave., Chattanooga, Tenn., Dec. 8.—I have been writing almost constantly, providing for the days, when I have passed, in hope that my children, grand children, and great grand children may have something Scriptural to read. I have seven children, four girls and three boys (I am sorry we did not have another boy); twenty-two grand children, eleven each of boys and girls; eight great grand children, four each. Can you beat it?

Tom E. Smith, Box 893, Healdton, Oklahoma, Dec. 9.—I was at Equal Rights, Nov. 29, and at the Bit Shop, last Lord's day. I don't know whether I shall be able to continue to go to my appointments until I hear from my application for extra gas. We met and discussed mission work at Sulphur, and we decided to put a man in the field. All seemed interested in the work. Brother Fred Kirbo will begin the work, starting Jan. 1.

L. B. Badgett, 648 DeQueen Blvd., Port Arthur, Texas, Dec. 15.—I found crowds much larger this year than usual, especially in meetings in Ark. and Okla., but not very many baptized. I am now preaching on Lord's days about 44 miles from home, trying to establish a new congregation. I am unable to reach all winter calls, but I am plan-

ning for work in the Ozarks next summer as usual. Best wishes to all.

Fred Kirbo, Davis, Oklahoma, Dec. 20.—I recently preached at Wichita Falls, Texas, restoring one; last Lord's day at Seminole, restoring one; at Ada today, restoring one. We were glad to have Brethren Paul Nichols and Ralph Mustard visit in our home. We love them for their work's sake. The brethren in Oklahoma are to put a preacher in the mission field, beginning January 1. I am glad to see this good work begin. May we realize our duty in spreading the gospel, and I pray for the success of such work.

Homer A. Gay, Lebanon, Missouri, Dec. 18.—We were glad to have Bro. Paul Nichols with us recently. I think he bids fair to make a good preacher. We are now enjoying a visit by our beloved Bro. M. J. Buffington, who is to preach here over next Lord's day. He, too, is a good young preacher. They should be kept busy preaching. I had the pleasure of baptizing my oldest sister last week. I have been helping with the teaching in the home church. I think I am improving in health, and I hope to make a few calls this winter and try to get back in the evangelistic field in the spring. I was glad to have Bro. Barney Welch visit us on his way to Calif. I appreciate the interest some are taking in securing subs. for the paper. Let us be faithful.

Clarence Kessinger, Box 42, Spring Hill, W. Va., Dec. 17.—Recently I have preached a number of times at Spring Hill and at Mallory Chapel. We are sorry Bro. Barney Welch left us this week. May God bless his efforts in Calif. He is a good preacher and a fine singer. Bro. Cobbs is getting Bro. H. C. Welch for the year 1943, for work in this part. I was pleased with meeting Bro. Travis Cogburn, of Lyndhurst, Va. I hope to get out into the field to preach more next summer. Pray for us and the work here.

Ray Nichols, 849 Wilcox Ave., Hollywood, Calif., Dec. 14.—I am a young man in my late teens, just starting out on a life devoted to preaching the gospel of Christ. I realize to some extent the obstacles which confront me, but knowing this, I still want to preach the word. The last time I preached was to the congregation in Montebello, California. I hope that the brethren will pray for me and I pray that the Lord will bless my efforts. (Yes, Ray, I am certain the Lord and the brethren will assist you to be a faithful servant of Him in these "perilous times." Here is our hands and prayers. —H.L.K.)

Travis Cogburn, C. P. S. No. 29, Lyndhurst, Va., Dec. 14.—There are a few Christian boys here, who are trying to serve God as we best know how in carrying on the worship. We need the prayers, help, and encouragement of our brethren, who are in the field in the work of the Lord. Thanks to Bro. Barney Welch for having the OPA sent to all of us here, for it is a wonderful paper. Send me a copy of the "Clark-King Discussion." I am glad to accompany Bro. Barney Welch as far as Texas and to have the opportunity of visiting brethren in Missouri.

H. E. Robertson, Phillipsburg, Mo., Dec. 21.—Although I have not reported for some time, yet I have been busy preaching most of the time last summer, preaching in a number of new places to me, making new acquaintances, which I appreciated. I held but one mission meeting this year, where the gospel had not gone; the nearest congregation being about 20 miles away. The result was one baptized, and the worship being attended regularly. My last effort was at Drury, Mo., where the church is only about two years old. They have grown in strength and ability, but not much in number. While we face many obstacles in carrying on the work this coming year, yet we need to realize the harder the fight, the greater is the need to press the battle.

M. J. Buffington, Green Forest, Ark., Dec. 7.—I am now in a mission meeting at this place, with good attendance and prospects for success. Brethren Barnes and Clayton are faithful leaders here. Since Nov. 18, I visited the following places en route here: Sand Grove, two nights; Marlow, near Cameron, Texas, where I am to return next year; Shreveport, La., for an enjoyable visit; Monroe, La., where I am to return for a mission meeting next summer; last Lord's day at Fairview, near Marion, La., visiting in the homes of Brethren King Reeves and Brashier, leaders. Here I met Bro. G. A. Canfield (colored), a faithful gospel preacher and a humble Christian, who should be supported, that he may preach to his race. I go next to Lebanon, Mo.

Barney Welch, Temple, Texas, Dec. 18.—I am here en route to Calif., from Spring Hill, W. Va. We closed a short meeting at Mallory Chapel recently, resulting in one baptism. We were hindered by the cold and rainy weather. I delivered two lessons at Spring Hill the 13th. inst., leaving them to carry on the work. They are to soon be assisted in that field by H. C. Welch, my father. May the Lord bountifully bestow His many blessings upon the fine brethren there in their labor of love. I was accompanied to Texas by Travis Cogborn, and I enjoyed his company very much, John Lancaster being unable to make the trip. We had a wonderful visit in Missouri with preaching brethren, King, Cook, Gay, Robertson, and their families. I hope to visit Bro. Waters in San Angelo, en route to the great work in Calif. May God help us to carry on.

Clovis T. Cook, Lebanon, Mo., Dec. 15. I closed the Waco, Texas, meeting with three confession of faults. Good crowds attended throughout the meeting with the exception of one or two nights. I met some young men there as well as my old friends that are really trying to develop their talent. I believe that this congregation meeting on 4th St., in Waco, has a chance now to even grow more and expand in the work of the Lord. "Having a mind willing to work" they built a new Church house and should soon have it paid for. I was glad to meet Bro. James R. Stewart, again

and to have him in attendance, helping in every way that he could as he is always ready to do. We have recently had Bro. Paul Nichols and M. J. Buffington, both young preachers to drop by and visit us. We were glad to have both of them.

Raymond Bray, Rte. 1 Box 2000, Seminole, Oklahoma, Dec. 5.—We moved here from Oklahoma City, recently, and we are meeting with the little congregation out of town. About three weeks ago we met with the church in the City, and they are planning to move to a new location in the N. W. part of the City, which should help. They should have a strong church in so large a town. They seem determined to see the cause grow and expand, and are greatly interested in the mission effort now being put into action in Oklahoma. Brother Fred Kirbo is to hold the first series of meetings under the plan adopted at Sulphur. Congregations are contributing rather freely to this worthy cause.

Paul O. Nichols, 849 Wilcox Ave., Hollywood, Calif., Dec. 13.—The meeting at Oklahoma City, which closed November 15, resulted in one baptism and one restoration. From there I went to Ottumwa, Iowa, for a short meeting where I met some fine people. I then went to Missouri. While there I preached at Lebanon, three services, restoring four, and at Lee's Summit several services. I appreciated getting to associate with several of our faithful preaching brethren who live in that part of the country, including Brethren King, Robertson, Cook, Gay, and Lee. At present I am at McAlester on my first visit. This morning I preached, which resulted in one restoration. Tomorrow I am to leave for my home state, California. Let us continue to "hold forth the word of life that in the day of Christ we may rejoice that we have not run in vain, neither labored in vain."

Ralph Mustard, 234 W. Cherokee St., McAlester, Okla., Dec. 13.—Nov. 22, I began a meeting for the faithful at Sulphur, Okla. Crowds were good and we had two restorations, and we trust the church was made stronger. Dec. 2, I began with the faithful few at Dougherty, Okla. Bad weather, sickness, and worldly pleasures among the young hindered much. Dec. 13, I had the pleasure of hearing Bro. Paul Nichols preach a fine sermon at the morning hour of worship. I preached at the night service. The brethren in Oklahoma are really getting behind the mission work. From here, wife and I go to Wichita Falls, for several days, then possibly to Carter and Washington churches. I hope that all our preachers will be as fortunate in getting supplemental gas as I was. I mean to use it wisely in the work of the Lord. Let us press the battle.

Ervin Waters, 907 S.. 27th St., Temple, Texas, Dec. 15.—The meeting at Poplar, Calif., closed Nov. 22, with no additions. We had basket lunch and three services both Lord's Days. Nov. 25, I preached at Siskiyou St. church and Nov. 29, began a meeting at Lodi, Calif., which closed December 6. This congregation is improving in teaching, singing, and giving. On Dec. 13, we worshipped again at Siskiyou St. church. We had a splendid singing in the afternoon and I preached at the night service. Bro. Batsell Moore from the C. P. S. Camp was with us all day and talked some on the lesson at the morning service. Next Lord's Day will be our last in California for a long time to come. We plan to worship at Siskiyou St. church in the morning, be at the singing at Montebello in the afternoon, and at Montebello at the night service where I will preach. Dec. 27, we will, the Lord willing, begin a meeting at the Lakeview church of San Angelo, Texas. Pray for us.

Homer L. King, Rte. 2, Lebanon, Missouri, Dec. 21.—For the past month, I have been assisting in the work with the home church over Lord's days. However, I plan to visit other near-by congregations this winter. I am to be with the faithful few at Richland over next Lord's day. They are now meeting in Sister Lacey's home in town, but they plan to build a house soon. We have been quite fortunate in the coming of young preachers to this part this fall and winter. Our young and beloved brethren, Paul Nichols, of Hollywood, Calif.; M. J. Buffington, of San Antonio, Texas; Ralph Mustard, of Montebello, Calif., have all visited us and preached for us, which was much appreciated. Then, our beloved Bro. Barney Welch, wife and daughter, accompanied by Bro. Travis Cogburn, recently spent the night with us, en route to Texas from W. Va. We love them all, and are always glad to have our friends and brethren stop over with us. We are anticipating with anxiety the coming soon of Bro. Clarence Kessinger, of Spring Hill, W. Va., for a visit and some preaching. He is another young man starting out in the work. We "thank God and take courage" to see these fine young men enter the great work of saving souls. May they ever have the courage and stamina to "endure hardness as good soldiers for Christ," "contending earnestly for the faith, once delivered." Pray for me and mine.

OUR HELPERS

Many, many thanks to all for the interest shown by sending us one or more subs. for the month ending Dec. 20. Will you not put forth a greater effort this month? The paper needs your help and the brethren need the paper.—Publishers.

Ervin Waters—8; Mrs. R. R. Kramer—7; Mrs. J. E. Jones—5; Homer L. King—5; Mrs. T. G. Cohea—3; T. F. Thomasson—3; Dora Barker—2; W. M. Rollins—2; Mrs. Osie Callaway—2; Herschel Massie—1; Ralph Meents—1; C. C. Kessinger—1; Mrs. J. V. Speights—1; Mike Shaw—1; L. B. Badgett—1; Mrs. Opal Norman—1; Ray Nichols—1; Clayton Fancher—1; Nimrod Case—1; John Spradley, Jr.—1; W. H. Gill—1; E. A. Lowry—1; L. J. Smith—1; Alfred Finto—1; Ralph Mustard—1; Mrs. Carl N. Nelson—1; L. I. Ooley—1; Floyd Caffey—1; Total—56.

I had no shoes and complained—until I met a man who had no feet.—Arabian Proverb.

VIEWS AND REVIEWS

By H. C. Harper

"We see that his coming is in the near future." —Adventist in P. T. M.

And I can come just as near the truth in saying: His coming is not in the near future. You Adventists have missed it every date you have set for his coming. But you go right on falsifying. "And all liars shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone," Rev. 21:8.

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"The minister would recite a poem, saying, 'There is no death,' which seemed to satisfy the mourners."—Adventist in P. T. M.

But a greater than the "minister," recited a greater than "a poem," saying: "For he is not a God of the dead, but of the living; for all live unto him."—Lk. 20:38. And he said, "Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone; but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit," John 12:24.

But if the **germ** died, there would be no fruit. And this same teacher says, "And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul," Mt. 10:28, showing that the **soul** does not die. So Paul said, "For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. But if I live in the flesh, this is the fruit of my labor; yet what I shall choose I know not.. For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and be with Christ; which is far better; Nevertheless to abide in the flesh is more needful for you," Phil. 1:20-24.

The **body** is **mortal;** "your mortal body" — "your mortal bodies"—"our mortal flesh," Rom. 6:12; Rom. 8:11; 2 Cor. 4:11. Hence, "kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul."

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"But many prefer to believe in natural immortality and that the doctrine of the devil is as good as any."—Adventist in P. T. M., March 5, '36.

The Bible does not teach "natural immortality" nor does it teach **natural resurrection.** And it does not teach **conditional immortality** any more than it teaches **conditional resurrection.** It teaches neither.

The Bible says: "For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive," I Cor. 15:21, 22. And that all die in Adam it is again made plain by saying: "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin," Rom. 5:12. And the resurrection is just as unconditional—"the just and the unjust," Acts 24:15; "All," John 5:28, 29; Rev. 20:11-15.

Now, "With what body do they come?" —1 Cor. 15:35. "How are the dead raised up? and with what body do they come?" The "body" can be killed, Mt. 10:28. It is subject to death, hence "mortal" (Rom. 6:12; Rom. 8:11; 2 Cor. 4:11).

Hence, "It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption," 1 Cor. 15:42. "It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body," v. 44. Then "they," "the dead" are raised up with an "incorruptible," "spiritual body." This is the body with which "they," "the dead," come, v. 35.

Again: "The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death," 1 Cor. 15:26. When is death destroyed? Answer: "So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory," 1 Cor. 15:54.

Then if one body is raised **mortal,** death is not conquered; and if one body is not raised, death is not conquered. But death shall be conquered. Therefore, every **body** shall be raised **immortal.**

And your so-called "Conditional Immortality" is seen to be nothing but the devil's sugar-stick to lure sinners to a suffering Hell, "prepared for the devil and his angels," Mt. 25:41-46, whose **punishment** is "tribulation and anguish," Rom. 2:9; whose punishment is **everlasting,** Mt. 25:46.

It does seem that you think "the doctrine of the devil is as good as any," but you do not dare to open the P. T. M. for equal space to try to uphold it before the people. You have been tried.

DOES THE BIBLE MENTION OUR PRESENT TIRE RATIONING?

(A. E. Wickham, Steubenville, O.)

Many of our young people are confronted with questions regarding this war, one based on Isa. 3:18. The prophet mentioned that the Lord will take away their "ornaments" and "round tires like the moon." Some say the Bible mentions our auto tire rationing.

Notice the prophet mentioned several things as "ornaments." Are auto tires "ornaments"? mentioned along with "chains," "bracelets," "rings" and nose "jewels," etc. Auto tires have never been used as "ornaments." Notice the "tire of thine head," and "tires shall be upon your heads" (Ezek. 24:17, 23). My copy of the Bible shows a "tire" was "an ornamental head dress." We have never worn auto tires on our heads. (Selected)

PASSED ON

Janes.—Brother Chas. Edward Janes was born Nov. 16, 1863, at Richmond, Texas; departed this life Nov. 14, 1942, at his home in Waco, Texas, being 79 years of age. In 1884 he was united in matrimony to Miss Alice Gray, of Robinsonville, Texas.

Brother Janes obeyed the gospel in 1936, being baptized by Bro. Homer L. King. He lived a faithful Christian life until the end.

Those left to mourn his passing are his wife, 8 children, 31 grand children, and 11 great grand children. Our sympathy goes out to Sister Janes and the rest of the family. The writer spoke words of comfort to the bereaved.

—James R. Stewart.

We can never break God's laws, we can only break ourselves against them. —George Adam Smith.

There is no moral worth in sorrow. It is of value only when it works repentance—a change—in our hearts and lives.

Ye num'rous sects which all declare "Lo Christ is here. Lo Christ is there."
Your stronger proofs divinely give
And show me where the Christians live.

OLD PATHS ADVOCATE

"Where is Thy Church. O, Savior, where?" I heard the cry, and then I heard:
"Here is My Church where men still dare To take Me at My word."

"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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REBELLIOUS NATIONS

By T. F. Thomasson

God said to Ezekiel, "Son of man I send thee to the Children of Israel to a rebellious nation that hath rebelled against me; they and their fathers have transgressed against me even unto this very day" (Ezekial 2:3. Read the entire chapter). God's people are represented as a nation both under the old and new regime. Peter said, "Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation" (1 Pet. 2:9). God's people under the old covenant were a nation to themselves as long as they obeyed God, but they became so rebellious that they were considered even below the brute creation. God said, "The ox knoweth his owner and the ass his master's crib but Israel doth not **know,** my people doth not consider" (Isa. 1:3). He said in verse 4, "Ah, sinful nation, evil doers that are corrupters." They corrupted his worship by doing things that pleased them instead of doing the things that pleased God. They committed whoredoms and all kinds of evil. God sent his prophets and pleaded with them and warned them, also foretold them of the coming of the Messiah and the new nation, that he was going to organize, but they rejected all these. So, they became subjects of the nations represented in the image that Nebuchadnezzar saw, and interpreted by Daniel (Dan. 2).

Ezekiel saw them as a "wheel in the middle of a wheel" (Eze. 1:16). Daniel said that the Messiah that was represented as a stone cut out of the mountain without hands, should break in pieces the image which represented the four universal empires (Dan. 2:44-46). These empires were the only universal empires that ever existed, and they are completely consumed. History confirms that fact. The outside wheel that Ezekiel saw represented these empires. When the Messiah, or stone cut out without hands, came on the scene, the inside wheel, or rebellious nation to whom Ezekiel was sent (Eze. 2:3) were subjects of the Roman Empire, and although their law and all the prophets proved Christ to be the Messiah, they rejected Him and became so strenuous that they wanted Him put to death, but they could not do this without the consent of the Roman Courts, of which they were subjects. So, they took Him before Pilate, the Roman governor, and through false accusations got him to consent to His death (Matt. 27:13-25). So, He was put to death on Calvary, was buried, but rose again the third day, and proved His divinity, also his divine right to organize a new nation.

Christ was now ready to go back to His Father and take His seat, as King of Kings and Lord of Lords, over the new nation that was to soon be organized. But before He went He chose 12 men, apostles, and instructed them to tarry at Jerusalem and wait for the promise of the Father, to qualify them for this work. They did this and received the Holy Spirit as promised (Acts 2). Thus the new nation came into existence at that time and place (Isa. 2:1-5; Mik. 4:1-5; Luke 24: 46-47; Zec. 1:16). This was a holy nation (1 Pet. 2:9), but before the new one came in force the old one must be taken away (read Mal. 4; Matt. 3:12). You will learn how that was done, but this new organization soon began to rebell. Even before Paul died he said, "The mystery of iniquity doth already work" (2 Thess. 2:7). And they grew worse and worse, until they entered what is called the "dark ages," when the Bible was taken from the common people, and the holy nation was trampled down. This condition prevailed for several hundred years.

Then Martin Luther came on the scene, and God used him to help give the Bible back to the common people. When this was accomplished the Campbells and Barton W. Stone came along and began to plead for a return to what that Bible taught. For a while their efforts were crowned with great success, but their followers soon became rebellious, bringing into the Worship all kinds of things not taught by the Bible. Thus, corrupting the worship. When we see so much inconsistency we do not wonder at the confusion, ill feeling, hatred, and malice that exist. One will rise up and oppose one unscriptural thing and sometimes be so strenuous in his opposition as to make a hobby out of it and then preach and practice some other thing, that is just as unscriptural as the one he opposes. Some oppose instrumental music and aid societies, and then endorse cups and Sunday School and many other things just as unscriptural as that.

If God should send Ezekiel to this nation, he probably would come with the same instructions he had at first, when he said, "I send thee to a rebellious nation that has rebelled against me" (Eze. 2:3), or as He said by Isa., "The ox knoweth his owner and the ass his master's crib, but Israel doth not know; my people doth not consider. Ah, sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evil doers, children that are corrupters. They have forsaken the Lord, they have provoked the Holy One of Israel to anger; they are gone away backward" (Isa. 1:3-4). The final, "Cast into Hell with the nations that forget God"!

REJECTING CHRIST

By E. A. Lowry

"And Nadab and Abihu the sons of Aaron took their Censers and put fire therein, and put incense thereon, and offered strange fire before the Lord, which He commanded them not, and there went out fire from the Lord and devoured them, and they died before the Lord" (Lev. 10:1, 2). "God, the Lord, spake unto Moses saying: Take thy rod, and gather the assembly together, and Aaron thy brother, and speak unto the rock before their eyes; _ _ _ _ and Moses took the rod from before the Lord, and called them together; and said: Hear now ye rebels; must we bring you water out of this rock? And he lifted up his hand and smote the rock with the rod. And the Lord spake unto Moses and Aaron: Because ye believe me not, to sanctify me not in the eyes of the children of Israel, therefore ye shall not bring this congregation into the land I have given them" (Num. 20:7-12). Now read as a sequel, the conclusion of this story in Deut. 32:49-51.

Read about the Spies, (Num. 13:51); A man picking up sticks, (Num. 15:32). Korah & co. Buried alive (Num. 16). These are all very interesting stories, and they will show you how God dealt with bad people who would not obey Him. And please get THE LESSON. Now, we go to the New Testament.

"Whosoever shall be ashamed of me and my words, in this adulterous generation, of him shall the son of man be ashamed, when he cometh into the glory of his Father and His holy angels" (Mark 8:38). "He that is of God heareth God's words; ye therefore hear them not because ye are not of God" (John 8:47). "He that rejecteth me and receiveth not my words; hath one that judgeth him; the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day" (John 12:48). He that loveth me not, keepeth not my sayings, and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's who sent me" (John 14:24). "And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened, and another book was opened which is the book of life; and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books according to their works" (Rev. 20:12).

Then, let us be careful to follow the teaching of Christ, and let others do as they will. "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" (James 1:25).

BIBLE VIEWS

H. C. Harper

Better than gold, on a dying bed,
Is the hand that pillows the sinking head:
When the pride and glory of life decay
And earth and its vanities fade away,
The prostrate sufferer need not to be told
That trust in Heaven is better than gold.
—Holland.

"For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. . . . having a desire to depart, and be with Christ; which is far better: nevertheless to abide in the flesh is more needful for you."—Paul, in Phil. 1: 21, 23.

"But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ."—3:7.

"For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for our sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich" (2 Cor. 8:9).

So live _ _ sustained and soothed
By an unfaltering trust, approach thy grave
Like one who wraps the drapery of his couch
About him, and lies down to pleasant dreams.
—Bryant.

"For we are made partakers of Christ if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast unto the end."—Heb. 3:14.

"Let us labor therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief."—Ib. 4:11.

Why the "if"? Because a child of God can fall from grace and be finally lost. Paul was a Christian (Acts 26:28, 29), and taught the truth. But as surely as one lives for Christ, to die will be gain. Yes, "Blessed (happy) are the dead that die in the Lord"—Rev. 14:13.

HERE AND THERE

Words of Encouragement.—We received many encouraging letters the past month, but due to the press of other matters, we shall have to leave them for the next issue. Thanks to all for your kind words of appreciation and of encouragement, and for anything you have done for the paper and for me.

Our Helpers.—We appreciate very much the continued interest shown in the paper and the encouraging number of subscriptions you continue to send us. Keep the good work going. We are continuing the special price to new subscribers of 50c per year; $1.00 the year for renewals.

Progress.—Our friends will be glad to know that the paper continues to make progress in its influence and circulation. We now have over eleven times as many readers or subscribers as we had when we took over the publication ten years ago. Too, our financial status is the best it has ever been. We have been able to meet the increased expenses and closed the year, 1942, with an encouraging balance. Thanks to all the friends of the paper and the Lord.

Changing Publishers.—I reluctantly took over the responsibility and obligation of publisher ten years ago, with the hopes that it would be possible to turn the paper to someone else in a short time. But, that time has not been so short—ten years. When I mentioned this a few months ago, it was my desire that we would be able to find someone with talent and an inclination for such work, to whom we could turn the publication by the end of 1942, but we have failed to make the arrangements to date, and we are still looking for the man. I shall continue for a limited time, trusting that we may be able to train someone this year for the work. It should be done, that we may have someone ready to take over, should sickness or death remove us. God has wonderfully blessed the present publisher with health and strength for the past ten years, in that he has never been unable to prepare the copy at the appointed time, for which we are, indeed, thankful. But, as the paper grows the burden grows.
—Publisher.

MORE ABOUT WORDS

Evil Surmising. "Surmise," transitive verb, is defined by Webster: "To imagine or infer on slight grounds; to guess." The noun "surmise": "A thought or idea based on scanty evidence; a conjecture." You imagine certain motives moved a man to do a thing—that is surmising. If you are built that way, and it suits your purposes to do so, you attribute evil motives to him—that is evil surmising. One brother charged that a certain brother wrote as he did to please certain people—that was evil surmising, for he could not know he was stating a fact. Another brother charged certain brethren were cowards—and that was evil surmising, for he could not know he was correct in the charge. In neither case were these brethren correct in their conjectures.

It might do us all good to note carefully the sins with which Paul classes evil surmisings, also the condition of mind of those who indulge in such: "If any man teacheth a different doctrine, and consenteth not to sound words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness; he is puffed up, knowing nothing, but doting about questionings and disputes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings, wranglings of men corrupted in mind and bereft of the truth, supposing that godliness is a way of gain" (1 Tim. 6:3-5). Only a desire and disposition to harm someone is back of evil surmising. It is a vicious evil and must be repented of! Notice again the sins with which Paul classes evil surmising, also the condition of mind of those who indulge in such evil practices.

To surmise a thing is to suppose, without sufficient evidence, that it is so. Evil surmising is to think or imagine a person guilty of evil, and yet you have no real evidence. Read 1 Tim. 6:3-5 and see the class of sins with which evil surmisings is listed; and yet it is likely most of us are guilty of that sin.

Evil Speaking.—"Put them in mind to be in subjection to rulers, to authorities, to be obedient, to be ready unto every good work, to speak evil of no man, not contentious, gentle, showing all meekness to all men" (Titus 3:1, 2). Evil speaking is close akin to evil surmising. Both grow out of an evil heart! To speak of a man's known evil deeds and bad character in an effort to protect others from his evil designs is not speaking evil of him. To say that dealing in personalties is wrong is virtually to accuse the Lord and his apostles of doing wrong! To speak evil of a man on suspicion is sinful. If a man has been guilty of evil deeds and has repented,—to seek to discredit him by referring to his past is to speak evil, or is evil speaking. To surmise a person's motives were bad, or that he had done wrong, and then give expression to such evil imagingings, is sinful—it is both evil surmising and evil speaking. But a factious man, who has nothing better to rely on in his opposition to a man or men, will do these very things. Notice sins with which Peter classes evil speakings: "Putting away therefore all wickedness, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings, as newborn babies, long for the spiritual milk which is without guile, that ye may grow thereby unto salvation; if ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious" (1 Peter 2:1-3).

These sins—evil surmisings and evil speakings—may not do much harm to the intended victim, but they rot the character of persons who indulge in such low, degrading practices. They are too common! Some men seem to think they do service to God by indulging in such things toward men they oppose. Such men lose their standing with right-thinking people.

If you do not know a thing to be so, do not affirm it, lest people think you are careless in what you say. And, above all, do not say it, for you will have to give account to God. "Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer each one" (Col. 4:6). "He that would love life and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile" (1 Peter 3:10). But when the heart is evil, "the tongue is a fire: the world of iniquity among our members is the tongue, which defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the wheel of nature, and is set on fire by hell!" (James 3:6.) —R. L. W. (In A. C. R.)

WHAT TO PREACH

"The time we need to preach the second coming of Christ is now as never before in the history of the World."—Adventist.

Reply: I think not. I think the preaching of paramount importance to the world is that which Jesus mentions, saying "that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name unto all the nations, beginning at Jerusalem," Luke 24:47. We know this is always needed. Jesus will come when the "longsuffering to usward" of the Lord ceases, and there is no more time for "repentance," 2 Pet. 3:9. Then let us put all the force we have into this preaching, realizing that "death" also closes a man's opportunities for "repentance," as Jesus teaches in Luke 12:16-22. Hence, the man who dies, not having before his death made himself "rich toward God," is said by the Lord to be a "fool." —H. C. Harper

VIEWS AND REVIEWS

By H. C. Harper

"But no one spoke rapturously of dying; all spoke deploringly."—P. T. M., Adventist.

You should read a pamphlet entitled, "Second Advent Christian Church Exposed." Here you will find Bixler, Babcock, Isbell, Mattox, all lined up and exposed by the word of God on this. I'll send it for postage—3 cents.

For example, the Adventists say: "Absent from the body . . . in the grave," page 11; while Paul, the Christian (Acts 25:28), says: "Absent from the body . . . present with the Lord," 2 Cor. 5:6. Again. "For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain," Phil. 1:21. Again: "To depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better: nevertheless to abide in the flesh is more needful for you," v. 24. Again later: "The time of my departure is at hand," 2 Tim. 4:6. The Christian hope is full of rapture in the face of death.

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"THE LORD'S SUPPER"

Much recently has been said upon this vital subject. A few issues back in the OPA, I insisted that the Communion service should be observed by the followers of Christ, once each week, and only once, that each congregation should have a regular place of assembly, and that this service should be observed at such place.

In the December 1 issue of the OPA, Bro. E. A. Lowry, in a very able article on this subject, concludes that it was observed in the homes of the Christians by a few families together, as was done in the Passover, etc.

Now, let me call your attention to 1 Cor. 11:22, "What? Have ye not houses to eat and drink in?" Note here that our houses or homes are the places to take our regular meals, and not for the purpose of taking the Communion. I do not say that we cannot pray and offer thanks for our meals, read our Bibles, sing songs, however. In Acts 20:7, the "disciples came together to break bread." In Heb. 10:25, "not forsake the assembling of ourselves together." Brethren, we cannot stay at home on Lord's day, communing with ourselves, and still meet the Lord's requirements. It would be too much of an individual affair, like using the "individual (?) communion cups."

—J. C. Falkner, Wesley, Ark.

GRATITUDE EXPRESSED

Sister T. L. Modgling, Woodlawn, Ill., Dec. 27, 1942, writes as follows:

"I take this means of thanking all for the encouraging letters I have received, during these perilous times, and for the letters you have written Roy Bill, my son, although he may not have received them yet, as it has been months since he has heard from me, but I hear from him quite often. His failure to receive mail has been due to his being transferred so often, but we hope he will be stationed for awhile now, as he has now reached North Africa. His address is Pvt. Roy B. Modgling, No. 18084877, 38th. Hq. & Hq. Squadron, 38th. Service Gp. A. P. O. 528, c/o Postmaster, New York, N. Y. He is in the non-combatant service. My other son, T. L., is now in the same service. I ask the prayers from all faithful brethren for the safety of my boys and that they may be able to withstand all the trials and temptations while away."

OUR HELPERS

Below you will find the names of the ones who have sent us subscriptions Dec. 20 to Jan. 20, also the number of subs. received by us following each name. Many, many thanks to all for the nearty cooperation in assisting us to increase the influence and circulation of the paper.

Ralph Mustard—10; Paul Nichols—8; Ervin Waters—7; B. F. Leonard—6; W. J. Clayton—4; Homer L. King—4; Nova Hicks—3; D. E. Stone—2; M. W. Sanders—2; Clarence Snodgrass—2; J. B. Spradley—2; Josie Mae Smith—2; E. J. Smith—2; Earl Johnson—2; James R. Stewart—2; Mrs. I. D. Russell—2; Carlos B. Smith—2; W. H. Gill—1; Buster Boyd—1; J. L. Sims—1; L. L. Red—1; G. H. Turnbull—1; Lynwood Smith—1; Mrs. Alfred Welch—1; L. A. Corbell—1; N. C. Jackson—1; Barney Welch—1; Dayton Clouse—1; Alfred Walker—1; Mrs. C. A. Allen—1; Mrs. Elbert Phillips—1; G. A. Canfield—1; B. F. Chastain—1; A. J. Bunderson—1; Earl W. Carter—1; Harry Roberts—1; A. E. Cogburn—1; Alfred Walker—1; Pete Howard—1; Mrs. W. Wilkerson—1; Sam Smith—1; Hulon Smith—1; Total—87.

NOT GETTING YOUR PAPER?

Evidently, there is some trouble in the overworked postal system, which may be the cause, and we advise that if you are having trouble getting your paper regularly, inquire of your postman or at the post office. Also, send us the correct address of both your old and new locations, when changing, and do this before you make the change, if possible. We admit that due to being over-worked, shortage of help, etc., that we make mistakes in the OPA office, but I don't think we make all that are being made, as some have written us about their failure to get their papers, and an investigation shows that they are correctly listed, and should be getting their papers. But we want everybody to get value received for their money, and if you, or if you know of others not getting their paper, write us, giving correct address, etc., and we shall mark them up whatever time they have lost. Help us to keep our record straight.

—Publisher.

FROM BROTHER SMITH

Though I've not sent in a report for some time, yet I have not been idle. In the last two months of 1942, I visited the following named places: Fruitland, Texas, where Bro. Fred Kirbo, last fall did some mission work. By the help of the church at N. 6th in Wichita Falls, and others. But this I do know, it was well done and done well. Here I found the number few, but the spirit, zeal and courage that only strong faith can give.

I made two visits to Carter, near Davidson, Okla. There I found the brethren holding fast to the "faith once delivered to the saints." I love those brethren for their faith and zeal.

I was with the church at Sentinel, Okla., the 3rd Lord's day in December. The weather was cold and bad, but there were a good number out at the morning service and the night service also considering the weather. This visit was a pleasure to me, as I had in years past labored some

with these brethren. While there were some new faces to me and some of those whom I was associated with in the work, when there before, have gone to rest, but their works do follow them." Bros. I. H. Bills and Isaac Smith were both able defenders of the faith and their going was a real loss to the church there. I was glad to find Sister Bills in reasonably good health. I was glad to find Bro. Bill Roden endeavoring to give his best to the study of the scriptures that he might be a workman approved of God, by handling aright the word of truth. May God ever bless him and his co-laborers.

The first Lord's day in 1943 I was with the faithful at Hardin in Coleman Co., Texas. This little band of brethren have had their battles and have not always won the victory at the first attack, but not willing to give up, they, have continued to fight on until they have triumphed in some of the worst battles. Brethren who have a chance to pass that way will do well to write Bro. Sam Baker at Gouldbusk, Texas, and let him know when they can be there. You will be glad you did.

Brethren, I am ready to preach the Gospel to the lost on every opportunity, but I must depend upon the brethren to help me to know the place and time where and when we can do the most good in our efforts. My address is; Rt. 2. Box 108. Iowa Park, Texas. May God help us to work to save souls as hard as Satan's hosts are working to cause souls to be lost. —E. J. Smith.

JUST ANOTHER GUESS

"The work is closing up. Jesus will soon be here." (Adventist in P. T. M., Nov. 23, 1933).

Reply: So said Wm. Miller in 1843, almost one hundred years ago; and so said the Catholic Church as dominated by the Pope in the year one thousand after Christ, as any good history or encyclopedia will show you. "Soon," means "in a short time, quickly." Now, tell us, is a hundred years **soon?** Is 1,000 years **soon?** Is one year **soon?** Of course, the coming of Christ is nearer than it was a year, a month, a day, an hour,, or a second ago. But when the "long suffering of God" that gives "time" for "repentance" (2 Pet. 3:9) will cease, and Christ will come, no one knows: and "time setters" have thrown discredit upon that great event by pretending to know. The teaching of the whole of the New Testament on this theme is: "Therefore be ye also ready; for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh." (Mt. 24:44) Again: "For you know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. . . . But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief." (1 Thes. 5:2-4) You see, not that they know when, but the fact that they do not know when, is what keeps them always ready. In fact we should emphasize **death** as closing opportunity for repentance as well as the **coming of the Lord.** (Lk. 12:16-21; 2 Pet. 3:9).

—H. C. Harper.

PASSED ON

Wathen. — Brother Wm. J. Wathen, Sanger, Calif., born Dec. 16, 1865, in Ky.; departed this life Dec. 12, 1942. He was a member of the church, having been baptized about two years ago. He is survived by his wife, a step-son, both of Sanger, and two brothers and a sister of Leitchfield, Ky. Funeral services were conducted by the writer. —James W. Russell, Fresno, Calif.

Higgins.—H. W. Higgins, McAlester, Okla., born Feb. 9, 1870; departed this life Dec. 21, 1942, being a little over 72 years of age. His departure came after an illness of several weeks, which was borne patiently.

Brother Higgins obeyed the gospel in early life, but was led into error of the S. S. and cups, but about two years ago he came in contact with Bro. Lee R. Williams who taught him the truth on these matters, after which he was a faithful worker for the cause.

Those left to mourn his passing are his wife, Sister Higgins, two daughters, two sons, twenty-two grand children, ten great grand children, and a host of friends. Our deepest sympathy goes out to Sister Higgins and all the other bereaved ones. May we all look beyond the tomb to the resurrection day. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord." Funeral services were conducted by the writer. —Ralph Mustard.

Franklin.—Recently I was called upon to conduct the funeral services for Brother Chas. Franklin, of Kansas City, Kansas, formerly of the Lees Summit community and church, and well known there. I was assisted by Brethren Cook and Lee. Brother Franklin had been a member of the Church of Christ for many years. Our sympathy and prayers are for the bereaved children and other relatives. May we be prepared, when our time to depart shall have come, that we may meet our Lord in peace. —Homer L. King.

Irvin.—Bro. John Eli Irvin died at his home in Flemington, Pa., Dec. 27, 1942, at the age of 77 years. It was my privilege to baptize this grand old man in 1940 (I believe it was). He was very hard of hearing and did not get much out of trying to hear the preaching, so I took my Bible and went into his home and taught him the plan of salvation, which he accepted gladly. All he wanted was what the Bible says. After talking with him two or three days he made the confession one night and asked to be baptized the "same hour of the night." Even though it was near zero weather, and lots of ice in the water, he did not shrink from his duty. After his baptism he was a faithful member of the loyal church of Christ in Flemington until his death. He read and appreciated the OPA. His faithful christian wife, who is herself bed-fast, remains, together with their nine children.

Bro. Irvin will be greatly missed by the faithful band in Flemington. He was a kind and loving father, husband, and neighbor—being loved and respected by all who knew him. I dearly loved and appreciated him and always enjoyed being in his home, and fully intend to meet him "over there." My deepest heart felt sympathies go out to the bereaved ones left behind.

—Homer A. Gay.

From The Fields

James Winchester, 425 So. Sacremento, Lodi, Calif., Dec. 29.—The church here is doing quite well at present. We are growing in number and knowledge. Pray for us and the work here.

Pete Howard, Dora, Missouri, Jan. 17.—We are still on the firing line here. I am glad to hear of Brother Waters coming to Missouri to take up mission work. We would like for him to get down this way.

Bill Roden, Sentinel, Okla., Jan. 3.—Recently I have visited the brethren at Carter, Lugert, and I am to be with the church in Oklahoma City, the 17th of this month, the Lord willing. I am asked to come to Lugert monthly.

Elbert Miller, 902 Murphy Ave., LaGrange, Ga., Jan. 5.—Although I bear the name of a preacher, yet I am not a pulpit preacher, yet there are not many preachers who do any more teaching than I. I spend considerable time in making charts on Bible subjects, from which to teach the word of God. I am sending Bro. King one as a present. Every Christian should have one, I think.

Earl Johnson, 308 W. 6th St., Ada, Okla., Jan. 3.—Our congregation on West 6th St., is progressing nicely, as we continue to worship God in the Bible way. We are moving our church house farther back on the lot and are repairing and improving the building. Bro. Sims gives us a lesson every Lord's day. He is an able teacher, giving us nothing but God's word. Bro. Patterson has moved away, and we miss him very much. Let us study the Bible more, brethren.

D. E. Stone, 2511 S. Passons Blvd., Rivera, Calif., Dec. 21.—Bro. Waters was with us at Montebello, last Lord's day. We had a fine singing in the afternoon; large crowd and extra good singing. Bro. Waters preached his closing sermon that night, to a large audience. His departure from Calif. brought a lot of tears, for we learned to love him and his wife dearly. We include all the faithful in the success of the work here, for all are united. We are looking forward to the coming of Bro. Welch with anxiety. Let us not forget to pray these trying times.

Buster Boyd, 2101 N. W. 23rd, Oklahoma City, Okla., Dec. 28.—I am still a civilian, but I am expecting anytime to be called to the service of the government. Pray for me that I may remain faithful in the greatest fight of all—"the fight of faith."

W. H. Gill, Eola, Texas, Dec. 23.—We are still struggling along here, but since certain ones "crept in unaware" and divided the church, we have but a few left. However, in spite of all obstacles, we mean to press on in the Scriptural work and worship.

L. N. Byford, Box 72, Bellmead, Texas, Jan. 4.—Everything is going well with us. Every seat in the new house was filled yesterday, and we had fine services both times. Some from the S. S. church are meeting with us now. The members are interested, willing and anxious to work. Bro. Gillis Spradley is teaching singing once a week.

Geo. Rozzell, Oklahoma City, Okla., Jan. 18.—The faithful few here are still trying to keep house for the Lord. We are blessed in having Bro. Raymond Bray and wife back in our midst. Bro. Bill Roden, of Sentinel, was with us last Lord's day, giving us a good lesson (Jno. 14). Pray for us that we may continue faithful unto the end.

A. E. Cogburn, DeLeon, Texas, Jan. 7.—We had good attendance at services today. Bro. Geo. Hughs came by and gave us a short talk. We still meet every Lord's day at Ramsey. There are not so many of the old members here now. Remember us and our boys in the camps, when you pray to the Father, Who watches over all.

J. L. Sims, Rte. 4, Ada, Oklahoma, Dec. 30.—I am certain you will be glad to know that the 6th St. church here is carrying on the work. Devotion and attendance are holding up well, and we have gained some in number by some placing membership. As we pass through these troublesome times, we should strive to live closer to God.

Clarence Snodgrass, Tuscola, Texas, Jan. 12.—For the last few Lord's days I have been with the home church, but I was unable to preach this week-end, as I was sick of the flu. I am working with cups congregations, but they have Scriptural worship, however, they have been supporting cups preachers. I shall try to put the OPA in every home. I want the prayers of all faithful brethren. Let us press the fight even among false brethren.

James R. Stewart, 1102 So. 53 St., Temple, Texas, Jan. 7.—Last month I was with the brethren in Abilene, Texas, for a series of meetings, resulting in three confessions of faults and the church strengthened. They are few in number but true and faithful. Bro. Geo. Masser is their leader. I preached at Temple last Lord's day, baptizing one. We are now in a mission meeting about 4 miles out of Temple, with small crowds, due to bad weather.

Walter Gray, Hartshorn, Okla., Jan. 18.—This is my first report to the OPA, but I am very happy to make it, because it means so much to me. Through the help of God, faith in His word, and the efforts of Bro. Ralph Mustard, we were able to establish a loyal congregation at Gawen, Okla. They meet for worship in the American Legion hall, 2:30 p. m. Any loyal brethren passing this way will find a welcome with them. We love and appreciate Bro. Ralph and his wife for the noble work. Let us strive for the unity of the faith.

George McCain, 440½ W. Leamon, Monrovia, Calif., Jan. 17.—I was glad to receive the OPA and to note the work being done. This church was established by Bro. King, and we miss him much and welcome his return any time. We would like to know if it is wrong to sing a song while the collection is being attended to on Lord's day. Please give Scripture reference to show how this should be done and to establish your position. Brethren Paul Nichols, Barney Welch, and Carl Nichols were over to see us recently.

W. J. Clayton, Rte. 4, Berryville, Ark., Jan. 11.—We are still meeting for worship in my home. Brother Buffington, of San Antonio, Texas, closed a meeting here Dec. 4, after ten days. The weather was bad and the crowds small, but the results were one confession of faults and some good preaching. We appreciated Bro. Buffington here. I would like to hear from Bro. C. C. Rawdon, as I have lost track of him. We want to help the boys in the C. P. S. camps as soon as we know where to send it.

R. L. Baker, Cameron, Texas, Jan. 8.—We are still meeting for worship as the Lord has taught us. The little church here seems more interested in the Lord's work than ever before. We had Bro. Buffington with us recently with two sermons over Lord's day. We plan to have him for two weeks in July, the Lord willing. We are interested in getting Bro. King for a series of meetings in Cameron next fall. We have not forgotten the good preaching he did here last fall.

Clovis T. Cook, Rte. 2, Lebanon, Missouri, Jan. 19.—We have just recently enjoyed a visit and preaching by Brother Clarence Kessinger, of Spring Hill, W. Va. He gave us two very interesting lessons while here. He is just starting out in the preaching of the gospel, and he seems to have talent in that work. I have been assisting in the teaching, singing, etc., in the home church for the past month or two, since coming in from the evangelistic work.

Clarence Kessinger, Lebanon, Missouri, Jan. 17.—I have recently preached a number of times at Spring Hill, W. Va., with two restored. I certainly enjoyed my visit with the Lees Summit brethren, especially the preaching brethren, King, Cook, Gay, Robertson, and Lee. I made my home with Bro. Cook. I preached two sermons to the Lees Summit church over Lord's day, to good audiences. I hope to return sometime for a longer stay and more preaching.

G. A. Canfield, (colored) Rte. 1, Marion, La., Jan. 3.—As we have been blessed to enter the new year, let us take a new determination to do more for the cause than last year. We had good services today, which was enjoyed, and we mean to "draw nigh to God" (Rom. 4:8). If the people were as interested in the salvation of souls as they are in the salvation of the country, there would be many obey the gospel, and one soul is worth more than all the world (Mark 8:36, 37). I plan to do all the preaching this year that I can reach, anywhere I am called, for my people certainly do need it.

Alfred Walker (colored), Box 146, Brookhaven, Miss., Jan. 10.—In response to the appeal in the OPA for help to build a house of worship, by Bro. Carlos B. Smith, for the colored brethren in Brookhaven, we wish to acknowledge donations as follows: Clyde Middick, Davidson, Okla., $15.00; G. A. Canfield, Marion, La., $9.10; Carlos B. Smith, Wesson, Miss., $5.00; Sam Smith, Wesson, Miss., $2.00. We thank these brethren very much for their kind consideration and liberal donations. We thank Bro. Canfield and Bro. Carlos Smith for their appeals for help to build.

George Masser, Abilene, Texas, Dec. 28.—Brother James R. Stewart just closed a meeting after one week here, with three restorations. We feel the church was made stronger. We appreciate the congregations at Temple and White Hall for supporting this mission work. Brother Glen Bray, of Oklahoma City, is stationed at Camp Barkley, Texas, and he is much help to us in leading the songs and other items of worship. I preached at Cisco, Dec. 27, to the small, but loyal band of brethren. May we ever press on in the work of the Lord as servants of Him.

Sam Smith, Wesson, Miss., Jan. 25.—Brother Homer L. King is now with us, doing some wonderful preaching. Although, he has made a number of trips to this part in past years, we have learned to love and appreciate him more than ever before. There are none better, I think. He accompanied me to Hattiesburg, where I had a hearing before a representative of the Board of Appeals. Saturday, he accompanied Carlos and others to Hammond, La., assisting in the work there. He preached again Sunday night at New Salem, and will close at Brookhaven with a sermon to the colored brethren Tuesday night.

J. B. Spradley, 2819 May St., Fort Worth, Texas, Jan. 11.—I would like to see the churches in Texas take up the responsibility of spreading the gospel in mission fields. If one church should attempt to support a praecher all the time in such work, it would be a burden, but if a number co-operate it will not be a burden, for "where there is unity there is strength." Too, I have been thinking of the boys in the C. P. S. Camps, and since reading about the matter in the OPA, I realize that we have neglected them. I think that it is a shame that the Church of Christ would neglect a part of its own body, allowing the denominations to take care of a part of its own body. Perhaps, if more of us had been confronted with the question of whether to take up arms or go to one of these camps, we would not have been so negligent. Let us help bear one another's burdens.

Lynwood Smith, Rte. 3, Box 144, Brookhaven, Miss., Jan. 10.—I have been studying hard to make a preacher, being more interested than ever before. I plan to travel some when school is out, if I am not sent away into the camps. The first Lord's day, inst., I preached at New Salem. Last week Bro. Carlos and I preached for the little church at Hammond, La. They worship in a private home of one of the brethren. They seem anxious to continue the work of the Lord. We expect to return in two weeks to have a private discussion with two Morman elders, who have been handing out their literature in that part. They proposed that we discuss our differences privately, which we accepted. I am to graduate from high school this year, and I am anxious to enter the work of preaching the gospel. Pray for me.

Bill Van Stavern, Lebanon, Missouri, Jan. 20.—We have been fortunate in having Brethren Paul Nichols, Ralph Mustard, Joe Howard, and M. J. Buffington, to stop over and preach a few sermons for us, during the past few months. While we knew Bro. Howard and had heard him preach, yet it was the first time to meet the young preachers, but we can now commend them to the brotherhood as faithful gospel preachers, capable of doing much good in the service of the Lord. We hope to have all of them back with us again soon. Bro. C. H. Lee is to be with us next Lord's day. We have recently had two additions to the leadership, which we appreciate. They are faithful workers. Pray for us, brethren.

Ralph E. Mustard, 234 W. Cherokee, McAlester, Okla.—Since last month's report the work has been advancing in this State by leaps and bounds. In the past few weeks we have visited various congregations such as Ada, McAlester and Council Hill, preaching several sermons. The mission work in Oklahoma has gotten under way. The mission work started in Gowen, Okla. There is only a few loyal members in that vicinity, but I believe the cause can be firmly established. I had to do most of the song leading, praying, preaching, waiting on the table, and dismissing, but preachers shouldn't let tnings of this nature bother, because that is the work of an evangelist. We need to preach the pure unadulterated word of God in more such places. We miss the brethren in California, and we long to see them and be associated with them in the work of the Lord. Pray for me.

Lewis Cogburn, C. P. S. Camp, Magnolia, Ark., Jan. 16.—I noticed in the OPA, where Bro. King requested a report from each of the camps, containing Christian boys, so this report from me. There are 23 members of the Church of Christ in this camp; 10 of whom endorse the S. S., and 12 of whom advocate the cups. I, alone, am from the strictly loyal church. I meet with the cups boys, as they use but one cup, and we get along fine. Both the S. S. and cups brethren are helping to support these boys. N. O. White takes care of the contributions for the cups boys and one of the boys in the camp, together with the "pastor" of the Waldo, Ark., church, for the S. S. boys. There are really a fine lot of boys here, 155 in all, 23 denominations represented. I appreciate the OPA very much and wish that extra copies could be sent here each month. If I can be of any help in any way, feel free to call on me. I appreciate the interest that is being taken in Christian work of late.

Paul O. Nichols, 849 Wilcox Ave., Hollywood, Calif., Jan. 13.—After an extensive tour of eleven states, beginning September 11, and having preached in six of them, Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, and Iowa, I arrived home December 16. One week of this time was spent at home in October. On this trip I met many new people, whom I learned to love, and also I was blessed with the opportunity of being with many of my old friends, for which I was thankful. I hope that we shall again be together in our labor of love in the near future. Since returning home I have preached at Siskiyou, Montebello, and Poplar, baptizing two. Next Lord's day I intend to be at Monrovia for worship. Monday morning Bro. Barney Welsh, who is here in this state to resume the evangelistic work where Bro. Waters left off, and I will leave on a tour of the several congregations, the Lord willing. Let us always press the battle, following Christ, the captain, of our salvation." He will lead us to victory if we will follow his commands.

Carl N. Nichols, 849 Wilcox Ave., Hollywood, Calif., Jan. 16.—Bro. Ervin Waters and his wife are gone from our midst. He preached the gospel in this state for the past three years, and much good was accomplished by his untiring efforts. He never "shunned to declare the whole counsel of God" at any time. We appreciate Bro. Waters and believe him to be among the most able men of the brotherhood to defend the truth. We are going to miss him, but we know he will be preaching the gospel elsewhere, and others will get to hear the Word. Our prayers go with him and his devoted wife, and we asked them to pray for us. Bro. Barney Welch and family have arrived in California. He is here for the purpose of doing evangelistic work as Bro. Waters did. I am sure that with his fine preaching and singing ability, and his pleasing personality, he will accomplish much in spreading the gospel in this state. We intend to give him our full co-operation in the work. Last Lord's day he delivered a fine discourse at Siskiyou to a splendid crowd, having most every seat filled despite gasoline rationing. On with the work, brethren!

Joe Castleman, Rte. 1, Milano, Texas, Jan. 15.—After some delay, I am reporting to the paper again, but I have not been out of work, as all my time has been given to preaching the gospel, which shall continue, the Lord willing. I have held several meetings this winter and have met some fine brethren, some of whom are preachers. Most of my preaching this year will be in the west and southeastern parts of Texas. I stand firmly with the OPA, concerning the Lord's Supper, and that we are to "keep the ordinances as delivered" (1 Cor. 11:2, 23-25). My draft board granted me "4-D" classification, for which I am thankful. Anyone desiring me may write at the

above address. "Let us go on unto perfection" (Heb. 6:1).

M. J. Buffington, 434 Porter St., San Antonio, Texas, Jan. 12.—After closing the meeting at Green Forest, Ark., I went to Lees Summit, near Lebanon, Missouri. I had the privilege of preaching three times to the congregation there. My visit with the Lees Summit brethren was a very enjoyable one; especially with the preaching brethren; King, Gay, Cook, Roberson, and Lee. My next was at Ottumwa, Iowa, where I held a meeting. The brethren there are really zealous in doing mission work. After leaving Ottumwa, I came back to Lebanon, Missouri, and preached for the congregation there on Wednesday and Sunday nights. On Lord's day morning, Bro. King and I went toRichland, Mo., where I enjoyed hearing him preach again. At this writing I am at home. I preached last Lord's day morning at Fairview, Texas, and preached that night here at my home congregation in San Antonio. I will leave for Oklahoma soon, "The Lord Will."

Homer A. Gay, Lebanon, Mo., Jan. 19.—The home congregation, Lees Summit, seems to be getting along pretty well. Our young men and boys are conducting the services on Sunday nights, and are doing real well. I have been helping with the teaching on Lord's days. I hope to see the faithful few at Kansas City soon, as I am to go back to the hospital. I hope to visit the church in Ottumwa, Iowa, when I go to Kansas City. We had two good sermons from Bro. Clarence Kessinger, of West, Va., last Lord's day and night. I recently received sample copies of the "Christian Soldier" (Calif) and "Sound Doctrine" (Ala.). I appreciate very much the stand these brethren take with regard to the relation of Christians to Civil Governments.

Homer L. King, Brookhaven, Miss., January 25.—I recently visited the faithful few at Richland, Missouri, preaching one sermon to a fair crowd. I was accompanied by Bro. M. J. Buffington, who assisted in the services. The church there now meets in a private home, but they have plans to build a house soon. I am now at the above place, in answer to an urgent call to assist in preaching and questions concerning classification of some of the members as "Conscientious Objectors." All seems to be working out nicely in that respect. I preached a number of times at New Salem, which I enjoyed very much, together with the visits in the good homes of the brethren. I preached on Lord's day (24th) at Hammond, La., where the night before, Bro. Carlos Smith met a Morman "elder" in private discussion on some of the differences. It was an easy victory for truth, and I enjoyed listening to it. I am to preach Tuesday night to the colored brethren in Brookhaven, departing immediately after for home, where I shall probably remain until the early spring, when the evangelistic work is to begin. Let us press on in spite of the obstacles, knowing we "labor not in vain in the Lord." We certainly enjoyed the preaching by Bro. Kessinger recently.

Ervin Waters, 906 So. 27th St., Temple, Texas, Jan. 13.—We worshipped Dec. 20 at Siskiyou St. Bro. Paul Nichols, Bro. Carl Nichols, and I talked on the lesson. We had two baptisms and one restoration there. Bro. Paul did the baptizing. After basket lunch at Siskiyou St., we had a splendid singing at Montebello in the afternoon. I preached my last sermon in California at Montebello that night. We left after services for San Angelo, Texas. It was a sad parting. The work and brethren in that state are my "joy and crown of rejoicing." The meeting with the Lakeview church of San Angelo continued from Dec. 27 to Jan. 10. The Eola brethren cooperated commendably with us in this effort. This congregation in Lakeview has done well considering its youth and size. We are now visiting with my Wife's folks here. We were overjoyed to have Bro. Barney Welch and family with us for two nights during the meeting. They were on their way to California to take up the work there. May God bless their labors. We go next to visit my folks at Temple, Texas. The Lord willing, we will assist the 6th St. church in Wichita Falls in a meeting the first half of March. Then to Missouri to labor in that field.

Barney Welch, 136 S. 4th St., Montebello, Calif., Jan. 15.—I am now in the section of country where the earth's coat of salt seems to be the thickest (Matt. 5:13). There is a shortage of that preservative here, but it is not as acute as it is in some places. Recently at San Angelo, Tex., we enjoyed some of the most liberal hospitality that could be shown. There I met and associated with many brethren from whom I had long been separated. Among that number was my fellow-laborer in Christ, Ervin Waters. That visit shall long be remembered. I arrived here to find the highest spirit exhibited for the upbuilding of the cause of Christ that I have witnessed. Last Lord's day we had three services at Siskiyou St. church, two meals on the premises, and a splendid attendance. I wish everyone could see the love shown one for another at this place. Monday morning, January 18, I plan to start on a tour of all the established congregations in this state that I possibly can, accompanied by Bro. Paul Nichols, the young evangelist who is following closely in the footsteps of the Apostle Paul of old. On with the blood-stained banner waving high with God as our helper!

DONATIONS FOR BOYS IN C. P. S. CAMPS

In the January issue of the paper Bro. Waters stated that I would take care of all contributions given in behalf of our boys in the Public Service Camps. I will do this, if it is agreeable with all, until some other arrangements are made. To date there has been given twenty-five dollars by the Lodi congregation here in California for the support of these boys. May others respond to the need of these faithful soldiers of the cross. Remember the Apostle Paul said, "As we have, therefore, opportunity, let us do good to all men, **especially unto the household of faith.**" (Gal. 6:9).

—Carl N. Nichols.

Note:—I have received $25.00 from the brethren at Davidson, Okla.; $3.00 from Sister Louise Lacey, Richland, Mo.; and $5.00 from Bro. R. L. Baker, Cameron, Texas; for the boys mentioned above. As soon as we have a definite plan worked out, I shall turn it over to the proper ones. We are looking into the matter, by taking it up with the ruling powers.—H. L. K.

"SOME CHRISTIAN IF's"

If you will obey the Lord when those about you
Are making their own Creeds to go by;
If you will do just what He has told you to do,
Never stopping to argue His reason why.
If by faith and not by sight you keep walking,
Just continue to work, watch, and pray.
If you will make the Lord your only master
And remember Heaven is the Christians aim,
When troubles and trials come they are not disasters,
Just be thou strengthened in Jesus name.
If you will set your affections on things above you,
Put envy, strife and jealousy all behind.
Christ died because He loved you.
Christian, will you always keep this in mind.
If you are willing to give your life to tell His story,
Adding the Christian graces to yours as you go.
Never taking unto yourself the honor and glory,
From the One that loved you so.
If you will live every passing day
As though it should be your last one,
At the end you will hear the master say:
"Enter into thy rest, my servant, **well done.**"

—Mrs. L. N. Byford.

EVERETT-HOWELL

Upon the 30th day of December, I united in matrimony Chas. A. Everett, Maud, Okla., and Geraldine Howell, Cabiness, Okla., in the home of the groom's uncle, Lee R. Williams, McAlester, Okla. They plan to make their home in San Antonio, Texas.

—Ralph E. Mustard.

Ye num'rous sects which all declare
"Lo Christ is here, Lo Christ is there."
Your stronger proofs divinely give
And show me where the Christians live.

OLD PATHS ADVOCATE

"Where is Thy Church, O, Savior, where?"
I heard the cry, and then I heard:
"Here is My Church where men still dare
To take Me at My word."

"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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"SEEK YE FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD"
(Matt. 6:33)

"But seek ye FIRST the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matt. 6:33) is one of the most sublime injunctions of Christ's sermon on the mount, which sermon surpasses any that ever fell upon the ears of decaying mortality in its scope of truth embraced and in its depth of truth fathomed. No wonder the "people were astonished at his doctrine" (Matt. 7:28) and "great multitudes followed him" (Matt. 8:1)!

People then as now were prone to measure their worth and condition in terms of physical comfort and material wealth. With one decisive stroke Jesus unveiled the shallowness of this philosophy and gave to humanity the measure by which true worth is judged. "Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment" (Matt. 6:25)? Those who try to excuse themselves from assemblies of the church by saying, "I have no clothes good enough to wear," have no cloak behind which to hide for they are placing clothes **first** rather than the kingdom. Some, instead of being "given to hospitality" (Rom. 12:13), offer the excuse, "My home isn't good enough for others." "A man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth" (Lk. 12:15). This great teacher of Nazareth whose life left such an indelible imprint upon the face of the ages and whose teaching ushered in the glorious sunlight of the Christian era" had not where to lay his head" (Matt. 8:20). Let us place the spiritual above the physical and material.

There are many things in life which it is not wrong for us to do or to have if we do not place them **first** or **before** the kingdom. It is essential that we get the accent on the right syllable. We may mispronounce a word with every syllable present because of placing the accent on the wrong syllable. Some things in life are not only permissable but necessary and yet they are secondary to the kingdom. It is necessary that we eat and that meals be prepared but if we allow our eating or the preparing of a meal to cause us to be late to the assembly of the church or to miss that assembly we are not "seeking first the kingdom." It is necessary to be "given to hospitality" but if we absent ourselves from assemblies of the church to entertain company we are not placing the kingdom first. It is necessary that a man work to "provide for his house" but if he allows that work to prevent either himself or his family from worshipping on the first day of the week he is placing physical comfort above the kingdom and his eternal welfare. "For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and loose his own soul" (Matt. 16:26)?

This lesson is forcefully taught in Lk. 9:59-62. "And he said unto another, Follow me. And he said, Lord, suffer me **first** to go and bury my father." It was not wrong for the man to bury his father. Sanitation and decency demanded that he be buried but this man said, "suffer me FIRST" to do it. He was placing some legitimate act of life before his service to Christ. "And another said, Lord, I will follow thee; but let me **first** go bid them farewell, which are at home at my house." Who would say it was wrong for the man to bid his folks farewell? But this man said, "Let me FIRST" do it. He placed a permissable act of life before his service to Christ. "And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God."

We are commanded to "give." Do we place the kingdom "first" in giving or last? When we are paid do we **first** purpose a certain amount of it to the Lord or do we buy what we want and pay our bills first and then at the **last** think about the Lord and give him something if anything is left? I have heard members say, "When I get out of debt I will give more." Is this placing the kingdom first? We can always contrive to be in debt. If I can't live on what is left AFTER giving to the Lord what belongs to Him, then I shall not take from the Lord and make His cause suffer. If we all just gave a tenth of our net income (I couldn't be satisfied to give less) what could be done, and what doors of opportunity would open to us would astound us all.

The kingdom should be first in importance, first in time, and first in our affections. We love our parents, our wives, our husbands, our children, and our brethren. We are commanded to love them. But Jesus said, "He that loveth father or mother **more** than me is not worthy of me" (Matt. 10:27). As much as we love those who are so dear to us we cannot place them **first** or before the kingdom. We cannot afford to be like the man who offered the excuse, "I have married a wife and therefore I cannot come" (Lk. 14:20). Jesus said. "So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple" (Lk. 14:33).

Let us acquire, if we do not possess, the spirit which animated the apostle Paul when he said, "But what things were gain to me, those I counted

loss for Christ. Yea doubtless and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ" (Phil. 3:7-8). In these days when the sound of the war drums roll around the nations and people are engulfed in perplexity let us increase our output of effort and strengthen our confidence in God's promises. If we leave all and follow Christ we will " receive an hundredfold now in this time, _ _ _ ; and in the world to come eternal life" (Mk. 10:30).

—Ervin Waters.

BUILDING

Every one is building something. It is not a question of whether you are building, but HOW and WHERE are you building? The question is for every member of the church, and especially preachers. Are you a wise and careful builder? As preachers, do we realize our responsibility in building houses for God? Do we require gold, silver and precious stone, or can wood, hay and stubble be used? ARE WE BUILDING HOUSES THAT SOME ONE ELSE WILL HAVE TO OVERHAUL BEFORE THE MASTER WILL ACCEPT THEM? I bought a house from a man one time, and he said every piece of lumber that went into it was carefully inspected. I thought he used good judgement. Isn't our work more important than his? He was building for time. We are building for eternity. Suppose you hire a carpenter to build you a house in which you intend to live, and he hangs some doors that can't be closed, puts in several windows that won't raise, builds a chimney that won't draw, puts a roof on it that won't turn water, and, though he had a good level and square, yet he overlooked the importance of using them. After looking the job over, would you say, "well done"? Let us think on this, and remember that God has furnished us a pattern, laid the foundation, and now says, "Let every man take heed HOW he buildeth thereupon." Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it." To preachers then, both old and young, I would insist that we study our blue-print, the Bible. Meditate upon it day and night, putting on the whole armour of God, then we shall be vessels unto honor, sanctified, and meet for the Master's use, and prepared unto every good work.

—H. C. Welch.

"THE CUP," REPLY

Up at Union City (Ga.) there lives a young man, I am told, whose name is Cecil Abercrombie. I have never had the pleasure of meeting this young man but I would count it a real treat if I could meet him and sit at his feet as a student. I have longed to meet a modern Solomon, if, perhaps there be one, and feast from deep things of the Scriptures, as revealed by such.

But poor old Brother W. L. S. — who is somewhere in his sixties was not able to defend himself, so this modern Soloman had to come to his rescue. Also, all in one operation, he was defending a younger man (M. E. B.) who lives at Thomaston, Ga. This young man from Thomaston tried his hand in debate with me on the "cups" question at Colquitt, Ga., and made such a miserable failure that his brother, B. B. said, after the debate, that he was not satisfied with the debate and that he was going to get a stronger man to meet me.

A copy of The Church Messenger (Nov. 15, 1942) was handed to me today, and on page eight, I noticed an article from this Brother Abercrombie, under the title, "THE CUP." He represents that "The church of the first-born has been torn by another heresy—the vain and unreasonable doctrine that the 'cup of the Lord' is a solid in Matt. 26:27."

For the moment we shall just pass this up and see this young scribe standing face to face with, not only Thayer but others whom we all consider as being the ripest scholars of the land, as we shall show later in this reply. But we shall finish quoting the paragraph: "It is pitiful and heartbreaking that we have brethren who seek a following, the praise of men, and the love of other things to the extent of dividing the church, and all of this at the sacrifice of truth and common sense. Gospel preachers should teach the truth in an intelligent, understanding manner, logical in every way. The "cups" brethren do not meet these requirements on the Lord's cup. They are like the S. S. brethren—always taking new positions."

There is one statement made in the above that qualifies the whole paragraph and places the blame where it belongs—on the "cups brethren." Yes, with the "s" added to what the Bible calls a "cup." Yes, they do that in their practice. So, I agree with him when he said: "The 'cups' brethren do not meet these requirements on the Lord's cup." So, unintentionally, perhaps, Abercrombie comes out against the "cups" brethren.

"One will say it is a solid, others a solid and a liquid." Yes, and the "cups" brethren say it is a liquid seperate and apart from a solid, called "a cup." I am now calling on Brother Abercrombie as I did Brother Busby to demonstrate how the liquid can be passed to the congregation without a solid.

"They stand on everything but the truth on this question. The Lord's cup is no more a solid than his blood. How much glass, tin or silver composed the blood of Christ?" Answer. Just as much as did grape juice, Brother. Now, you please tell us how much grape juice composed the blood of Christ. Will you please tell us? Christ did not choose the cup to represent his blood, but the contents. But he did say that the "cup is the New Covenant in my blood" (Ratified by my blood) (Luk. 22:20).

"Our materialistic "cuppers" cannot drink the cup they contend for." Yes we can, Brother Abercrombie. We "drink the cup by drinking its contents and in no other way." (N. L. Clark) We drink "of" the cup or "from" the "cup" as the Scriptures teach. Now, let Abercrombie deny this. Nor do we have to drink both the solid and liquid as you say, but we drink the liquid from a solid, a cup. Will you deny?

"Some months ago two of these materialistics came to the little church near Colquitt, Georgia, and preached their warpped ideas. On one Lord's day Brother P _ ___ waited on the table, stating that he would do just what the Lord did. He poured out the fruit of the vine into a glass, gave thanks, and passed it around; it so happened that he did not pour out enough to go around. What does he do? The cup of the Lord, if a solid, is still there; if it takes both the fruit of the vine and the solid to make the Lord's cup, as some contend, then, it is gone. Brother P. _____ poured out some more fruit of the vine—that which had not been blessed—and passed it around to the remainder of the people without giving thanks for it. This is a fair sample of their absurd position. The best argument against their position, they make it themselves—in practice they die."

Why do you not tell the truth—the whole truth in this matter, Abercrombie??? The truth is that Cecil Abercrombie was not there and does not know anything about that transaction only as some one told him. Why did they not tell him the truth, as several eye witnesses say they believe that Brother M. E. B. ____ did drink the fruit of the vine so low, purposely, that it would not go around—(?) Or did they tell you? Did they tell you what M. E. B. ____ said when the contention arose by B. B. over the matter, that, "I want to drink enough to feel it." He said it, brother. The fact that you brethren keep harping on that, confirms our belief that he did do it, to try to make a point.

You say that "the church was divided over the cup question to a certain degree near Colquitt." Who divided it, Brother Abercrombie? May I ask, who started the church there? If I remember aright, out side of Brother B. B. ____ family and Brother B. H. and wife, there were no members there at all until Brother Palmer and I went over there and conducted a series of meetings and baptized more than as many again as they had before going there. Another fact is that B. B. ____ stood with us on the cup question, when we were in that meeting and did till Bro. M. E. B. ____ came down and preached on it. He told me and Brother Palmer so in so many words. Talk about "fair samples"! I consider the tricks mentioned above as "fair samples" of their ungodly means of trying to make a point.

—W. H. Reynolds.

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SIX-LASATER

On January the 6th, 1943, I united in matrimony Bro. Leroy C. Six and Sister Anna Doris Lasater, of Temple, Texas. The ceremony was performed in the home of the bride's parents, Bro. and Sister J. B. Lasater.

Brother Six was recently baptized and is a fine boy. The bride, too, is a fine Christian girl. We wish for them a long and happy life.

—James R. Stewart.

(I am sorry this was over-looked in the Feb. issue.—H. L. K.)

DONATIONS FOR BOYS IN C. P. S. CAMPS

Since our last report the following contributions have been received by me: Church of Christ, Pomona, Calif., $30.00; Name withheld, $20.00; Sister Henrietta Nichols, $10.00; Sister Blanch Kennering, $1.50; Sister W. J. Mustard, $1.00; Sister W. D. Adkins, $1.00; Sister May Adkins, $1.00; Church of Christ, Marysville, Calif., $5.00

Thanks to all for remembering these Christian boys.

—Carl N. Nichols, 849 Wilcox,
Hollywood, Calif.

Note: The Church of Christ, Wichita Falls, Texas, by Bro. C. R. Fancher, sends $25.00 to me to be sent direct to the boys in the camps. I am sending the $33.00, acknowledged in the Feb. issue, and the $25.00 to the loyal boys in the three camps as reported to me viz.; Lyndhurst, Va. (3); Magnolia, Ark. (2); Santa Barbara, Calif. (3). The total number of loyal boys reported are 8 thus far.

Since some of the brethren would rather send direct to the boys in the camps than through other sources, I would make this suggestion for the time being at least: All who wish to send to headquarters for the payment of board, etc., as was arranged by the denominations, may send their contributions to Brother Nichols, above. But, all who wish their contributions to go direct to the boys in the camps, for their personal needs, may send to the Old Paths Advocate, or to me, until further notice.

We wrote to the President of the U. S. A., Mrs. Rocsevelt, Paul V. McNutt, and Senator Truman, of Mo., and received considerable information concerning the operation, management, etc., of these camps. If you would like to know more about it, send for a booklet, "The Conscientious Objector"; 5c per copy; address National Service Board, For Religious Objectors, Washington, D. C.

I shall expect one boy, to whom I send contributions for all the boys in his camp, to report each month, and to acknowledge receipt of the contributions. Keep us informed about any new ones coming into the camps, that all may share equally.

—Homer L. King.

MISSOURI MISSION WORK

Over a year ago the Lees Summit and Lebanon churches decided to put into effect a plan of mission work, similar to the work in California. We at that time asked the co-operation of all other loyal churches in the state, and we still desire all to co-operate fully in the good work. The time set to begin is April 1, 1943. Brother Ervin Waters was selected to carry the burden of the preaching in such work. I think, due to his successful experience in Calif. and elsewhere, we were fortunate in securing his services. He informs us that he expects to be on the job by April 1. He will be ready to start a meeting at that time, if that is the desire of the brethren. Now, let all get behind the work as never before. Help us locate suitable places for meetings, where there are a few struggling brethren, or places in reach of an established congregation. Let us work, pray, and talk up the good work.

—Homer L. King.

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OUR HELPERS

You will find below the names of those who have sent us subs. from Jan. 20 to Feb. 20, and following the names the number of subs. received by us. May the Lord bless you for your kind assistance in keeping the OPA on the "firing-line." Will you not send us a nice list **every month.** The price to **new** subs. remains 50c per year; $1.00 the year for renewals.

B. F. Leonard for the church at Huntington, W. Va.—30; C. H. Elliott for the Crosshollows church—11; Mrs. J. E. Jones—7; Mrs. Lila Phillips—4; Carlos B. Smith—3; Ralph E. Mustard—3; Mrs. L. L. Ladd—3; James W. Russell—3; Homer L. King—3; J. W. Bowmer—2; Mrs. Oliver Shaffer—2; Tom E. Smith—2; Sam Finto—2; Ervin Waters—2; Mrs. E. W. Bever—2; James R. Stewart—2; Mrs. Ethel Johnson—2; J. T. Broseh—1; Mrs. John Rogers—1; J. W. Stermer—1; S. E. Weldon—1; E. H. Miller—1; Ferd Roberson—1; Henry Jones—1; Paul Nichols—1; Barney Welch—1; W. H. Reynolds—1; Edgar Claywell—1; M. J. Buffington—1; J. H. Lackey—1; Dora Barker—1; H. C. Welch—1; Mrs. Zella Mullin—1; Mrs. Pansy Turner—1; Total—100.

PASSED ON

Kinder.—Sister Rhoda Ellen Kinder, of Spring Hill, died February 9, 1943, being 59 years of age. She was considered a faithful member of the Church of Christ, Spring Hill, W. Va. This being true, she may rest from her labors, with the blessed assurance that her works will follow, and "life will be sweeter some day."

The writer conducted the funeral services at Stop 12. Bro. Frank Cobbs directed in prayer, and H. C. Welch, Jr., directed the songs. Interment was in the Fox Hill Cemetery, near Charleston.

Father, may it be our nature to weep with those who weep, until our day on earth is done. Then with all life's battles fought and the victory forever won; gather us to Thyself, where all tears are wiped away.

—H. C. Welch.

Edwards.—Brother P. C. Edwards, Marion, La.; born 1866; departed this life Jan. 29, 1943, being over 76 years of age, after an illness of high blood pressure and heart trouble.

Bro. Edwards obeyed the gospel about 45 years ago, and he continued to support the gospel, being opposed to all innovations. He leaves to mourn his passing, his wife, three sons, three daughters, brethren in Christ, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Let us "sorrow not even as others who have no hope." Bro. Jesse Stegall spoke words of comfort to the bereaved. We realize we have lost a helper for truth and right, but we must carry on, earnestly contending for the faith.

—F. K. Reeves.

Woods.—Brother Thomas Fred Woods, Vanzant, Mo., was born at Harrison, Ark., Aug. 1, 1877; departed this life Jan. 23, 1943, being over 65 years of age.

On Jan. 1, 1900, he was united in matrimony to Mattie H. Leach; to which union four children were born; two having died in infancy. He is survived by his wife, one son, and one daughter, also eight grand children, one sister, and a host of other relatives and friends. He obeyed the gospel in middle life, being faithful to the end (Rev. 2:10). The writer tried to speak words of comfort.

—C. H. Lee.

Stewart.—Mrs. Elizabeth Stewart, wife of a faithful gospel preacher, and mother of our Bro. James R. Stewart, died at the family home, 749 Willow St., Abilene, Texas, Jan. 18, 1943, after a long illness of the past two years, being confined to her bed since last Nov. 29.

Funeral services were conducted by the writer beside the grave of her husband, who preceded her in death, Nov. 29, 1938.

Sister Stewart leaves to mourn her passing, two daughters, Mrs. Homer Scarborough, Cheyenne, Wyo., and Mrs. T. M. Turner, Abilene, Texas; three sons, T. F., of Abilene, James R., of Temple, and Joe, of Orange; eleven grand children, and many other relatives and friends.

—George Masser.

Beesley.—Sister Rachel Elizabeth (Crain) Beesley, Vanzant, Mo., born Jan. 8, 1860; departed this life Feb. 13, 1943, being a little over 83 years of age. In 1877 she was united in matrimony to W. R. Beesley, who preceded her in death in 1933. To this union four daughters were born; the eldest, Eliza, preceded her in death. Mrs. Ida M. Rogers and Mary P. Rogers, both of Mountain Grove, Mrs. Leona F. Penner, of Vanzant, all survive, also 8 grandchildren, 18 great grandchildren, 2 great, great grandchildren, and many other relatives and friends.

She obeyed the gospel at the age of 15, and remained faithful unto death. She will be missed in the church, home, and community.

"Dearest Mother, thou has left us, and our loss
we deeply feel,
But 'tis God Who has bereft us, He will all our
sorrows heal."

Brother C. H. Lee and I were called to conduct the funeral of Sister Beesley. Brother Lee conducted the songs. She was a member of the Fieldstone congregation, south of Mountain Grove, Mo. I have known her ever since I have been preaching, and I believe she was a devoted Christian.

—H. E. Robertson.

Wilcox—Sister O. E. Wilcox, born 1866, in Tennessee; departed this life Jan. 4, 1943, in Temple, Texas.

In 1883 Sister Wilcox was united to O. E. Wilcox, to which union 9 children were born, 2 of whom and her husband preceded her in death. She obeyed the gospel in early life. The survivors are 7 children, 4 grand children, 2 great grand children, 5 sisters, 2 brothers, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were conducted by the writer. Our sympathy goes out to the bereaved in this sad hour. "Blessed are the dead, who die in the Lord." Interment was in the Nolanville Cemetery.

—James R. Stewart.

From The Fields

H. S. Jackson, Davidson, Oklahoma, Jan. 26.—We, the Carter church, are still carrying on for the Lord in His appointed way. All loyal preachers and members are welcome.

S. E. Weldon, 1461 Edwin, Beaumont, Texas, Jan. 30.—My health is very bad due to rheumatism. I wish some of our noble young preachers would locate here, as I am shut-in, and we have no loyal church in this part. Pray for me.

C. R. Fancher, 1304 N. 5th St., Wichita Falls, Texas, February 1.—The church here is doing well. We meet at North 6th St. Brother Ervin Waters is to begin a series of meetings here March 5th. All are invited to attend.

Lynwood Smith, Rte. 3, Box 144, Brookhaven, Miss., Feb. 7.—I was with the Fairview church, at Marion, La., last weekend, preaching four sermons. I enjoyed the visit very much. The brethren there are resolved to put up a stronger fight for the truth. We certainly did enjoy Bro. King's visit here.

Lee R. Williams, 234 W. Cherokee, McAlester, Okla., Feb. 11.—The church here meets for worship in my home, but we are looking for another location. I have been going to Gowen, where Bro. Mustard preached a week, every Lord's day afternoon. Bro. Gray and wife accompany me on these trips, which we enjoy.

John Spradley, Jr., 6628 Ave. H, Houston, Texas, Feb. 10.—I am glad to report that the loyal church is getting established in this city. We have bought a small house, and we invite all loyal preachers, who may be coming this way to stop and visit with us. Bro. Joe Castleman is here to assist us. All who have loyal friends or relatives in Houston should let them know about us.

Edgar Claywell, 587 W. 4th St., Pomona, Calif., Feb. 8.—Brother Barney Welch is to begin a series of meetings here Feb. 14, next Lord's day night, the Lord willing. All are cordially invited to attend and cooperate. The congregation here is doing nicely. We ask the prayers of all the faithful brethren in behalf of us and the cause here.

R. L. Baker, Cameron, Texas, Feb. 12.—Brother James R. Stewart was with us over last Lord's day, and we certainly did enjoy his good lessons. My son, Loyd, was sent to the C. P. S. Camp, Magnolia, Ark., Jan. 25. He writes that he found no loyal place to worship. If any loyal preacher is passing that way, it would be well to visit them.

Alfred Walker (colored), Box 146, Brookhaven, Miss., Feb. 17.—Recently, Brother Homer L. King preached a very encouraging sermon to the colored brethren. I think it was much needed. Many thanks to the brethren for the liberal donations as follows: Burley F. Black, Ottumwa, Iowa, $20.00; A. D. Moore, Mobile, Ala., $5.00; Lees Summit church, Lebanon, Mo., $10.00; Garland T. Smith, Brookhaven, Miss., $5.00.

F. K. Reeves, Marion, La., Feb. 8.—Brother Lynwood Smith, Brookhaven, Miss., has just closed a short meeting at the Fairview church. He did some excellent preaching, with good interest and much good done. He has the ability to become a good preacher, and we need to keep him and all the faithful preachers busy in the field (Rom. 10:10-17). We are looking forward to the coming of Brother Clovis Cook for our meeting the latter part of July.

Joe H. Howard, Dora, Missouri, Feb. 16.—We are still fighting the good fight of faith. Since my last report, I have been doing some preaching, but for the past few weeks, I have been doing most of the teaching at the home church. We are studying the book of *Revelation*, and it seems that the others are afraid to take hold of it. Let us be "steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, for as much as ye know that ye labor not in vain in the Lord."

E. H. Miller, 1003 Truitt Ave., LaGrange, Ga., Jan. 26.—The church here is doing nicely, and we are looking forward to a successful year in planting the precious seed of the kingdom into many hearts, and praying that it will bring forth fruit to perfection in due season. The church here as a whole seems satisfied with the use of one cup. May we all strive earnestly for the unity of the faith.

J. T. Broseh, Rte. 2, Dublin, Texas, Jan. 24.—Though few in number in this place, we are still contending earnestly for the truth, and we hope to begin growing soon. We would appreciate any of the loyal brethren stopping over with us, when passing this way. Let us keep up the good work. Pray for us in Dublin.

C. H. Elliott. Rte. 2, Cassville, Mo., Jan. 30.—We have a faithful little band of brethren, meeting every Lord's day, at Crosshollows. We have not missed a Lord's day since March 1941. We failed to get anyone to hold our meeting in 1942, but we are trusting we shall be able to arrange for Bro. Waters to hold our meeting this year. We have 13 members. We are glad Bro. Verlin Elliott and wife meet with us now, as he is a good leader. We are sending the OPA to every home where there is a member.

J. W. Bowmer, 240 S. Corrall Ave., Stockton, Calif., Jan. 20.—The Lord willing Brethren Barney Welch and Paul Nichols will be with us Jan. 30 and 31, at Stockton, S. Carroll Ave. and Washington St. All loyal brethren are invited to attend each Lord's day at 10:30 a. m. We ask the prayers of all faithful brethren to the end that we remain in unity and that there be no strife or division among us. May God bless all the faithful brethren everywhere, and may they realize their part and work in the "one body," that we may have unity and co-operation of all the parts.

H. C Welch, Rte. 7, Box 243, Charleston, W. Va., Feb. 17.—We landed in the above place on Feb. 5, and I preached at Stop 12, the following Lord's day and night. Last Lord's day I was with the brethren at Mallory Chapel. Sunday night was so cold we did not have services. I have not been here long enough to know just how the churches are getting along. I am sending other matter for publication if you have space for it.

Ray Nichols, 849 Wilcox Ave., Hollywood, Calif., Feb. 10.—Since the last time I reported I have had the splendid opportunity of hearing Bro. Barney Welch preach again, at my home congregation. He is a good man and I believe much will be accomplished through his efforts in California. On Lord's Day night, Jan. 24, I preached at Pomona. They are getting along fine. I preached at Montebello, Calif., Jan. 31.

J. E. Jones, Santa Fe Hospital, Temple, Texas, Feb. 13.—The church here is doing very well, it seems, and interest is

picking up in spite of "gas shortage." We have launched out on a little mission work, but conditions are very unfavorable for such work, it seems, and it is just a chance; but an effort is better than nothing at all. We are enjoying the ar-

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Ferd Roberson, (colored), Rte. 2, Lawrenceburg, Tenn., Jan. 21.—The first Lord's day in this month, Bro. J. B. Lasater preached for us, giving us a good lesson. On the 17th inst. I baptized a man 66 years of age. We miss Bro. C. C. Rawdon very much, since he is away working. We still keep house for the Lord, and we ask the prayers of all faithful ones that we may continue to grow in grace and knowledge. We are thankful to the Heavenly Father for the many blessings.

Clarence Kessinger 4502 Jones St, South Charleston, W. Va., Feb. 16.—Since my visit to Lebanon, Missouri, I have preached a number of times. Brother H. C. Welch, of Texas, has arrived to take up the work in this part. I enjoyed two good lessons by him Lord's day and night. Sister Rhoda Ellen Kinder passed away last week, after a long illness. She was a member of the Church of Christ at Stop 12, for a number of years, attending regularly. Pray for me and mine.

Travis Cogburn, C. P. S. No. 29, Lyndhurst, Va., Jan. 26.—I like to keep in touch with all the loyal brethren. We have boys in this camp from the Church of Christ, who stand as follows: 3 for one cup and no S. S.; 2 for the S. S. and cups; and 5 for the cups but no S. S. From what I can find out their brethren are not helping to support them. I really did enjoy the visits with Brethren King, Gay, and their families, en route to my home in Texas, recently. We thank you and others for what you are doing for us.

Chas. H. Lee, Rte. 2, Lebanon, Missouri, Feb. 20.—Since my last report to the OPA, I have preached at a number of places. I was with Bro. H. E. Robertson at Cable Ridge, preaching once. I commend them for their zeal. My next was at Lebanon, and after the morning service, we drove 80 miles to Vanzant, where we conducted the funeral of Bro. Woods, being assisted by Brethren N. Smith and A. Wade. We returned to Lebanon for night services. I was with the faithful few at Claxton for the morning service, being hindered by bad weather for the night service. 1942 was my best year in preaching, but I hope to do more for my Lord in 1943. Pray for me and mine.

M. J. Buffington, 434 Porter St., San Antonio, Texas, Feb. 16.—I have recently visited and preached for the following congregations: Temple, Fairview, and San Antonio. It was my first visit at Temple, but I enjoyed it very much. It was a pleasure to be with Bro. James R. Stewart again. However, there was a very sad feature, too. While I was there, Bro. Stewart was called to the bedside of his mother, who died soon after his arrival in Abilene. Our deepest sympathy is extended to those who miss her most. Bro. Stewart is engaged in mission work in this part. My trip to Oklahoma has been postponed until more favorable weather.

Joe Castleman, 1312 Cleburne Ave., Houston, Texas, Feb. 15.—I am now in one of the whitest fields in Texas, but the laborers are few. It is inspiring to work with the brethren here. They did not wait for others to buy them a house, but through sacrifice bought it themselves. We assembled for the first time in it the 14th inst., with a nice crowd present. The location is corner of Daughterly and Gargill Streets. Bro. Robert Taylor is the only elderly man in the congregation, but he and his family are good people. John Spradley, Jr., is working with us, and he is a good teacher, singer, and an untiring worker. So, is Bro. Wilford McNiel, of Pasadena.

James R. Stewart, 1102 So. 53rd St., Temple, Texas, Feb. 13.—The meeting at Berier school house closed without visible results, and the attendance was light due to bad weather, but we hope good was done. I preached at my home (Temple) church recently. The interest is growing, and the house is almost full every Lord's day. I recently visited the churches at White Hall and at Marlow. We plan to hold a mission meeting soon near the latter place. I am to begin a series of meetings next Lord's day with the little church at Jones Hill, where we hope to do much good for the Lord. Bro. Waters and I preached a double header at Belton last night. He and his wife are visiting his folk now, and we are glad to have them in this part. I mean to be busy in mission work this year, and I think we need it as never before.

James W. Russell, Rte. 3, Fresno, Calif., Feb. 1.—The church here is holding fast and continues to slowly grow in number. Brethren Barney Welch and Paul Nichols are touring the churches in Northern Calif. They were with us Jan. 28 and 29, and at Sanger the 26th and 27th. With the assistance of these two brethren and Bro. Reynolds, much good in California should be done in the Lord's work, during this year. We have received the following donations on the building fund here: The church at Corcoran, $25.00; Siskiyou St., Los Angeles, $25.00; El Centro, $29.00; Crockett, $25.00; Sanger, $25.00; Paul Nichols, $5.00. With what we have set aside this makes a total of $163.48. While this is short of the amount we need, we hope to make some kind of a deal for the building.

Ralph E. Mustard, 234 W. Cherokee, McAlester, Okla., Feb. 2.—I have been quite busy since the 10th of January. The mission work in this state has gotten off to a good start, considering the unfavorable weather. We established a good congregation at Gowen, through the cooperation of the brethren at McAlester, Hartshorne, and Gowen. They are under capable leaders, in the persons of Brethren Gray and Hunt. Through the cooperation of good brethren in Oklahoma City, I think another congregation can be established at Choctaw, where we plan to begin a mission effort the 7th inst. Let us all get behind the mission effort, and let us all pull together. We would be glad to have more cooperation from the brethren at Carter, Sentinel, and Healdton. I am to begin a meeting in Ottumwa, Iowa, April 11.

Raymond Bray, 2417½ N. W. 16th, Oklahoma City, Okla., Feb. 1.—Here is my monthly report on the mission work in this state. Bro. Ralph Mustard began the work Jan. 10, which resulted in the establishment of a congregation of ten members at Gowen. He is now in the City lining up other meetings. We enjoyed very much his good lessons here Sunday and Sunday night. Bro. Ralph is able for a young man, and seems suitable in mission work. He is to continue until March 10, when Bro. Fred Kirbo is to take over for about three or four months. We have agreed to move the place of meeting in the City, but as yet have not found a suitable place. It is a problem to get property at a reasonable price now in this place. May the good work continue.

Fred Kirbo, Davis, Oklahoma, Feb. 18.—Brethren, I am changing "fields." March 10, I am to begin holding mission meetings for the brethren in this state. If you know of a good place for a mission meeting, please let me know at once. We want to hold the meetings where we can do the most good, and if possible, where we can have a good leader to look after the work. If there are no leaders at the place, where the meeting is held, then it should be near enough to a well established church, so that the leaders can take care of the new congregation. The church at Wichita Falls has been sending teachers to Fruitland to take care of this new congregation, and certainly there are other churches, who have a surplus of good teachers, who need to be teaching elsewhere. Let us co-operate that much good may be accomplished.

Tom E. Smith, Box 893, Healdton, Oklahoma, Jan. 24.—The work is progressing as usual in this part. We have song practice on Lord's day afternoons, due to the gas rationing. I think the interest is growing some. Bro. Bill Tate gave a good lesson tonight at Healdton, and Bro. J. D. Elmore was with the brethren at the Bit Shop. He reported one baptized and one restored. Since there seems to be a difference of opinion among some brethren as to how to carry on the mission work, why not have some articles along that line. Certainly, all will agree that mission work should be done, but we may not be a unit on just how it should be done and how financed. We should all pull together that we may accomplish the most good.

Barney Welch, 136 So. 4th St., Montebello, Calif., Feb. 17.—On Jan. 17, we had three services at Montebello—a wonderful day. On Jan. 18, in company with Bro. Paul Nichols, we began a tour of the churches in the northern part of the state, as follows: Taft, Jan. 18-19; Corcoran, 20-23; Poplar, 24; Sanger, 26-27; Fresno, 28-29; Stockton, 30-31; Lodi, Feb. 1-2; Marysville, 3-6; Crockett, 7; Watsonville, 9; Greenfield, 10; C. P. S. Camp, near Santa Barbara, 11; then home. We were gratefully received everywhere. Words fail me as I try to express my appreciation of all. I began at Pomona the

14, inst., with fair crowds and fine interest. We had all-day services last Lord's day with Siskyou and Montebello congregations well represented. Brethren, let us possess more and a deeper LOVE for one another.

Homer A. Gay, Lebanon, Mo. Feb. 18.—While in Kansas City, recently, I had a pleasant visit with the faithful few members that we have there. It now looks as if the draft will take the leading boys there and break up the congregation just as they were getting started. Bro. H. E. Robertson was with me there, and from K. C. we went to Ottumwa, Iowa, where we labored with the good congregation for ten days. I enjoyed the work and believe that much good was accomplished. The Ottumwa church promised to send help to the boys in the C. P. S. camps, regularly, which is a noble example for every congregation to follow. I hope the brethren every where will come to the support of these godly boys. I appreciate the many fine reports coming from the brethren every where and also the splendid lists of subs.

S. J. Gay, Lebanon, Missouri, Feb. 21.—It has been sometime since I have reported to the OPA, as I feel that my efforts are too meager to be worth the space. I am now engaged by the faithful few at Richland, building a house of worship. This little band have undergone much effort and have made a good fight. They formerly met 6 miles in the country, where I held a discussion with Steril A. Watson, on the cups and classes. A few have remained faithful. A few months ago I was called to help them establish a church in town. A nice lot has been donated, and we have a building under construction. In view of the sacrifices they have made I am asking the churches and individuals to help them build this house, by sending a donation to Bro. J. W. Allsup, Richland, Mo. All contributions will be acknowledged through the OPA. The members are doing all they can to build without going in debt. I am donating one third of my time. To date we have received $25.00 from the church in Lebanon.

Ervin Waters, 906 So. 27th St., Temple, Texas, Feb. 15.—I preached at the Lakeview church of Christ of San Angelo, Jan. 17 and Jan. 24. Jan. 31, I preached twice at Temple, and Feb. 7, I preached three times at Waco. Feb. 12, Bro. J. R. Stewart and I talked to the Belton congregation at their Friday night service. Feb. 14, I talked at the White Hall church in the morning and at Temple, in the evening. I am glad to note that mission work is getting under way here in Texas, with Bro. J. R. Stewart as the spearhead. He is in a mission meeting this week at Jones Hill, near Moody, where several meet for worship. I hope that the brethren here will work out a definite plan for supporting him, a plan as to the amount he will be supported and as to the time during which he will be supported. Feb. 21, we will be at Belton. March 5-14, we will be in a meeting at the 6th St. church of Wichita Falls, Texas, and then to Missouri to take up the campaign for truth there.

Homer L. King, Lebanon, Missouri, Feb. 22.—My trip to, and preaching in, Mississippi, was a very pleasant one to me, and I trust a profitable one. I hope the brethren were benefited as much as I. It certainly is edifying to be associated with the good brethren in that part. I was glad to note the zeal and faith of the colored brethren in Brookhaven. They are to be commended for their loyalty, and I hope the white brethren will aid them in building a place of worship. Last Lord's day and night, I was with the brethren in Lebanon, and I enjoyed it very much. They continue in faith and zeal, in spite of the obstacles. The collection was over $29.00 that day. They are looking forward to the coming of Bro. Waters for mission work in April. While I know that many obstacles confront us in carrying out our plans for more mission work this year, yet I believe it is our duty to go as far as we can to send the gospel to the lost. I am to be with the faithful few at Claxton next Lord's day for all-day services. Each Wednesday night the preachers and leaders of the Lees Summit church meet in the OPA office to discuss Bible questions, especially controverted questions, and we find it profitable. Let us earnestly study the Bible more. The leaders of every congregation could have such meetings. May God bless all the faithful preachers in their labor of love in 1943. Pray for me and mine.

Paul O. Nichols, 849 Wilcox Ave., Hollywood, Calif., Feb. 15.—Bro. Barney Welch and I returned home from our tour of some of the congregations in the northern part of the state Feb. 11. I enjoyed very much getting to be with many of my brethren and sisters in Christ with whom I have labored in time past in our work of love, and I hope to see many of them again berore too long. At Tart, Bro. Barney and I endeavored to straighten out a difference about a meeting house that has existed for about eight or ten years. As a result of our efforts, it was decided by some of the S. S. brethren that they would try to sell the building and divide the proceeds fifty-fifty with the faithful. In one respect this was a noble gesture on their part, for they have been meeting there for years. At Crockett, we talked to a preacher that introduced a class-system of teaching in the building where the faithful have been meeting. He now knows that such a system will not be tolerated because it cannot be found, nor is it hinted at, in the New Testament scriptures. A train hit our car at Corcoran, as we were on our way to Poplar, to preach one Lord's day morning. The good Lord must have been with us for we escaped without a scratch, and the car is in good running condition again. With the assistance of a good sister of Corcoran, in driving us over, we filled our appointment. Let us always press onward and upward toward the blessed hope set before us.

Batsell Moore, C. P. S. Camp No. 36, Santa Barbara, Calif., Feb. 12.—Although I haven't been able to attend any of the meetings of which I have read reports, I must say that I'm glad to hear of the wonderful work being done throughout the country, and I hope that it will continue just as it has despite hardships. I believe the brethren in California have set the example for congregations elsewhere to follow in regard to mission work. I see through the reports of the paper that other localities have begun to take up the work quite rapidly. May it continue to grow. Brethren Barney Welch and Paul Nichols gave us about a two hours visit yesterday en route to Los Angeles. Even short visits as these give us much determination to press to the mark. I hope their meeting at Pomona will be a great success. I visited the congregation at Siskiyou St. last Lord's day and also in the wonderful home of Bro. Carl N. Nichols. Bro. Robert Falvey and I talked at the evening service after a very enjoyable day of services, and singing. Six of us boys of the Church are still in this camp, carrying on the worship as found in the New Testament. Although we are sometimes divided into two's or three's, we continue to have worship on Lord's day and also in the week. All our prayers go out for the ones that are striving to place the word of the Saviour in the hearts of the public. We can't begin to thank those who are travelers on that "second mile" for the ones in camp. It is our deepest regret that that money can't be placed in the front coach of the "mission train." Although miles seperate us, let us feel that we still have a great unity and that we are all bound together in a great battle. The more we work and pray for one another, the more we will maintain that feeling.

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

"I really enjoyed the February issue of the OPA. God has wonderfully blessed your efforts, and your wisdom and judgment have helped to guide us through many treacherous currents. You have maintained your equilibrium amid adversities in the face of criticism. May the Lord reward you and yours." —Ervin Waters, Texas.

"Brother King, I like the paper better all the time, and I will do all I can for it." —James R. Stewart, Texas.

"Say, I mean to send you a lot of subs. for the OPA. Here are 30 new ones. I want you to have an article in each issue."—B. F. Leonard, W. Va.

"I know the women readers of the OPA would think it a great improvement in the paper if the preachers would report the new arrivals in their families. If you rejoice, let us rejoice with you. I wonder how many know about the new sons in the Homer L. King and Fred Kirbo homes?"—Mrs. Woodard Clouse, Mo.

"I cannot afford to be without the OPA. I hope you continue the splendid work you are doing." —S. E. Weldon, Texas.

"I received the OPA, and I think the Jan. issue the best out yet. I like to keep in touch with the loyal brethren."—Travis Cogburn, C. P. S., Va.

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"I certainly miss the OPA, when it fails to reach me each month" —Miss Maude Oliver, Cal.

"The Jan. issue of the OPA was very interesting."—Mrs. Lois Lasater, Tenn.

"I have certainly missed the OPA since I have been out here." —Robert Falvey, Calif.

"Here are two new subs. for the OPA. No one gets it here but us."—Mrs. Ethel Johnson, Ark.

"I am sending a sub. for the OPA. I am wishing you success in your noble fight for the truth. We still think and talk of the good preaching you did while here." —Carlos B. Smith, Miss.

"I don't want to miss a single issue of your little paper, the OPA. It is almost like hearing a good loyal gospel sermon each month. Will try to send more subs. next month." —Mrs. Dora Barker, Ark.

"I do not want to miss an issue of the OPA, as we all enjoy reading it very much." —Sam Finto, Texas.

"We enjoy the paper very much, and we hope it will continue." —Edgar Claywell, Calif.

"We certainly did enjoy the Jan. issue of the OPA, and we miss it much, when we fail to get it." —J. T. Broseh, Texas.

"We are sending the OPA to every home where there is a member here. Here is money for 11 subs." —C. H. Elliott, Missouri.

"We have enjoyed reading the OPA very much, and I am sending two subs." —Mrs. Oliver Shaffer, Oklahoma.

"I don't want to miss an issue of the OPA, for I certainly do enjoy reading it." —Mrs. R. T. Mathews, Calif.

"We are sending our renewal to the OPA. The whole church sends best regards, trusting the Heavenly Father to send you back to us in the near future." —Mrs. Laura (Kennedy) Furgerson and Family, Tenn.

"I am sending three subs. I am always glad when the OPA arrives. for I enjoy it so much."—Mrs. L. L. Ladd, New Mex.

"Please, renew our sub. to the OPA, and many thanks for sending it on. We should have renewed two months ago. If you are ever passing this way, be sure to stop over with us." Mr. and Mrs. John Rogers, Oklahoma.

"I will do all I possibly can for the paper this year, as I should have a better opportunity than ever before. I always think of you and remember you in my prayers." —M. J. Buffington, Texas.

"We enjoy the paper so much, that we regret to miss an issue. May the Lord bless you for years to come." —D. A. Moore, Ala.

"Here is our renewal. We certainly have missed reading the good paper for several months. Hope to keep it coming in the future." —L. A. Corbell, Texas.

"I am enjoying the reading of the OPA. I wish it could become a weekly. I am wishing you best of success." —Pete Howard, Missouri.

"Thanks for the extra copies of the OPA. We have given them all out. Possibly, I can get several subscriptions now." —The Byfords, Texas.

"I am wishing you and family the best of health. I have confidence in you as one of our best teachers, also as a good man. I am wishing a successful year."—Nimrod Case, Miss.

"I will keep trying for the OPA., as I wish that I could put it in every home in America. Let us press the fight." —Clarence Snodgrass, Texas.

"Here is my renewal to the OPA, as I do not want to be without it." —Alfred Walker, Miss.

"Find my renewal, also a dollar to use as you see fit. Thanking you and wishing you success in the spreading of the gospel."—B. F. Chastain, Calif.

"Here is our sub. to the OPA. We always enjoy getting it and reading it." —Mrs. Alfred Welch, W. Va.

"We enjoy reading the paper so much, and we certainly do miss it, when it fails to come." —James Winchester, Calif.

"We just do not want to miss an issue of the OPA. May God bless you and yours during the new year." —G. H. Horton, Oregon.

"Here is my renewal to the OPA. We need more good reading in these trying times, based on facts from the Good Book."—Mrs. C. A. Allen, Pa.

"I have been receiving the OPA for about four months, and I am very thankful for it." —Lewis Cogburn, C. P. S. Camp, Ark.

"Here are two subs. to the OPA. Best wishes to you and yours." —D. E. Stone, Calif.

(Words fail me as I try in vain to express my appreciation for the interest manifested in the welfare of the paper and for the warm words of enccuragement in these trying times. I feel very keenly my weakness and inability and that I do not merit such love and appreciation as expressed above. May God bless and keep you all in His wonderful love in these "perilous times." Keep praying for me and mine. —Homer L. King).

Ye num'rous sects which all declare "Lo Christ is here. Lo Christ is there."
Your stronger proofs divinely give And show me where the Christians live.

OLD PATHS ADVOCATE

"Where is Thy Church, O, Savior, where?" I heard the cry, and then I heard:
"Here is My Church where men still dare To take Me at My word."

"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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"PICTURES OF LIFE"

Barney D. Welch

When I think of the various artists of national fame and the beautiful pictures they have painted, I cannot help thinking of the Master Painter of all—Jesus Christ, the Son of God. Whether in WORDS, in NATURE or in LIFE men paint beautiful pictures, surely Jesus of Nazareth is the Master of them all.

We may not be the one who uses oils or water-colors, or we may have never been classed as an artist, yet we CAN and DO paint pictures of life, and are therefore artist. Each thing we **think, say** or **do** is a picture of life, which if not visible to man is to God. The kind of picture or pictures that we paint as the artist of our own lives depends upon us and the Model or Models that we use. For instance if we choose to associate with the **evil** and **wicked** people, we naturally have them as our models and are apt to become more and more like them as we continue our association together. In such cases the Devil is our model, and the picture of life will be poor indeed and terrible to look upon. It would not be fit to be hung in any home or public place. On the other hand if we permit Jesus to pose as our model, we can paint a picture that will bear the approval of God and be fit to be hung in the great Eternal halls of that Heavenly City.

If Jesus is the "Master Painter," he knows more about being an artist than any and all others, and we should take our lessons from him, if we expect to paint pictures of our own lives that will be worthwhile. Why not let JESUS pose as our model?

It has been said: "Sow a thought, reap an action; sow an action, reap a habit; sow a habit and reap a life." From this quite true saying I might say that the things we **think**, our thoughts are the paints we choose; the things we SAY and DO are the application of the paints on the canvas of TIME. Day by day we are adding to the pictures of our lives, some of which may be good and some bad. Let us do our best to make sure that they are good.

May I present a true picture of life for us to follow. It is that of the Apostle Paul writing to the Philippians in (Phil. 3:13) "Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended; but this I do, forgetting those things which are **behind**, and reaching forth unto those things which are **before**, etc. Paul had done a great work, and had made many sacrifices, but instead of standing and **bragging** about them, he realized that there were still many other things to be done, a greater work, greater sacrifices to be made and greater heights to be reached, so he said: "I will not stand in retrospection, but I will turn my face to the front: "I will forget the past and press toward the mark or the goal set before me." We should always strive to do a little better **today** than we did **yesterday.**

Paul again in (2 Tim. 2:15) has taught so forceably and plainly that our lives are like pictures hanging on the wall. People see them, they look upon them, and we present a picture to them, hence "Study to show thyself approved unto God" and again, "Ye are living epistles, known and read of all men." We should take into consideration every time we **do** or **say** something, that we are presenting ourselves in living portraits, and we are going to influence someone either for the **good** or **bad.** We should therefore wisely select the paint we use—our thoughts. "Whatsoever things are lovely, pure etc., think on these things" (Phil. 4:8). Let's erase our worrying, etc.

In using Jesus as our model, let us notice the things which appear in the picture of his life. Let us remember that the BIBLE is the canvas which contains the picture. Jesus was obedient. In Heb. 5:8, the writer says: "Though he were a son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered." Now if I use Christ as my model, I reproduce his life in mine, and am therefore obedient. Sacrifice has its part, but nothing not even sacrifice can take the place of obedience. "Behold to obey is better than sacrifice" (1 Sam. 15:22). It is impossible for one to become a christian, and remain a christian and not be obedient. We must be Christ-like and to be Christ-like, we must be obedient.

Jesus once said: "Lo in the volumn of the book it is written of me, I come to DO thy will O God" (Heb. 10). For one to be a Christian he must have as his very purpose in life, the DESIRE to DO the will of God, not the will of man.

If there is anything on the canvas of your life that should not be there and other things that should be there that have been left out, the **blood** of Christ is the only eraser that can remove the stains and make your canvas white and clean in order that you may start anew to paint the kind of a picture that will be pleasing to God. Through faith, (Heb. 11:6), repentance (Lk. 13:3), confession (Matt. 10:32), and baptism (Rom. 6:4), you may come in contact with the blood of Christ, and be made clean and pure. If you have rendered obedience to the Gospel and then spoiled your picture, you may start anew by repentance, confes-

sion and prayer.

May God help us all in the painting of the pictures of LIFE.

INFLUENCE AND DUTIES OF MESSIAH'S SUBJECTS

(Matt. 5:13-16)

"You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt have lost its savor, wherewith shall it be salted? It is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out and trodden under foot of man" (Matt. 5:13).

Salt has been used from time immemorial as an agent in the preservation of meats. The multitudes which heard Jesus were familiar with its use in curing fish. "The pickled fish of Galilee were known throughout the Roman world" (G. A. Smith). It is worthy of note that the salt of Palestine gathered from the marshes is not pure. Because of foreign substances in it, it loses its savor and becomes insipid and useless, when exposed to the sun and air, or when permitted for any considerable time to come in contact with the ground; but pure salt does not lose its savor. The verse teaches us that God's people keep the world from putrefaction and corruption. There was not salt enough in the antediluvian world to save it from the flood, in Sodom to save it from fire, nor in Canaan to preserve its people from destruction. It also teaches—as does experience, that a disciple may lose those qualities which made him salt.

Verse 14: "Ye are the light of the world. A city set on a hill _ _ _ _ _ cannot be hidden." As light dispels darkness and enables a man to see his way, so the Christian, by his teachings and example, removes ignorance and prejudice, and discloses the way of life. The Church, reflecting the light of Christ, is of necessity a conspicuous body, so that neither its blemishes nor its beauty can be concealed. For air and for protection cities were frequently built upon hills. Jerusalem and Samaria were both hill cities.

Verses 15 and 16: "Neither do men light a lamp, and put it under a bushel, but on a stand; and it shineth unto all that are in the house. Even so let your light shine before men; that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven." The light of a Christian is to shine not ostentatiously but naturally and unavoidably. It is to shine not only in his teaching or profession, but in such works and actions as unprejudiced men must acknowledge to be real excellencies. Moreover, it must so shine that it shall not win praise for itself, but for him who kindled it. Men do not praise the street lamps which protect them from robbery and assault, but they praise the municipal administration which furnishes the lamps.

—Selected by Clarence C. Kessinger.

PROFITABLE READINGS

"Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ" (1 Cor. 11:1).

"Walk so as you have us for an example" (Phil. 3:17).

"Leaving us an example that ye should follow his steps" (1 Pet. 2:21).

"There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus who walk not after the flesh but after the spirit" (Rom. 8:1).

"Your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost" (1 Cor. 6:19).

"If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy" (1 Cor. 3.17).

"Glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's" (1 Cor. 6:20).

"Let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit" (2 Cor. 7:1).

"But I keep under my body, and bring it under subjection" (1 Cor. 9:27).

"If ye live after the flesh, ye shall die" (Rom. 8:13).

"Be not conformed to this world" (Rom. 12:2).

"Keep himself unspotted from the world" (James 1:27).

"They that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts" (Gal. 5:17-26).

"Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting (joking)" (Eph. 5:4).

"Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you" (Jno. 15:14).

"Blessed are they that do his commandments" (Rev. 22:14).

Since we must be followers of Paul and Christ, we should heed the scriptures mentioned above. Don't go where they would not go. Don't say what they would not say. Don't drink what they would not drink. Don't chew what they would not chew. Don't smoke what they would not smoke. Don't dip what they would not dip. "Think on these things" (Phil. 4:8).

—A. A. Patterson.

THE INFALLIBLE WAY

Ralph E. Mustard

Brethren, are we seeking for an infallibly safe way? We have found it, and now the question arises, Will YOU FOLLOW IT? Some say that it may be right or it may be wrong to wear MAN MADE NAMES, but the Bible teaches us in **Acts 4:12** that, "there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." So, we will all have to admit that the name, Christ, is the right name for the Church. Let us lay aside all man made names and use only that which can be found in the Bible. It may be right or it may be wrong to make and use human creed, but we will all admit that the only safe way is to take the Bible as our only RULE of FAITH and Practice. Sprinkling may be right (for arguments sake) or it may be wrong. All admit immersion to be the sure and valid way, so why not leave off the man-made way and take the way which Christ delivered? It is the only SAFE and SURE way. If any one knows of a better way I would like to know. If you are in doubt as to your baptism you can surely remove that doubt by being immersed. **(Acts 2:38; Acts 8:37-38).** Man makes the divisions, not Christ. Remember, friends and brethren, the divisions of Christendom are wrong. **John 17:21** and **1 Cor. 1:10** will prove it.

It is the duty of every Christian to live and work for a reunion of all Christians as was taught by the Apostles. It pleases Satan to the utmost to see God's forces divided. "United we stand, divided we fall." **Psa. 133:1,** "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

Will you do your part in striving to restore the New Testament Church, **in name, in ordinance, and in life?** We may do this by REFUSING to preach any other gospel than Christ, by refusing to wear any other name than Christ, by refusing to take any other creed than that given by Christ, and by refusing to take any other rule of faith and practice other than the Bible. To restore the New Testament Church will mean that all unholy practices and divisions will be rooted out and done away. It will OBLITERATE all arbitrary and needless distinctions that separate our common humanity. It will give a new IMPETUS to missionary efforts. It will also enable us to use our forces in a good, profitable work, rather than an injurious work. It will help us to take a firm stand against all evil. It will bring forth a more delicate conscience concerning our relation to Christ and the Church. And above all it will hasten the glad day for which Christ prayed, and for which all faithful Christians are looking. Brethren, may we all unite our forces and work to this end.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

I have received the following contributions for the expenses of the loyal boys in the C. P. S. Camps:

Church of Christ, Lodi, by Bro. James Winchester—$25.00; A brother, Siskiyou St. Church, Los Angeles—$10.00; Church, Hood River, Oregon, by G. H. Horton—$20.00; A sister, Siskiyou St. Church—$10.00; From Ramona (No name) — $2.00; Sister Kate York, Bowie, Texas—$2.00; Sister Mildren Osburn, Siskiyou St. Church, — $2.00; Sister Nichols, Siskiyou St. Church — $10.00; Church, Greenfield — $20.00; Total — $101.00.

Now, I hear that some are wondering if our boys will actually get credit for the money we send to the head of these camps. Indeed, they will. These people are honest in what they are doing, it seems. They know our boys by name—who they are, and where they are. They are sending me information, as to whom they give the credit for our donations, etc.

Let us remember that these people have taken care of our boys for many months, without demanding any money from them or their parents; nor have they complained to the church. I believe it will be a fine thing if we can show our appreciation to these people by supporting our own boys, at least. If the donations from us could be enough to support the faithful few, it would remove any stigma, which might be placed upon the Church of Christ from now on, upon the grounds that we would not "provide for our own." Where would our boys be now, if it were not for these camps?

—Carl N. Nichols, 849 Wilcox Ave., Hollywood, Calif.

Note: I have letters from all (three) camps, acknowledging receipt of donations sent by me as follows: Santa Barbara, Calif., by Batsell Moore, for three boys—$21.75; Lyndhurst, Va., by Travis Cogburn, for three boys — $21.75; Magnolia, Ark., by Lewis Cogburn, for two boys—$14.50 (Since that report, another, Leonard Hendrickson, has been inducted at Magnolia). For the personal needs of the boys, I have received from Church, Berryville, Ark., by Bro. W. J. Clayton—$12.00, with the promise of monthly contributions from them; Sister Clauda Humble, Ballinger, Texas—$1.50.

—Homer L. King.

WHERE COMMUNE AGAIN

Bro. Falkner seems to think I have "messed it up" by saying that back in early years when, and where, they had few houses that they "met from house to house to break bread." And that was similar to taking the Passover. Then, God commanded that if, and when, a family was too small to eat the lamb, they would join with other families. But, I suppose these brethren did not know that. Now will Brother Falkner, Bro. Case, or some other objector, tell a long waiting public and, especially, ignorant ME, how 5,000 men, besides perhaps, 2,000 women, took the supper, and see if they can make it any better.

Brethren, I have made it a rule not to criticize one, without being able to give him something better. Is that not fair? Now I insist that Bro. F. tell in the very next issue, for I have been waiting for 60 years for that very thing. Then, suppose he turns to, and reads, Rom. 16:3-5; then tell us that they did not take the Supper at Aquila's house.

Note here: In his third paragraph, that he says: "our houses are the places to take our regular meals, and NOT for the purpose of taking the communion." He should have said "My house." I have taken the Supper in private houses, in old cabins, out in the open, on lumber piles, and sawmill seats, and anywhere a little bunch of Christians could get together. And, those were the happiest times of my life.

O, but the boys are excusable. I'm really glad this came up. It gives me a chance as one has said: "To explore my splatterments."

Come again, Brother Falkner; always glad to see you.

—E. A. Lowry.

FERGUSON-KENNEDY

Bro. Will H. Ferguson and Sister Laura Kennedy were united in the bonds of matrimony, Jan. 18, at the home of Bro. Ferd Roberson, Lawrenceburg, Tennessee. —J. B. Lasater, Jr.

PASSED ON

Fenn.—Sister Winnie Fenn, of Portales, N. M., passed away Feb. 9, 1943, being 46 years of age. She was baptized at the age of 14 years by her father, John Thomas Phillips, who died last May. She was the mother of 7 children, 5 of whom are still living. All of the living children, except the youngest who is only 9 years old, are Christians. She was a hard working woman and a faithful Christian. Bro. Jack Bledsoe, of Abilene, Texas, spoke words of comfort at her funeral.

—Lila Phillips.

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"THE CUP," REPLY

"On June 29th, I closed about one month of work (Destructive work—W. H. R.) with this little church, and with the help of Brother M. E. Busby of Thomaston, Ga., seven were persuaded to confess their sons, and one was baptized." Who were their "sons," Brother Abercrombie? I'm sure that this was a slip of the pen or a mistake of yours, but you should be careful how you criticize others. I very often make such mistakes myself, and would not mention it if you had not threatened to expose my English, when we go into debate.

"All of this contention seems to have arisen when one of our "smart" (?) preachers found that Mr. Thayer in defining the Greek word "poterion" to mean literally a drinking vessel—nis conclusion was, "The cup is a solid, the Lord's cup." Who was that "smart (?) preacher"? Why did you not name him? When did that "smart (?) preacher" say "The cup is a solid, the Lord's cup"? Did you hear him say it? Mr. Thayer gave us what the word literally means when it stands alone." Wonderful information! "when it stands alone." Should you hand me a jug filled with water and say, drink of it, and then if I should tell my friend that you handed me a jug and ask me to drink of it, would you conclude that I did not mean that it was a literal jug? Or if I should say that I mean a literal jug, that I meant that it "stands alone"? Such nonsense!! Mr. Thayer's first definition of the word "poterion" is, "a cup, a drinking vessel"; and under prop: "Matt. 26-27) 23:25; Mk. 7:4, 8; 14:23 Luk. 11:39; 22:17, 20; 1 Cor. 11:25; Rev. 17:4; 1 Cor. 11:28; 1 Cor. 10:16: with a gen. of the thing with which the cup is filled." No "stand alone" to it. So, Cecil Abercrombie stands face to face with Mr. Thayer, denying the definitions as given by Thayer, of the word "poterion." No one that I know says that the word "poterion" means "only and always a drinking vessel." However, it does mean "a cup, a drinking vessel" in Matt. 26:27, if Thayer is a reliable witness. Here is where the great Abercrombie might give me some information. Is Thayer a reliable witness?

Brother Abercrombie says that: "Thayer does not believe as our literal cup brethren." Well, does he believe as our literal fruit of the vine brethren? Does he believe as you do on baptism? Does he? Mr. Thayer does not give his theology in his Lexicon, but gives his **definitions**, as a scholar.

I shall not mention all the references given by him, but when he comes to Rev. 17:4, he crosses Mr. Thayer. Thayer gives Rev. 17:4 under prop. Hence, Abercrombie against Thayer.

He says: "He who cannot see that the cup of the Lord is the fruit of the vine is in need of the divine eye salve." Well, let Dr. Abercrombie apply the salve, (bring the evidence). He has not yet.

"Thayer believes we drink the cup, not "lick or suck of it." (Who does believe we should "lick or suck of it" W. H. R.?) "On page 533 he says, 'By *metonomy*, of the container for the contained, the contents of the cup, WHAT IS OFFERED TO BE DRUNK." Yes, the container, Brother, the **cup**, but you try (in vain) to dispense with the container. What was the "contained" in Matt. 26, 27? What was the "container"? Was the container named? If so, what was it called? Yes, may I ask, the "contents" of what?

"If I should say, "That is the church of Christ," pointing toward the building where the disciples meet, would you understand that Christ died for that building, when I should say, "Christ died for his church?" No, no, Brother, but I would think that you were awfully ignorant or that you fibbed, —which? That is the way the denominations talk. But your answer to your own question is. "No, you would not. I would be using the figure of speech, known as metonomy." Is that so? In that case you pointed at a material (solid) building. And what did you call it? The "church of Christ," Is that Metonomy? I say NO, and demand the proof. When you point to that building, should you say: "That is the "House of God," if, of course, the church is there, then it would be a metonomy. What is a Metonomy? "Metonomy is a figure of speech in which an object is presented to the mind, not by naming it, but by naming something else that readily suggests it." (William Williams. B.A., Page 220) On the same page, under "KINDS OF METONOMY," he says:

"3. Container and thing contained; as "The kettle (water) boils'."

Remember, it takes both the kettle and the water, not by naming the water, but by naming the kettle to suggest it, (the water). Your illustration could be a figure of speech called a "metaphor," but not "metonomy."

If there were no kettle, we could not use the figure, "metonomy" and say," the kettle boils." So it is with the fruit of the vine, if there is no cup present that contains the fruit of the vine, we could not call it (the fruit of the vine) a "cup" by the figure of speech called "metonomy." The word "cup" is used sometimes in the Bible by a figure known as a "metaphor." For example, Matt. 26:39. But, if Thayer and other scholars are reliable witnesses, the word "cup" in Ch. 26: 27 is neither a "metaphor" nor a "metonomy," but is used in a prop. sense.

In his last paragraph I would say, in answer, to take your own medicine; it will do you good and save your soul. Here is the correction for which you ask.

—W. H. Reynolds.

OUR HELPERS

Here are the names of our helpers in the circulation of the OPA, and following their names the number of subs. received by us from February 20 to March 20. We certainly do appreciate the interest of all in putting the paper into new homes, or even your renewal. Will you not try to send us one or more subs. every month. Yes, the price to new subscribers is still 50c per year, and $1.00 the year for all renewals. —Publishers.

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From The Fields

C. B. Hufstedler, Imboden, Arkansas, March 18. —We still meet for worship as the Bible directs, though few in number. Here is a good saying: "Any pleasure which takes and keeps the heart from God is sinful and, unless forsaken, will be fatal to the soul."

W. H. Jones, Rte. 1, Alta Vista, Kansas, Feb. 26.—We are still meeting each Lord's day and are carrying on the worship of the Lord. We are few in number, but, when we read the OPA, it makes us feel that we are a part of a larger number. May all the brethren stand fast in the faith.

W. I. Blanton, 2934 Redwood, Stockton, Calif., March 12.—I certainly do enjoy reading the good articles and reports from the fields in the OPA. I am glad to hear about the different states putting preachers in the field, and I hope more churches will co-operate in the mission work.

Grover White, Long Bottom, Ohio, March 13.—I am at home now, after having been at Canton, Ohio, since last November, working in a factory. I plan to farm some this year. I am not preaching so much now, but I am keeping up with my studies. I am glad to know that Bro. Gay is improving.

Ira Baker, Cameron, Texas, March 13.—Brother Stewart preached for us over Lord's day in February, and we enjoyed his visit very much. We are looking forward to our meeting in July, with Bro. Buffington doing the preaching. We are also looking forward to hearing Bro. King in a mission meeting in Cameron this fall.

A. A. Patterson, Devol, Oklahoma, March 5.—We have started meeting for worship here, but it will be a hard pull. Although we carry on the worship in the right way, yet there is much worldly mindedness. I shall do my best to keep everything straight. I am wishing all well in the work of the Lord.

L. N. Byford, Box 72, Bellmead, Texas, March 7.—Some changes have taken place in our congregation in Waco, as some have moved out on the farm, and others may move out, but we hope they will be near enough to attend the services. Bro. Kirk is getting along pretty well. We plan to have a series of meetings in June.

Mattie M. Loyd, Pomona, Calif., March 18.—Brother Barney Welch is now in a series of meeting at Siskiyou St., Los Angeles. We have been hearing him each night, and we think he is a talented speaker for a young man, teaching the Bible in its purity. The crowds have been good, considering the obstacles. Pray for us that we may put forth every effort to win souls for Christ.

Tom E. Smith, Healdton, Oklahoma, March 7.—I was with the church in Oklahoma City, and we certainly had an enjoyable time. This congregation is certainly coming to the front. Bro. Ralph Mustard was with us at Healdton last weekend, and we enjoyed it. We had a good meeting at Sulphur last Lord's day. We discussed mission work, and the interest is increasing. I think all have a better understanding now.

Raymond Bray, 2417½ N. W. 16th St., Oklahoma City, Okla., March 9.—We had Bro. Ralph Mustard with us during the most of February. A mission meeting was held at Choctaw, without visible results. Bro. Mustard preached a few nights in the City, giving some good edification. Bro. Tom E. Smith preached for us March 7. Bro. Elbert Phillips, of Council Hill, is living here now. He and his wife are fine Christians and much help.

Batsell Moore, Camp Los Prietos, Santa Barbara, Calif., March 17.—I had another fine week end at Los Angeles. I spent much time with Bro. Barney Welch. He was beginning a meeting at Siskiyou St. We had good crowds at all of the services. Several of us talked on the lesson Sunday morning and Brother Barney preached a fine sermon at the night service. The congregation had new song books for the singing.

Travis Cogburn, C. P. S. 29, Lyndhurst, Virginia, March 7.—We boys realize it would be harder to remain in camp, if it were not for our brethren behind us encouraging us. I speak for the three of us here in expressing our thanks to the brethren for the money donated to us. We are still striving to do our best here in keeping with God's word. I hope that Bro. H. C. Welch will come over some week end and preach for us.

Clovis T. Cook, Rt. 2, Lebanon, Missouri, March 24.—I began a singing school with the Ottumwa. Iowa, church, March 1, continuing for one week. I enjoyed the school very much and believe some-

thing was accomplished. I preached at Clio, Mo., March 20-21. Good crowds attended all services. Bro. Ervin Waters is here for his year's work. His first mission meeting will be at Springfield, Mo.

J. B. Lasater, Jr., Rt. 1, Lawrenceburg, Tennessee, Jan. 27.—For the past three months I have been meeting with the Chapel Grove congregation, which is still contending for the one faith. Jan. 10, we visited Bro. Ferd Roberson and the colored congregation, making a short talk for them. The zeal and courage these colored brethren manifest puts many of us to shame. In these trying times let us be more steadfast.

C. W. Van Stavern, Lebanon, Missouri, March 22.—We are glad to announce that Bro. Waters has arrived to help with the mission work the balance of the year. We have chosen Bro. Waters to do this work but he will need help from one and all in every possible way. Let us Missouri brethren **talk** mission work, **push** mission work, and **do** mission work henceforth. Let us recruit soldiers for the Lord's army. We must shove off in high gear and stay in high gear this entire year. March 7, Bro. H. E. Robertson preached for us. March 14, Bro. Arthur Wade preached. March 21, Bro. Homer A Gay preached at the morning service and Bro. Ralph Mustard at the evening service. Bro. Mustard will be with us several days and will preach part of the time. He plans to visit the Claxton congregation next Lord's Day. Let us press toward the mark!

M. J. Buffington, Rte. 3, Box 61, Floresville, Texas, March 16.—I preached last Lord's day at Fairview, Texas; the brethren there, though few in number, are not shunning to "declare the WHOLE counsel of God." I intend to visit the Congregation at Lubbock, Texas, the first of April, the Lord willing. I have several meetings to hold this year; my first will be about the 28th of May. Note my change of address.

James R. Stewart, Temple, Texas, March 15.—The faithful brethren in Abilene, Texas, are meeting in a private home for worship. The house in which they were meeting was sold. One of the brethren is giving a lot, and they plan to build soon. But they will need financial help, and any help will be appreciated very much. They worship the Bible way. Send all donations to Tom Turner, 750 Willow St., Abilene, Texas.

Chas. D. Palmer, Kinston, Alabama, March 19.—I have been so busy the past few months that I have not had time to report to the OPA., but I am now situated so that I can do more preaching, hence I shall report more often. During the winter months, I have been preaching alternately on the subject of "Love." I was at Black. Ala., Feb. 19, 20, being my third visit in that part, and I preached once at Esto. Fla. I am the first gospel preacher to preach in that part. The people seem more interested, inviting me back. I plan to visit them again this week-end.

Fred Kirbo. Davis. Oklahoma, March 22.—The mission meeting in Ardmore is growing in interest, attendance, and results. The seats were all full last night, and we are making arrangements for more. We are edifying the brethren, and "the poor have the gospel preached unto them." This is a great work, and comes as the result of liberal, faithful churches cooperating in spreading the gospel. Brethren, let no one discourage you to give, by saying the work is "unscriptural." If the brethren had not adopted this plan, perhaps, I would have been still in the "corn-field," and this work undone. We are establishing a fine congregation in Ardmore. Let us all pull together in the great work.

T. F. Thomasson, Trechado, New Mex., March 1.—I do not have much to report, as I have not done any preaching the last few months, except teaching the lessons on Lord's days in the worship. I am enjoying the quiet of my mountain cabin, in Western New Mex. This is a ranch country, thinly settled, and since some have been allured by high wages to leave, we have but few left, but we carry on every Lord's day. I hope to get out to do more preaching, when the weather will permit, as we have lots of snow in this part.

J. W. Allsup, Richland, Mo., March 17.—Although a reader of the OPA for sometime this is my first report. We have been meeting for worship in Sister Lacey's home, since in December. She donated us a lot for a church building, and the building is under construction. It is to be sand-stone construction, and is about one-third completed, expenses paid to date. Bro. S. J. Gay is setting the stone. He made an appeal for help in the OPA, recently. We do not wish to beg, but any donations will be appreciated and acknowledged through the OPA. Rte. 1, Box 93.

G. A. Canfield (colored), Rte. 1, Marion, La., Feb. 27.—I plan every year, that with the help of God and the good white brethren, I will do more for the cause of Christ than ever before, for the world is in a critical condition. All the world may turn away from the faith, but I will never do so. (Under date of March 17, the following): I want to thank all for the donations to the colored brethren in Brookhaven, Miss., to help them build a place of worship, in response to the appeals by Bro. Carlos Smith and me a few months past. Bro. Alfred Walker wrote me they plan to start the building soon. One confessed faults here last Lord's day.

Geo. Bowman, 1579 So. Garey, Pomona, Calif., March 8.—Bro. Barney Welch has been doing some preaching for us. We believe he is a true gospel preacher, and we all learned to love him and his good wife. Last summer in August we began meeting in my home, six of us. In September, we rented a hall, and Bro. Waters held us a meeting, encouraging us so much that we rented the hall for a year, and now we have about 15 regular attendants. The brethren at Montebello and Siskiyou St. have helped us much. Bro. Ray Nichol meets with us much, and he is a fine young man and can make a good talk.

J. B. Spradley, 2819 May St., Fort Worth, Texas, March 15.—We have at last begun a system of mission work in Texas. Some had already begun to support Bro. Stewart in mission meetings, and now Wichita Falls, the Carter Church, near Davidson, Okla., and possibly others, mean to see this work through. We do not intend to allow anything to hinder this work in Texas. Bro. Stewart is to report to Bro. C. R. Fancher, 1304 N. 5th St., Wichita Falls, Texas, the contributions he receives, also his expenses. Then Bro. Fancher will send him enough money to give him a living wage for that month. We want every church in Texas to help in this good work, and you may send your contributions to Bro. Fancher, as he has been chosen to look after that part, and he will make public reports of money received and paid out. I want to urge all to help in spreading the gospel, that we may put other men in the field as soon as possible.

James R. Stewart, 1102 So. 53 St., Temple, Texas, March 11.—The meeting at Jones Hill was a success. We had good attendance by both saint and sinner. Brethren attended from White Hall, Temple, and Waco. We baptized one and the church took on new life. I am to return for another effort in the summer. Feb. 28, I visited the brethren at Wichita Falls. Bro. Rowden, a young gospel preacher, spoke Sunday morning. He is a good preacher. I preached at night. I visited the brethren in Fort Worth, in the home of Bro. J. B. Spradley, together with Bro. Ervin Waters and wife. I visited one night in Bro. Waters' meeting in Wichita Falls. Last Lord's day, I visited brethren at Sentinel, Okla., meeting fine brethren. My next will be at Austin, Texas, then to Eagle Pass. Interest in mission work is gaining.

Barney D. Welch, 136 So. 4th St. Montebello, Calif.—The meeting at Pomona closed Feb. 28. One fine man was restored to the fold. March 2, I visited in the home of Brother and Sister Britton Rubush at Oceanside, meeting a number of the brethren there. March 3-4, in San Diego, visiting and making arrangements for a meeting, which is to begin the 23rd. Their new meeting place is 10th and C Streets, in the Y W C A building. March 5, I began a meeting at El Centro, a growing congregation. Three put on their Lord in baptism. We need more such men as Bro. T. E. Wright, and others, at El Centro. The meeting closed March 12. I returned home the 13th, beginning a meeting with the Siskiyou St., Los Angeles, congregation, which is now in progress with fine attendance. These congregations and others in this state realize that there is greater work to be **done**, higher goals to be reached. May all true Christians possess that same spirit. "Let us not sleep as do others" —(1 Thess. 5:6).

Homer A. Gay, Lebanon, Mo., March 21.—Last Lord's day, I was with the brethren at Claxton. I enjoyed being with, and talking for, these good brethren. They are some of the Lord's finest. I was with the brethren in Lebanon today. We had a good crowd and a good service. Bro. Ralph Mustard is there and will preach for them tonight. I will get to hear Bro. Ervin Waters, who is to preach at Lees Summit tonight. I have promised to go back to both Claxton and Lebanon soon. One of our splendid young men, Bro. Leonard Hendrickson, left the 9th of this month for the C. P. S. camp, at Magnolia, Ark. He will be a great help to the other boys there. We expect to be hearing from him through the O.P.A. We have other boys, who will soon be going to the camps. I hope to begin the evangelistic work in the spring. I will not be able to work at it continuously without rest, as I have in the past, but I can do a little—and, maybe, save a lost soul. May we all do the very best that we can for the Lord's cause.

Paul O. Nichols, 849 Wilcox Ave., Hollywood, Calif., March 13.—At this time I am with the congregation at Marysville, a most zealous group of people. Although it is but a year old, having been established by our beloved Bro. Ervin Waters, it is rapidly developing into one of the working congregations in this state, because the members are working harmoniously together. On Feb. 25, I preached at Pomona during the meeting that Bro. Barney Welch was holding. The next day I left for the northern part of the state. I enjoyed a splendid visit in the home of John Rankin and family, near Taft. From Taft I went to Corcoran where I preached the night of Feb. 27. I was at Poplar for worship Feb. 28, where I delivered two discourses. March 2, I was with the congregation at Sanger for one sermon, and the next night at Fresno for one lesson. From Fresno I went to Stockton, where I preached March 5. Finally, I arrived at Marysville and started a meeting March 7. I sincerely enjoyed visiting these congregations, and the wonderful hospitality that was shown me. I appreciate it very much. Such hospitality is truly a characteristic of the Christian. The brethren here have decided to keep me for at least two more weeks. Let us FIGHT ON!

Ralph E. Mustard, 234 W. Cherokee, McAlester, Okla., March 21.—Since my last report to the good paper, I have been doing some good preaching. Jan. 17, I closed a mission meeting at Gowen, Okla., where we established a congregation of 10 members. I plan to assist them in another meeting before returning to Calif., in August. The next mission meeting was at Choctaw, resulting in one restoration. The crowds were good the first week, but smaller the second week due to opposition by the S. S. people. After this, I visited the faithful at Washington, preaching one sermon. Feb. 24, I began a short meeting at Healdton, continuing for six nights. Feb. 28, I preached one sermon for the brethren in Sulphur, restoring one, at the morning services. At this writing, wife and I are in Lebanon, Mo., enjoying a visit with brethren in this part. I mean to preach a few sermons here before departing for Iowa. Brethren King and Kirbo are blessed with nice big baby boys in their homes. I will be free to hold more meetings after the last of July.

Homer L. King, Lebanon, Missouri, March 22.—

I was with the faithful at Claxton the last Lord's day in February for two services and a basket lunch at noon. The crowd was good, and I enjoyed being with the good brethren. Recently, I was with the faithful few at Cross Hollows, near Cassville, for three services. It was my first trip there, but I certainly did enjoy it. The crowds were fine. They plan to use Bro. Waters in a mission meeting this year. I am to return to a place near there the third Lord's day in April. I have been called to Brookhaven, Miss., for more preaching, beginning the 28th inst. I shall, probably, remain a week or two in that part. My evangelistic meetings are to begin in W. Va., early in May, and I expect to be busy the rest of the year. We are glad that Bro. Ervin Waters has arrived for the mission work in the Ozarks, beginning April 1, in Springfield, Mo. Brother Waters is helping me with the copy for this issue, and I appreciate it very much. He gave us two very fine sermons last Lord's day. May the Lord bless the efforts everywhere to carry the gospel to the lost.

Ervin Waters, care, H. L. King, Rt. 2, Lebanon, Missouri, March 22.—Feb. 20, I visited Bro. J. R. Stewart's mission meeting at Jone Hill, near Moody, Texas, where a few meet for worship regularly. Feb. 21, I preached at Belton, a young congregation with much vigor, and that night I preached at Temple. Feb. 26, I preached at Belton at their Friday night service. Feb. 28, I preached twice at Temple. March 4, we were at Forth Worth, and had interesting conversations with some of the brethren. March 5-14, we were in a meeting with the 6th St. church, at Wichita Falls. One was baptized. This congregation is growing in zeal and strength. They have agreed to back Bro. Stewart's efforts in the mission work the remainder of this year. I pray that much good will be accomplished in Texas this year. The contribution at Wichita Falls, March 14, was $60.00. March 15-16, we visited Bro. Fred Kirbo's mission meeting at Ardmore, Okla. The crowds were increasing daily and the prospects were very bright. The Oklahoma brethren were fortunate in securing the services of this competent evangelist for several months. March 17, I preached for my first time at Council Hill, Okla., where we enjoyed a brief visit. March 18, we arrived in Missouri, where we have been visiting Bro. H. L. King and family. March 21, I preached twice at the Lees Summit church. Today, the Lord willing, Bro. H. E. Robertson and I will go to Springfield, Missouri, to investigate the possibilities for a mission meeting there in the near future. We are here to labor. Brethren, let us never tire!

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

"I am sending a dollar. Please, keep the OPA coming. If you can send me a few sample copies, I might get a few subs." —A. A. Patterson, Okla.

"I am sending my renewal to your paper. We are always glad to get it." —Geo. Bowman, Calif.

"I am sending a new sub. to the OPA. May God bless you and Bro. Gay in the good work." —Mrs. Clauda Humble, Texas.

"Here is my renewal to the OPA. A man wanted to know if I still took this paper and what I thought of its teaching, and I told him that if there ever was a paper that tracked the Bible, it was the OPA."—C. B. Hufstedler, Ark.

"I have just received the OPA, and I was glad to get it. I certainly do enjoy reading the good lessons and reports from the fields." —W. I. Blanton, Calif.

"We are sending some subs to the OPA. All the members of the 4th. St. Church seem to enjoy getting the paper so much. They pass their papers around for others to read."—The Byfords, Texas.

"I enjoy reading the OPA, and it helps me in studying the Bible. I am looking forward to the paper's coming." —Tommie Holt, Texas.

"This is my second year to take the OPA, and it certainly has been a lot of help to me—more than any paper I ever read."—Mrs. J. C. Wilson, Okla.

"Find our renewal enclosed. The paper gets better every month, and we do not want to miss an issue. We enjoyed, especially, Bro. Waters' article in the March issue." —Bro. and Sister Ira Baker, Texas.

"I see my sub. has expired and even before reading it, I am sending my renewal. These papers are all so interesting to me, that I wish they came twice per month. God bless you in all your good work." Mrs. Verdie Poteet, Okla.

"I was glad to see so many subs. for last month. I am trying to get others to take the paper. Let us all work, watch, and pray, as never before." —Pete Howard, Missouri.

"Find my renewal. I really do like the paper." —J. S. Shelly, Texas.

"Send your valuable paper to the enclosed addresses. I gave one my paper to read, and she liked it very much, giving me her subscription. May God bless you in your good work." —Mrs. May Sammons, Washington.

"We enjoy the paper, and it helps us along."—A. R. McMullen, Texas.

DO YOU KNOW?

Whether there is a loyal church near Gatesville, Texas, as Brother A. R. McMullen, 1406 Pidcoke St., Gatesville, Texas, has moved there, and is anxious to contact faithful brethren. Write him if you know.

Again: Do you know whether there are any loyal members of the Church of Christ in or around Orange, Texas? If so, write Sister Lila Phillips, Box 292, Portales, New Mex.

—Publisher.

OUR HELPERS

We appreciate the nice lists of subscriptions you have been sending. This month we must order one hundred more copies of the OPA than ever before, due to your efforts. We desire to send samples each month to those who demonstrate with results their willingness to work for the paper. More samples are being sent to our helpers this month. We can not measure the worth of the paper to the cause of Christ. It helps us. Let us help it. If this month every subscriber donated the OPA to one new home, we could double our subscription list in one month. Having assisted Bro. King in preparing this month's copy, I realize and appreciate the greatness of his unstinting efforts. Let us press the work!

—Ervin Waters.

WHY SOME DO NOT GO TO CHURCH

Some stay at home because it's cold;
And some because it's hot;
And some because they're getting old;
And some because they're not.

Some stay at home to entertain,
And some to cook the dinners;
And some because they're good enough,
And some because they're sinners.

Some stay away because their hat,
At the milliner's is not finished;
And some because their liking for
The church has been diminished.

(Selected by Mrs. Odessa Clouse).

Ye num'rous sects which all declare "Lo Christ is here. Lo Christ is there."
Your stronger proofs divinely give
And show me where the Christians live.

OLD PATHS ADVOCATE

"Where is Thy Church. O, Savior, where?" I heard the cry, and then I heard:
"Here is My Church where men still dare To take Me at My word."

"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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"I WILL NEVER LEAVE THEE, NOR FORSAKE THEE"

Ervin Waters

The above promise and assurance of divine companionship, found in Hebrews 13:5, should bring hope and courage to the hearts of all Christians. In the midst of a vacillating humanity it is encouraging to know that there is one in whom we can place complete dependence, when all others forsake us. The valiant apostle Paul had occasion to appreciate this companionship when, otherwise, he would have been alone. "At my first answer no man stood with me, but all men forsook me: I pray God that it may not be laid to their charge. Notwithstanding the Lord stood with me and strengthened me" (2 Tim. 4:16-17).

This promise of divine companionship is only to the disciples of Christ. The alien from the family of God cannot truthfully say, "Thou art with me." This should be an incentive to all to obey the gospel of Jesus Christ. Do you believe on him that died for you on Golgotha's brow? Then, will you repent of your sins (Acts 2:38), confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus (Rom. 10:9), and be "baptized into Christ" that you may "put on Christ" (Gal. 3:27)? Having put him on, you can take him with you as long as you live "soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world" (Titus 2:12).

This Christ dwells in us conditionally. "That Christ may dwell in your hearts **by faith**" (Eph. 3:17). For Christ to "live in me," I must "live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me" (Gal. 2:20). This embraces much. It means that I must incorporate the principles of truth into my life. For Christ to be with me, I must be with him unreservedly in the fight against sin. The myriad duties of the Christian life must be performed, strengthened by this indwelling Christ.

The war has multiplied, directly and indirectly, our difficulties. So many people have banished thoughts of religion from their minds in their lust for blood and money. The tentacles of the Selective Service are touching almost every family, thinning our ranks and bringing grief to our hearts. Rationing of tires and gasoline has impeded our mission work and our meetings. "We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair" (2 Cor. 4:8). May we rise above our troubles, and, with the light of the Sun of Righteousness to illuminate our way, press on in the struggle. Let us gird on the whole armor of God and enter the fray with zeal and hope. For, above the beating of the war drums and the confusion of the world, Jesus declares, "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee."

When Jesus gave the commission to the apostles, he realized that the carrying out of it would be fraught with peril and adversity. He knew that through the ages all who replied to duty's call would not sail "on flowery beds of ease." Hence, he gave both to his apostles and to the church a comforting promise of his abiding presence, to us a glorious reality, when he said, "Lo, I am with you always, **even unto the end of the world**" (Matt. 28:20). Amidst the crumbling ruins of nations, of past ages, of the works of men, may we with clarity remember that Christ "is with us even unto the consummation of the age."

WILL ALL MEN BE SAVED?

Ray Nichols

This is a vital question, because many people, who believe that every one will be saved, are going to Hell. Universalism assumes that all men will be saved irrespective of conduct and character. One of the scriptures that they believe teaches universal salvation is Heb. 2:9, "But we behold him who hath been made a little lower than the angels, even Jesus, because of the suffering of death crowned with glory and honour, that by the grace of God he should taste death for every man." Christ died on the cross for every man and when one takes the step of baptism his sins are washed away. This by no means is universalism.

What will become of those who neglect salvation? Heb. 2:2-3, "For if the word spoken by angels was steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience, received a just recompense of reward; how shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?"

It is impossible to bring out all the ridiculous ideas of people, who think the Bible points to universalism, in so limited a space. I will endeavor to bring out some of their main points and show how wrong they are. 1 Tim. 2:3-4, "This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth." They think that, because God wills that all mankind be saved, this means universal salvation. In that same verse is proof that this idea is wrong. It says that he wills that all men come to the knowledge of the truth, but how many millions of people

have died without the knowledge of the truth? He wills that all be saved, but man has to do something in order to be saved.

Universalism assumes that there are three classes made alive, and these are: (1) Christ the first fruit (in the past), (2) Those who are Christ's (at His presence), (3) The balance of mankind (at the consummation). The scripture I am about to quote alone proves that universalism is wrong. Rev. 21:8, "But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone which is the second death." Some will be saved and some will be destroyed.

What will become of those that do not fear God, or, I would rather put it in this way, What will become of those that do fear God? Acts 10:35, "But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness is accepted of him."

What will become of those that do not call upon the name of the Lord? Rom. 10:13, "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." Then what will become of those that do not call upon the name of the Lord? If all will be saved, why persuade men to do the will of the Lord? All will not be saved, and, if we believe all of the Bible, we will know it is senseless to believe in universalism. 2 Cor. 5:11, "Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men."

What will become of them that do not believe? I Cor. 1:21, "It pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe." If preaching is to save them that believe, what will become of them that do not believe? For if we do not believe in God we will transgress his laws, and therefore will be cast into that lake which burns with fire and brimstone.

What will become of those that will not obey? Heb. 5:9, "And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him." The same fate that is in store for them that do not believe is in store for them that do not obey, and that is Hell.

If all men will be saved, why discriminate between the righteous and the wicked? Prov. 14:32, "The wicked is driven away in his wickedness, but the righteous hath hope in his death." This means those that are righteous have hope of everlasting life in heaven. But those that are wicked have no hope after death. I Pet. 4:18, "If the righteous **scarcely** be saved; where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?"

If universalism were true, how should the Bible read? "Blessed are the dead that died out of the Lord" (Rev. 14:13). "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved, and he that believeth not shall be saved also" (Mark 16:16). How ridiculous that is, and, if we take the whole Bible, we will plainly see that universalism is absurd. For the close of this article I would like to leave this scripture in your thoughts, Rev. 20:15, "And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire."

Ask your friends to subscribe for the OPA.

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The following amounts are the contributions for the expenses of the loyal boys in the C. P. S. Camps:

J. H. McKaig, Siskiyou St. Church, $2.00
Sister Nichols, Siskiyou St. Church, $10.00
A brother, Siskiyou St. Church, $10.00
A sister, Siskiyou St. Church, $10.00
—Carl N. Nichols, 849 Wilcox Ave., Hollywood, Calif.

Note: I have received the following for the personal needs of the C. P. S. loyal boys: $15.00 by the McMullen Family, Gatesville, Texas, with these words: "Enclosed is our little bit for the boys in bonds, to be sent directly to them. We want to send part of our contributions for this worthy cause, for we are thankful for such faith." $10.00 by Geo. Rozzell for the Okla. City church; $25.00 by C. R. Fancher for the 6th St. church, Wichita Falls, Texas; $10.00 by G. P. Davis for the Sand Grove church, near Milano, Texas; $25.00 by Clyde Middick, Davidson, Okla., for the Carter church; $8.40 by E. J. Barnes, Green Forest, Ark., for the Clayton Home church; $28.00 by Mrs. Nola Milner for the Hugh Milner Home church, Middleton, Ohio; Total $121.40.

We received $28.00 from Brother and Sister Hugh Milner as a donation to the Missouri mission fund. This was a part of their contributions saved from the worship in their home, in Middletown, Ohio, during the past few months. I want to commend them for their liberality and devotion to the Lord and His cause, even though isolated from the home church. The total amount sent by them for the two above causes was $56.00. May the Lord bless such faith and zeal, and may we all be more liberal toward the many worthy needs now before us is my humble desire.

—Homer L. King.

A WORTHY CAUSE

Brother B. F. Leonard, 1714 Jackson Ave., Huntington, W. Va., writes me that they have purchased a lot in Huntington, on which to build a house for worship. They have been renting a store building, which was not as desirable as they wished. They now plan to build a more suitable place this summer, but they will not have sufficient funds to do so. As I remember the congregation numbers around 30 members, generally people of moderate means of the laboring class. Brother B. F. Leonard, I believe, is looked to as one of the main leaders. He impressed me as being one of the best men I ever met, being patient, hospitable, liberal in giving, kind and lovable. Furthermore, he is strictly loyal, being a very good friend and supporter of the OPA and its teachings, also most of the members read and appreciate the paper. Brethren Clovis Cook, Barney Welch, myself and other loyal preachers have labored for them, and I am certain they endorse what I say in the behalf of this cause, and I believe these brethren are worthy of your assistance in a financial way, if you are able to do so.

Brother Leonard wishes to acknowledge receipt of the following donations on the building fund:

The church in Flemington, Pa., $35.00; Long Bottom, Ohio, $25.00; Point Pleasant, Ohio, $15.00; Commodore, Pa., $5.00; Elmer Lucas, $4.00; Perry Collicoat, $1.00. Brother Leonard wishes to thank all the brethren for the kind and liberal donations received. Send all donations to B. F. Leonard, 1714 Jackson Ave., Huntington, W. Va.

I am to begin a series of meetings with these brethren May 9, to continue for two weeks. We invite all in reach to attend.

—Homer L. King.

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

"I am sending our renewal to the OPA, and soon I want to send some new subs. We certainly do enjoy the paper, as it is the only connection we have with the congregations, being away from them." —Mrs. Nola Milner, Ohio.

"The paper is coming fine. The only improvement that I can see would be a little more of it. I pray God's blessings on you and yours and all the faithful."—T. F. Thomasson, New Mexico.

"Find one dollar for the OPA, and I thank you for sending it on to me. I want you to know that I have not forgotten you." —F. T. Harrison, Alabama.

"Here is a sub. for the OPA. We certainly do enjoy getting the paper very much, and here is our renewal. We are praying for the work everywhere." —J. T. Broseh, Texas.

"I recently sent in six new subs. and my renewal. I wish the paper could be enlarged or come oftener. I am hoping that you may do much good for Christ." —Mrs. R. R. Kramer, Pa.

"Find my renewal enclosed. I do not want to miss an issue. The OPA is a fine paper."—Guy Mallory, Jr., West Virginia.

"Here is my renewal, as I do not want to miss an issue. It gets better all the time, and I certainly do enjoy the good articles in it, which teach us to live right. May God bless in these trying times." —Mrs. Minnie Foster, Texas.

"I certainly did enjoy the article by Bro. Barney Welch in the April issue. May God bless you in your noble fight for the right, and may you live long to defend the cause." —Carlos B. Smith, Miss.

"I am enjoying the OPA, and I wish it could come each week. I wish you best of success." —Pete Howard, Missouri.

"I still enjoy the paper very much, and I wish it came oftener. I look forward to receiving it each time." —Wyvonee Perrin, Calif.

"I am sending you three subs., and I want to send you more tomorrow. I am sorry I couldn't send more. I love you." —Fred Kirbo, Oklahoma.

"Please extend my time a year to the OPA, as I find much of interest in the paper." —Burley F. Black, Iowa.

"I thank you for sending the paper to me. I certainly did enjoy the articles by Brethren Barney Welch and E. A. Lowry."—R. L. Baker, Texas.

"I am sending two new subs. for the paper. I cannot express my appreciation of the paper, for I never hear a loyal sermon, as there are not enough loyal members to have a preacher here. How I need the prayers of the faithful. Bro. King, I remember you and your work in my prayers, also all the loyal preachers and the cause of Christ." —Dora Barker, Ark.

"I am enclosing a dollar for the OPA, We think Bro. Cook is a fine man and we enjoyed his message very much. I trust this will find you in the best of health." —Mrs. Clint Jarrett, Missouri.

"Here is my renewal to the OPA. I certainly do enjoy reading it." —Earl Johnson, Oklahoma.

"I am sending our renewal, and I want to thank you for sending it to us, for we don't want to miss an issue." —Annie Hensley, Tenn.

"I am sending four subs. to the OPA. The April issue was real good." —Chas. D. Palmer, Alabama.

"I am sending our renewal and four other subs. We do not want to miss an issue, as we enjoy reading it very much."—A. J. Mason, Calif.

"Bro. Waters' article in the OPA was certainly fine. I am sending a new sub. on the strength of it." —A. D. McNiel, Texas.

"We appreciate your work in the gospel, trusting that some day we may make the acquaintance of you and your family. It would mean much to us if you would spare us a few words in your prayers. Grace be with them that live our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity." —The McMullen Family, Texas.

PASSED ON

Irvin.—Sister Henrietta Katherine Irvin, wife of the late Brother John E. Irvin of Flemington, Pa., died February 19th. Bro. Irvin passed away last December and Sister Irvin, being sick at that time never did get any better. Sister Irvin was a wonderful Christian—always ready to obey the Lord in all things. I think she and Bro. Irvin were the most devoted couple to each other that I ever saw. She had been a member of the Church of Christ for a number of years, and had worshiped with the Wright St. church in Flemington for 13 years—always being faithful and zealous. She was greatly loved by all who knew her. This closed the long and faithful race of Bro. and Sister Irvin. But their works will long live to honor them for their good deeds. Sister Irvin was 75 years old. The funeral was conducted by Bro. Rob. Cramer.

My heart felt sympathy goes out to the little congregation at Flemington, Pa., who will miss her so much, and to the bereaved children, left behind to mourn her passing. Through the tears may we look to Him who alone can rob death of its horrors.

—Homer A. Gay.

Green.—Brother J. O. Green was killed in a car accident and was buried at Grafford, Texas, April 8th. Bro. Green obeyed the gospel in early life. He is survived by his wife and two small daughters, his mother and one sister, Mrs. J. C. Jones of Shreveport, La. The family wishes to express their appreciation for the kindness shown them by the Velva St. Church of Christ, in Shreveport.

May God's richest blessings rest upon the bereaved ones and upon all of the Lord's faithful.

—J. C. Jones.

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CHRISTIANS IN CARNAL WARFARE

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It isn't hard to realize why there is so much talk of war now since the whole world is in carnal combat and being torn up thereby. Furthermore, the homes of many are being disrupted and divided. War is confusion and tumult of which our Saviour is not the author. "God is not the author of confusion, but of peace" (1 Cor. 14:33).

Romans 13 teaches us to obey "the higher powers," for "the powers that be are ordained of God." Let us, in subjecting ourselves to the higher powers, begin with the very **Highest**, obeying It **first** and then the lesser powers. Jesus Christ said, "**All power** is given unto **me** in heaven and in earth" (Matt. 28:18). Undoubtedly This is the most supreme power with whom man comes in contact.

He commands us to love the brotherhood (1 Pet. 2:17; Heb. 13:1; I Thes. 4:9). Certainly we could not fight our brethren in Christ while loving them. Christians must love their enemies (Lk. 6:27; 3:14; Rom. 12:18) and "do violence to **no man**" (Lk. 3:14).). The above scriptures will be disobeyed if we war against our enemies.

The position of the Christian against carnal warfare and for peace is recorded in Rom. 12:18-21, "If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men. Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath; for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord."

A Christian cannot engage in carnal warfare, because, (1) He could not be assured of scriptural worship **every** Lord's Day, (2) He could not love his enemy or fellowman after taking an oath to kill them, and (3) He could not comply with 2 Cor. 10:3-4, "For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh." It all sums up to this one thing; we cannot use force in this world for we have no part in it. Our reward is not of this world, but of the world to come.

IMMERSED BUT NOT BAPTIZED

"One reason for membership losses lies in the fact that there are many church members who have been immersed, but not baptized. Jesus plainly said: 'Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit he cannot enter the Kingdom of God." The church does well to insist that men obey Christ; that they be born of water; but too often His emphasis upon the Spirit has been overlooked. The new convert must be wrapped in prayer; immersed in the very spirit of Jesus Christ, live henceforth by the Spirit. What does it mean to baptize men 'into the name of Father, Son and Holy Spirit?' It is not to immerse, overwhelm men, to surround men with all that the Loving Father, the Redeeming Son and the Guiding Holy Spirit should mean and can mean to *them*? A superstitious attitude toward baptism is too prevalent. People say, 'I want to get baptized,' as though an outward ceremony is the goal of Christ for men. Apart from spiritual surrender we see no value in it."

—The W. F News.

Reply: Yes, "apart from spiritual surrender, " **baptism**, Greek **baptisme** which means "immersion" (See Thayer, p. 94), is of no value, unless it be that of "the putting away of the filth of the flesh," I Pet. 3:21. It takes a **baptism,** immersion, preceded by **faith** in Christ as the Son of the living God, Acts 16:31; Rom. 10:9, 10; **repentance,** a change of mind and purpose with a view to a reformation of life, Luke 24:47; Acts 2:38; a **confession,** openly, of Christ as the Son of the living God, Matt. 10:32; Rom. 10:9, 10; Acts 8:37; and, on the part of the sinner, "in or upon the name of Jesus Christ," Acts 2:38, that is, placing one's hope and trust in Christ, Thayer, p. 94; and "for the remission of sins," Acts 2:38, that is, "to obtain the forgiveness of sins," Thayer, p. 94; and on the part of the baptizer, or immerser, where he obey the command, Matt. 28:19, "baptizing, immersing, them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, Spirit." This is a Scriptural baptism.

And since, baptism, **baptisma**, is "immersion" (Thayer, Standard Lexicon of the New Testament Greek, p. 94), I fail to see how one can be "Immersed But Not Baptized," especially so since it is a law of language that the definition of a word can be used in a passage instead of the word defined. And as to "want to get baptized," immersed, the eunuch evidently wanted to "get" this, Acts 8:36, and the penitent sinners on the day of Pentecost wanted to "get" this, Acts 2:38-42; and we find in all other cases they wanted to "get" this. And we do not find that any alien sinner "got" **saved,** Mark 16:16, **remission of sins** Acts 2:38 **forgiven,** Col. 2:12, 13, **made free from sin,** Rom. 6:4, 17, 18, without it anymore than Naaman "got" free from **leprosy,** 2 Kings 5:14, without it; and here we have **baptizo** in the Greek Septuagint, the word Jesus used in giving the command in his commission to baptize, and in doing this, he "dipped."

—H. C. Harper.

Homer A. Gay, Lebanon, Mo., April 21.—I have been helping with the teaching service at home here of late. We are studying the book of Revelation and not many of the brethren will attempt to teach on it. I am to go to Pennsylvania, about the middle of May for some work in that state, and also in Indiana. I am to spend the month of July in Shreveport, La.

From The Fields

Guy Mallory, Jr., Route 7, Charleston, W. Va., March 23.—The churches here are getting along very well. Bro Welch has been giving us some fine sermons. I have been seriously ill of pneumonia, but am better now.

F. T. Harrison, Rte. 2, Kinston, Ala., April 3.—The church at Lowery is doing well. One is to be baptized tomorrow, and several are coming back; two having made confessions last Lord's day. Pray for us here.

E. H. Miller, 1003 Truitt Ave., LaGrange, Ga., April 3.—Brother W. H. Reynolds, of Alabama, is with me now and will preach here next Lord's day. The church is doing fine; someone has been baptized every week for the past four weeks.

Clyde Middick, Davidson, Okla., April 1.—The third Sunday last month, Bro. Bill Roden, of Sentinel, preached for us, giving us a good lesson. I think he will make a good preacher. Bro. Clayton Fancher preached for us last Sunday, giving us a good lesson. Here is $25.00 for the C. P. S. boys.

John Rogers, Davidson, Okla., March 22.—We are still getting along nicely at the Carter church. Brother Bill Roden preaches for us every third Lord's day. We enjoy his sermons very much. We invite all loyal Christians to stop and worship with us, when passing this way.

J. T. Broseh, Dublin, Texas, April 14.—We are still contending for the faith here. Brother George Hughes preaches for us on third Sundays. I still preach at Ramsey every first Sunday. We are praying for the work everywhere. We ask an interest in the prayers of the faithful for the work in this part.

Herman Stafford, Box 714, Greenfield, Calif., March 20. —We are "fighting the good fight of faith" here. Brother Barney Welch is to begin our meeting April 4, and probably continue until the 16th, the Lord willing. We hope much good may be done. Don't forget to mention us in your prayers.

Ray Nichols, 849 Wilcox, Ave., Hollywood, Calif., April 15.—Since the last time I reported to the O.P.A. I have had the pleasure of preaching to the congregation at Montebello, Calif., on March 30. My prayers go with Bro. Chester King who is being put in the field here by the brethren at Sisikiyou and Montebello. Let us all pray for him in the Lord's work.

Ferd Roberson (colored), Rte. 2, Box 58, Lawrenceburg, Tenn., April 20.—We thank the Lord for His blessings and we are glad to report that we are doing nicely. We are still contending earnestly for the word of the Lord in the little church, near the above place. All the faithful here extend regards.

Geo. W. McCain, 440½ W. Lemon Ave., Monrovia, Calif., April 16—Brother Paul Nichols gave us a good lesson recently. He is developing rapidly. A young Bro., Robert Falvey, preached twice for us recently. He is making his home with Bro. Nichols. We rejoice to learn that Bro. Chester King is entering the field. We shall be behind him with our prayers and pocket books. He is to preach for us next Lord's day. We are to have singing in the afternoon. All are invited to worship with us.

Clovis T. Cook, Lebanon, Missouri, April 21. — I visited the brethren at Richland, Mo., the third Sunday, inst., preaching two sermons to fair crowds, especially, the morning service. They are now meeting in their new house in town, and the prospects are favorable for an increase in attendance and membership. The second Sunday, inst., I attended Brother Waters' meeting in Springfield, Mo., where he is trying to establish a loyal church. I enjoyed the services very much.

Clayton R. Fancher, 1304 N. 5th St., Wichita, Falls, Texas, April 20.—The church at 1318 N. 6th St., is progressing nicely. We had a good meeting, with Brother Waters doing the preaching. I am glad to see the mission work in Texas in progress as was reported by Bro. J. B. Spradley in the April issue. We are looking forward to the all-day meeting here July 4, and to a series of meetings ending that day by Brother King. The church here is sending a donation of $25.00 for the C. P. S. boys.

Chas. D. Palmer, Kinston, Alabama, April 15.—Brother F. T. Harrison talked in the home church last Lord's day in March, and had one confession for baptism and two confessions of faults. Brother Reynolds and I plan to visit Block, Ala., and Esto, Fla., this week-end. We plan to visit a number of other palces in the near future. We have prospects of converting some to the truth at these points. The "fields are white to harvest and the laborers are few."

B. F. Leonard, 1714 Jackson Ave., Huntingdon, W. Va., April 16—The church here is doing very well. We are planning to build a meeting house soon, and we are trusting that the brotherhood will assist us to finance it. By the time this reaches our readers Brother King will have begun a series of meetings here. We invite all in reach to hear him beginning May 9, and continuing for about two weeks.

T. F. Thomasson, Trechado, New Mex., March 30.—Things here are very quiet, as just a few of us remain, but we never fail to meet for worship, having a good Scriptural lesson, which we enjoy. We may learn what the world is doing through the press and radio, and we do not have to be vexed in seeing them do it. I pray God's blessings upon all the faithful brethren in Christ.

Joe W. Castleman, Houston, Tex., April 17.—The church here is at peace and doing nicely. At present we meet three times a week, but we hope to have meetings more often since the weather has warmed up. Bro. M. J. Buffington is to begin a meeting for us April 22, to continue indefinitely. I surely do enjoy reading the reports of the work each month in the OPA. It seems that we are gaining ground on all fronts. Let us press the battle in Jesus' name.

J. C. Jones, Shreveport, La., April 5.—We have recently baptized three and restored one at Velva Street Church. The work is moving along nicely. Most members attend all services regularly. Brother Hampton is developing into a good preacher, we all appreciate him. Many are becoming dissatisfied with sectarianism and innovations in the church, and we have a wonderful opportunity to do good. We are looking forward to our meeting in July, with Brethren Gay and Cook.

Ervin Waters, care, H. L. King, Rt. 2, Lebanon, Missouri, April 19.—March 28, I preached at Lebanon during the morning service, and that night I preached at Lees Summit. April 1, we came to Springfield and completed the arrangements for a mission meeting. April 4, the mission meeting began. Preaching brethren, Clovis Cook, H. L. King, and H. E. Robertson, have visited the meeting. Other brethren from Lees Summit and Clio congregation have been with us also. The attendance has been small. But let us never grow weary in well doing.

Alfred Walker (colored), Box 146, Brookhaven, Miss., April 8.—Recently Brother Homer L. King preached two wonderful sermons to the colored brethren here at Jerico. They were very upbuilding and much enjoyed. We still contend earnestly for the faith, and we are growing in numbers, having baptized two already in 1943. We are very grateful to the brethren and the Lord for the donations to help us build. We received $5.00 from Bro. Carlos Smith; $20.00 from Carl Nichols; and $14.20 from the Jerico Church of Christ (colored brethren), Wesson, Miss. Thanks to all.

George Rozzell, Rte. 3, Box 363, Oklahoma, City, Okla., March 30.—The church here is getting along nicely. Brother Tom Smith preached for us March 7, and Bro. Bill Roden preached for us March 14, and again on March 28. Bro. Roden plans to make his home here, and we are very thankful for that. Bro. Phillips, of Council Hill, Okla., also is planning to move here, and we are very thankful to have these brethren. We ask the brethren to pray for us that we may grow in number and faith, standing firm for the truth.

Clarence Kessinger, Box 42, Spring Hill, W. Va., April 15.—I have recently preached a number of times—at Stop 12, Spring Hill, March 28, with good attendance. April 4, I was at Mallory Chapel for the morning service, and at Rumba for the afternoon. Brethren Clifford Massey and Hudson are to be commended for their able leadership. April 12, I was back to Spring Hill, preaching on "Love," which we all need so much. We were sorry to have Bro. Welch leave us, and I hope he may return sometime. Pray for me and mine.

Clarence Snodgrass, Tuscola, Texas, April 8.—I am now in a mission meeting in Stamford, Texas. There are about 500 S. S. brethren here, but many of them do not attend the S. S., as they do not believe in it. One family has already started worshiping with us. We are having a hard fight. For the work, we have received $27.60 to cover the expenses, by the 4th St. church in Wichita Falls; $20.00 by Bro. W. W. Wilks; $1.00 by Bro. Jim Castleman; $5.00 from church in Dublin; $0.60 Bro. A. Loudermilk. I am in the mission field, and any brethren desiring to help may do so.

A. D. McNiel, Milano, Texas, March 29.—The church at Sand Grove is getting along very well. Bro. Castleman, of Houston, preached for us Saturday night and Lord's day, March 20-21. All enjoyed his talk very much, and we hope he can visit us again in the near future. Brother Fred Kirbo is to hold our meeting this next summer, beginning August 8. We all are anxious to meet him and hear him preach. Bro. Ervin Waters' article in the OPA was just fine. We desire the prayers of the saints everywhere.

Chester King, 849 Wilcox Ave., Hollywood, Calif., April 17.—I am very thankful to report that I am now able to spend all of my time in preaching the gospel. The Montebello and Los Angeles churches have decided to use me in the mission field the rest of the year and in 1944. The work continues to grow in spite of the obstacles. Attendance has been good at the home church. I am to be with the brethren at Monrovia the 18th. inst. I am very glad to co-operate with Bro. Barney Welch in the work, also Brethren Paul Nichols and Ralph Mustard. We appreciate the honesty and goodness of Bro. Welch. May more be done in His name.

W. W. Wilks, Rte. 4, Dublin, Texas, April 20.—The second Lord's day, I preached for the brethren at Hamilton; the last Lord's day at Stamford, the Swenson St. church, recently established. Brother Snodgrass preached at the morning service. He is a noble, efficient gospel preacher. It has been intimated that he favors a "set order of worship," but that is not the case. He does, however, believe in preaching to every creature and praying for all men. I stand for the Scriptural oneness of God's people in faith, in works, and in worship. If I can help you, call me.

Clarence Snodgrass, Tuscola, Texas, March 30.—Have recently preached at Munday, Wichita Falls (4th St. Church), and at Tuxedo, all in Texas, with good attendance at all places. We are to begin a meeting in Stamford, Texas, N. Swenson Ave., April 3, and with the help of the Lord we hope to establish a loyal church. The brethren there hope to build a house soon. Some of my brethren say I have been preaching for disloyal churches. James says if you "convert a sinner from the error of his way, let him know he shall save a soul from death and shall hide a multitude of sins". I promise that wherever I preach I shall "speak as the oracles of God". May we all do likewise.

K. G. Wilks, Box 595, Eagle Pass Texas, April 18.—Our meeting here came to a close Sunday night; Brother James R Stewart doing the preaching. I think the teaching to the church on Christian duty and living was the plainest and kindest and most of it I have ever heard. We needed this teaching and more. While there were no additions or restorations, some seemed interested and should have accepted.

Most of the membership heard Bro. Stewart discuss the cups and classes, and some were from Del Rio. Some subscribed for the OPA, and this with the private talks, may yet bear fruit. We mean to stay with the Bible in spite of being unpopular.

C. C. Brown, Box 355, Naches, Washington, March 22.—We are trying to carry on the Communion in our home, just as we did in the public assembly. I note that Paul didn't say "public assembly", nor "private" in Heb. 10:25. I wonder how the brethren could have worshiped during the 1260 years of the dark ages, since they were not allowed to meet in public "Where two or three are gathered together in my name"—Jesus.

Wesley D. Ballard, 2011 Spring St., Waco, Texas, April 19.—Since my last report, I have preached for the local churches, where they are still pressing on. I have decided to devote all my time to the cause of Christ. I am 25 years of age and have been preaching for five years. I stand opposed to all innovations and hobbies, and I want to be introduced to the brotherhood through the best paper I know, the Old Paths Advocate. If any desire my services, I am ready to go. I recently met Bro. M. J. Buffington, and I think he is fine.

Carlos B. Smith, Wesson, Miss., April 12.—The church at New Salem is doing fine—all at peace and worshipping as the Bible directs. We all were delighted to have Bro. King with us again for a few nights the latter part of March, doing, as he always does, good preaching. He was called here to preach the Commencement sermon at the high school, which he did well. I do not find many like him. He is willing to "condescend to men of low estate", preaching twice to the colored brethren, which was much appreciated. Opposition and persecution do not seem to discourage him, but only make him stronger. May he live long to defend the cause he has espoused. Brethren Lynwood and Sam Smith gave us good lessons recently. "Let us not be of those who draw back, but believe to the saving of the soul."

M. J. Buffington, Rte. 3, Box 61, Floresville, Texas, April 18th.—On April 4th, I preached at Lubbock, Texas, for the little congregation on 3rd, and Temple Ave. From there I went to Wichita Falls, and preached for the 6th. St. congregation on Wed. night. I certainly enjoyed my visit with the congregation mentioned above. I will go to Houston, Texas, next week for a short meeting, "The Lord Will."

Louis P. Howsman, 949 Sierra St., Yuba City, Calif., April 2.—We closed a house to house meeting of three weeks duration, recently. The members were greatly strengthened, even though there were no additions. We regretted to see Bro. Paul leave, but others needed his help. I think no church will go wrong in calling him for meetings. We are to have another meeting beginning May 2, with Bro. Barney Welch doing the preaching. We hope all in reach will attend. If you go to a show you will have to pay admission, but not so with these meetings. So, why not go where you can hear the gospel without charge?

Barney Welch, 136 So. 4th St., Montebello, Calif., March 21.—I closed a two-Lord's-day meeting at Siskyou St. Los Angeles, with fine interest throughout. This congregation realizes its Goal is ahead, (not behind) and they are making haste in that direction. It is a shame that some congregations as a whole, or its members seem to have no particular GOAL toward which they are very eager to travel. March 23, I began a meeting at San Diego, which was handicapped greatly for the lack of a meeting place. Bro. Marvin Fisher is developing speedily into a TRUE Gospel preacher. He is a fine song leader, and far from being LUKE-WARM when it comes to the teaching. This meeting closed the 30th. 31st, I attended song practice at Oceanside, and April 1st., met with and talked for the Monrovia church. I visited the CPS camp the 2nd. Then to Greenfield for a meeting 4th. through 11th. This congregation is small in number but strong in faith. I am now in a meeting at Aromas with fair crowds daily.

A. J. Mason, Rte. 1, Box 48, Acampo, Calif., March 30.—The church at Lodi, is holding fast to the faith, growing in number and in faith. We are glad to have Bro. Barney Welch with the churches in this state. Bro. Paul Nichols is improving rapidly and is making an excellent preacher. He is to be here tonight. We certainly do miss Bro. Ervin Waters and wife, whom we loved very much. His preaching was not in vain. The churches in Missouri are very fortunate to have him in their mission field. We love all the preachers who are satisfied with the Bible alone. I am afraid many of us do not "fear God" as we should. We fail to teach our children at home; we forsake the assembly in order to satisfy our fleshly desires; we fail to give as we have prospered; we fail to look after the weak brethren, the sick, widows, orphans, "and to keep ourselves unspotted from the world." Let us quit playing with Christianity and look to Jesus and obey Him!

C. C. Cleary, Rte. 1, Box 83, Wichita Falls, Texas, March 25.—July 10, 1942 we moved back to our old tabernacle, 1318 N. 6th St., having remodeled the building. We are striving to worship as the Lord has taught us. The building is nearly always full, and we continue to gain new members. Last summer and fall we were in Oklahoma and on the way to Los Angeles, Calif. We were with the brethren at Siskiyou St., and at Pomona, and I met a number of the members from the Montebello church. They all co-operate in the work, and it is growing nicely. We stopped over in Yuma, Ariz., and visited some old time friends. We returned to W. F., March 21, our home where Bro. Waters had just closed a good meeting. On Lord's day following, four renewed their first love. I wish that all loyal brethren would give their location of meeting so that traveling brethren could meet with them.

Paul O .Nichols, 849 Wilcox Ave., Hollywood, Calif., April 14.—The meeting at Marysville lasted twenty-two days having closed March 28. There were no additions, but we feel that the congregation was strengthened; it seemed to have been left with renewed and boundless zeal and unconquerable determination to do the will of the Lord. They are to have another meeting in May with Bro. Barney Welch doing the preaching, March 29 through April 2nd, I was with the following congregations: Lodi, one service, Stockton, two services (one confessed faults), Fresno, one service, Sanger, one service. April 4, I worshiped at Poplar, where I delivered two discourses. On the following night Bro. Jim Russell and I, preached at Corcoran, where I preached again the next night. The remainder of the week I visited in the home of Bro. John Rankin and family. April 11, I worshipped with the little congregation of Taft, where Bro. Rankin has been carrying on the work so faithfully, he being the only male member. I truly appreciate the generous hospitality that was shown me by all very much. The Siskiyou St. and Montebello congregations have made arrangements to put Bro. Chester King into the evangelistic field in California for the remainder of this year and next year also. Let us continue to fight with undaunted courage the fight that we have before us!

Fred Kirbo, Davis, Oklahoma, April 14.—I began the mission work in Ardmore, Okla., March 13. The Equal rights congregation wanted to move their meeting place to town, which gave us a start. Two were baptized and a number came over from the S. S. brethren, making about 12 additions to the Equal rights number, which all told makes a nice congregation of about 35 to 40 members. The crowds and interest were fine. In fact, the last night I had to stand up. The brethren co-operated nicely, making it possible for this good work to progress. This new congregation in Ardmore meets for worship at the corner of H and 2nd. N. W. I closed April 2, and began a meeting in the city hall of Davis, April 5. The crowds are good, and we baptized three the other night in the little stream flowing through our farm where Bro. King and I used to catch perch. I am expecting to go back to the creek tonight, for several are interested, and I am preaching the old gospel with all my might. We appreciate the co-operation of the liberal congregations, who are making this good work possible. I think the plan is a good work, and Paul says to "be ready unto every good work". Brother, are you ready? If not, get ready, for the time is too precious, hell is too hot, eternity too long, for us to stand back and do nothing. Awake!

James R. Stewart, 1102 So. 53 St., Temple, Texas, April 13.—The mission work in Texas is moving along nicely. The brethren are showing more interest in the work, and we trust this will be a profitable year in the work. I appreciate the support and co-operation by all. I have recently preached at Temple, Belton, Austin, and Eagle Pass. I held a series of meetings at the last named place, with no visible results, yet I believe much good was done. The church there seemed much strengthened. Many were taught against the cups, S. S., etc., and were willing to worship the Bible way. This is the home of Bro. K G. Wilks, a loyal and true brother, who is doing a great work. Plans are being made for other meetings. March 28. Bro. E. J. Smith preached for us at Temple, which we

enjoyed, as well as his help to the church otherwise. He should be kept busy in the work. Call him out, brehren. May we keep "sounding the word."

Ralph E. Mustard, P. O. Box 232 Lebanon, Mo., April 18.—March 28, the wife and I were with the loyal brethren at Claxton, Mo., for the first time, preaching one sermon. My next was with the Church in Lebanon, Mo., preaching several sermons. These brethren are up and at the Lord's work. Through their untiring efforts I pray that much good will be accomplished. More power to the mission efforts throughout the country. April 4th, we were with the brethren at Richland, Mo., where we preached two sermons to good crowds. I am to hold them a meeting in August. At this writing we are in a good meeting with the brethren in Ottumwa, Iowa. The crowds have been good considering the cold weather. To-date there has been no visible results, but we are looking forward to results. In the past six months we have met many fine people whom we learned to love and respect. I want to take this means to thank the fine brethren in Calif. for the assistance they have given, and are giving me in helping me to get established firmly in the field. Their assistance is deeply appreciated by both my wife and I. While in Lebanon I had the glad opportunity of being with most of the preaching brethren, and studying together with them the "Contribution" and "Leadership" questions. As we can see and realize that we are living in the last days, brethren, may we come to the realization of the importance of these outstanding questions and study them more carefully.

Homer L. King, Lebanon, Missouri, April 21.—March 28, I was called to preach a baccalaureate sermon to the graduating class in the high school, near Brookhaven, Miss. The crowd was unusually large, and I think some good was accomplished. This being in the community of the New Salem church, I remained for a few sermons there, one sermon to the colored brethren at Jerico, and one sermon to the colored brethren in Brookhaven. I was glad to know that all are continuing with zeal and a determination to fight on against all obstacles. Bro. Carlos Smith is to be commended for his untiring efforts to build up all the churches in that part, even the colored churches. The second Sunday, inst., Brother Robertson and I were called to the Cross Hollows community (about 100 miles away) to baptize an invalid boy, who had been confined to his bed for 13 years, being unable to walk or even sit up in bed. It was an unusual and delicate task, but it was very impressive to note the courage and faith of the boy in his desire to obey His Lord and to note the expression of rejoicing upon his countenance, following his burial in baptism. We preached two sermons at Cross Hollows, and enroute home, we stopped over in Springfield to hear a good sermon by Bro. Ervin Waters, in the mission effort. The third Sunday, inst., I was with the brethren of Cross Hollows, Clio, and Lone Elm, in a joint meeting at Lone Elm, for three services, with overflowing crowds at all services. There is a fine prospect to build up a congregation there, and Bro. Waters is to hold a mission meeting there this year. I am to begin a series of meetings with the faithful in Huntington, W. Va., May 9, continuing for about two weeks. I hope to visit Spring Hill and Mallory Chapel while in that part. Enroute home I hope to visit Nola (my daughter) and family in Middleton, Ohio, and the faithful at Harrodsburg, Indiana, if possible. Brethren, do not forget to mention the OPA in your meetings this year. Pray for me and mine.

OUR HELPERS

Here you will find the names of our helpers to increase the circulation of the OPA and following their names the number of subs. received by us from March 20 to April 20. We thank all for their hearty co-operation in this good work, and urge all to endeavor to send us one or more **every** month. We are continuing the special price of 50c per year to **new** subscribers:

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CROOKS CAUGHT

In I Tim. 6:16 Paul says, " . . . who only hath immortality." and **materialists** have used this in attempting to show that materialism is taught in the Bible. Chas. T. Russell's "Bible students," Adventists, and Rutherford's 'Jehovah's Witnesses" have worked this no little, (See Russell-White Debate and Nichol-Bradley Debate, for example.) And a writer in P. T. M. of April 5, 1934, says, " 'who only hath immortality' (referring to God) I Tim. 6:16."

They say, "This passage plainly says that man is wholly mortal by saying that God alone has immortality." (See in debates above.)

This view has been repeatedly exposed; and now they have hit upon a new view in trying to escape. The author of this new view (P.T.M., Apr. 5, 1934) points out, as we have often done, that the old view "makes the text deny immortality to Christ and all the angels," And he argues, "It is Jesus Christ our Saviour, and concerning him Paul says, 'who only hath immortality'—that is, in the count of kings and lords, he is the only immortal one." (See P.T.M., April 5, 1934.)

But now in trying to escape the drowning whirl of Charybdis, he has wrecked on the rock of Scylla, the materialistic view of the kingdom—"no kingdom yet."

If Christ "is the only immortal one" among mortals, he **IS** King, yes **IS**, present tense, or time. And this, contrary to the materialistic view, is the Bible teaching. We are **now** in the kingdom of Christ, " . . . delivered from the power of darkness and translated into the kingdom of God's dear Son," Col. 1:13; Rev. 1:9.

Jesus said, "Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee befor the world was." John 17:5, He came in the flesh—'a body hast thou prepared me," Heb. 10:5. He had a mortal **body.** All men now have "mortal bodies" (Rom. 6:12;8:11; 2 Cor. 4:11), and true Christ is now **immortal,** as King, while others are yet such as have mortal bodies." But the" dead shall be raised incorruptible," I Cor. 15:51. "How are the dead raised up? and with what body do they come?" (I Cor. 15:35), "It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption . . . It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body," I Cor. 15:42-44. And the wicked go "both soul and body" into **hell.** (Mt. 10:28) "prepared for the devil and his angels" (Mt. 25:41-46), while the righteous enter 'the joy of the Lord." "Fear not them that kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul." We never have claimed that the body of man is immortal **now** as Christ's is.

—H. C. Harper.

Brethren, mention the OPA in your meetings.

W. H. Reynolds 315 Barnes St.

Ye num'rous sects which all declare
"Lo Christ is here. Lo Christ is there."
Your stronger proofs divinely give
And show me where the Christians live.

OLD PATHS ADVOCATE

"Where is Thy Church, O, Savior, where?"
I heard the cry, and then I heard:
"Here is My Church where men still dare To take Me at My word."

"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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CHRISTIANS AND THE MODERN MOVIE

Lindsay Allen

Perhaps when some of our readers see the above caption to this article they are ready to throw the paper down with disgust with the idea that the subject of the movies is being overdone. In fact, I think I know some who feel that way. Some of these are preachers, too. But regardless of what our sentiments or attitudes may be regarding the movies, abundance of facts and consequences show conclusively that the question of the movies is one of the most fearful that Christians face today. After prayerful and careful study we have come to the conclusion that Christians cannot under any circumstance attend or give their support to this insidious institution of Satan. The reasons are obvious and we propose to give a few of them here.

First of all, Christians cannot afford to patronize the movies because of the people that make them. It should not have to be proven that those who make the movies are, generally speaking, wicked, sinful and immoral in the extreme and hence are wholly unfit to be our pattern and example. It is a fact that it is impossible to separate the movies from the people that make them. Those who make the movies have but little, if any, regard for standards of morality and common decency. A careful survey of the advertisements of the movies found in the newspaper and on the billboard show the character of the pictures shown on the screen. In order to make pictures that are filled with illicit love, sex themes and lewdness, the minds of the actors must be on these things continually. When a woman plays the part of harlots and seeks illicit love and is constantly in the embrace of many different men, it is impossible for her not to think impure thoughts. More than that, it becomes impossible for her to live any other life when she is out of the movies. That is the reason that movie stars live the kind of lives they do. "As a man thinketh in his heart so is he." Sometimes the excuse is given by church members that they attend the movies "to get good moral lessons." We ask, are people who live lives of lewdness, wickedness and debauchery, fit in character and life to teach "good moral lessons?" If they should come to town in person, would you invite them to teach a Bible class? Would you be willing for them to teach in the public schools of your town? If such people lived next door, would you want your children to associate with them? Yet many who would not do these things, are willing to let their children sit under this instruction and associate with them from four to six hours a week. We conclude, therefore, that such people are unfit for the companions and associates of Christians.

Second, Christians cannot afford to give their presence or support to the movies because of the kind of pictures produced. But let me say first of all, that we are not opposed to the mechanism or the machinery (first discovered by Thomas Edison) for use in visual education. It has been proven that visual education is one of the most effective means of imparting knowledge. That is the reason I use the blackboard and charts in my preaching. In that way we are able to reach both the eye and the ear. That is the reason that movies are dangerous—the modern movie reaches both the ear and the eye. The impressions made are lasting. Scientific surveys show that the human mind retains a large percent of that which is thrown on the screen before the human eye. Since the material and scenes that characterize the modern movie are almost wholly of the type that appeal to the lower and baser passions of human flesh, the consequences become even more dangerous. But what are the movies showing? An analysis of 115 films taken at random found that in 22 pictures illicit love appears as the goal of 35 leading characters. Sex, crime and impure love scenes comprise the principal part of modern movies. Remove these three and Moviedom will disappear. They are giving people what they want. Another analysis of the films shown found that out of 250 films there were 91 murders, 51 cases of adultery, 19 seductions, 22 abductions, 45 suicides. Among the characters in these films there were 176 thieves, 25 prostitutes and 35 drunkards. With such facts before us it is little wonder that the modern movie is the path to sexual and moral delinquency. We do not marvel that when young people sit under such scenes they become criminals. We are informed that forty percent of delinquent girls began their wicked lives after witnessing impure scenes on the screen. Another survey found that fifty-four percent of delinquent and behavior problem boys were influenced by movie pictures of robbery and gangster scenes. We have no doubt but that smoking and drinking among women and young people so common today is largely the result of the influence of the movie. The rapid increase in divorce and remarriage and the general disregard for the home and the sancity of marriage can be, to a great measure, attributed to the pace and influence of Hollywood.

Dear reader, remember that when you walk up to the ticket window of the movie and surrender

your money, you are also surrendering the Christian's stand of righteousness and holiness as well as your influence for good. Remember, that your money is going to help continue and perpetuate an institution that is the open and avowed enemy of all that is holy, righteous and good. "Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good."

(Selected from Sound Doctrine by Homer A. Gay, and he wishes to give his hearty endorsement to it. Furthermore, I wish to give a hearty "Amen!" to the fight against this evil.—Homer L. King)

REBELLIOUS NATIONS

T. F. Thomasson

Considering God's dealings with nations as revealed by the prophets, we can better understand, for they tell us that God rules among the nations, setting up one and pulling down another, using one wicked nation to punish other wicked nations for their rebellion, etc. But, God had a special, chosen, nation, Israel, whom He referred to as "My people", who were the descendants of Abraham; to whom He gave a special law, as contained in the first five books of the Bible. They were forbidden to add to or take from that law (Deut. 4:2). However, they gave no heed to this instruction, and they played the harlot with the nations about them, introducing into their worship the idolatrous worship of the heathen nations; thus becoming a "rebellious nation," themselves, which brought about their destruction.

But, in spite of all their rebellion, God said, "The Sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet until Shiloh (Christ) come" (Gen. 49:10). Again, God said, "I will overturn, overturn, overturn it, and it shall be no more until he come, whose right it is, and I will give it him" (Ezek. 21:27). When the promised Christ came, God made a new covenant to include all nations (Jer. 31:31), We are forbidden to add to or take from this new law (Rev. 22:18, 19), but like the rebellious nation of old, we fail to heed this command, hence become a rebellious nation. God made Christ Head and Leader of this new nation, and Christ said, "My sheep hear my voice, and they follow me", and, "He goeth before them" (Jno. 10:3-5). But, instead of following our Leader, we seem to want to get into the lead. I have heard congregations sing, "Where He leads me, I will follow all the way," and in the very same assembly practice things unauthorized by this Leader (Christ), showing that instead of **following Him**, they were trying to **lead.**

Now, how may we know when we are following and when we are getting in the lead? Here it is: "Whosoever goeth onward and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God" (2 Jno. 9). So, if we practice anything which is not in the doctrines of Christ, we are trying to lead instead of following, putting us in the rebellious class, and we should know how God deals with rebellious nations.

We are very much concerned right now over the awful conflict now raging between the nations of the world, and well we should be. While we may hope for the better, we do not know what the end may bring. But, since God rules over the nations, I believe it will end as He sees fitting. We know that those countries overseas have always been in wars, and that they will not consider what God says, but instead most of those nations listen to that man (the pope) who "exhalts himself as God" (2 Thes. 2:3,4). Hence, they practice their abominable idolatries, calling it "Christian religion". God's holy name cannot be so dishonored without some kind of chastisement, or upheavel, and we have become so entangled with them that when they stir up a war, we must be in it, too. Some say, "We are going to arrange a lasting peace this time". Yes, but it was said that concerning the world war number one, and that it was "a war to end wars", but was it? No, for in less than 25 years, we are engaged in a much worse war. The only way the nations or individuals can hope to have a lasting peace, is to incorporate into their hearts and their practice the principles of the Prince of Peace. But, they will not do it, and Christ knew it when He said, "There will be wars and rumors of war" (Matt. 24:5-8), and, "My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence" (Jno. 18:36). When nations turn from the truth and God, spending their time, talents, and money, in sports, bathing beaches, thronged with men and women almost nude, where modesty is unknown; and where the masses attend the modern movie, which pictures crime, murder, immodest scenes of the various kinds, you may look for just such as we are now experiencing. God meant for His people to rise above all such and put a check on such (Matt. 5:13-17), but instead, the majority of them join in with the world in these ungodly practices. Even in their worship, they practice the unauthorized things, yet putting Christ's name to them. As long as these conditions prevail, there will be no peace. Paul shows that the things written afore time are for our admonition (1 Cor. 10:11). We had better heed these warnings, lest we meet the same fate of the rebellious nations (See Jer. 6th and 7th chapters).

CHRISTIAN LIVING

"Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth, thru the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently; being begotten again not of corruptible seed, but by incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth forever." (1 Peter 1:22,23. "Wherefore, lay aside all malice and all guile, and hipocricies, and envies, and all evil speaking, as new born babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby, if so be that ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious." (1 Peter 2:1-3). "Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the children of God, therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be, but we know that when he shall appear, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is." (1 John 3:1, 2).

"We know that we have passed from death unto life because we love the bretheren." (1 John 3:14) "My little children let us love not in word, nor in tongue, but in deed and in truth." (1 John 3:18). "Herein is love, not that we love God, but that He loved us, and sent His Son to be a propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another." (1 John 4:10,11).

"Let us therefore come boldly unto Prayer the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need." (Heb. 4:16).

"Giving thanks unto the Father, who hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints of light. Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of His dear Son." (Col. 1:12,13). "Sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and be ready to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason for the hope that is in you; with meekness and fear, having a good conscience; that whereas they speak evil of you, as of evil doers, they may be ashamed they falsely accuse your good manner of life in Christ." (1 Peter 3:15,16).

Obey, — Work — Watch

"Wherefore my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling." (Phil. 2:12). "Yea, and all who will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution." (2 Tim. 2:12). "Be ye therefore followers of God as dear children, and work in love as Christ hath loved us, and hath given himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God, for a sweet smelling savor." (Eph. 5:1,2). "Let no man decieve you with vain words; for because of those things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience." (Eph. 5:6). "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him will God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are." (1 Cor. 3:16,17).

"Therefore brethern, stand fast and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word or epistle." (2 Thes. 2:15). "Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, powers, the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that you may be able to stand in the evil day, and having done all to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; and your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all taking the sheild of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench the firey darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; praying always with all power and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance, and supplication for the Saints." (Eph. 6:11-18). "Let Jesus come into your heart."

With love for all the saints of God.

—Emmett A. Lowry

4923, 15th Ave. Chattanooga, Tenn.

GOOD ADVICE

Roy Bill Modgling

(Here are some excerpts from a letter from Roy Bill, who is in the noncombative service somewhere in North Africa, written to his younger brother, T. L., who is at Sheppard Field, Texas, in training.)

"Remember to keep clean by using all precaution against various types of disease, with which you may come in contact. Stay away from impure or loose women, who live off the soldiers. Whatever you do leave liquor alone! Don't let your spirit sink so low that it takes a shot of liquor to raise it. Don't ever get into poker playing, but I give you credit for knowing better than that. I have never been so disgusted at seeing poker, blackjack, and dice, as since I came into the army. As soon as many get paid, they run wild to get to a poker game, etc. They have no respect for anyone who wants to sleep or anything, except their poker game, which generally ends after a few hours in their being without a cent, and then they are trying to borrow money. If you are as wise as I think you are, you will stay away from such groups.

I wonder if you felt as I and how your stomach felt, when you stood in line a half mile long for your "chow" before getting it, then when you finally got inside, they poured oatmeal all over your clothes, put eggs in your jam, and spinach in your dessert, etc. One boy next to me kept saying, 'I left — I left — I left — I had a good home and I left.' Well, that's one way to look at it. I stood in line for only six hours for my first pay, but like everything else, it finally gets better, as I stand in line only four hours now, ha!

I think a lot of boys have gotten into serious trouble in the army, when they might have avoided it, if they had been warned by someone.

Well, I shall leave you now, and let you get a part of that four hours of sleep."

OUR HELPERS

Here are the names of our helpers and following their names the number of subs. received by us from April 20 to May 20. We wish to thank all for whatever interest shown in the welfare of the paper, and we shall appreciate a nice list every month. If you will do this we shall be able to continue the special price to **new** subscribers of 50c a year.

Homer L. King—6; B. F. Leonard—4; A Sister—4; H. E. Robertson—3; Barney Welch—3; Ralph Mustard 4; Sam Smith—2; Robert Cottrell—2; Chester King—2; Virginia Clifton—2; W. H. Runyon—2; D. A. Moore—1; S. E. Weldon—1; Earnest Montgomery—1; Elmer Meeker—1; M. F. Gray—1; William Pryor—1; George Hughes—1; Tim Dougherty—1; Mrs. Norma Halpain—1; C. H. Lee—1; Mrs. W. L. Rawdon—1; Tom E. Smith—1; Paul Nichols—1; Total—47.

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KILLING OUR BABIES

By Loomis O. Hinton

The following is from the Anti-Cigarette Alliance of Washington, D.C.:

"If any one gave a fatal dose of poison to a baby he would be sent to prison for murder. When the poison is taken in many small doses so the baby lingers for weeks, months, or even a year or two, and finally dies from injury to its vital organs from the poison, why is the one responsible for this not just as much a murderer, as though the baby had died in an hour from a single dose of poison?

I hear you say, Who is poisoning our babies and how are they doing it? It is the wealthy tobacco companies doing it for profit to themselves, through false, deceptive, misleading advertising they induce young girls to become victim of cigarette smoking, and still more shocking; it is the fathers and mothers of these babies, who are poisoning their own helpless infants, by filling the air in the room where the baby is with tobacco smoke. It certainly is time that the public should know what cigarette smoking by girls and women does to their offspring."

Dr. Charles I. Barber of Lansing, Michigan says, "A baby born of a cigarette smoking mother is sick. It is poisoned and may die within two weeks of birth. The post-mortem shows degeneration of the liver, heart and other organs. Sixty percent of all babies born of mothers who are habitual cigarette smokers die before they are two years old." What do you call that but poisoning and killing our babies? What mother would think of putting her new-born baby into a bath in which poison had been spilled and leave it there for hours with its delicate skin absorbing the poison? Yet, when an expectant mother smokes, this is practically what she is doing to her helpless un-born infant. For, physicians say that the poison in tobacco smoke, that has been breathed into the lungs, is taken up by the blood—the same blood that goes to nourish the developing infant—and that this blood with the nicotine poison in it, is carried through the mother's body to the fluid by which the new life is surrounded.

Let us do away with false modesty and publish the **true facts** to the world. Is telling the truth more shocking to refined sensibilities than the daily poisoning of babies by fathers and mothers who do not know the facts? Not only before birth, but after birth, the poisoning goes on where the parents smoke; for the mother's milk is poisoned and also the very air the baby breaths is filled with poisonous smoke. Do you think cigarette smoke is not poisonous? The smoke from one—**just one—cigarette** when condensed will make about four drops of poisonous nicotine liquid. One drop of this liquid—**one fourth** of the poison in **one cigarette** given to a mouse will **kill it in less than a minute.**

Do you think the delicate lining of a baby's nose, throat and lungs is not injured, and also that the baby is not made more susceptible to all infectious germ diseases—including tuberculosis—by it having to breathe and live in a poisoned tobacco-laden atmosphere? They would be shocked to be called a murderer, but many are criminals and do not know it, who may be seen daintily clothed, rouged, powdered and manicured, nonchalantly, flipping the ashes from cigarettes, with which they are slowly but surely poisoning, robbing and killing their own offspring! Even if their babies are able to live, they will be robbed of their birthright to be well born—robbed of a strong body, strong nerves, and a strong constitution, with which to meet and win life's struggles.

The greatest asset of our nation, aside from its belief in God, is the health and well-being of its people; both of which are being rapidly lowered by cigarette smoking. Then, knowing these facts, why will you by your **own example,** encourage smoking by girls, young women and mothers? Are not the lives of our babies and their future health and efficiency of far greater importance to our country than the increased profits of the already fabulously rich tobacco companies? Is it not time for intelligent people to put a stop to this deadly cigarette advertising and cigarette smoking- **What is your answer?**

We are fast becoming a nation of slaves—slaves to the cigarette! Anyone who can not stop smoking is no longer a free man—no longer master of himself.

Spencer, Indiana.

CLARK-KING DISCUSSION

If you are interested in a study of the number of drinking vessels that may be used in one assembly for the Communion, or if you are bothered with cups advocates, you need this neat tract, containing a discussion of this question. The price is in reach of all—10c per copy; $1.00 per dozen; postpaid. Send all orders to Old Paths Advocate, Rte. 2, Lebanon, Missouri.

SONG BOOKS

Songs Of Zion, our 1942 all-purpose book is still in demand. It contains both old and new songs. We have been unable to find a better book so far, hence we continúe to recommend it to our readers. The price is $3.75 per dozen; $13.50 per fifty; $26.00 per 100, prepaid. So far we have been unable to find a book compiled in 1943 that we care to advertise. We shall keep looking. Send all orders to Old Paths Advocate, Rte. 2, Lebanon, Missouri.

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

"If you will send me some sample copies, I will see what I can do to get some subs. for the OPA, as I am entering the field full time. I often think of you, Brother King, and I hope to be with you in a meeting sometime."

—John L. Reynolds, California.

"Here is our renewal, as we don't want to miss an issue. The OPA is a fine paper, and I surely do enjoy reading it."—Mrs. Norma Halpain, Tex.

"May God bless your efforts in West Virginia. I am afraid I will not be able to get as many subs. in this part as in former years." —Ervin Waters, Missouri.

"I am sending one dollar for a new sub. I feel that you deserve full pay for new subs. I hope that a competent preacher will locate in this part this spring. May God bless you and yours, with all the faithful in the Lord, also the OPA." —S. E. Weldon, Texas.

"I am sending our new address, and we have never missed an issue of the paper. I sent the OPA to Roy Bill yesterday. I know he will be very happy to see all the names of the writers." —Mrs. T. L. Modgling, Illinois.

"I received the OPA this month, and I certainly did enjoy the fine articles, especially the one by Bro. Welch. I received the Clark-King Discussion, and I really enjoyed it." —Lewis Cogburn, Arkansas.

"Here are a couple of new subs. for the paper and a dollar for anything necessary you may desire to use it. I would like to be with you some this fall."—Sam Smith, Mississippi.

"I have been missing the OPA, so here is a dollar to reinstate me. I hope all are fine with you." —Elmer Meeker, Missouri.

"I am sending you two new subs. to the OPA, Uncle, and please write me a line. Love to you."

—Chester King, California.

"I am sending my renewal to the OPA. I enjoy the paper very much. Keep the good work going." —Ernest Montgomery, Mississippi.

"Find our renewal enclosed, and forgive us for being so slow. We enjoy reading its pages. We trust you and yours are well." —George Hughes, Texas.

ALL-DAY MEETING

For years it has been the custom for the brethren in Oklahoma and North Texas to have an all-day meeting on July 4. Last year the place selected for the meeting in 1943 was the North 6th St. Church of Christ, Wichita Falls, Texas. One of the best of such meetings ever held was in Wichita Falls, and we hope to see another this year. If you desire any information about a place to stay or about the meeting, write Clayton R. Fancher, 1304 N. 5th St., Wichita Falls. I am to conduct a meeting there, beginning June 27, closing July 4. We hope to see many of our fellow preachers and song leaders, as well as many other brethren, in that meeting. Make your plans to be with us now, and then come!

—Homer L. King.

"GO THOU AND DO LIKEWISE"

Recently, Brother B. F. Leonard, of Huntington, W. Va., sent us 30 subscriptions, about all new ones, as a means of mission work among the brethren. About the same time, Brother Clark Elliott, of Cassville, Missouri, sent us the money to pay for the paper to be sent to every home in the church where he worships. We appreciate such interest and liberality on the part of brethren or congregations, and we wonder why many others do not "Go thou and do likewise." We would like to urge again that the preachers who are out in the fields preaching, and especially the preachers who are engaged in mission work full time, remember to mention the paper to all new converts, urging them to take the paper, and **please** show enough interest in the welfare of the paper to mention it publicly in your meetings. We are now entering the lean season of the year for subs., hence let all put forth a greater effort. When brethren send in reports months after months without a sub., naturally, we wonder if they have forgotten the welfare of the paper.

—Publishers.

PASSED ON

Cogburn.—Sister Anna E. Cogburn, wife of the deceased N. J. Cogburn, De Leon, Texas, was born Feb. 10, 1874; departed this life February 15, 1943. In 1881, she obeyed the gospel, continuing faithful to the end.

Sister Cogburn was the mother of 15 children, ten of whom survive. The sons are: Charles, Earnest, Buford, of DeLeon; Fate, Newt, of Lubbock; and the daughters are: Mrs. Herman Foster, Mrs. H. A. Kinney, Mrs. W. S. Glover, Mrs. R. L. Kooner, and Mrs. Carrie Lacey. Besides these, she is survived by 58 grandchildren, 44 great grandchildren, and 6 great great grand children.

Funeral services were conducted by the writer, and interment was in the Oliver Springs Cemetery. Our sympathy is entended to all the bereaved.

—George Hughes.

DONATIONS ACKNOWLEDGED

The following contributions are for the faithful boys in the Civillian Public Service Camps: Church of Christ, Stockton, Calif.—$25.00; A brother in the Siskiyou St. church—$10.00; A sister in the Siskiyou St. church—$30.00; Sister Nichols, Siskiyou St. church—$10.00.

Many thanks to all for remembering these boys. —Carl N. Nichols, 849 Wilcox Ave., Hollywood, Calif.

Note: I have received the following donations for the personal needs of the boys above, since last issue:

Frank Trayler, Chaplain U. S. Army, Camp San Luis, Abispo, Calif.—$5.00; From individual brethren, San Antonio, Texas, — $20.00; Clayton Fancher for the church, N. 6th St., Wichita Falls, Texas, —$25.00; A sister in Ada, Oklahoma, $5.00; Herschel Massie for the Lees Summit church, Lebanon, Missouri,—$25.00; A sister for the faithful few in Kansas City, Missouri, —

$25.00. Watch this list each month for your acknowledgment, and report any errors at once. Many thanks to all for their kind consideration of these faithful boys.

I am sending for the month of May, $10.00 to each of the loyal boys in the camps at: Magnolia, Ark.; Lyndhurst, Va.; and Camino, Calif. Two or three of the boys in the Santa Barbara camp have gone to New York to work on a dairy farm, and we do not have the address of anyone left in that camp. If someone will send us the names and addresses of any that may still be there we shall immediately send their share.

Some of the boys have written me that they would rather have their share turned over to the upkeep of these camps; but the money was sent to me for their personal needs, and I feel obligated, but if any of the boys wish to turn their share over to the manager of the camp, or any part of it. that is their liberty. In fact, if they receive more than they really need for necessities, I would suggest that they turn it to the manager for the expenses imposed by their being in the camp.

—Homer L. King.

From The Fields

Elmer Meeker, Moberly, Missouri, April 26.—We would be glad to have any of the faithful brethren passing this way to stop over with us. None have recently visited us.

Sam Smith, Rte. 1, Box 103, Wesson, Miss., April 25.—Carlos Smith and I were with the faithful few at Hammond, La., April 18, and they seem to be "steadfast and unmovable." I would like to be with Bro. King some this fall.

Lynwood Smith, Rte. 3, Box 144, Brookhaven, Miss., May 5.—I have just returned from a trip, where I preached three days at Marion, La., and I visited in Port Arthur, Texas. I hope to make a trip to Missouri this summer to be with Brethren King and Waters, that I may grow in knowledge.

Sister Virginia Clifton writes: "I would like to know if there is a true Church of Christ in Tulsa, Okla.? I have lived here for one year, but have found nothing but churches that use the cups and classes. I have taken no part, because I believe them to be wrong. I would like to find a place to worship God acceptably." 536 N. Cheyenne, Tulsa, Okla.

Clayton Fancher, 1304 N. 5th St., Wichita Falls, Texas, May 13.—We are looking forward to our meetings, beginning June 27, and continuing over July 4, with Bro. King doing the preaching. We plan to rent a tent for the meeting. We invite all who can to attend the meeting, and especially the all-day meeting July 4. The mission work is progressing nicely and the fund continues to grow.

Joe H. Howard, Rt. 2, Dora, Missouri, May 13—I began a meeting at Fieldstone, May 10, and we are having good crowds and interest. Bro. Waters is with me and I enjoy the association very much. I expect to be with him in a mission meeting, near Gainesville, when I leave here. I go to Tennessee in July for several meetings. I hope we may be able to do more this year everywhere. Let us pray for the work.

L. B. Badgett, 648 DeQueen Blvd., Port Arthur, Texas, May 14.—I expect to pass through Arkansas in June, en route to Oklahoma and Missouri, and I hope to continue in meetings in these states until in October. Success in that part was very gratifying last year, and I trust there may be many opportunities there this year. I extend best wishes to all the faithful.

George Hughes, Brownwood, Texas, Route 4. May 14.—I am still "contending earnestly for the faith once delivered to the saints," preaching each Lord's day as I have opportunity. I was glad to meet Bro. James R. Stewart again in Dublin. I preach there each third Sunday. There is still room for more laborers in the field. Let us not shirk from our duty, brethren. Pray for me.

Lewis Cogburn, C. P. S. Camp, Magnolia, Arkansas, April 28.—We are getting along in the worship on Lord's days just fine. We enjoy the Bible lessons on Friday nights very much, too. Brother Leonard Hendrickson, from Lebanon, Mo., is much help to us in the worship. We would be glad to have any of the preaching brethren to stop over with us, when passing this way.

Clovis T. Cook, Box 133, Spring Hill, W. Va., May 20.—I am now at Huntington, W. Va., en route to Spring Hill, where I expect to labor for at least a year. I am glad to give all my time to preaching the gospel. I am glad to be associated with the brethren in W. Va., for they are faithful and agreeable in the work. Note the change in my address above.

Sam Smith, Rte. 1, Box 103, Wesson, Miss., May 17.—Carlos and I were with the brethren at Hammond, La., May 15-16, preaching two sermons. Carlos preached on Lord's day morning, and one came for baptism. After the baptism, en route home, we stopped at Temple Hill to hear a good sermon by Bro. Lynwood Smith. We were really glad to hear of Bro. Waller's return to the Lord.

Ray B. Nichols, 849 Wilcox Ave., Hollywood, Calif., May 13.—Recently, I have had the pleasure of being with Bro. Barney Welch in a short meeting, at Corcoran, Calif. I believe much was accomplished through his efforts. On the 25th of April, I preached at Corcoran. During the past two weeks, I have been hearing fine sermons by Bro. Chester King, at Monrovia, Calif. Pray for me that I may continue in the work of the Lord.

Batsell Moore, Box 34, Pitcher, New York, May 17.—I came here from California to work on a dairy farm, and there is plenty of work to do. Three of us boys met for worship in my room yesterday. I had a nice visit at home for five and a half days, and spent some time in San Antonio, en route here. Send me the OPA to the above address, as it will mean more to me now than ever before, since I am isolated from the brethren.

W. L. Rawdon, Rte. 1, Ethridge, Tenn., May 19.—The church at Chapel Grove, near Lawrenceburg, is doing nicely, considering everything. One confessed faults last Lord's day (one week ago). One of our outstanding needs is more of the right kind of preaching, for "It pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe." We are thankful to report that all are well in this part.

Ben Frentrup, 1028 Nolan St., San Antonio, Texas, May 17.—We, the congregation, meeting at Catalina Ave. and Viendo Street, this city, are looking forward to our meeting, which is to begin Sunday, June 13, with Brother Fred Kirbo, of Davis, Oklahoma, doing the preaching. All in reach are cordially invited to attend.—Los Angeles Heights Church of Christ, San Antonio, Texas.

Frank Trayler, Chaplain U. S. Army, Hg. 1st. Br. 20th. Inf., A. P. O. 6, Camp San Luis, Abispo, Calif., May 17.—My wife sent me some copies of the OPA, and I was glad to note the great amount of activity among the brethren I know in Missouri. Perhaps, many would be glad to know that I baptized a soldier, from each of the following states: Minnesota, Iowa, St. Louis, Mo., Maryland, Kentucky, and Mississippi. I am enclosing a check ($5.00) to be used for the CPS men. I believe they have a right to their convictions, and I am glad to do something for them in time of need. (A wonderful spirit, Bro. Traylor. —Publisher.)

Tom E. Smith, Healdton, Okla., May 8.—The church here is doing fine. We baptize one every now and then, and the attendance has increased recently. We are getting ready for our meeting, beginning June 13, with Bro. Clovis Cook doing the preaching. Bro. J. D. Elmore has moved to Ardmore, but he returns every third Lord's day to give us a lesson. His subject last Lord's day evening was "Putting On Christ."

B. F. Leonard, 1714 Jackson Ave., Huntington, W. Va., May 23.—Brother Homer L. King is here in a fine meeting, with two baptized and three restored. The home church has promised to give about $500.00 on the building fund for our new house. Since our report in the May issue of the OPA, we have received the following donations: Spring Hill, W. Va.,—$50.00; Mallory Chapel—$25.00; H. C. Thomas—$35.57; and the amount previously reported was $85.00; making a total of all promised and donated, $695.57. We are very thankful for the liberal response to our call for help, but we will need much more to complete the building, and any help will be much appreciated. To God be all the praise. We were glad to have Bro. Cook stop by for a short visit. We were glad to have visiting brethren from Point Pleasant and Charleston.

James R. Stewart, 1102 So. 53rd St., Temple, Texas, May 13.—April 18, I visited the church at Dublin, Texas, where Bro. George Hughes and I preached a "double-header" at the morning service; and in the afternoon, I went to Abilene, where I preached two nights. They plan to start the new building soon. April 25, I preached at Ramsey. April 30, we started a mission meeting at Flat, closing May 9, where we established a congregation of about eight members. The leadership is left in the hands of Bro. Don Thompson, who was baptized by me about three years ago. He is manifesting much interest in the work. The attendance here was fair. I suppose, my next effort will be at Houston. Let us keep the gospel news rolling on into new communities, where it has not been preached.

Ervin Waters, Box 410, Lebanon, Missouri, May 13—The mission meeting at Springfield closed April 18. I preached there April 21, and on the morning of April 25. We left several worshiping as the Lord directs every Lord's Day, on the corner of Campbell and Atlantic Streets. I preached Sunday afternoon and night at the Clio congregation, April 25. May 1-3, I preached four times at Longrun, Mo. This congregation had been using one loaf and one cup, but they had been using the verse about reading method with women reading in the public assembly. I taught against this and they seemed to be willing to accept the truth on it. May 5-6, I preached two nights at Odom, near Dora, Mo. I preached at Dury May 8-9, and on the night of May 9 I preached at Fieldstone, near Vanzant. I have attended Bro. Joe Howard's meeting at Fieldstone the last three nights. He began May 10. He is a true yoke fellow and a good preacher. May 16, the Lord willing, I will begin a mission meeting in Ozark county.

Paul O. Nichols, 849 Wilcox Ave., Hollywood, Calif., May 15—April 11, I preached at Montebello to a good crowd. Since returning home from the northern parts of the state, I have visited and preached at the following places besides Montebello: Monrovia, Siskiyou St., and Pamona. The night of April 25, we had a black-out during a service at Montebello. That was my second experience of preaching in a place without any lights at all. Most everyone present was commendably calm and reserved, having their trust in the Lord. I'm looking forward to my meetings in the East, which are to begin June 6, at Eola, Texas. Enroute, I intend to visit the faithful at Portales, N. Mex. The addresses of the faithful congregations in this vicinity are, 3535 Siskiyou St., Los Angeles; 138 So., 4th St., Montebello; the corner of Shamrock and Colorado, Monrovia; and in Pamona, the Townsend Hall. We must press the battle. Our fight is offensive as well as defensive. Let's realize it, and fight, fight, fight!

Ralph E. Mustard, 221 E. Cleveland, Montebello, Calif., May 10—April 25th I closed my meeting in Ottumwa, Iowa, which resulted in three baptisms, for which we are thankful. The church was strengthened, and I believe they took on a new zeal to enlarge the borders of Zion. April 28th I preached one sermon for the good brethern at Lebanon, Mo. May the 1st, I had the privilege of preaching for several members at the Possum Trot school house, near Crane, Mo. May the 2nd, I was with the brethern at Clio, Mo., and preached two sermons to fair crowds. May 9th, I was with the brethern at Cross Hollows, and preached one sermon for them. May 16th, I am to be with the church at Richland, Mo. These brethern are carrying on the Lord's work just as laid down in the Rule Book. The Lord willing, we plan to assist the faithful few at Berryville, Ark., the 23rd. This will be my first trip to that state. At this writing the wife and I are spending several days with the Clouse family, at Galena, Mo. We have known them for some time. We rejoice much to hear that Bro. Chester King

is resuming his work in the Evangelistic field. Brethern, please note my change of address.

Barney D. Welch, 136 So. 4th St., Montebello, Calif., May 17—I closed a short meeting at Aromas, April 15th, with one Confession. I then went by my home and visited a part of two days with my family, en route to Corcoran for a meeting. I was accompanied in this meeting by our young, very promising, Evang., Ray Nichols. He is a fine character, who shows his training received by real God-fearing parents. I preached at Pomona, April 26, to a very nice audience, with Brethern Paul Nichols and Chester King each giving a good lesson. After assisting Bro. Chester King in the conducting of a funeral, I left for a meeting at Marysville, stopping over at the following places one night each: Taft, Greenfield, Aromas (baptizing one), Crocket for Lord's Day morning, beginning the same night, at Marysville, (May 2). The brethern are full of enthusiasm, and demonstrated it by their wonderful cooperation throughout the meeting. I closed there last night (May 16). Six were baptized; 5 confessions and restorations. We are more than happy that Bro. Chester King has been put in the field. There are more brethern who should be engaged full time. The harvest is ripe.

Clarence Snodgrass, Tuscola, Texas, May 8—The mission meeting at Stamford, Texas, closed April 13, with a small congregation established. Brother John Snow is the leader. The brethern there wish to build a house for worship. Donations will be appreciated and should be sent to Bro. Snow, Box 211, Stamford, Texas. I have preached twice for them since the meeting. Last Lord's Day, I preached for my home congregation, baptizing six. I have received the following for mission work during the month of April: Church at Eola, Texas, $28.00; Church at Popular, Calif., $25.00; Sam Baize, $25.00; Nouel Baize, $15.00; Church, Wichita Falls (4th St.), $20.00; Bentley Baize, $11.28; Kirby Wilks, $5.00; E. O. Evitt, $2.50; W. W. Wilks, $2.00; E. A. Cogburn, $2.00; Church, Dublin, Texas, $5.00; Jim Castleman, $1.00; Joe Castleman, $5.00; Albert Loudermilk, $0.68; Berdie Hicks, $5.00; R. B. Fowler, $1.00; Total $153.66. All donations were much appreciated. I hope to do much mission work, and I plan to stay in the field permanently. Pray for me and the work.

E. L. Allen, Box 194, Corcoran, Calif., April 27—As there has been no report from this place for sometime, I am sending a few words. Bro. Barney Welch just closed a good meeting here the 25th, but no additions. But we believe all the members were strengthened by the good preaching. Brother Ray Nichols, of Holywood, was with us during the meeting, and we enjoyed having him very much in our home, as well as Bro. Welch. Bro. Ray is to be admired for his courage in his youth. He is a good singer and he made a good talk on Sunday afternoon. Too, his conduct while here was wonderful, and the Lord will surely bless him in his efforts. Let us all try to encourage the young men, who are striving to live the Christian life, and especially the ones who are willing to give their lives to the service of the Lord in preaching the gospel. We ask the prayers of all loyal Christians for our continued faith to the end.

John B. Snow, Box 211, Stamford, Texas, April 27.—Since Brother Clarence Snodgrass held a mission meeting in Stamford, we have a congregation there, with nine members for Communion each Lord's Day, and prospects of others in the near future. We meet in a store building on North Swanson Ave., but we plan to build a house for worship (40x50 ft.) soon, and we shall appreciate any contributions from congregations of individuals, since we are but few and poor working people. Brother Snodgrass invited Brother Buford Hambrick, of Wichita Falls, to be with us over Lord's Day, and we were glad to have him. But, I wish plainly to state that I do not believe that Acts 2:42 contains a set order of worship; neither does Bro. Snodgrass. I have been with him in several meetings and I am certain that I know what he teaches. Furthermore, Brother Hambrick said that he did not believe Acts 2:42 to be a set order of worship, and he did not teach it here. I would to God all would obey God's word in love for each other and would strive to bring to pass the answer of the Redeemer's prayer in Jno. 17, "that we all may be one." Pray for us, brethren. (If Bro. Hambrick has recently changed on this question, we do not know it.—Publishers)

John L. Reynolds, G. D., Ceres, California, May 6.—To all the brethren north of Bakersfield, I am making this announcement and report, especially. Since the brethern in that part have been anxious to put an evangelist in the mission field, and since they have now agreed upon using me to do the work, we give out this information. On May 2, I met with the brethren in Fresno, from various congregations, where everything pertaining to the work was discussed, and I agreed to give up my job to accept the work. We shall be ready to start the work just as soon as the strawberry season is over, which should be about June 15. Anyone desiring information in arranging a meeting may write me or Bro. Perry Allen, 725 Golden Gate Ave., Point Richmond, Calif. With the help of the Lord and all the faithful brethren and their prayers, we shall be able to accomplish much for the Kingdom of Christ. I mean to hide myself behind the Cross of Christ, preaching nothing but the pure gospel. I desire the prayers of all the faithful everywhere.

Homer L. King, Huntington, W. Va., May 24.—I closed a series of meetings with the faithful in this city, May 23, embracing three Lord's Days. We baptized two and three were restored. One of those baptized was an elderly lady (70 years of age), who had been a Methodist since childhood. The attendance was fair, considering the obstacles in the way of all meetings this year, as the result of the war and war regulations. The brethren at the above places are planning to build a house for worship in the near future, having purchased a lot and raised considerable money. Bro. B. F. Leonard is to be commended for his untiring zeal to build up the cause in that part. On Lord's day after-noon, May 23, I preached at Point Pleasant, Ohio, to a fair crowd. We were glad to have Brethren Cook and Kessinger with us, as well as a number from Huntington. I am to begin at Spring Hill, May 24, to continue about two weeks there and at Mallory Chapel. June 13, I am to begin at the 4th St. church, in Waco, Texas, continuing for about two weeks; then to Wichita Falls for a week, closing July 4, and beginning at the Carter church, near Davidson, Okla., July 5. May all be ready and may the Lord bless in the good work. If you wish to send me matter for publication in the next issue of the paper, you may address me directly at Box 72, Bellmead, Texas, June 13-25. Please, do not forget the paper.

Homer A. Gay, Flemington, Pa., May 24.—I began a meeting at this place yesterday morning to continue for two weeks. It has been some time since I was here and I find several of the good faithful members have gone on to their reward, but some of the Lord's best remain to carry on the work. Gas rationing (one and one-half gallons per week) makes it pretty hard for folks to get to meetings in these parts. I am to continue here for two weeks and then go to Commodore for a few nights before going to Harrodsburg, Ind., for a meeting. I hope to reach home by the 22nd of June and after a few days rest go to Louisiana and Texas for meetings.

I SHALL BE GLAD WITHIN ME

No grey day shall darken
The sunshine of my soul;
No storm shall drench
The gladness that now rolls.

God meant me to be hungry,
So I shall seek to find,
Wisdom, truth and beauty
To satisfy my mind.

God meant me to be lonely,
Lest I should wish to stay
In some green ear hly eden
Too long from Heaven away.

God meant me to be weary,
That I should yearn to rest,
This feeble aching body
Deep in the earth's dark breast.

(Selected by Mrs. Elbert Phillips)

BRETHREN, LET'S WORK FOR SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR THE OPA. TALK UP THE WORK AND HELP IT GROW.

Ye num'rous sects
which all declare
"Lo Christ is here.
Lo Christ is there."
Your stronger proofs
divinely give
And show me where
the Christians live.

OLD PATHS ADVOCATE

"Where is Thy Church.
O, Savior, where?"
I heard the cry,
and then I heard:
"Here is My Church
where men still dare
To take Me at My word."

"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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WORDS THAT OFFEND

"If any man **offend not in word,** the same is **a perfect man,** and able to bridle his whole body," (Jas. 3:2). This teaching by the inspired Apostle James carries with it a deeper meaning than the average person seems to grasp.

First of all, it implies that it is entirely possible for one to cause offence by what he may say. And no matter how small the offence may seem in our own sight, remember that Christ said, Woe to that man by whom the offence cometh." (Matt. 18:7). Although there are those of the world (yes, and even of the church) who have their "feelings sticking out" like feelers of an animal, we should be very careful to refrain from offending them.

Some offences come because of ignorance on the part of the offended. For instance the Apostle Paul said, "I will eat no more flesh while the world standeth, lest I make my brother to offend." (1 Cor. 8:13). Now, the eating of the meat was not wrong. The Apostle could have successfully eaten meat without bringing condemnation on himself, if it were not for causing a weak person to become offended. The mere eating of meat would not have spelled condemnation, but the offence to a brother who was ignorant of the teaching of God on the matter would have made it wrong. That is the same way with what we say. Perhaps what we say may cause offence to someone simply because that person is ignorant of something that the Scriptures teach. Paul taught in Tit. 2:8, "Sound speech that cannot be condemned. . . "If what we say causes offences it might possibly be condemned.

The phrase in the initial quotation, "the same is a perfect man," gives implication of the difficulty that exists in a person's endeavors to keep from being rightfully blamed for offending anyone, whether the offended is a "feeler type" or one who really tries to keep from getting offended.

Christ says, "By thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned," (Matt. 12:37). Anything that our eternal destiny hinges upon is certainly worthy of our consideration. If we are going to stand before the judgement bar of Christ, either justified or condemned, depending largely upon the speech that we have used in our living, it challenges our attention.

In Eph. 4:29 the writer says, "Let no corrupt communication proceed out of thy mouth." Such teaching as this makes us realize that we must eliminate and refrain from telling any filthy jokes or smutty yarns, for such is not only unbecoming for us as Christians, but is also offensive to the pure minds of the true followers of Christ.

Some who would in no wise nor under any condition get into an intoxicated or drunken condition would stoop to the contamination of telling stories or jokes unfitting for people of God. Can you imagine the Savior, the Son of God, or the great old Apostle Paul engaging in such "pleasure"? No? Well Paul said, "Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ," (1 Cor. 11:1). **"Evil surmising"** is condemned in 1 Tim. 6:4. But there are persons who imagine or infer on slight grounds (evil surmising—Webster) to the degredation of the reputations of others. It seems that our preaching brethren are the target of abject criticism. Many slanderous remarks have been made about those men of determination, who have had the undaunted courage of the great disciples of old to stand on the "walls of Zion" and proclaim the magnificent truths contained in the Book of the ages, the inexaustable riches from the store-house of the omnipotent Father of Heaven and earth. Yet it seems that with unconquerable determination to do the will of God in the face of any opposition, either from the world or those of the church, they carry on. Some have had their reputations dragged and trampled in the filth of idle gossip and jealous backbiting, and yet have come forth victorious. One reason that they emerge the conqueror was because of the fact that they refrained from using tactics used by the assailants of their good names. Yes, true followers of Christ—more closely duplicating a **perfect man,** by far, than those who tried to tear them down.

Sometimes reputations of men who have been in the process of building for years have been degraded in the same number of minutes by "talebearers" to those whose ears are as garbage receptacles for such trash. In Col. 3:13 we read, "Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another; if any man have a quarrel against any, as Christ forgave you, so also do ye." Now, if God was willing to forgive us of any atrocities that we may have done,—lying, stealing, fornication, yes, and even murder—we certainly ought to be willing to forgive our brethren in Christ of mistakes that they make, whether large or small, remembering that we may be holding something against that person which the Lord of Heaven may have forgiven him. And if that is the case, we would be more guilty than our brother.

"If any man would love life, and see good days, let him **refrain his tongue from evil,** and his lips that they speak no guile," (1 Pet. 3;10). Friendships have been broken, homes torn asunder, and

killings committed because of a few unnecessary words. "Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth," (Jas. 3:5).

It behoves the disciples of Christ to keep close tab on the things that they say, that they may each be considered "a perfect person, able to bridle his whole body,." that they may all be in that number that shall be ushered into the everlasting city of God, where they may rest from their labors (Heb. 4:9) eternally in the mansions of glory and splendor.

—Paul O. Nichols

OUR OPPORTUNITIES

Opportunities:—That which fits directly into a given concurrence of circumstances; timely, that which is well timed, or seasonable. —Webster.

Concerning the status of the Roman Empire in the **first century,** Gibbon the historian states, (Vol. 1, P. 424) "It has been observed with truth, as well as propriety, that the conquests of Rome prepared and facilitated those of Christianity."

By the Romans, **Christianity** was regarded as a **sect,** and the **Jews** a fallen **Nation,** who for the most part fondly expected, a great temporal **King** and **Deliverer,** (they do yet) and gave so cold a reception to the miracles of **Jesus** that it was found unnecessary to preserve a Hebrew Gospel.

Hence the Acts of the Apostles and most of the letters to the Churches were composed in **Greek.** It is known that the Greek scholars fled with those priceless manuscripts through northern Europe to escape the "Locusts that came out of the smoke of the pit." at the 5th trumpet and first Woe that fell on the eastern half of the Pagan Roman Empire.

They sought the protection of **protestant** countries where the **Bible** has always been **protected** and **published,** where the Jews now find sanctuary.

Since their rejection of **"Messiah the Prince,"** total depression and dispersion among the **Nations,** has been the lot of **their Whole Nation,** and **Desolation,** the portion of **Isarel's land,** from "Dan even to Beersheba." Strange isn't it? Palestine is **now** blooming like a rose.

Christianity was **then,** and is **now,** the only way of escape.

It spread with amazing rapidity throughout the whole Roman earth, as predicted. Nothing can stop the onward march of truth, and again as predicted it is coming Rev. 22:12, fact is, it is at the door. **Christ is Truth.**

It well becomes us to note carefully, the closing events in this fast expiring age. For the motives and the instruments of modern warfare are **extremely** rapid. Thrones have toppled, and cities destroyed, three hundred thousand made homeless in **one** raid in March.

Loss of life is consequently enormous, children by the uncounted thousands made orphans, so soon to die of starvation in a lost generation, and yet; **Death** seems to be incidental, destruction of **property,** being the chief objective.

For it is written, "And the merchants of the earth shall weep and mourn over her (Babylon) for no man buyeth their merchandise anymore." The reason is obvious, **No man can.**

The time is not far off when the silver and gold will be thrown to the moles and bats, as written —(Isaiah 2:17-22).

The situation in those conquered and enslaved countries determines the **object** as well as the **degree** of their devotion.

Material possessions heretofore held in idolotrous esteem, vanish into nothingness, in the 'twinkling of an eye' their loved ones ruthlessly slain before **their** eyes, not knowing how soon they too shall perish by the hands of those greedy warmade tyrants.

Ah, yes, they as well as we, can get **our** eyes open at last, and view with alarm our shame and neglect of **Almighty God.**

Yes we can, and do see, how nations as well as individuals, have been 'lovers of pleasure more than lovers of **God,** having a form of **Godliness** but denying the power thereof (2 Tim. 3:1-2). "For," says the **Apostle Paul,** "In the last days perilous times **shall** come." Shall is a **positive** word; those days and times are here.

We are obliged to confess that neither before nor since the reign of that spendthrift Roman Emperor Carinus, has so much extravagant expense ever been lavished for the amusement of the people, as in the past half century.

If it was **Idolatry then,** it is **now,** and **idolatry** is the **sin** of **sins** with the **Jehovah God.**

The policy of connecting the amusement of the multitude, with the interest of the State is not a new one. Instead of promoting the tranquility of the people, its final termination is always **Chaos,** and **War** with all its attendant **Horrors.**

Consider the world situation; take a good look at it, can you find any thing in all **History,** even remotely to compare with it? Multitudes of people of all nations are learning this truth, i. e.: that the only thing **existing,** or ever did **exist,** that cannot be **moved** or **shaken,** is **God's Holy Word!**

It is our solemn duty to raise the **Standard; yea** the **Banner Stained** by the precious **blood of Jesus.**

For the civil confusion of those fallen empires has prepared all people everywhere as nothing else could, for the reception of the **Truth.** By that we mean, the **Exact** and **Positive knowledge** of what **Bible** says we **must do** to be **Saved.** How **Personal Salvation** can be attained, those four wonderfully simple and plain **fundamentals, Faith Repentance, Confession** and **Baptism.**

The **sects** cannot cope with **this** situation, having only **part** of this **Truth.** There is the strongest reason to believe that when hostilities cease, the **Sects** will cease also.

People cannot produce **unity** and be divided **spiritually.** The **new order** is going to demand the **whole truth,** and for once will receive **just that.**

When **"nations** learn **war** no more," has a much deeper significance than we think. Naturally we expect the passing away of **false religions,** those **idolatrous superstitions** that have so long confused and divided the people, and blocked the road to truth and true unity, in this present evil world, whose justice can be bought with money.

Those who are inclined to pursue this reflection instead of viewing with astonishment, the wonderful **opportunity** now opened up in our **Mission Work will perhaps be surprised when field** reports

start coming in. This is a work of faith, and faith is taking **God** at **His Word.** Let us on with the work, and work **with** and **for** the glory of **Almighty God,** in the up-building of the cause in **Christ Jesus our Lord.**

Our temporal food is rationed, and probably will be much more so. But our Spiritual food is **not rationed,** (at present). Will this condition come upon us too?

Full cooperation is what **God** expects from every member of **His Family.** He has provided us with evangelists whose piety, zeal and ability are adequate to cope with a situation of this magnitude.

The amount of **money, time,** and **prayer** we put into this effort, determines the extent of the harvest or increase. Let us not be deceived, "God is not **mocked,** for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall also he reap," (Gal. 6-7). "As we have therefore **opportunity let us do good unto all men."**

We cannot close this survey without directing attention to the bearing of these facts on our **Faith** and **Hope** as **Christians.**

Can it be that in the past we have failed to properly evaluate our **Opportunities?**

We all criticise the **sects,** yet their **zeal** and **contribution** far exceeds our own. Whose is the greater sacrifice, theirs or ours?

Broadly speaking, people want the **exact truth, We have it,** and it is up to us to get this message to the people.

In the past, have we been practical and sought out **God's** way: or did we follow our own rebellious way? our fault seems to be an old one, we have "robbed **God"** who has promised to **open** unto us the **"Windows of Heaven."**

Preachers have to be sent, on the basis of this fact, the responsibility is squarely up to everyone of us. The **Mission Work Is Now Under Way.**

Question: Bros. and Sisters, are we going to do our part? Now is the **opportunity** all have waited for. **Victory in Jesus!**

—J. M. McKaig

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ANOTHER PREACHER WITH US

While in Pennsylvania, I had the pleasure of meeting and baptizing Bro. Floyd O. Ross, of Mahaffey, Pa. His statement follows: "In April of this year I became acquainted with Bro. J. D. Corson, a minister of the Church of Christ. In our discussions on the Bible I found that he always was with the Bible, and thus I decided to try to learn more of the teachings of this church. Bro. Corson and I went to Flemington to attend Bro. Homer A. Gay's meeting where I learned many truths of God's word that I had not known before. I went to his meeting at Commodore, and spent a day with Bro. Gay, discussing the Bible. I learned that even tho I had been preaching for six years—all the time feeling that I was saved and trying to save others, that I had never been forgiven of my sins, for I had not been baptized for the remission of them. So, I made the "good confession" and was baptized by brother Gay the 8th of June. I count it a great privilege to be a member of the Church of Christ—the only one we can read about in the Bible, and I want to learn more and more of God's word and spend my life preaching it to others."

Several years ago Bro. Ross had, what he thought was a "special work of grace," later uniting with the Nazerene church and began preaching. But, he was too honest to remain in darkness—when he saw the truth he "gladly received it" (Acts 2). Bro. Ross has a good education, a very pleasing personality, with ability to meet and talk with strangers. He will be associated with the brethren at Mahaffey, Commodore and Flemington, where he will still learn more truth and will be a great help to them. He is to be with me the month of September when I go back there and we hope and pray that he may soon be well acquainted over the country with the churches of Christ. I have great hopes of his being a wonderful help in the East—(Maybe, the Lord spared my life so that I could teach and baptize Bro. Ross, to preach in Pennsylvania).

—Homer A. Gay

DISCUSSIONS

In the mission meeting at the Ball School house, near Dora, Missouri, the S. S. and cups innovators were stirred up to the extent that they tried in vain to defend their practice with Bro. Ervin Waters in three debates. Their first attempt was by putting up a Bro. Mitchell, who did not so much as manifest the spirit of a gentleman, much less a Christian, and after one night of defeat, his brethren refused to let him continue the second night. They brought in a Bro. Morrison to affirm the second night on the cups. He made his first affirmative, talking but 16 minutes. Brother Waters tied him up so completely in his negative, that he talked but 6 minutes in his second speech and quit the debate, saying that he broke down. Then. the leader of the S. S. and cups church arose and said: "There has got to be something done." So, he tried to defend the cups, but he lasted but a few minutes.

By this time things were looking bad for the innovations, hence they set out for Arkansas for Joe Blue, who boasts his debating ability to be second to Warlick and J. D. Tant. Bro. Blue came and debated the S. S. and cups with Bro Waters. But, to my way of thinking, Blue made the weakest effort so far as arguments are concerned. I ever heard, and I believe it was a great victory for the truth.

I moderated for Brother Waters in all these debates.

—Joe H. Howard, Dora, Mo.

BROCK-KILGORE

On May 17, 1943, I officiated in uniting in the bonds of matrimony Brother W. F. Brock and Sister Minnie Belle Kilgore, in the home of the bride.

Brother Brock is a fine old Christian gentleman, having been a member of the Montebello congregation for years. Sister Kilgore is a fine Christian woman, having obeyed the gospel a few years ago. We wish for them a very happy married life in serving the Lord together.

—Paul O. Nichols

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A GOOD SUGGESTION

Brother Ben Frentrup, of San Antonio, Texas, writes me that Brother Jesse E. James, same address, suggests that we devote a portion of one column of the OPA each month to giving a "Church Directory," giving the location and meeting time, etc., of the various loyal congregations throughout the brotherhood. Brother Carl Nichols, of Hollywood, Calif., recently made the same suggestion.

We shall gladly acquiesce in this suggestion, and we are ready to begin running the directory just as soon as the brethren send in the desired information. Furthermore, if enough interest is shown, we shall be glad to get out a leaflet or folder containing the directory and names and addresses of all faithful preachers, etc. Such information would be of much value during the war, especially, since there are so many moving from place to place.—Homer L. King.

MISSION MEETINGS

Brother James R. Stewart has been selected by some of the churches in Texas to give his entire time to mission work in the state. Brother Stewart states that he is finding some difficulty in finding suitable places for mission meetings in reach of faithful congregations or individuals, who are capable of carrying on the worship should the results justify the establishment of a congregation. Brethren should take advantage of having the gospel preached in such places and furnish Bro. Stewart with plenty of places for meetings. He is anxious to be in the field preaching all the time. Write him at Temple, Texas, Rt. 1. Note: Brother Stewart is adequately supported by the churches, and you do not have to worry about the finances.

A NEW BOOK

For the past few years there has been considerable talk of putting out a book of sermons by the various preachers, who stand with the OPA in the fight against the innovations troubling the church today. Those innovations would receive consideration in some of the sermons. In addition to a sermon by each preacher, there should be the picture and biography of each preacher. So, it has been suggested. We wonder if the brotherhood would be interested in such a book, and we wonder if the preachers would be interested sufficiently to put it over. Let us hear from you.

—Publishers

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Here is our report of the contributions from California for the boys in the C.P.S. Camps:

Church of Christ, Lodi, Calif., by James Winchester, $50.00; Sister Carl N. Nichols, Siskiyou St. Church, $20.00; Bro. Ervin Waters, $15.00; A brother, Siskiyou St. Church, $10.00; A sister, Siskiyou St. Church, $10.00; Chester B. King, $5.00; Paul O. Nichols, $5.00; Ray Nichols, $2.00; Total $117.00.

Many thanks to all for their kind remembrance of our faithful boys in the camps.

—Carl N. Nichols
849 Wilcox, Hollywood, California

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS SENT TO OPA

Church of Christ, Milano, Texas, by G. P. Davis, $7.00; W. P. Perser, Lubbock, Texas, $8.00; Church of Christ, by E. J. Barnes, Berryville, Ark., $8.00; Church of Christ (Lees Summit) by H. S. Massie, Lebanon, Missouri, $25.00; Church of Christ, Temple, Texas, by Leo Turner, $25.00; Church of Christ (Carter), Davidson, Okla., by Clyde Middick, $50.00; Total for this month $123.00.

We certainly do appreciate the response of the brethren to the needs of these faithful boys, but there are many congregations that have not begun this grace yet, so far as we know.

This month (June) we were able to send $20.00 each to the loyal boys—$60.00 to Magnolia, Ark., $60.00 to Lyndhurst, Va., and $20.00 to Santa Barbara, Calif. We shall expect each boy to whom we send money to report to me the receipt of the same, and to report any changes in the number of boys in his camp. Our prayers are for all the faithful boys.

—Homer L. King

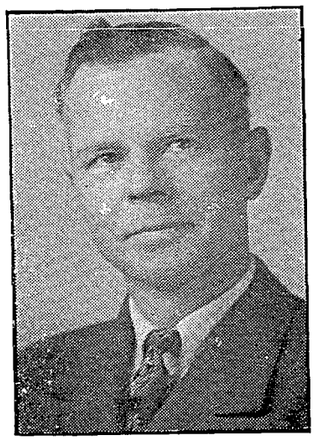
OUR HELPERS

In spite of all opposition of the enemies, the Old Paths Advocate continues to grow, and we are thankful that so much interest in the welfare of the paper and the cause it espouses is now manifest. Below you will find a very encouraging list of subscriptions received by us from May 20 to June 20. Many thanks to all for such interest and devotion:

Carlos B. Smith, 10; Homer A. Gay, 10; J. H. McKaig, 9; Homer L. King, 8; Clarence Snodgrass, 6; Ervin Waters, 6; Ray Nichols, 3; J. H. Lackey, 3; M. J. Buffington, 3; A. D. McNiel, 3; Woodard Clouse, 3; W. P. Perser, 2; Fred Kirbo, 2; F. K. Reeves, 2; James R. Stewart, 2; Ben Frentrup, 2; Sam Smith, 2; Louis P. Howsman, 2; Barney D. Welch, 2; Jesse Miller, 2; Mrs. Marvin Cabaniss 2; Edgar Claywell, 1; Cecil Abercrombie, 1; Mrs. Jaunita Woodruff, 1; W. W. Wilks, 1; J. S. Shelly 1; Ira Baker, 1; Mrs. Alma Russell, 1; Sidney Gray, 1; Ferd Roberson, 1; Jimmy Campbell, 1; J. J. Reece, 1; Mrs. Waller Sanderson, 1; B. F. Leonard, 1; Mrs. W. L. Rawdon, 1; John Staley, 1; Mrs. B. R. Craig, 1; L. C. England, 1; Total 101.

Note: the trial offer of 50c for the first year continues, but **renewals** remain the old price of one dollar the year. —Publisher.

GET ACQUAINTED WITH BRO. SNODGRASS



Bro. Clarence Snodgrass was born April 1, 1904, in Cedar Gap, 14 miles south of Abilene, Texas, and has lived there since. He obeyed the gospel at the age of 16, under the teaching of Bro. G. C. McCraw, and delivered his first sermon that year. The congregation, of which he was a member, met at that time in the Cedar Gap school house under the leadership of Bro. T. F. Stewart, who is still a faithful gospel preacher. Their numbers being greatly depleted, they began to meet at Lawn, Texas, but after several years this church disbanded, leaving them with no established congregation to meet with.

I will let Bro. Clarence relate in his own words subsequent developments: "Our community had grown very wicked, there being two or three distillers present, and I knew something had to be done. Having married Miss Aline Saling in 1923, I had two children to "bring up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." I began services in our home, and soon many people became interested, the crowds becoming too large to meet in our home. We built a cedar brush arbor and started a meeting, baptizing 35, many of whom were from among the Baptists. The Baptist congregation was left with about seven members. In 1934 we built a rock meeting house, where we still worship."

Bro. Snodgrass has helped to establish congregations at Lewisville, Texas, Abilene, Texas and Stamford, Texas. This work was done at a very great personal sacrifice on his part and on the part of his family. He has preached at several places in central and west Texas in recent years, holding several meetings annually. I have personally known him for seven years. He is a man of good report, and his kindness and patience are legend among those that know him.

In these days of trouble when the church must muster her strength to battle the forces of digressive aggression, we should exercise caution in using and supporting preachers. That you may know the position of Bro. Snodgrass with reference to the controverted issues facing us, I will again quote from him. "I believe in speaking as the oracles of God (1 Pet. 4:11), and I stand for the faith (Jude 3). I do not believe in women teachers in the church or in the S. S. system. I oppose the use of instrumental music in the church. I believe in one container to convey the fruit of the vine in the Communion. I believe the fruit of the vine should be grape juice, like the bread, unleavened. I believe that each communicant should break the bread and eat. I do not believe in **any set order of worship** (emphasis his) other than the order in the Communion established by Christ, when he took the bread and in like manner also the cup. My desire is to teach the truth and establish the cause in new places. How can they preach except they be sent?".

I have confidence in the steadfastness of Bro. Snodgrass, having battled error and evil by his side. He has been "tried in the fire" and has not been found wanting. I commend him to you.

—Ervin Waters

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

"I have just read the OPA, and I want the readers and you to know that I endorse these articles: 'Christians and The Modern Movies', by Lindsay Allen; 'Killing Our Babies,' by Loomis O. Hinton. Other good articles were 'Good Advice,' by Roy Bill Modgling; 'Christian Living,' by E. A. Lowry. May we have more of them."—A. A. Patterson, Oklahoma.

"We must not wait any longer to renew our sub. to the OPA. We pray that you will continue to have health to carry on the Lord's work." —Woodard Clouse and Family, Mo.

"I am enclosing two new subs. We look forward to each issue and enjoy beyond expression all of the reports from the fields, for it is encouraging to read of the success of the meetings and souls being saved. Our prayers are that your efforts will be greatly and bountifully rewarded." —Ben Frentrup, Texas.

"Just received the June issue of the OPA, and we think it is a fine issue. We always enjoy it. A big fat letter from me to you is coming up soon, I hope."—Carl N. Nichols, California.

"I am sending my renewal. I enjoy every issue, and we hope you are well." —Mrs. B. R. Craig, Texas.

"May God's blessings abide with you for ever. My, but there were some fine articles in the June issue." —B. F. Leonard, W. Va.

"Here are two renewals. We received the June issue yesterday, and we certainly did enjoy reading it. Our prayers are for all the loyal preachers." —Jesse Miller, California.

"Here are two new subs. for the OPA. I am pushing it wherever I go, as I believe it is the best paper published and should be in every home. We are always awaiting its arrival."

—James R. Stewart, Texas.

"Here are two subs. May the Lord bless you, and let me find a place in your prayers."—Sam Smith, Mississippi.

"Here is a renewal for the paper. We still enjoy it very much. We especially enjoyed the article by Lindsay Allen and all the reports."—Ira Baker, Texas.

"The articles in the OPA are good, but we need more to hand out to the lost. I would like to visit with you." —E. H. Miller, Georgia.

"We always look forward to the paper, and we certainly do appreciate it." —Daniel A. Moore, Alabama.

"I certainly thank you all for sending the OPA on to me. I don't know what I would do without it here. I can keep up with the church news through the OPA." —Jaunita (Cook) Woodruff, Texas.

"I received my first issue of the OPA a few days ago, I certainly did enjoy it." —Howard Peacock, Texas.

"Here are five subs. for the OPA, and I hope to have more soon." —Clarence Snodgrass, Texas.

"Bro. King, I received the OPA yesterday, and I mean that I was surely glad to get it. I don't want to miss an issue." —John J. Vanstavern, Texas.

From The Fields

Clovis T. Cook, Wilson, Oklahoma, June 16.—I am now in a series of meetings at Healdton, Okla., with prospects good. This is my first efforts here. The 13th inst., I was privileged to attend a meeting at Sulphur, Okla., in the interest of mission work. I was favorably impressed by the zeal and interest in such good work. May the Lord bless in this labor of love. I go next to Temple, Texas, for a meeting embracing the first two Lord's days in July. The last two Lord's days, I am to be at Marion, La. The first half of Aug. I am to be at Kinston, Ala., with the Earlytown congregation, and the last half of Aug., at Washington, Okla.

Clayton Fancher, 1304 N. 5th. St., Wichita Falls, Texas, June 7.—We are expecting a good crowd at the all-day meeting July 4. We have a tent for the entire meeting June 27 to July 4, with Bro. King doing the preaching.

J. S. Shelley, Gunter, Texas, June 11.—I would like to help some loyal brethren to get located in or near Gunter, that we may establish a congregation that would carry on the worship in the Bible way. If interested write me.

Batsell Moore, Box 34, Pitcher, New York, June 8.—Three of us boys have met for worship in my room each Lord's day, except for one time, when we went to the woods for worship. There is still one loyal boy in the camp at Santa Barbara, Calif.

Chester King, 211½ Poppy Ave., Monrovia, Calif., May 19.—I closed a meeting of two weeks duration at Monrovia, May 15, with two restorations. Bro. Paul Nichols and I are in Blythe now, investigating prospects for a mission meeting. My home address is the above.

Ferd Roberson, (colored), Route 2, Lawrenceburg, Tenn., June 9.—We are doing nicely here, and we are still keeping house for the Lord in His Own appointed way. We were all certainly glad to hear that Brother Chas. Waller had returned to the fold.

Lewis Cogburn, Magnolia, Arkansas, June 2.—We gladly received the contributions by Bro. King from the brethren, and we are thankful. We meet each Friday night for a lesson in the Bible and each Sunday morning for the worship. We are very glad Bro. Howard King came to this camp, as he is a lot of strength to the loyal boys. He is to have charge of the worship next Sunday.

Travis Cogburn, Lyndhurst, Va., June 3.—I received the money sent us by Bro. King, for the loyal boys here, and I wish to express my appreciation and thanks to all who are contributing to us. One of our loyal boys has been released to go home, due to his poor health. He is Bro. John Lancaster, Salado, Texas, Rte. 1. That leaves but two strictly loyal boys here.

F. K. Reeves, Marion, La., May 30.—We are continuing in the work of the Lord here. Brother Lynwood Smith, of Brookhaven, Miss., was with us April 24 and 25, giving us some very good lessons. We need to put him out in the field all the time. We are expecting Bro. Clovis Cook for a meeting the latter part of July. We invite all who can to be with us.

Joe Castleman, 1312 Cleburne Ave., Houston, Texas, May 24.—Brother M. J. Buffington closed a short meeting for us, May 8, without visible results, but all enjoyed the preaching and the church was strengthened. We are expecting his return in September. The church here continues to grow as new ones move into this part. We invite all faithful brethren to meet with us, as well as loyal preachers to preach for us.

W. P. Perser, Route 2, Lubbock, Texas, May 17.—We are expecting Bro. Fred Kirbo to begin our meeting July 11, which will probably continue for two weeks. Brother M. J. Buffington and his mother were with us a few weeks past. He preached for us twice, and we enjoyed the good lessons. Brother Phillips was with us also. We invite all faithful brethren to visit and worship with us at 2012 Third St., Lubbock, Texas.

J. C. Moore, Box 73, Bellmead, Texas, May 16.—The church here is doing fine, except for some contention over the war question. We have had some additions recently. Brother John Staley, a young preacher, recently took his stand with us, saying he could no longer worship with the cups. Batsell was with us last Lord's day, giving us a good talk.

Ervin Waters, Box 410, Lebanon, Missouri, June 15.—On the morning of May 16 I preached at Odom school house, near Dora, Mo., where a fine little congregation worships. That night I preached at High View school house, and, May 17, I began a meeting at "The Ball" school house, five miles from Odom, where a S. S. and Cups congregation meets. On the night of May 23 they brought H. M. Mitchel, a cups preacher, in to try to stop me. As I was beginning the sermon, he arose and challenged me to discuss the cup question then and there. I accepted, we agreed on arrangements and propositions, and within ten minutes he was affirming that the scriptures teach a plurality of cups. Without exception he was the most ribald and vulgar man I have met in debate. Although the discussion was scheduled to continue the second night, his own brethren were so ashamed of his efforts that they would not use him. But they brought another preacher, Ulyssus Morrison, in to challenge me. He waited until my sermon was over and made the challenge. I accepted and, May 25, we discussed the cup question. He was only able to use twenty minutes of his time. One of his brethren arose, said something had to be done, and he tried to do it. He made bad matters worse. I closed this meeting May 27 with one baptism and three restorations. The one I baptized came forward at the close of the debate with Mitchell. May 28, I heard Bro. Robertson preach at Richland, Mo. May 29-30, I preached at Drury and on the night of May 30, I preached at Champion. The S. S. and Cups brethren at "The Ball" had sent two men to Arkansas after Joe Blue, whom they consider their strongest man in Arkansas or Missouri. May 31-June 1, he and I discussed the Cup and S. S. questions. He was a strong debater but he just didn't have the truth on his side. I challenged for none of these debates but I did not refuse to defend the truth. June 2-13, I held twelve nights mission meeting at Champion, baptizing two. The few members there have promised to worship regularly under the leadership of Bro. Ivy Hutchison. Rt. 2, Norwood, Missouri. May 26, while Bro. Joe Howard preached at "The Ball," I preached at Grogan, Mo., north of Willow Springs. June 2, I visited Dogwood, Mo., for several hours during the day, took two confessions of faults, and received their assurance that they would worship regularly. I will begin a mission meeting there tomorrow.

Raymond Bray, 2417½ NW. 16th, St., Okla. City (7), Okla., June 1.—The church here is doing fine, and we are planning to move the meeting location to a more suitable place. Glenn was home on a furlough last month. He was fortunate in getting a job in the office. Bro. Kirbo has been doing some good preaching in the mission field, baptizing a number and establishing congregations.

Jesse C. French, 610 So. 8th. St., Abilene, Texas, June 12.—The brethren here are building a new church house, at 15th and Oak Streets. The house is to be of rock structure, 20 ft. by 36 ft. Brethren Clarence Snodgrass and Talbert Stewart have been preaching for us. We have about 20 members who meet every Lord's day. Bro. James R. Stewart preached for us recently. Any donations to help us build will be much appreciated.

Fred Kirbo, Davis, Oklahoma, May 20.—In the mission meeting at Davis three were baptized, and Bro. Johnson baptized two more since. The S. S. brethren attended and showed interest in uniting with us after the meeting. The brethren at Davis plan to build a house of worship. The Sulphur brethren donated $100.00; Bro. Sanders $50.00; Mr. Cherry $50.00; and our contributions made $32.00; Total $232.00. But we need more money. Will you help? Send your contributions to me, Rte. 1, Davis. I baptized 4 at Fittstown.

M. J. Buffington, Rte. 3, Box 61, Floresville, Texas, May 19.—I recently closed a meeting at Houston, Texas. The brethren there are very zealous in trying to build up a loyal church. If interested in the church there or its location, write Joe Castleman, 1312 Cleburne Ave. I have recently preached for the brethren at Sand Grove, Texas. My next is to be a meeting at Fort Worth, beginning the 28th. inst. Pray for me and the work.

B. F. Leonard, 1714 Jackson Ave., Huntington, W. Va., June 14.—We are still pressing on in the work in the name of the Lord, and we are going forward in our plans to build a meeting house. We received more donations as follows: Mt. Nebo, W. Va., $25.00; New Salem Church, near Wesson, Miss., $22.00. We are very thankful for such liberality, and we praise the Lord for putting it into the hearts of His people to help in time of need.

Jesse Miller, Box 157, Graton, California, June 15.—We still assemble every Lord's day here to worship God according to the teaching of the New Testament, which is plainly revealed. Our prayers are for the loyal brethren everywhere, and especially, for the loyal preachers who are proclaiming the full and unadulterated gospel. May God bless all the efforts of the faithful ones everywhere to build up the church according to the will of the Lord.

Ray Nichols, 849 Wilcox Ave., Hollywood, Calif., June 15.—On May 16, I assisted with the teaching and song service at the Siskiyou St. Church, my home congregation. There was one confession of faults. June 6, I preached for them again. June 13, I preached at Pomona, where we have one of the most zealous congregations in Calif. Let us all wake up to a realization of our duty and show more zeal for the cause of the Lord in these "perilous times."

Alfred Walker, (colored), Box 146, Brookhaven, Miss., May 20.—We thank the Lord for His wonderful blessings, and we are so glad to report that Brother Clarence Kessinger, Spring Hill, W. Va., sent us $15.00, and Bro. C. W. Vanstavern, Lebanon, Missouri, $10.00 to apply on our building fund. Many thanks to all the brethren for their kind contributions. The total amount we have received so far is $135.30.

J. B. Lasater, Jr., Rte. 1, Lawrenceburg, Tenn., June 14.—The churches at Chapel Grove and Long Branch continue in the faith. We had the pleasure of hearing Bro. Lynwood Smith, of Brookhaven, Miss., for a few days recently. We enjoyed his lessons very much, and we think he is a talented young preacher. We intend to engage him for a meeting in the near future. We appreciate young men who are not ashamed to "declare the whole council of God."

Lynwood Smith, Lebanon, Missouri, June 17.—I recently preached at Temple Hill, Miss., and the next Sunday at a Bro. Hall's. June 10, I began a short meeting at a place near Lawrenceburg, Tenn., known as Chapel Grove, and one sermon at Long Branch. I enjoyed the visit with these brethren. My next was at Lebanon, Missouri, where I found Brethren Lee and Robertson in a meeting. June 16, I preached at Lebanon. I plan to stay here until late in June, then return to Miss. in time to preach at New Salem, July 4.

E. H. Miller, 1003 Truitt Ave., LaGrange, Ga., June 7.—The church here is doing fine. I baptized a Catholic soldier last Lord's day. He said he knew the Church of Christ is right. I pray that others will find out before too late. I think we need more articles in the OPA suitable to hand out to the lost, as well as more to the saved to keep them strengthened. (Note: The mission of the OPA has been in the main to stem the tide of digression in the church, calling honest hearts back to the Old Paths.—Publishers.)

Howard Wayne King, Magnolia, Arkansas, June 4.—I am quite settled here now, and I like it fine, since getting acquainted. There are really a fine bunch of boys here, and they try to help one out as much as they can, being very friendly. We have about 12 boys meeting for worship in the Scriptural way, on Lord's day mornings. We have a mid-week meeting each Friday night. Bro. Leonard Hendrickson has charge of the lesson tonight, and I next Sunday.

Joe Howard, Dora, Missouri, June 13.—The meeting at Fieldstone, near Vanzant, Mo., closed without visible results, but I was called home on the account of sickness of my wife after one week. I was with Bro. Waters in a mission meeting at the Ball school house, which resulted in one baptism and two restored, also three debates reported elsewhere in this issue. June 6, I preached at Drury, and that night at the Champion school house, where Bro. Waters is in a mission meeting. The 19th inst., I am to go to Caufield where we have a few loyal members. Two came over from the S. S. and Cups since the debate at the Ball.

Paul O. Nichols, 849 Wilcox Ave., Hollywood, Calif., June 15.—May 19, Bro. Chester King and I investigated prospects for a mission meeting at Blythe, and the following night, we preached a "double header" at Fresno, about 450 miles distant. May 23, we preached another "double header" at Ceres, a new congregation, now the home of Bro. John L. Reynolds, a gospel preacher, with whom we visited while there. That night I preached at Marysville, where two were baptized and one confessed faults. May 26-27, I enjoyed good preaching by Bro. Barney Welch, at Montebello. I began a meeting at Eola, Texas, June 6, where I am now, with one baptized. June 20 I am to begin at Portales, N. M.

M. J. Buffington, Rte 3, Box 61, Floresville, Texas, June 12.—I have recently closed the first half of a series of meetings, which is being held at 2704 Vaughn Blvd., Ft. Worth, Texas. I held the first two weeks, and Bro. McBride is now holding the last two. The attendance was much better than we expected, and although there were no additions, we believe that much good was accomplished. I am now in a good meeting at the above place which is to last until the 20th of this month. I will begin a two weeks meeting at Ottumwa, Iowa, the 23rd inst. Brethren, I will be available for meetings after the 27th of September. Let us work and pray for greater things for the Lord's cause.

Guy Malory, Jr., 1304 N. 5th St., Wichita Falls, Texas, June 18.—I have been in Texas about two months. I have had the pleasure of being with the brethren in Lometa, Belton, Temple, and Waco, making talks at each place. I have enjoyed my stay in Texas, and hope to come back in the future. By the time this reaches our readers I will be back home in Spring Hill, W. Va. Pray for me and my work. I go next to Wichita Falls, Texas with Bro. King.

Clarence Kessinger, Box 42, Spring Hill, W. Va., June 15.—We enjoyed Bro. King's meetings at Mallory Chapel and Stop 12. We had fair crowds, one being baptized at Stop 12. We are looking forward to a much longer meeting next year. We appreciate Bro. Clovis Cook taking over the work in these parts for a year. There is much work here and much good to be done. May we all strive to do better than we have in the past. Pray for us and the work here.

Robert Taylor, Rte. 13, Box 139, Houston, Texas, May 28.—The little church here is still growing, and we are very

thankful for it, as we met at home for over two years with three and four present. We appreciate what the preachers have done to try to build up the church here. Brethren M. J. Buffington, Clements, James R. Stewart, Joe Castleman, John Spradley, Jr., have all helped us with good lessons and visits. We are looking forward to the meeting by Bro. Stewart in the near future. All loyal brethren will find a welcome with us. Our home address is 7933 Pillot St., Port Houston Addition.

James R. Stewart, Temple, Texas, June 9th.—May 16, I preached at Marlow, two sermons, basket lunch and good singing. May 23, I was at Houston, Texas, with two sermons. I am to return June 18 for a series of meetings. May 30, I began a meeting at Stamford, closing the 6th., without visible results, except one from the S. S. and cups. Bro. Clarence Snodgrass established this church recently. Bro. John Snow is their leader. On my way home, we had services at Cisco, at the bedside of an invalid man, who desired that I return to baptize him. I am glad so many brethren are taking such interest in the mission work in Texas, and I appreciate the support and encouragement from all. I have been asked to assist in the mission work in Calif. in 1944, beginning January 1, which I hope to do.

W. W. Wilks, Rte 4, Dublin, Texas, May 24.—I preached yesterday at Glass, Somervell County, Texas. There are but few brethren there, but they stand for a "thus saith the Lord." On Sunday, the 16th., I preached at Cedar Gap, 16 miles south of Abilene, baptizing two, who had been taught by Brother Clarence Snodgrass, a faithful gospel preacher. I have some time not booked for summer meetings. If any need the plain and pure word of God, I shall be glad to assist them in a meeting. Write me as above if interested.

Barney D. Welch, 136 So. 4th St., Montebello, Calif., June 15.—Closing at Marysville May 16, I preached at Lodi the 17th; Stockdale, the 18th; visited in the homes of John L. Reynolds and James Russell, the 19th. ; May 20, attended song service and talked at Pomona; May 23, I began a short meeting at Montebello, which was a very pleasant experience. Bro. Hopkins drove his truck daily, carrying 20-25 people—what zeal! We closed May 30, with three confessions of faults. June 1, I began a meeting, closing after two weeks with one baptized and restored. The prospects are bright at Lodi and Marysville, for the brethren have much zeal for the Lord. June 13, we began at Ceres, the home of our beloved Bro. John L. Reynolds, who is considering entering the mission field. May the Lord help him to make the right decision and bless his efforts. I hope to attend the all-day meeting at Wichita Falls, July 4. Let us not forget to pray.

Louis P. Howsman, 949 Sierra St., Yuba City, California, May 19.—We are very happy to report that we have been greatly blessed during two weeks of meeting with Bro. Barney Welch. We were sorry he could not remain longer, and we look forward to his return. The meeting closed May 16, at the water, with six baptisms and four confessions of faults. All of the members were greatly strengthened spiritually. We invite all to meet for worship with us at Tenth and D Streets, Marysville, in the Women's Club Building. Services each Lord's day at 10:30 a. m. and each Lord's day evening at 6:30 p. m. You will find a hearty welcome at all our meetings, and we invite all the loyal preachers to visit us and preach for us.

J. D. Corson, Mahaffey, Pa., June 11.—We were very glad to have Bro. Homer A. Gay back in the state of Pennsylvania, recently, for some more good preaching. We consider him a wonderful man and preacher. I had the privilege of attending his meetings, both at Flemington and at Commodore, and he preached one night near Mahaffey. Bro. Gay and I succeeded in converting a young Nazerine preacher, Floyd Ross. Bro. Ross is a very fine young man and capable, and we hope that as he grows in the faith he will be called out by the brethren in other parts of the brotherhood. We have a small but loyal band of Christians meeting in Mahaffey, and any brethren passing this way will find a welcome with us. We plan to have Bro. Gay preach some for us this fall, when he comes back to this state.

Ralph Mustard, 221 E. Cleveland, Montebello, Calif., June 15.—May 23, I preached for the brethren at Green Forest, Ark. I plan to return for more work in that part. May 26, I preached at Council Hill, Okla. May 27 and 28 we were at Sulphur, Okla.; and the 29th and 30th, at Dougherty, with three sermons. May 31 to June 1, we were at Wichita Falls, Texas, where we found some of the boys having the first real test of faith case. Brother J. T. Stubbs, who took his stand against military service, has been subjected to much persecution, even to the extreme test of prison bars. but "If God be for us who can be against us?" With some there seems to be the wrong feeling toward the conscientious objector. June 4, we reached our good home in Calif. June 7, I preached at Monrovia. June 13, we were with the Montebello brethren. June 17, I am to begin a meeting at Monrovia.

Homer L. King, Rte 2, Lebanon, Missouri, June 21.—I enjoyed the trip to W. Va., holding three meetings, Huntington already reported. I closed after one week at Mallory Chapel, without visible results; five days at Spring Hill, with one baptized. I am now at Waco, Texas, assisting the brethren at the Fourth St. Church, with two restored at the end of one week. It has been a pleasure to have so many preaching brethren in attendance a part of the time: Brethren James R. Stewart, Syrus Holt, Wesley D. Ballard, James T. White, John Staley, a Bro. Morris, and Guy Mallory. We have had brethren in attendance from Temple, Belton, Spring Valley, Axtel and Bellmead. I am to close here the 25th. inst., and begin at Wichita Falls, N. 6th St., the 27th inst., closing July 4, at the all-day meeting. From there to Carter, near Davidson, Okla., to begin July 5, continuing for two weeks. July 25, I am to begin at Sentinel, Okla., continuing over three Lord's days. We urge all to be ready for these meetings, and we invite all in reach to attend. Those wishing to send me matter for the paper around July 15, may address me at my home, above.

Homer A. Gay, Harrodsburg, Ind., June 14.—We had a good little meeting at Flemington, Pa., but there were no additions. These folks are very loyal and faithful, and believe in supporting a preacher who preaches the gospel. They are trying to get a plan on foot to keep a preacher busy in that state. I closed there June 6th and went to Commodore, Pa., and preached four nights to nice crowds, baptizing one and restoring one. I was glad to note that even tho some of the leading cups preachers have preached for them since I was there, they still worshiped Scripturally. They arranged with me to come back there for September—this year. I came from there to Harrodsburg, where I began a meeting yesterday with a splendid crowd. We have a congregation of very fine Christians here. We hope and pray for a good meeting. It is encouraging to see many of those whom I have baptized still here and faithful to the Lord. I am to close Lord's day, the 20th., and go home for a few days much needed rest before going on to Shreveport, La., for the month of July. I was very glad to meet again Bro. J. D. Corson and have him visit my meetings at Flemington and at Commodore, Pa. He is now building a small congregation at Mahaffey, Pa.

Fred Kirbo, Davis, Okla., June 16.—I closed the mission work in Okla., May 30, after two and one-half months, as follows: Three weeks in Ardmore, with about 14 added, and others since the meeting, with bright prospects for the future, having able leadership, good location, etc.; at Davis next, with three baptized, two others since the meeting, and others have come over with us; a house has been bought, but they need more money to pay for it. My next was at Fittstown for three weeks, with four baptized and the little congregation strengthened. Then, to Pecan Grove, near Ada, where I found a congregation that was pretty close to the truth, and when I delivered a sermon against the S. S. and on the Scriptural Communion, the entire congregation agreed with me, but one man and his wife. I think they are through with disloyal preachers, and they intend to try to get Brother King for a meeting in the near future. I think a lot was accomplished in this place, as they now use one loaf, one cup, and no S. S. in the worship. I am now in San Antonio, Texas, with one baptized last night. We anticipate a good meeting for all are working. I am very thankful to the brethren in Okla., for their moral and financial support in the mission work, and I pray that such good work may never be hindered, but that it may abound more and more until at last the prophetic vision shall be realized, that "the knowledge of God shall cover the earth as the waters cover the seas, and His kingdom extends from the rivers to the ends of the earth."

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which all declare
"Lo Christ is here.
Lo Christ is there."

Your stronger proofs
divinely give
And show me where
the Christians live.

OLD PATHS ADVOCATE

"Where is Thy Church,
O, Savior, where?"
I heard the cry,
and then I heard:

"Here is My Church
where men still dare
To take Me at My word."

"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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"REDEEMING THE TIME" (Eph. 5:16)

Ervin Waters

"See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, **Redeeming the time,** because the days are evil" (Eph. 5:15-16). To "redeem" is "to improve or employ to the best advantage" (Webster). Then to redeem our time would be to employ it to the best advantage, and this is the sense given the expression in Moffatt's Translation, "Make the very most of your time." The American Standard Revised, expressing the same thought in different words, gives this marginal rendition, "Buying up the opportunity."

Time is fleeting in our journey from the cradle to the grave, and we need to employ that time in "abounding in the work of the Lord" (1 Cor. 15: 58). Consider Christ as a time redeemer. He went about "doing good." His personal ministry lasted only three and one half years, but consider what he accomplished in that brief span. He unveiled the shallowness of human philosophy; "speaking as never man spake," he uttered teaching that rent the foundations of human society and religion; "tempted like as we are" (Heb. 4: 15) "He did no sin" (1 Pet. 2:22) and left us an example of infinite perfection; being crucified he "nailed" the old law to the cross (Col. 2:14) and shed his "blood for many for the remission of sins" (Matt. 26:28); being dead he "destroyed him that had the power of death, that is, the devil" (Heb. 2:14) and came forth victorious from the tomb; and being resurrected he ascended to heaven "leading captivity captive, and giving gifts unto men" (Eph. 4:8). While here he realized the extreme urgency of the propitious times and pointed to the approaching night, "I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh when no man can work" (Jno. 9:4).

Brethren, how many of us are "redeeming the time" with which we are blessed? Franklin once said, "If time be of all things the most precious, then the wasting of time is the world's worst prodigality." The world spends so much time in seeking the elusive pleasures and most, having spent their lives in vain folly, come to death unprepared to meet God. Hear the conclusion of Solomon, who sought "what was good for the sons of men, which they should do under the heaven all the days of their life" (Eccl. 2:3), "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments; for this is the whole duty of man" (Eccl. 12:14).

Because of our failure to "walk circumspectly" (Eph. 5:15) many of us do not know when opportunities for service arise. The ancient Greeks had peculiar and striking ways of illustrating certain things. They illustrated opportunity as being a woman with wool under her feet, signifying that she tread silently. Opportunity usually comes with noiseless tread and to recognize it challenges our constant attention.

"Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time" (Col. 4:5). We constantly are faced with opportunities to help and teach the aliens and sinners with whom we come in contact. As the "salt of the earth" let us exert upon the world a saving and preserving influence. The crying need of our times is more personal work with people in order to save them, not just personal work on the part of what few preachers we have but on the part of every member of the body of Christ. Suppose every member of the church were instrumental in leading one soul to Christ per year. We would double our numbers annually. This is entirely within the realm of possibility. Sending and keeping all of our preachers in the field will just accomplish a small fraction of the work of saving souls. Our strength potential is the combined strength of every member, and our potential effort in saving souls will only be attained when every Christian becomes a missionary for Christ. We preachers know that most of our best meetings were made possible by a working congregation before our arrival. Most of those whom I have baptized were influenced for good by someone before I ever knew them. If a congregation just depends upon a preacher for a successful meeting, they should realize that the influence of the meeting will be the influence he alone can exert. Think of an effort into which every Christian concerned throws his or her maximum influence! Truly we should be "laborers together."

I rejoice with "joy unspeakable" when I receive the encouraging reports from the field. We are marching forward. But a maximum output of our energies would almost be "life from the dead." We are facing increasing opportunities as the world spends its wealth and power in the throes of universal conflict. People will need the stimulus of Christian faith, hope, and charity to lift them from the ashes and ruins of that which "perished with the using." May God grant that we are equal to the task of redeeming the time!

As preachers are being sent into the fields by an awakening church, God is raising up others to

increase the force. "The night is far spent, the day is at hand; let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light" (Rom. 13:12). Let us refrain from any activity which is a hindrance to spiritual growth and "set our affections on things above" (Col. 3:2. Let us study and meditate on the word of the Lord day and night. Let us lift our eyes "up" from whence "cometh every good and perfect gift" (Jas. 1:17) and be oft in prayer and watching. Let us "remember that the days are evil" and that we must "redeem the time" for soon our life, which is "as a vapor," will vanish. May God grant that the ghosts of neglected opportunities will not haunt us in the judgment day!

"Of all sad words
Of tongue or pen,
The saddest are these,
It might have been.

—Box 410, Lebanon, Missouri.

THE CHRIST HEART

The Christ heart is one of compassion. He sympathized with suffering, ignorant, misdirected, sin-cursed humanity. He had a feeling with and for, all who needed his help. He was "touched with the feelings of our infirmities." He saw the individual and the multitude. It is hard for us to see the multitude. We are narrow in our vision, and our heart seems to be only large enough to take in those of our own home or community. Christ's heart throbbed in sympathy for the **whole world.** We must have His heart if we are His disciples. We dare not sit in our own little garden and give ourselves to admiring it; we must get a vision of the entire field, which is the world, and we must feel that we are, in a measure, responsible if the summer ends and the harvest is lost.

Christ finished his work—He completed His mission. He committed the work into our hands. He gave it over to us in good condition. If we fail to carry out his will, then we make Christ fail. The gospel has in it the germ of divine life. It is the only thing that can transform this old world. It must be planted in the hearts of men and women, otherwise it can not bring forth the desired results. The soil is in good condition—men and women are anxious to know the way. The lost world is struggling now for life, and it must perish if the gospel is not given to it. We wonder if there has ever been a time in the history of this world when sin was so rampant and when humanity was so much in need of a Saviour. The old earth has been drenched in human blood. The "inhumanity of man has made countless millions mourn," and from all sections of the globe those who were made in the image of Jehovah are begging for help. It has been demonstrated that education can not lift the human race. There is only one seed that possesses the elements of the divine life, has in it the power to lift, and that is the **gospel.** Listen! Do you hear the last words of Jesus ringing in your ears—"Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel unto every creature" and. "Go make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and *the Son and the Holy Spirit*"? Do you hear him, after he had gone back to the Father, had been seated at the right hand of God, when He, as if He felt He might not be understood, said, "Let him that heareth say, come"? This is His third commission, **and we are included in it.**

(Selected by M. J. Buffington).

BEHAVING OURSELVES

Elbert Phillips

"These things write I unto thee, hoping to come unto thee shortly: But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth" (1 Tim. 3:14-15).

One of the purposes of assembling on the Lord's Day is to commemorate the Lord's death, "For as often as ye eat this bread and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come" (1 Cor. 11:26). We manifest our recognition of the worth of his sacrifice. At this time we should review that life of purity which Christ lived, by faith hear the beautiful prayer He prayed in the garden, and see Him as His chosen apostle betrays Him and the others forsake Him. We should remember how they condemned and crucified the Son of God and how, when with an aching brow and parched lips from intense suffering, He kindly asked for a drink, they gave Him vinegar mingled with gall. With words of love and compassion, after enduring the pain and agony of the cross, He said, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do" (Lk. 23:34). Surely this merits our love and respect beyond that of any earthly friend or loved one.

In 1836 at the Alamo, 182 brave Texans resisted the attack of 2,500 Mexicans under Santa Anna from Feb. 11 to Mar. 5, a period of 22 days. Only five were alive after the fort was stormed and taken, and these were commanded to be shot. Only an infant girl escaped. Because of the love for freedom and liberty, the sacrifice made, and the sacredness of the spot where they made it, visitors remove their hats when entering, and it is so quiet one could hear a pin drop.

How different when most of us attend the worship of the church in memory of our Savior who poured out His soul unto death for "sins that were not His own."!

When we show last respect for a loved one, we are careful to select appropriate songs that can be sung correctly. There is no joking among those present. Every act is carried out in solemn reverence. Who would dare to cause a disturbance?

How different we often conduct the memorial service for our Lord! Too often we are careless in our attitude; sometimes even during prayer and as the emblems are being passed, possibly forgetting that Christ is in our midst. The songs sometimes sung make us wonder who could sing them with the spirit and the understanding. The spiritual strengthening would be far greater if we would control our thoughts and maintain the solemnity and sacredness that should prevail. Let us refrain from merely going through a form, but let us "worship in spirit and in truth" putting our hearts and souls into His service.

THINGS OF INTEREST TO ME

I have just finished reading the OPA for June, in which I find a number of things very interesting to me. (Of course, the OPA is always interesting, but especially this time).

It is a pleasure to notice that Bro. Chester King is now putting in full time in preaching. He is a good boy and a good preacher and singer, and the cause of Christ will profit by his efforts.

I notice that Bro. John L. Reynolds is to give all of his time to preaching. He, too, is a good man and a good preacher and singer and capable of doing much good. God's word will be preached where ever he goes, whether it be to a multitude or to one individual. California, a few years ago, could hardly get a preacher out there long enough to hold a meeting, is now fast pushing forward in spreading the gospel and good preachers are growing up among them of their own boys, who will be a blessing to the nation.

I note with interest the care that is being shown to our boys in the c.p.s. camps, and the liberal contributions being given them. God will bless them for their faithfulness and loyalty to God, and He will also bless those who help to care for them while they are there, where they cannot care for themselves. The congregations and individual members should see that they have at least $30.00 per month each, to pay their way—they deserve it and the churches are able to pay it.

It is also interesting to note that the brethren at Huntington, W. Va., are well on the road toward building a new meeting house. I am glad to see brethren want to have a respectable place in which to worship and to which to invite people out to hear the gospel. So many times we find brethren who live in nicely furnished homes and drive new automobiles, willing to worship in just any kind of an old tumbled down shack in a back alley—and then complain because people will not come out to hear the gospel preached.

It is interesting to see the meeting place of the loyal congregation in San Antonio Texas, in the OPA. Brethren should let the public know where their meeting places are— we might "entertain angels unaware."

It is interesting to hear that Bro. Buford Hambrick has told **somebody** that he does not believe Acts 2:42 is a set order of worship. But after all the confusion made about its being the order to follow on Lord's day, it would be much more desirable to see him come out in the open in The Truth, of which he is assistant publisher, and say that Acts 2:42 is not an order of worship to follow on Lord's day. This would eliminate a lot of confusion and trouble and might eliminate a division in the church there.

It is also interesting to see that Brethren Jim Stewart and Clarence Snodgrass, both of Texas, are being supported so that they can give all of their time to preaching the gospel. We have no better men among us that Bro. Stewart and I am told that Bro. Snodgrass is also a good man and a good young preacher.. George Hughes is another fine fellow who shoud be kept busy all the time preaching.

Well, I hope that all enjoyed the June issue of the OPA as well as I did. —Homer A. Gay

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

"Find my personal check for $25.00 to help defray expenses in a mission meeting. May your efforts for good be blest." —Mrs. H. C. Harper, Florida.

"I received my OPA yesterday and read every word, some twice and three times before I could stop. It was all very good, especially the article by Bro. Paul Nichols. I shall try harder to keep those things in mind. Everything in the paper was very good. The all-day meeting, July 4, was the best, I believe, I ever heard."—Mrs. Huey Cook, Texas.

"That June issue of the OPA, in my estimation, takes the cake. I hope that every member not only reads, but studies, 'The Modern Movies' and 'Killing Our Babies'. Let us shun these two evils."—C. W. Van Stavern, Missouri.

"The OPA came yesterday. It was a good issue, and I enjoyed reading it."—Homer A. Gay, Mo.

"I received the June issue of the OPA, and I certainly did enjoy it."—Lewis Cogburn, Arkansas.

"I am doing all I can for the paper. I wish you much success. Pray for us."—Mrs. W. L. Rawdon, Tennessee.

"Here is a donation for the CPS boys. May God bless you and yours in His service."—Burley F. Black, Iowa.

"I am enclosing four subs. to the OPA. I think it is a good paper, and it is upbuilding to the cause of Christ."—Guy Mallory, W. Va.

"We have just received our OPA, and we enjoy every issue."—Mr. and Mrs. Amos Phillips, New Mex.

"Here are two subs. I hope to get more names soon. I hope you can send me some samples."—Mrs. R. R. Kramer, Pa.

"Here is my renewal to the OPA. I always look forward to receiving the paper. I always enjoy hearing you preach."—Mrs. C. G. King, Texas.

"I read Bro. Batsel Moore's OPA while he was here, and I enjoyed it so much that I am subscribing for it, as it is about the only way I have of knowing what is going on, and I do enjoy the fine articles so much. I am praying for it to continue the good work. Pray for me." —Houston Martin, California.

"Here is my renewal to the OPA. We enjoy reading it very much."—J. F. Graham, Missouri.

"Here is my renewal. I do not want to miss an issue. We enjoy reading it so much. We like all the articles. Send me a copy of the Clark-King Discussion."—Mrs. Wade Tindall, Texas.

"I am sending my sub. as I wish to be a regular subscriber to the OPA."—Lucy E. Turley, California.

"Here are some subs. May God bless you in your work and keep you healthy."—Ervin Waters, Missouri.

"Here is my renewal to the OPA. I enjoy reading it very much and especially of the good meetings. May God bless you in your work. I like to hear you preach."—J. P. Whigham, Alabama.

"I shall try to send in some subs. for the paper in my next letter."—Raymond Bray, Oklahoma.

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A VAIN EFFORT

A writer in the P. T. M. (Adventist) of Nov. 30, 1933, gives us the following:

The shortest and most conclusive argument from reason and logic is as follows.

"It is popularly said that the body and not the soul is that which sleeps. Suppose for the sake of argument we admit this to be true. What follows? Nothing more or less than this.

Sleep produces a change in the body but not in the soul or mind. But sleep produces unconsciousness. Therefore the body and not the soul is conscious.

Let the immaterialiest who furnish the premises admit the conclusion, and thus end the controversy."

Reply: But this whole thing is "as full of error as an egg is of meat." Look at it. Major premise: Sleep produces a change in the body but not in the soul or mind." This is false, and he evidently knows it; but he needs a "straw man." What is sleep? "Sleep, to rest with the voluntary exercise of the powers of body and mind suspended." (Webster) Both body and mind can act in sleep, and sleep can produce a change in both body and mind.

Minor premise: "But sleep produces unconsciousness." This is not true. In the first place conscience is a power of the soul, or mind. It is "The power of the soul to know its own acts and states itself as the knower." (White) And sleep but suspends the **voluntary** action.

Neither is his conclusion "Therefore the body and not the soul is conscious" legitimate even if his primises were true. There is no way he can logicaly get from "unconsciousness" to "conscious."

Granting his premises are true for illustration, his conclusion comes out thus:

1. Sleep produces a change in the body but not in the soul or mind."
2. "But sleep produces unconsciousness."
3. Therefore, sleep produces unconsciousness in the body, but not in the soul, or mind.

And he can not get any other legitimate conclusion from these premises.

I challenge any Adventist, high or low, to come back at this.

And why is he dealing with "soul or mind," anyway? **Puschee** is a word of general denotation, sometimes translated **soul,** sometimes **life**, and sometimes **mind**, sometimes **heart,** for example. It sometimes stands for a person, and in the Jewish idiom it may denote the spirit, as in Mt. 10:28, in distinction from the body. The body, being mortal (Rom. 6:12; 2 Cor. 4:11; Rom. 8:11, 1 Cor. 15: 54) can be killed, but they are not able to kill the soul (spirit), says Jesus.

—H. C. Harper

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Here are the donations I have received this month for the expenses of the boys in the CPS Camps:

J. H. McKaig, $2.00; A Siskiyou St. brother, $10.00; A sister of Siskiyou St. church, $10.00; Sister Carl Nichols, Siskiyou St. Church, $10.00; Total $32.00.—Carl N. Nichols, 849 Wilcox Ave., Hollywood, Calif.

Donations Sent To OPA: Herschel Massie for the Lees Summit Church of Christ, Lebanon, Mo., $50.00 (For two months); Clyde Middick for the Carter Church of Christ, Davidson, Okla., $25.00; G. P. Davis for the Sand Grove Church of Christ, $5.00; Leo Turner for the Temple Church, $10.00; Burley F. Black for Ottumwa, Iowa, Church of Christ, $25.00; Carlos B. Smith for New Salem Church, Brookhaven, Miss., $10.00; E. J. Barnes for the Clayton Home Church, Greenforest, Ark., $5.00; Total $130.00.

I am sending all the boys $30.00 each this month, which will be the full amount of their expenses, if they should turn it all over to the director, but since Bro. Nichols is turning what is sent him to the management of the camps, it will not be necessary to turn it all to the directors this time. I am very glad the brethren are responding to this need in a very liberal way. The most convenient way as well as systematic is to send your contributions monthy. —Homer L. King, Rt. 2, Lebanon, Mo.

CALIFORNIA BRETHREN, NOTICE!

There is to be a **"Get-Together Meeting"** of all the congregations in the state of California, at Fresno, September 6, 1943. It is important that all be represented that we may outline and plan the work for the future. We want to keep the good work going, and we want all to have a voice in how much we shall undertake and whom we shall select to do the work. So, plan to be there, and then come! —Carl N. Nichols.

A NEW BOOK

In the July issue we called attention to the consideration of putting out a new book of sermons, discussing the worship, first principals, Christian living, etc., with pictures and biographies of all the loyal preachers who would care to participate in the making of the book. Quite a number of brethren responded favorably, but not so many of the preachers have expressed their attitude. Let us hear from you, either for or against the proposition, please. —Homer L. King.

From The Fields

John Spradley, Jr., Houston, Texas, July 15.—We are confident that the new congregation here will progress steadily. Brother Stewart was with us recently.

S. E. Weldon, 1461 Edwin St. Beaumont, Texas, July 13.—I am still afflicted, but can be up some. I am still without a place of worship. We have two others, who are Christians, but one is unwilling to meet for worship. If anyone knows of any loyal brethren here, tell them to call at the above address, that we may arrange for the worship.

G. P. Davis, Milano, Texas, July 7.—The church here is moving along nicely. We are looking forward to our meeting, beginning August 8, with Brother Fred Kirbo doing the preaching. We hope that all will be ready to attend, and we invite all loyal congregations to cooperate with us in this meeting. Pray for us and the good work.

Carlos B. Smith, Rte. 1, Box 150, Wesson, Miss., July 14.—Brother Chas. Waller (colored) is here now, and he is doing some good preaching among the colored. He has baptized six and restored four. We are glad he is doing so much good. We are very thankful for the help that has been sent Bro. Alfred Walker, for building a house for worship, which will soon be built.

J. F. Graham, Longrun, Missouri, July 9.—Brother Ervin Waters recently preached four sermons for us, and we certainly did enjoy his preaching. We think he and his wife are fine Christians, and we did enjoy their visit so much. We appreciate them very much for their work's sake and labor of love. Pray for us in building up the cause here.

Carl N. Nichols, 849 Wilcox Ave., Hollywood, Calif., July 14.—In company with others, I attended the all-day meeting July 4, at Wichita Falls, Texas. That is one 4th of July that I shall never forget. I just cannot find words to express just how much I enjoyed that trip and meeting, the hospitality, singing, prayers, and edification by various ones.

A. A. Patterson, Devol, Okla., July 15.—We closed a meeting of one week, with Brother James R. Stewart doing the preaching. Three were restored, and we had good lessons to both saint and sinner. The interest increased to the close, and we hope more good was done than was visible at the time.

Raymond Bray, 2417½ N. W. 16th St., Okla. City, Okla., July 20.—The mission work in this state will have been without a preacher for two months by September 1, when Brother Homer L. King is to take over for three months. We have a number of prospects for meetings, but the first, it seems, is to be at McAlester, Okla. The church in the City is going forward, and the singing is improving as we practice each Wednesday night.

E. E. Wright, Gen. Del., Lubbock, Texas, July 18.—I certainly did enjoy the visit with the church at Wichita Falls (N. 6th St.), July 4. I met many of the preaching brethren, and I enjoyed the visit in the Clayton Fancher home. The second Sunday in July, I met with the Fruitland, Texas, church, also visited in the R. L. Cansler home. Brother Kirbo is now in a good meeting in Lubbock, and he is doing some good teaching as the Bible directs. May we always strive to do His will.

Newton C. Reeves, Lyndhurst, Va., June 26.—We wish to express our sincere thanks for the interest you and the brotherhood are taking in us. We received the check from Brother King, and we pray that the Lord will repay each participant bountifully. Brother John Lancaster, one of the loyal boys here, has been released from this camp on the account of physical disability. Please, remember us in your prayers.

J. P. Whigham, Georgiana, Ala., July 14.—I have just been reading in the OPA of the good meetings. I wish that I could attend a good meeting. We went to Lowery, July 4, to services there, but the crowds were small, as many have moved away, and many of the boys have been called to the army or camps. Many others are just careless or have gone back into the world.

Clayton Fancher, 1304 N. 5th St., Wichita Falls, Texas, July 15.—Brother Homer L. King closed a good meeting here, July 4, with five baptized and four confessions of faults. The crowds and interest were good throughout. The all-day meeting July 4, was a wonderful success. Brethren were here from Tennessee, California, West Virginia, Missouri, Mississippi, Oklahoma, and various parts of Texas. We invite all back next year.

Tom E. Smith, Box 893, Healdton, Oklahoma, July 12.—Our meeting at Healdton. closed June 27, resulting in three baptized and one restored, and we believe the entire congregation strengthened. The meeting will long be remembered. Bro. Clovis Cook did the preaching, which was fine, and he endeared himself to us all by his faithful and consecrated life. The fourth of July meeting was the best ever.

Guy Mallory, Jr., Rte. 7, Box 330, South Charleston, W. Va., July 19.—I have just returned home from a trip into Texas. I notice that in the small congregations, as a rule, we have more unity and love. We have a small congregation at Mallory Chapel, my home. I have made two talks here since returning home. It seems that the brethren are working more in various ways. May we all be perfectly joined together in unity.

Ben Frentrup, 1028 Nolan St., San Antonio, Texas, July 13.—The meeting with the church at Catalina and Viendo Streets closed June 27, with one baptized into Christ. Let us remember that there is "rejoicing in Heaven over one sinner that repenteth", hence our labor was not in vain. Brother Fred Kirbo delivered some splendid sermons to the church, and we believe much good was done for the cause of Christ.

Leo Turner, 518 So. 27th St., Temple, Texas, July 16.—We recently closed a very good meeting, with Bro. Clovis Cook doing the preaching, resulting in one baptism and one confession of faults. In my estimation Clovis is one of our best, who fearlessly thrusts the sword of the spirit. We appreciate his efforts here, and we are thankful for our young preachers, Joe Castleman and Lynwood Smith, who were with us through the meeting. May their zeal continue in the work of the Lord.

Amos Phillips, Rte. 2, Portales, New Mex., July 12.—Brother Jack Bledsoe closed a three weeks meeting here April 14, with six baptized and much good otherwise done. Bro. Paul Nichols recently came by for four days of preaching, and returned June 20, for 13 days of preaching, which helped us very much. These are very fine boys, and we hope to have them with us again soon. We invite all faithful members to visit us in passing this way. We are located on the north side of the R. R. tracks.

Houston Martin, Los Prietos Camp, Santa Barbara, Calif., July 12.—There are but two of us left in this camp, but we have the worship in camp just the same. We would appreciate having any of the brethren passing this way. I was certainly thankful for the check by Bro. King from the faithful brethren. My home is at Lowery, Ala. You will find us using but one cup here. I want the OPA sent to me here, as it is about the only way I have of knowing what is going on. Please remember me in your prayers.

Fred Kirbo, Davis, Oklahoma, July 16.—I recently closed a meeting at San Antonio, Texas, with one baptized. The crowds and interest were good. I enjoyed the hospitality of those good brethren and the way they cooperated in the meeting. Brethren James and Perkins, as well as others, are to be commended for their untiring efforts to build up the church there. I am now at Lubbock, Texas, in a meeting, and I go next to Sand Grove, Texas, for a meeting. This place is near Temple, and we would be glad to have all cooperate in the work.

John L. Reynolds, Box 201, Ceres, California, July 16.—I am in a good meeting at Corcoran, with the good brethren, who are very zealous in the work. While the crowds are small, yet the interest is good. We have had three preachers to attend

some since we began. They are Brethren Chester King, Barney Welch, and James Russell. The enemy is busy in this state, and the soldiers of Christ must awake and fight hard, that by the help of God we make more advances. I am making my home with Brother Allen and wife, who are very grand souls.

Perry D. Rector, Eola, Texas, July 15.—We were very glad to have Brother Paul Nichols in a series of meetings at the North-Side Church of Christ recently, which resulted in five baptized and the church much strengthened. We think Paul is a fine Christian boy and a good preacher. We are more determined to follow Christ instead of man than ever before. We are few in number, but we would appreciate any of the loyal preachers, who are passing this way, to stop over and preach for us.

Ray Nichols, 849 Wilcox Ave., Hollywood, Calif., July 20.—On June 23, I was with Bro. Barney Welch in a meeting at Ceres, preaching there, myself, the 24th. In conpany with others, I went to Wichita Falls, Texas, for the all-day meeting, July 4, speaking with the other preachers. From there, I went to Carter, Okla., with Brother King, assisting in the song leading and otherwise preaching once. I, especially, did some private teaching in this meeting, which I think, was profitable to me and the other party. I am now in Bro. King's home, having preached once at Lees Summit.

J. L. Sims, Rte. 4. Ada, Oklahoma, July 13.—The West 6th St. Church of Christ closed a good meeting last evening, of two weeks duration, with Bro. H. E. Robertson doing the preaching. The crowds were fair during the entire meeting. While there were no additions, yet the preaching was very good, and we feel that much good was done. The seed of the kingdom was sown, and we trust we shall reap a harvest in the future. The church was strengthened, and we learned to love Bro. Robertson for his work's sake, and we pray for him and his loved ones.

Howard W. King, Box 31, Magnolia, Arkansas, July 9.—Recently two more boys of the Church of Christ have entered this camp. One from the Lapine, Oregon, Camp and a John Strickland, of Alabama, but I do not know just how they stand on the innovations. Some of us plan to visit Bro. Gay's meeting in Shreveport, La., about 75 miles from here, about the 18th inst., as we can get a week-end leave. I have charge of the morning devotional program this week. We have a Scripture reading and prayer in the dining hall each morning before breakfast. I am feeling fine.

C. W. Vanstavern, Lebanon, Missouri, July 19.—Brethren H. E. Robertson and C. H. Lee conducted a short meeting for us, June 13-20, resulting in one confession of faults. Though a busy time, the crowds were fair. These brethren did some good teaching publicly and privately, directed mainly to the members of the church, who, it seems, have lost sight of their Christian duty. Recently, we had two young preaching brethren, Lynwood Smith and Earl Van Stavern, both of whom are promising young men, and we pray for their success. We are looking forward to the coming of Bro. Fred Kirbo in October, also Bro. Robertson.

H. E. Robertson, Phillipsburg, Missouri, July 18.—May 23, I began a meeting at Richland, Mo., of two weeks duration resulting in three baptisms and the church strengthened in number and courage. Others promised to meet for worship with them. Just recently these brethren built a new house in town, and are now meeting in it. I am to return in September for another meeting. You will find a welcome at their services. I have just recently conducted a meeting in Ada, Okla., of two weeks duration, without visible results, but crowds and interest were good. These brethren are fortunate in having Bro. J. L. Sims, a gospel preacher of ability and an efficient leader. I am now laboring in the hay field.

Ervin Waters, Box 410, Lebanon, Mo., July 15.—I held a mission meeting at Dogwood, Mo., June 17-27. We have three members there who worship in their home. We came by Lees Summit where I had the pleasure of being with Bro. Homer Gay and Bro. Clovis Cook a few hours each. July 2, we began a meeting at Clio, which closes tonight. July 16, we will begin a meeting at Cross Hollows, near Cassville, Mo., and July 28, we will be at Viola, Mo., for a mission meeting. Aug. 9, the Lord willing, we shall begin a mission meeting at Cross Roads, near Crane, Mo. I rejoice to read the glowing reports from the field.

Ralph E. Mustard, 221 E. Cleveland Ave., Montebello, Calif., July 14.—Since my last report to the paper I have been preaching quite a little for the home churches, Montebello, Monrovia, Siskiyou, and Pomona. I am to begin a meeting the 18th of July at Pomona, Calif., for two weeks duration. Aug. 15th., I am to begin at Richland, Mo., and the Lord willing, I expect to be in Penn., Indiana, and West Va., in Sept. and Oct. Bro. Barney Welch is doing a good work in Calif. Also, Bro. Chester King is doing a noble work, converting many people from the error of their ways. Bro. Welch has certainly made an impression upon the people of this state by the life he lives and the way he conducts himself. He is a fine preacher.

Leslie N. Byford, Box 72, Bellmead, Texas, July 15.—I am happy to report that the congregation here at 1605 So. 4th Waco, Texas, is getting along nicely. The past year we have built and paid for a comfortable building. The last payment was made this month. Bro. King assisted us in a good meeting in June. The members were strengthened and are determined to do more for the Lord. Bro. Lynwood Smith was with us last Lord's Day. We think he is a fine young man and a splendid preacher. There are some young men in the congregation here, who are making progress in the work of the Lord. Bro. Cyrus Holt is anxious to assist in the mission work. Let us all work, watch and pray "for the night cometh when no man can work."

Barney Welch, 136 So. 4th St., Montebello, Calif.—June 27, I closed a two-weeks meeting at Ceres, Calif. Crowds and attention were fine. Four were baptized and one restored. This congregation is young but full of zeal, and seems to possess great wisdom. I was happy to have Brethren Chester King, Jim Russel, Ray Nichols, John Reynolds, also C. R. Worsham, and C. T. Springs attended several services. June 30, accompanied by Brethren Carl Nichols, L. M. Hopkins, and Ray Nichols, I went to Wichita Falls, Texas, staying for the 4th of July meeting. After spending one of the greatest days of my life, enjoying the wonderful hospitality and fellowship of the good brethren from about seven states, I returned to my labor in Calif. June 8, 11, at Monrovia. The night of the 11th I preached at Montebello. Chester King and I are now outlining mission work for the future. I plan to begin a meeting at Monrovia, Aug. 15.

M. J. Buffington, Rte 3, Box 61, Floresville, Texas, July 12th.—June 20th, I closed a good meeting at my home congregation. Although there were no additions, we believe that much good was accomplished. My next meeting was at Ottumwa, Iowa, beginning June 23rd, closing July 6th. The brethren there are planning on doing as much mission work as they possibly can next year. I am certainly glad to know that the mission work in Texas is now under way. However, there are still a few who will emphatically cry, "It's unscriptural!" These brethren have not been able to prove according to the Word, that sending a preacher out into the "fields already white to harvest," is unscriptural. I certainly enjoyed the article selected by Bro. Gay in the June issue, "Christians and the Modern Movie." I also want to give a hearty "Amen!" to the fight against this evil. My next will be at Marlow, Texas, for two weeks, beginning July 17th. "Let us go forth."

Floyd O. Ross., Mahaffey, Pa., June 21.—I was with the brethren at Love Joy (Commodore, Pa.) yesterday with good services, which I enjoyed very much. I was at Flemington, June 12th to 18th., preaching part of the time in the meeting house and part time in a private home in the country near by. Four souls, two men and their wives, were baptized into Christ. I am to be with the faithfud few at Mahaffey next Lord's day. I hope to be able to lead many souls to Christ in this state by preaching to them the simple gospel of Christ. Pray for me, that I may grow in grace and in the the knowledge of Christ.

Lynwood Smith, Marion, La., July 19.—While in Missouri, I preached several times at the Lees Summit and the Lebanon churches. I enjoyed a good visit in the Homer A. Gay home. This was one of the most pleasant experiences of my life. I returned to Miss., for a few days before going to Wichita Falls, where Bro. King was in a series of meetings, embracing July 4, which was much enjoyed by me. My next was at Temple, Texas, where Bro. Cook was in a meeting.

I preached there July 7, and a soldier made the confession, but failed to come back for baptism. July 11, I preached at Waco, Texas. In company with Bro. Cook, I returned to Wichita Falls, preaching there Monday night, assisting in the Wednesday night lesson. Friday night, en route to Marion, we stopped over at Magnolia, Ark., where Bro. Cook and I spoke to the boys in the CPS Camp. I had the pleasure of meeting Brethren Howard King and Leonard Hendrickson. We had a very nice visit. The meeting at Marion is starting off in a nice way.

Paul O. Nichols, 849 Wilcox Ave., Hollywood, Calif., July 17.—The meeting at Eola, Texas, closed at the water of the Kickapoo River, with five baptisms. The meeting at Portales, New Mex., began June 20, with three sermons that day, closing July 2, without additions. The church here is really zealous, having conducted two meetings and a singing school this year. I accompanied Bro. J. V. Speights, of Littlefield, Texas, to Wichita Falls, Texas, to attend the all-day meeting, July 4, which was a great success. A more detailed report is given elsewhere. I am now in a meeting at a place called Pulltite, 17 miles north of Abilene. The first discourse was delivered by Bro. Albert Bledsoe, father of Jack Bledsoe, a young preacher. The crowds have been increasing nightly. I go next to San Angelo. Let us ever press onward and upward, with the cross of Christ in view.

Homer L. King, Rte. 2, Lebanon, Missouri, July 20.—From Waco, Texas, I went to Wichita Falls for about eight days of preaching, closing July 4, with five baptized and four confessions of faults. The attendance and interest were certainly fine, reaching the climax July 3 and 4th. I consider this one of the best meetings I ever held in some ways. The church on North 6th St. are to be commemded for their zeal, labor of love, and unstinted hospitality. The all-day meeting, July 4, was one of the best I ever attended, and the crowd was unusually large, with many congregations, from a number of states, represented. We shall not soon forget the Christian association, the admonition, the good singing, hospitality, and the bountiful basket lunch at the noon hour. 250 people were present at the morning worship, and 183 Communed. Yes, we used one drinking vessel (no refill) and one loaf; all were served in about 30 minutes, with plenty to spare for many more. As I remember, the collection that day was over $138.00. My next meeting was at the Carter Church, near Davidson, Okla., closing July 14, with five confessions of faults. It was a treat to be with these good brethren again. Bro. Ray Nichols, a young preacher, of Hollywood, Calif., was with me here, rendering valuable assistance in singing and otherwise. He is with me in my home now and goes with me to Sentinel, Okla., July 25. I am to be at Council Hill, Okla., to begin Aug. 15. Write me there, G. D.

James R. Stewart, Temple, Texas, July 12.—On June 13, we had three services and a basket lunch with the Live Oak brethren, baptizing one. I had the pleasure of visiting a few nights in Bro. King's meeting at Waco, where the church is doing fine. My next was with the brethren in Houston, June 18-27, with three restored (one from the S.S. and cups). While the crowds were small, yet all seemed to enjoy the services. Bro. John Spradley, Jr., is their leader. I enjoyed the visit with all the brethren, and they asked me to return in September for a 20-days meeting, with Bro. M. J. Buffington assisting. Bro. Joe Castleman came home with me, preaching once in Temple and at White Hall. He needs to be in the field. Call him, brethren. I visited one night in Bro. Cook's meeting in Temple, and all seemed to appreciate him and his preaching very much. July 4, we were at the all-day meeting at Wichita Falls, and words fail me as I try express my enjoyment of the day with all the old time and new friends. The night of July 4, I began a meeting at Devol, Okla. We continued until the 11th., with three restored, and the church took on new life. Bro. A. A. Patterson is laboring with these brethren. I am to start another mission meeting soon.

Clovis T. Cook, Marion, La., July 19.—The meeting at Healdton resulted in three baptisms and one confession of faults. This was my first effort at this place, but I enjoyed it very much. En route to Temple, Texas, I visited in Bro. King's meeting at Wichita Falls for two nights. I closed at Temple, July 11, with one confession for baptism and one confession of faults. Bro. Lynwood Smith was with me almost a week in this meeting. We returned to Wichita Falls, where Bro. Lynwood preached the 12th. The 15th of July, we visited with brethren at the Carter church. July 16, we visited some of the boys in the CPS Camp, Magnolia, Ark. The boys of the Church of Christ were having regular services that night, and we assisted in the teaching. My impression of this place is much better than ever before. The director and his wife were certainly nice to us, and we stayed over night with them. We ate with the boys, talked Bible with them. My wife was entertained in the home of the director, but Bro. Lynwood, my son, Travis, also Travis Cogburn, and I, slept as the rest of the boys. We learned much about the camp and its system of finances, and I believe we should help support this work. If you doubt anything, just visit this camp. We began at Marion, La., July 16, and Bro. Lynwood is still with me. He is showing a wonderful improvement, and I believe he is among the best of the young men starting out in the work. The meeting starts off in an encouraging way, with one confession of faults and good crowds.

Homer A. Gay, Shreveport, La., July 15th.—I closed the meeting at Harrodsburg, Ind., June 20th, with seven baptisms and two restored—one from the Christian church. We had good crowds and good interest. Had a number of visitors from various places. I was glad to be with these good folks again, and I promised to return for more preaching this fall. June 27th, I was with the home congregation and took part in the teaching service. After the rest at home I felt better; came to Shreveport, and began the meeting July 4th. We are having a nice meeting, tho our crowds have been cut down the past two nights on account of the ban on gatherings of children under 14 years old, because of the presence of Infantile paralysis. We are expecting some of the boys from the C. P. S. camp at Magnolia, Ark., with us over this week-end. Bro. H. E. Hampton, of this place, is with me in the meeting and is a great help. He is a willing yokefellow and loyal to the cause. I am to close Lord's day, the 25th, and begin a singing school the next night to continue for the rest of this month, after which I hope to go home to rest. My health is holding up pretty good, and by being extra careful about my diet, I hope to be able to continue in the work.

"THE HEART" FROM A BIBLE STANDPOINT

Very often we hear someone say, "God has saved me, I have received the spirit, and I can feel it down in this old heart of mine." Then they pat that region of the body which is over the physical heart. These people misunderstand what the Bible heart is. I insist that their conception of the Bible heart is wrong. From the following scriptures we will find what the heart does.

1. The heart thinks (Matt. 9:4).
2. The heart reasons (Mk. 2:6).
3. The heart understands (Matt. 13:15).
4. The heart believes (Rom. 10:10).
5. The heart intends (Heb. 4:12).
6. We obey from the heart (Rom. 6:17).
7. The heart knows (Prov. 14:10).
8. The heart doubts (Mk. 11:23).
9. The heart purposes (2Cor. 9:7).
10. The heart devises (Prov. 16:9).
11. The heart desires (Rom. 10:1).
12. The heart loves (Matt. 22:39).

The heart may be impenitent (Rom. 2:5). We may possess a "double heart" (1 Cor. 12:33). To be "double hearted" is to be "double minded". Jas. 1:8, "A double minded man is unstable in all his ways."

One who is willing to take the scriptures cannot fail to learn what is meant by the word "heart" in the Bible. The spiritual heart is the mind. The Lord opened Lydia's heart (Acts 16;14). He opened, not the physical heart, but the mental heart, for if the physical heart is opened the blood pours out and the body becomes dead. When the word of God is preached to a man who has never heard the gospel, his heart is opened. He thinks, reasons, understands and believes. His mind is changed from evil to righteousness. He immediately asks, "What must I do to be saved?" Shall we tell him to pray to God for salvation? No. Let us answer in Peter's words, "Repent and be baptized everyone of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins." (Acts 2:38). If your heart is not right with God, I insist that you get it right and keep it right for then you will have the promise of a home in heaven beyond this vale of sin and tears.

—Lester Cullem, Ardmore, Okla.

PASSED ON

Burd.—Sister Dwanza Burd, daughter of Guy Burd, Rte. 2, Lebanon, Missouri, was born June 20, 1927; departed this life June 6, 1943, being nearly 16 years of age. The end came after a lingering illness, said by the physicians to be internal cancer.

Sister Dwanza obeyed the gospel in 1941 under the preaching of Brother Fred Kirbo, at the Lebanon Church of Christ, where she held membership for a while, but was also a member of the Lees Summit church at the time of her death. She was a lovable and devoted Christian and will be missed in the home and in the church.

Dwanza leaves to mourn her passing, her father, one sister, Mrs. Paul Triplett; three brothers, Bert Vernon, and Dennis; her mother having preceded her in death. Our very tender sympathy is extended to all the bereaved.

Funeral services were conducted by the writer in the Lees Summit church and interment was in the New Hope Cemetery. —Homer L. King.

Garrison. —Mary Lutisha Garrison was born April 30, 1856; departed this life July 19, 1943, being over 87 years of age.

In 1872 she was united in matrimony to John Henson; to which union two children were born, Lucy Jane and Lafayette.

Her husband and daughter preceded her in death. She leaves to mourn her passing, her son, five grand children, four great grand children, a number of nieces and nephews, among whom is Bro. H. E. Robertson; also a number of other relatives and friends. She was loved by all who knew her.

Funeral services were conducted by the writer, and interment was in the Phillipsburg cemetery. Our sympathy to the bereaved.

—Homer L. King

Wells.—Pvt. Robert Adson Wells was born Feb. 23, 1908; departed this life June 1, 1943; having resided in Carter County for the past 30 years. He obeyed the gospel in 1936. In 1931, he married Miss Daisy Mae Payton.

He leaves behind, his widow, parents, four brothers, one uncle, three aunts, and a number of other relatives and friends. Our sympathy is extended to the bereaved.

—Tom E. Smith

I SHALL BE GLAD WITHIN ME

No grey dawn shall darken
The sunshine of my soul;
No storm shall drench
The gladness that now rolls.

God meant me to be hungry,
So I shall seek to find,
Wisdom, truth and beauty
To satisfy my mind.

God meant me to be lonely,
Lest I should wish to stay
In some green earthly eden
Too long from Heaven away.

God meant me to be weary,
That I should yearn to rest,
This feeble aching body
Deep in the earth's dark breast.

(Selected by Mrs. Albert Phillips)

OUR HELPERS

Here are the subs. received by us for the past month and the names of our helpers. Many thanks to all for their faithful interest in the welfare of the paper. It would greatly increase our readers and strength if all who can could send at least two new subs. every month. We continue the special trial offer of 50c for the first year; $1.00 to all renewals.

M. J. Buffington—8; James R. Stewart—8; Barney Welch—5; Homer A. Gay—5; Homer L. King—5; Guy Mallory—4; Ervin Waters—4; Mrs. W. L. Rawdon—3; Mrs. T. L. Modgling—2; Carlos Smith—2;Paul Nichols—2;E. J. Smith—2; Fred Kirbo—2; Mrs. Cora Campbell—2; R. L. Baker—2; Mrs. R. R. Kramer—2; Clovis T. Cook—2; C. W. Carson—1; L. C. England—1; Lucy E. Turley—1; C. C. Cleary—1; Estilene Voyles—1; Ray Nichols—2; Miss Inez Cope—1; L. S. Clements—1; Mrs. Wade Tindall—1; J. F. Graham—1; Mrs. C. G. King—1; J. P. Whigham—1; Mrs. E. W. Bever—1; Houston Martin—1; E. E. Wright—1; C. H. Lee—1; Total 77.

ALL-DAY MEETING

The all-day meeting, July 4, at Wichita Falls, Texas was a great success. There were eight states represented, from West Virginia to California, and from Nebraska to the Gulf of Mexico.

Many preachers were present, and although they were limited to 10 minutes each in the afternoon, it is doubtful if all had an opportunity to speak. Unity and Purity of Life were the subjects stressed. The singing was very uplifting, and there was a lot of it.

At the morning service, H. C. Welch, Tom E. Smith, and James R. Stewart spoke to edification. Barney Welch served at the Lord's Table. It was reported that 250 people were present at that meeting, and 183 Communed. One loaf and one drinking vessel as the Bible authorizes were used, and the collection was over $138.00, I believe.

The North Sixth Street Church of Christ is to be commended for the hospitality manifested in taking the many brethren into their homes, especially the ones who came from a distance, arriving one or two days before the all-day meeting. Let all brethren everywhere take note and follow the example.

The next such meeting was decided to be held again at the same place, as Wichita Falls is a good central location.

—Paul O. Nichols

WELCH-TITLOW

July 3, 1943, at Wichita Falls, Texas, I officiated in uniting in Holy bonds of matrimony, H. C. Welch, Jr., and Bessie Marie Titlow, both of Belton, Texas.

They are well trained. Both are devoted Christians, having been reared by Christian parents. As they launch out into the activities of companionship, we wish for them a long, prosperous, and happy life, as they toil together in the vineyard of their Master. We pray that they may face the obstacles of the future bravely and faithfully.

—Barney D. Welch.

Ye num'rous sects
which all declare
"Lo Christ is here.
Lo Christ is there."

Your stronger proofs
divinely give
And show me where
the Christians live.

OLD PATHS ADVOCATE

"Where is Thy Church,
O, Savior, where?"
I heard the cry,
and then I heard:

"Here is My Church
where men still dare
To take Me at My word."

"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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THE EVANGELIST AND MISSION WORK

I note in the last few years a number of congregations are awakening to the crying need of having the gospel preached and are trying to do something about it. In different localities congregations have cooperated in their efforts to support the evangelist while he does the preaching.

This, like every other move, that has ever been made by the church to spread the gospel, has been opposed by some who see only the mistakes that may come from such work.

We always find some who are opposed to any one doing anything, which they themselves are not doing. It would be easy for us to allow ourselves to think, that we are the only ones who know exactly how to do everything, but then, how could we "teach and admonish each other"?

Personally, I believe that if every congregation that is financially able (and most of them are), would support a preacher and keep him out in the evangelistic field all the time, it would be a wonderful work. But where one congregation is not able and two or three others agree to cooperate with them in the work, I do not see that it is an organization, but merely a cooperation as was practiced by the churches in Paul's day. He says, in 2 Cor. 12:13, "I robbed other **churches**, taking **wages** of them to do you service." Notice that the **churches** (plural), More than one congregation contributed to this missionary effort. Another thing I would like for us to notice right here is that they supported Paul here, even after a congregation was established. Some of the brethren seem to think that the only place a preacher does mission work is out in the back-woods, where they have never heard of the gospel. But, Paul visited the congregations again and again, confirming them in the gospel. We wish to notice, too, that Paul said he "took **wages**" from these congregations. This seems to be the most objectionable part of the work now being done by a number of the brethren, is, they feel that it is wrong for the preacher to know anything about how much he is to get for the work. They say, "If he knows he is going to be paid, then he makes it a money proposition, and will refuse to go and preach unless he knows he is going to receive his pay." But, that is the fault of the preacher, and not of the plan. Preachers may, and often do, get into the same habit in holding protracted meetings, that is hunt for the good paying congregations, and neglect those who are less able to pay, but that does not make it wrong to hold protracted meetings.

I would like to say right here that when any preacher reaches the point where he is afraid or ashamed to work with his hands, he is too proud to be a gospel preacher. Of course, when he is kept busy preaching all of the time he does not have the time to do other work, and the brethren who keep him busy preaching owe him for his time, for "the labourer is worthy of his **hire**" (Lk. 10:7). I have always felt that if a preacher invites himself to a place to preach he should not expect the brethren to pay him, but when brethren **hire** him they are duty bound to pay him his wages. Too many times the preaching of the gospel does not have the effect the brethren expect, all because the evangelist is broke, "thumbs a ride" and is poorly clad, and this all because the **brethren did not pay him his wages**, that were justly due him. Many brethren will pay a painter $1.50 per hour to beautify their home, when they would not think of giving the preacher a dollar a week to try to save the souls of his children!

I believe the grace and duty of giving should be taught and stressed until every gospel preacher in the brotherhood is supported and kept busy preaching the gospel. Then will souls be converted to the Lord; churches will be built and the brethren will not be ashamed of their ministry. But as long as the preachers are kept in poverty, and the members are untaught on the subject of giving, we will be confronted with the things we have gone through with for the last twenty-five years, and more. When the brethren go out to work for the preacher, they want to know **how much** he is going to **pay**, and **when**; but with some it is a horrible sin if the preacher knows anything about how much he is going to be paid for his service. If the preacher could satisfy his merchant and banker by saying, "the brethren will help me," it would be different, but they know better than to believe the brethren on this point.

So, brethren it looks to me like it is time for the congregations to get behind the preachers and pay them a decent wage, and let them get out on the "highways and byways of sin" and find those souls who are lost in sin; establish new congregations. and build them up. The labourers are so few" at the most; cannot we keep all of them busy?

In 2 Cor. 10:15-16, we read: "But having hope when your faith is increased, that we shall be enlarged by you according to our rule abundantly, to preach the gospel in regions beyond you." So, Paul said it was the **rule** of the Apostles for the congregations to support the preacher and let

him preach the gospel to others.

Written in love of the cause, and with a hope of causing all to think and talk and write more upon the subject—whether you agree with me or not.

—Homer A. Gay.

P. S. No, I am not wanting a job. I have a living.
H. A. G.

AS THEY SEE IT

(The following letter was sent to me by the father of the writer, and we pass it on to you who are on the outside, enjoying the blessings of God in the freedom of worship, etc.)

"I would like for the true members of the Church of Christ to read a short article from a boy in uniform; that despite the terrible conditions which he faces, is trying to live according to the Holy Scriptures.

When I registered at my local board, I signed as a C. O. to combative military duty. My local board refused to give me much consideration in the matter, but later did recommend me for noncombative service.

I trained seven months with an infantry rifle company, the hardest and most rigid training, I believe, that any soldier undergoes. I went to my officers time and again, asking for a transfer to noncombative duty. The transfer was finally granted, having been put through by my company commander, who was a sympathetic man, and who understood my position, and I was transferred to the Medical Detachment.

When in camp there is no worship conducted according to the Scriptures. I met a member of the Church of Christ, and we arranged to use one room of the chapel for the Communion service. We both knew it was our duty to honor our Lord in the memorial service, whenever possible. We had with us, part of the time, two Baptist boys, who were willing to come together with us to study the Bible. I trust the Lord will look down on our feeble efforts to serve Him in mercy and accept it.

Possibly, before too long, God will create in the hearts of the rulers of the world to bring this horrible conflict to an end. Meanwhile, we all should strive with all our might to live our best, as directed by God's holy word. Let us all dwell together in love, praying for one another, for in so doing we will all be strengthened and given courage and grace to endure unto the end in faith."

P.F.C. Kirby Wilks, 5th Inf.,
Medical Detachment,
Camp Carson, Colorado.

FROM ROY BILL

(Since Bro. Roy Bill Modgling, formerly of Seminole, Oklahoma, but now somewhere in North Africa, (I suppose), is well known to many of our readers; I know his remarks will be of interest to all who know him.

From a recent letter to his younger brother, T. L.:

"It seems as if the war would go on forever. I am looking for at least four years more of it, and I am wondering if I can bear-up through it—it is so awfully boresome; almost like being in prison, isn't it?

I hope you can spend as much time in school as possible, for foreign service is not a lot of fun. Many times it is quite bitter. I would advise you not to yearn for it. You are very fortunate to be able to go to town one night each week.

When you think your chow is rugged, or your bed hard, or that you are not getting off enough, just think of men 10,000 miles from home, in a foreign country, living in pup-tents, sleeping on the ground, eating out of mess kits; feeling it is a luxury to have a piece of hard French bread, for a change from the hard army biscuits (dog-biscuits is really what they look like), with spom and spinach the leading diets. Flies and mosquitoes are so think that you have no peace day nor night. Flies attack by day and dive-bombing mosquitoes by night. Sand blowing so thick at times you can't see 5 feet ahead of you; feeling it sift down your neck, getting it between your teeth, and eating it in your chow.

Yes, you fellows back there are having it pretty tough, but you can find a lot for which to be thankful, really. Of course, I could go on until midnight telling you what it is like here, but I guess there is no use. But, don't be ungrateful and don't forget there is a war going on.

—Pfc. R. B. Modgling, 1032nd Sig. Co. Sn. Gp.,
A. P. O. 528, % Post Master, New York City.

FROM BROTHER HENDRICKSON

Magnolia, Arkansas, August 3, 1943.

Dear Brother King:

Enclosed you will find a receipt for $30.00 acknowledging the contribution for my maintenance here in C. P. S. This contribution will be shown on our books for the month of August, 1943.

Until lately I have been very much ashamed and greatly embarrassed because of the slothfulness of the church in regard to the support of C.P.S., but we don't support it. We talk about it and preach it from the pulpit, and we all realize that to enter C.P.S. is to take a stand against the devil and his forces; yet, we do nothing especially, to make the movement successful. Personally, I believe in **applied Christianity**—we have too much of the other kind in the world now. A great many of us have worked in war plants, and a great many more have helped to build arms, which actually is nothing more nor less than supporting the war effort. On the other hand, how many have helped to support the **Peace Effort?** Are we always practical and consistent in what we preach and believe, or do we sometimes hesitate to inconvenience ourselves in order that we may help the cause of Christ? I am thankful that some of my brothers in Christ believe as I do; that if a thing is right, it should be supported. It is one thing to **hear** the Gospel of Christ, and another thing to **do** the Gospel of Christ. Only a few Christians today seem to realize that war is putting into our minds **hatred** where there should be **love,** drunkenness where there should be **sobriety,** and **lying (propaganda)** where there should be **truth.**

This contribution that I am now acknowledging indicates to me that there are a few thinking and acting Christians, who have come to realize the truth about war. Bro. King, I appreciate men like you. Without men of your type our stand here in C. P. S. is doomed. I am certainly grateful to you and the brethren, who have contributed to the maintenance of us boys, and are helping to keep in existence these camps for all Church of Christ boys, who are faithful and loyal to the New Testament teachings.

—Leonard Hendrickson.

CHURCH BUILDINGS

I have learned that many are greatly handicapped by lack of a sufficient place to meet. This is a general condition. With the world as it is, these things are almost beyond our control. Many fine brethren in this state are confronted with the same problem, but do not let that prevent you from carrying on. Let us make the best of it we can, and pray for the better conditions. There are some who can build. Those who are meeting in Huntington, W. Va., can. May I encourage all who can to help these brethren. I have labored with them. They need a place. They have zeal, but are financially handicapped. Bro. Leonard has been tried and proven to be "true gold." Can we help bear their burden? Also, I learn that at Abilene Texas, they are trying to build. May the Lord help us to use wisely the finances we have.

—Barney Welch.

SPECIAL NOTICE, PREACHERS!

Much interest is being manifested in both the church directory and the proposed book of sermons by the loyal preachers. We ask that you urge the brethren to send us the exact location of their meeting place and the hour of the day they meet to "break bread." Furthermore, more interest is being shown by every body else than you preachers in the proposed book of sermons. Now, since that I am not a mind reader, unless you tell what you think of the idea, I have no way of knowing. So, **wake up** and **speak up**, that I may know your attitude and desire in the matter.

Too, we are considering compiling a new song book in the near future, since it is pretty difficult to get what we want otherwise. Are you interested? Don't forget to work for subs. wherever you go, please.

—Homer L. King.

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

"The expiration of my sub. is very near, and I do not want to miss a single issue, so here is my renewal. You are doing a fine work with the paper. My prayers are that you will continue." —E. A. Newman, California.

"Here is the money for the subs. May the joy of God's blessings be with you, always." —B. F. Leonard, West Va.

"We enjoy the paper more every month. May we be remembered in your prayers." —Edgar Claywell, California.

"I am enclosing a sub. to the OPA. We all hope how soon you can be back with us." —W. C. Skeens, West Va.

"I have been looking for the OPA to arrive. I think we all enjoy it more since we are here and do not know what is going on over the brotherhood. The brethren seem to be waking up to their responsibility concerning this work. We certainly did enjoy the visits by the brethren." —Howard W. King, Arkansas.

"I am thanking you for sending the OPA on, and I am enclosing my renewal." —Mrs. R. J. Alsip, Texas.

"The July issue of the OPA was the best yet, I believe. I am glad to note the work and interest by the preachers and churches. Pal, I would like to see you and talk with you."—Chas. D. Palmer, Alabama.

"You will find my renewal enclosed, for I do not want to miss an issue. I hope you and family are well." —Mrs. M. F. Paslay, Oklahoma.

"We certainly did enjoy the last two issues of the OPA. I hope you preachers do put out a book of sermons, for I certainly want one. I pray that you are well and will stay that way. We mean to send our contribution to help in the work soon." —Mrs. Nola Milner, Ohio.

"I surely do enjoy reading the OPA, and I don't want to miss an issue of it. Find my renewal." —Gerelene Gentry, Oklahoma.

"Here are two subs., and I hope to send in more in the future. Best wishes to you and all." —Mrs. A. B. Coble, Missouri.

"I have enjoyed the OPA very much, and I don't want to miss an issue." —J. R. Brown, New Mex.

"I received two copies of the OPA and appreciated it very much. Please, send it to my husband." —Mrs. E. E. Miller, Ky.

"We surely enjoy reading your paper, and we would appreciate getting it." —H. Fitzgerald, Arkansas.

PASSED ON

Rolison and Mountain.—I have recently learned of the death of Sister Pearl Rolison, and of Bro. John Mountain, both of Ottumwa, Iowa. They were loyal, faithful members of the church of Christ and will be greatly missed from their places. Sister Rolison died July 21st, and Bro. Mountain died July 28th. Bro. Mountain was a brother-in-law to our beloved Brother Burley F. Black, and Sister Rolison was Bro. Black's sister.

My deepest sympathies go out to the bereaved ones, and may we realize now as never before that Jesus alone can give comfort in death and a hope beyond the grave. —Homer A. Gay.

Moore.—Sister J. W. Moore, Stockdale, Texas, was born March 28, 1854; departed this life Aug. 2, 1943. being 89 years of age. She obeyed the gospel at the age of 14 in the state of Tennessee.

Her husband preceded her in death October 16, 1941. To this union 10 children were born. She leaves to mourn her passing, 8 children, 28 grand children, 31 great grand children, and 3 great, great grand children. Our sympathy goes out to the bereaved ones. Funeral services were conducted by the writer.

—James R. Stewart.

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"PICTURES OF LIFE"

A young man was studying to be an artist, a painter. He studied for years under an old teacher, and then set up a studio of his own. He had dreamed, as all artists do, that some day he would paint a **masterpiece**, and after working several years in his own studio he said, "The time has come when I must paint my picture."

And so, when canvas had been stretched, palette and paint ready, he began the outlines of what he hoped would be a masterpiece.

One day he was out of the studio, leaving brush and paint and picture just begun. While he was gone the old teacher who had known his heart and mind and aspirations all through the years, came in, studied that outline for a little while, and then dipping the brush into the paint, in big rough letters wrote, entirely across the face of the picture, "A-m-p-l-i-u-s," the Latin word that means "**wider.**" Laying down his brush he went his way. Soon the young artist came in and at once saw the picture with the rough letters across its face, and said, "Who dared spoil my picture like that," and then he looked carefully and said, "Oh, the master has been here, the teacher, it must have been he," and then he spelled out those letters, "A-m-p-l-i-u-s," "wider." What did he mean? Can he mean that my picture is too narrow and too cramped in this perspective, that I need a **wider view?**" He must have meant that, and so the young artist painted over that outline as artists know how to do and began his picture anew, with a **"wider view,"** and he did paint one of the world's masterpieces.

We are all painters, painting not on canvas that will some day crumble back to dust like that artist was painting, but painting on enduring canvas of the human soul, our own soul's picture of Jesus Christ, the most beautiful picture of which the human soul can conceive, and I wonder if our Teacher, who is Jesus Himself, as He looks over our work, woud not, in many instances, say **"Amplius," wider.** Our conceptions of Jesus and what it means to be a Christian are so narrow, so short, so low, so shallow, so cramped, and so far from being filled with all the fullness and blessings of God!

—Clarence C. Kessinger.

WANTS A LOCATION

Brother K. G. Wilks, box 595, Eagle Pass, Texas, would like to farm or ranch for a brother in Christ, who needs a man, reared on the farm, loves the life and work, and his wife is a farm woman; family healthy, boy 14 years of age, others younger. Compensation must be ample, but not necessarily all money. If interested, write him as above.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Contributions toward defraying the expenses of our boys in the C. P. S. Camps:

Chester B. King, evangelist, Monrovia	$ 5.00
A sister in Texas	5.00
A sister in Mississippi	5.00
Marysville, Calif., Church of Christ	5.00
A brother of Siskiyou St. Church of Christ	10.00
Sister Nichols, of Siskiyou St. Church of Christ	10.00
A sister, the Siskiyou St. Church of Christ	20.00
Stockton, Calif., Church of Christ	25.00
Lodi, Calif., Church of Christ	50.00
Total	$135.00

Many thanks to all.

—Carl N. Nichols, 849 Wilcox Ave., Hollywood, Calif.

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Personal Needs

Lees Summit Church of Christ, by Herschel Massie	$25.00
Individuals, of San Antonio, Tex., Church by J. E. James	25.00
Wesson, Miss., Church of Christ, Carlos Smith	10.00
Clayton, Ark., Church of Christ, E. J. Barnes	5.50
Total	$65.50

We have not as yet received the monthly contribution of some, for August. Let us be regular and prompt in this matter, brethren. Thanks to all for their kind consideration. Since the other report, one from Magnolia has been sent home to work on the farm, leaving three of our boys there, and the two who were in Lyndhurst, Va., have been transferred to a hospital in that state, but I hear that one more has been sent to Lyndhurst, and we still have one in Calif., which leaves but five to be supported. Since I had on hands before the above contribution, $102.00, I am able to send the boys each $30.00 this month. Let us keep up this rate each month, and it will take care of them.

—Homer L. King, Rte. 2, Lebanon, Missouri.

OUR HELPERS

Here you will find the names of our helpers, who have sent us one or more subscriptions and were received by us, July 20 to August 20. Always check this list for your acknowledgment, and report any errors to us at once. Many thanks to all for the continued interest in the only paper of its kind. We continue the special trial offer of 50c for the first year, but the regular price to all renewals is $1.00 the year.

John L. Reynolds—10; Ralph Mustard—9; Clovis T. Cook—7; L. H. Stafford—6; M. W. Sanders—6; B. F. Leonard—5; Homer L. King—5; Paul Nichols—4; M. J. Buffington—4; E. A. Newman—3; Jim Stevens—3; Jesse Waters—3; Carlos B. Smith—2; Geo. Rozzell—2; James R. Stewart—2; Mrs. A. B. Coble—2; Chester King—2; Floyd Ross—2; H. E. Robertson—2; J. S. Thomas—1; A. B. Rush—1; F. K. Reeves—1; Mrs. Ruth Hogland—1; W. W. Wilks—1; E. H. Miller—1; W. C. Skeens—1; Mrs. A. J. Alsip—1; C. H. Lee—1; Lee R. Williams—1; Ervin Waters—1; Mrs. M. F. Paslay—1; Joe H. Howard—1; Gerelene Gentry—1; Mrs. E. E. Miller—1; Total 94.

From the Fields

W. C. Skeens, Rte. 4, Huntington, W. Va., Aug. 4.—We are thankful to report that all here are well and getting along nicely. We are waiting with anxiety the return of Brother King to this part for another meeting.

J. L. Sims, Rte. 4, Ada, Oklahoma, Aug. 13.—The West Sixth Street church, this city, have recently made some much needed repairs on our church building, both inside and out, and we would like a short meeting by Bro. King soon, as he helped to establish this church a few years ago.

B. F. Leonard, 1714 Jackson Ave., Huntington, W. Va., Aug. 14.—We now have over $700.00 to begin our new church building. I believe things look brighter for the cause here now, as there seems to be a better understanding among all. We are looking forward to a visit by Bro. Gay soon.

Batsell Moore, Box 34, Pitcher, New York, July 29.—Although time of my own is almost a thing of the past, I want to let you know I am still striving to hold the banner high. I like the idea of a church directory in the OPA. I am pleased with the contributions to the boys in the CPS Camps, although I am now supporting myself, May the good work continue.

Sam Smith, Rte. 1, Wesson, Miss., Aug. 10.—Our meeting began July 30, and continued over two Lord's days, with two baptized and much good otherwise done. Brother H. E. Robertson did the preaching. We all learned to love and appreciate him for his work's sake. We believe he is a good man and a good preacher of the gospel.

Ray Nichols, 849 Wilcox Ave., Hollywood, Calif., Aug. 16.—I was with Brother King in a meeting at Sentinel, Okla., of two weeks duration. I preached once and assisted in the song leading, also did some private work. I am now with Bro. Ervin Waters in a meeting, at Cross Roads, Mo., having preached once. My brother, Paul, was with us two nights, preaching once.

G. A. Canfield (colored), Marion, La., Rte. 1, Aug. 10.—Brother Robert Adams, of Wesson, Miss., just closed a meeting, with two additions, here. Others were almost persuaded. Brother Adams is just a young preacher—two years old in the gospel, but he is good and is sound in the faith. You can depend on him to "contend earnestly for the faith, once delivered."

Lee R. Williams, McAlester, Oklahoma, Aug. 14.—Although it has been sometime since I reported to the OPA, yet we are getting along very well for a small congregation. We are looking forward to a mission meeting the latter part of September; Bro. King doing the peraching. We have bought a lot on which to build.

V. B. Banks, Hiwasee, Ark., July 26.—Brother L. B. Badgett, of Port Arthur, Texas, closed a series of meeting (15 days), near the above place, July 25, with one addition. The crowds were large and the interest unusually good. From here he went to Joy, Okla. for a series of meetings. He is to return here in early September for another effort.

Newton C. Reeves, Southwestern State Hospital, Marion, Va., Aug. 12.—I want to thank the faithful brethren for the contributions sents to me, while I was in the C.P.S. Camp. Bro. Travis Cogburn and I have been transferred to the above hospital. I think, I will like it pretty well, but I shall wait until next issue to comment, as I have not been here long enough to know much about it.

L. H. Stafford, Greenfield, Calif., Aug. 7.—We have been handicapped here, due to a lack of competent leadership. For a long time, I have been the only male member to take the lead; but thank the Lord, we now have another family on the Lord's side, containing a brother who is able to help with the work. We appreciate Bro. Burdine's help very much.

W. W. Wilks, Rte. 4, Dublin, Texas, Aug. 11.—I preached last Lord's day and Saturday night at Hamilton, Texas, to a good audience, and one was restored. I go next Lord's day to Cottonwood, in Brown County.

Ira Baker, Cameron, Texas, Aug. 17.—Our meeting closed August 1, with 4 added to the church, and the church much strengthened. We enjoyed having Bro. Buffington and his wife with us. His sermons were fine, and we are looking forward to their return next year, the Lord willing. We heard Bro. Fred Kirbo at Sand Grove, last Lord's day, which was very good.

E. H. Miller, 1003 Truitt Ave., LaGrange, Ga., August 10.—I have just closed two meetings in Ala., with three baptized and one restored. One of the meetings was a mission point, but we had good attendance and attention, and several expressed interest in obeying the gospel. I am hoping that a church can be established there. Brother Holmes and his wife have the worship in their home every Lord's day. I am interested in the book of sermons.

Jesse Waters, 3637 N.W. 12th St., Oklahoma City, Okla., Aug 16.—The church here is still gaining ground, and we are looking forward to better things here, for we "believe that He is a rewarder of them who diligently seek Him." We recently heard a good sermon by Bro. Clovis Cook in his meeting at the Washington church.

Ira Baker, Rte. 1, Milano, Texas, July 29.—Our meeting at Marlow with Bro. Buffington, is doing much good. Two have been baptized, and we have hopes of more. Bro. Buffington is a good teacher and all are taking much interest. The brethren, from Sand Grove and Gause, also Bro. Joe Castleman, have been with us some.

W. W. Wilks, Rte. 4, Dublin, Texas, Aug. 3.—July 25, Bro. Clarence Snodgrass and I closed a meeting at Cottonwood, near Grosvenor. Although there were no baptisms, the interest was good, and I believe much good was accohplished. Aug. 1, I closed a meeting at Cross Roads, Somervell County, with two baptized and a confession of faults.

A. B. Loudermilk, Cottonwood, Texas, July 27.—Our meeting closed last Lord's day, with Brethren W. W. Wilks and Clarence Snodgrass doing the preaching, which was enjoyed by all. Bro. Wilks preaches for us each third Lord's day. We invite all loyal preachers to stop by with us. Though few in number, we are holding on. Pray for us, brethren.

Floyd Ross, 419 James St., Lock Haven, Pa., August 19.—During my stay with the Commodore brethren, Aug. 1-8, four were baptized into Christ. Also, two, of my home congregation, Mahaffy, were baptized. I came to Flemington, August 10, for a series of meetings, and to date five have been baptized and one restored to the faith. Thank God for the power of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Chester King, 211½ N. Poppy Ave., Morovia, Calif., Aug. 16.—I am now in a mission meeting at Clovis, Calif. The prospects for the establishment of a congregation here are good. We have no digressive nor innovationists brethren to oppose our efforts. As we begin the second week, we are expecting some for baptism soon. Bro. Barney Welch and I recently

held a mission meeting at Waterford, where we left a few to worship the Bible way.

Edgar Claywell, 442 E. Ralston, Ontario, Calif., August 17.—Brother Barney Welch began a meeting at Morovia last Lord's day. You will note that we have moved to the address above. May we be remembered in your prayers.

Carlos B. Smith, Rte. 1, Box 150, Wesson, Miss., Aug. 12.—Our meeting was a great success, beginning July 30, continuing over two Lord's days. Two were baptized and the church greatly strengthened, by Bro. Robertson's efforts. We were glad to have Brethren Newton Reeves, Sonny Gay, L. L. Red and family, and some from Hammond, La., to attend the meeting, which was much help.

Robert Falvey, Wesson, Miss., Aug. 6.—I arrived home July 3, after spending eight months in Calif. I especially enjoyed being in the good Christian home of Bro. Carl N. Nichols. If all homes were like this one, this world would be in better condition. I preached at New Salem, July 4. July 10-15, I preached at Hammond, La., July 18, at Red Oak Grove, and July 26, at New Salem again. I am enjoying the meeting by Bro. Robertson.

Leonard Hendrickson, Box 31, Magnolia, Arkansas, August 3.—We have enjoyed having Brethren Clovis Cook and wife, Homer Gay, and Lynwood Smith to visit and teach us in the camp. We want all faithful ones to know that we not only invite them, but that we insist on their doing so. I am certainly grateful to Bro. King and the brethren who have contributed to the maintenance of us, which is helping to keep in existence these camps for all faithful and loyal boys in the Church of Christ.

Floyd O. Ross, Flemington, Pa., Aug. 14.—I am now holding another mission meeting near Flemington, Pa. I recently held one week meeting at Love Joy, with four baptized. I am glad to do what I can in the Master's Vineyard. I received my Old Paths Advocate and enjoyed reading it very much. I am looking forward to being with Bro. Gay in his meetings in this state the month of September. I plan to be with him all the time he is here. May God bless all of the faithful in Christ.

F. K. Reeves, Marion, La., July 21.—We are in a good meeting, with Bro. Clovis Cook doing the preaching, and Brethren Lynwood Smith and Newt C. Reeves (my son) are assisting in the singing and otherwise as needed. We are glad to have helpers like these in our services. May the Lord bless all in the good work. We are looking for Brethren Homer A. Gay, Hampton, and J. C. Jones, of Shreveport, to be with us this week-end. May we all continue to contend earnestly for the faith.

E. A. Newman, 320 N. Cherokee Lane, Lodi, Calif., July 21.—My wife and I worship with the Lodi congregation, which is growing and doing nicely. All loyal preachers are invited to preach for us, and all brethren will receive a hearty welcome with us. I am very much in favor of the book of sermons mentioned by Bro. King, also the church directory. We certainly do need the directory that all faithful brethren may find the Scriptural worship, wherever it may be. I will help finance the book of sermons.

Joe W. Castleman, Milano, Texas, Aug. 13.—Since last report I preached at Houston, Temple, White Hall, San Antonio, Fairview, Marlow, and Sand Grove. In addition, I heard the following preachers in meetings: James R. Stewart, M. J. Buffington, Clovis Cook, Lynwood Smith, and Fred Kirbo, who is now holding a meeting at Sand Grove. There is one confession of faults to date; others expected. All appreciate the humble, forceful way of Bro. Fred's preaching. My next effort will be at White Hall, beginning Aug. 15, then to Monroe, La. I have been steadily in the work since early spring. Pray for me.

C. H. Elliott, Rte. 2, Cassville, Mo., August 10.—Brother Ervin Waters closed a meeting of 12 days duration, July 27, at Cross Hollows. Visible results were three baptized and three confessions of faults. The church took on new life and zeal. The next Lord's day every member was present. Our contributions have just about doubled, and we are able to do more spreading the gospel. We have decided to send one contribution each month to the mission fund for the Missouri work. We think Brother Waters is an able man, and we commend him to the brethren who want the pure seed sown.

Jesse E. James, 2122 Santa Monica St., San Antonio, Texas, Aug. 15.—We have attended Brother Stewart's meeting at Buda, Texas, 15 miles southwest of Austin, on the San Antonio Highway. Buda is the home of Brother A. R. Osteen, a good Christian family. They were having good attendance the last time we were there. We are very much interested in helping the brethren to establish a congregation at Buda. Brethren passing through Austin should arrange to stop over with them for worship, as this will help them and encourage them.

Jim Stevens, Sentinel, Oklahoma, August 12.—We have just closed a two-weeks' meeting here, with Bro. Homer L. King doing the preaching, and Bro. Ray Nichols assisting in the song leading. We think the meeting was very successful, with a fine man baptized. The attendance and interest were good. Bro. King did some of the best preaching I ever heard, and this was his fourth meeting here. Several of the S. S. and cups people attended, and we have heard a lot of favorable comment on the meeting since it closed, hence we believe much good was done. Bro. Ray did a good job of private teaching while here, and it seems to have gotten results.

Chas. D. Palmer, Kinston, Alabama, Aug. 20.—Brother Clovis T. Cook has just closed a series of meetings at the Early church, near here. He really did some good preaching and all seemed to enjoy it. Visible results were three confessions of faults. Bro. Reynolds and I held a week's meeting at Esto, Fla., closing July 19, with three baptized and the best interest so far manifested there. We held a short mission meeting at Pansy, Ala., with one baptized and two confessions of faults. I am now situated so that I can devote more time to preaching. I am glad to note the interest the churches are showing in supporting the work.

James R. Stewart, 1804 W. Ave. H, Temple, Texas, Aug. 5.—I recently visited the faithful at Jones Hill, with one sermon, and the church seemed strengthened. August 1, I closed a series of meetings at Abilene, with one baptized and four restored. The brethren have their new church building about half completed, but they will need more money, and any help will be much appreceited by them. Send all donations to J. C. French, 610 So. 8th St., Abilene, Texas. I visited one night with the brethren at Houston, assisting in the services. My next will be at Buda, near Austin, Texas, beginning Aug. 6.

Joe H. Howard, Dora, Missouri, August 15.—The meeting at Long Branch, near Lawrenceburg, Tenn., resulted in seven restored, but we met with much opposition from the S. S. and cups advocates. The meeting at Chapel Grove is one week old, with large crowds and a fine interest. One has been baptized to date. The Baptists are trying to arrange a debate with me here. I mean to be at home the first half of September, while Bro. Ervin Waters is conducting our home meeting. Let us take advantage of every opportunity to do good, and remember a failure upon our part means an opportunity for the devil.

M. J. Buffington, Rte. 3, Box 61, Floresville, Texas, Aug. 12.—August 1, I closed a series of meetings at Marlow, Texas, with four baptized and the church strengthened. We were glad to have Bro. Joe Castleman with us in the singing and teaching. Aug. 10, I closed a good meeting at Ramsey, Texas, with six baptized and one restored. Bro. Broseh, a faithful gospel preacher, assisted in the teaching, and he informs me that he intends to give all his time to preaching this fall. I am now on my way to Green Forest, Ark. for another meeting. August 29, Bro. Joe Castleman and I are to begin a mission meeting at Monroe, La. Anyone wishing to contribute to the effort, may send to Will F. Davis, West Monroe, La.

W. H. Reynolds, 12 Cole St., Opp. Ala., August 10.—Brother Clovis T. Cook closed a ten-days meeting at the Early church, Rte. 2, Kinston, Ala., last Sunday night. It had been five years since I had heard him, and I do not recall knowing any man to make the improvement in preaching that he has. I predict for him a great success as a loyal preacher of the gospel. To say that it is a pleasure to labor with him is speaking mildly. Bro. C. D. Palmer and I recently held a weeks meeting each at Esto, Fla., and Pansey, Ala., with three

baptized at Esto and one confession of faults at Pansey. The Esto meeting was preceded by a debate with a Mr. Middleton, a Baptist, who quit the debate before his last speech. I would like to make a trip real soon through Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas, to get acquainted. May I stop by with you? Write me as above.

Lynwood Smith, Route 1, Box 150, Wesson, Miss., Aug. 11.—Leaving Marion, La., where Bro. Clovis Cook and I preached the closing sermon, I accompanied him to Lebanon, Mo., for a short visit, returning home in time for our meeting at New Salem. Bro. H. E. Robertson did the preaching, which was fine, and we all learned to love him. Two were baptized, and I believe the meeting was one of the best I attended this year. Brethren Newton C. Reeves and Sonny Boy Gay were with us a part of the meeting, and we were very glad to have them. I plan to devote all my time to preaching the gospel, and I am available for meetings. Pray for me.

Ralph Mustard, 221 E. Cleveland, Montebello, Calif., Aug. 15.—Since my last report to the paper, I have been busy preaching the word of God. July 18, I began at Pomona, Calif., and we are having a fine meeting. The spirit of love was the theme through the meeting. We closed after two weeks, and the seed has been sown. August 15, I preached twice at Lebanon, with two restored. My next is to be in Greenforest, Ark., assisting Bro. Buffington in some work. I plan to accompany Bro. Gay to West Va. and Pa., about September 1. The brethren are seeing the need of more preaching. I plan to be in Oregon, with my wife, in mission work in October and November.

Clarence Snodgrass, Tuscola, Texas, Aug. 12.—The new church building, 15th and Oak Streets, Abilene, Texas, is almost completed, but they will need help to complete. It is a rock structure, 20x36 ft. The labor was donated. The walls are up; windows and doors set. We need about $250.00 to complete the building. The deed contains a restrictive clause as follows: "No Sunday School; no women teachers; one cup and one loaf in the Communion." Send all contributions to Bro. Jesse French, 610 So. 8th St., Abilene, Texas., or to me. We need a church in Abilene after the primitive order; no additions nor fads. Anything of modern origin in religion is not New Testament Christianity at all.

C. W. Van Stavern, Labanon, Missouri, Aug. 16.—The first Lord's day inst., Brother Arthur Wade baptized his younger brother, who was visiting him a few days. Yesterday, Brethren Wade and Smith and families went to Dutch Chapel, near Manes, Mo., where Bro. Wade delivered a sermon, and his mother and sister were baptized. At the home church, Brethren Homer Gay and Ralph Mustard preached at the morning service, yesterday, with one confession of faults. At the evening service Bro. Ralph preached, and another one confessed faults, which is very encouraging. We are encouraged, too, over the mission work being done by Bro. Ervin Waters in Mo. There is a standing invitation to all faithful members of the body to stop over for worship with us, when passing through. We meet on West Pierce St., at 10:30 a.m.

Louis P. Howsman, 949 Sierra St., Yuba City, Calif., July 29.—In the last issue, four confessions of faults were reported here, but it should have been five. Brother Paul Nichols was with us soon after the meeting by Bro. Welch, baptizing two and one confessed faults. Bro. Chester King was with him. The church here is working and prospering. Bro. R. C. Hamilton, who is but thirteen years of age, is taking part in the public work by leading the singing and reading the opening lesson, and he also teaches his friends privately. How many of us are doing as much. We ask the prayers of the faithful for this young brother, who may become one of our best preachers some day. May all Christian parents, "Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Prov. 22:7).

Lewis Cogburn, Box 31, Magnolia, Ark., Aug. 13.—We have recently had the following preachers with us: Brethren Homer Gay, Clovis Cook, Lynwood Smith, and J. B. Lasater, and we were edified by their visits. We regret losing one of our loyal boys, Bro. Loyd Baker. He received his occupational discharge to work on the farm at home. That leaves but three of the boys who stand against all innovations. Bro. Howard King and I spent a week-end in Bro. Gay's meeting in Shreveport, La., recently, and we appreciated the hospitality shown us in the J. C. Jones home. I want to thank all of the faithful brethren who are contributing to our up-keep here. I gladly received the check from Bro. King for $30.00, recently. I hope we can do something to repay them some day. Pray for us.

Paul O. Nichols, 849 Wilcox Ave., Hollywood, Calif., Aug. 13.—The meeting at Pulltite schoolhouse, near Abilene, Texas, closed with the Baptists and Methodists well stirred up over scriptural teaching. While there I made my home with Bro. Albert Bledsoe, who is to be commended for his untiring effort in trying to build up the cause in that part. The meeting at San Angelo (Lakeview) began July 25 and culminated Aug. 8. The results were two families taking their stand with us, four baptisms, and two confessions of faults. I appreciated the wonderful hospitality and generosity at this place very much. Last night I preached at Cross Roads, Mo., where Ervin Waters and my brother, Ray, are in a meeting. August 15, I will begin the meeting at Ottumwa, Iowa. Let's wield the sword of the spirit with deadly accuracy.

Ervin Waters, Box 410, Lebanon, Missouri, Aug. 16.—July 15, the Clio meeting came to a close. July 16-27, I held a meeting at Cross Hollows, which resulted in three baptisms and three restorations. This congregation is in good position for growth. July 28-Aug. 8, I held a meeting in the Christian Church building, at Viola, Mo., which resulted in one baptism. I persuaded every member of the Christian Church but one to give up the innovations and then the rest would not act because of the one. Our brethren worship in the Viola schoolhouse now. We were glad to have the entire congregation from near Berryville, Ark., with us the last Lord's Day. Aug. 9, Ray Nichols and I began a mission meeting at Cross Roads, and we have been having good crowds. Paul Nichols was with us two nights, preaching once. The Lord willing, I will hold meetings at Odom and at Longrun during September. May we continue to expand our efforts.

Clovis T. Cook, Lebanon, Missouri, August 15.—The meeting at Marion, La., closed with two confessions of faults. We were glad to have Brethren Gay, Jones, Hampton, and Guy Ashley, Jr., from Shreveport, with us one night. I was very glad to have Bro. Lynwood Smith with me in this meeting. The church in Marion is in much better condition than last year. Their financial support was over twice that of 1942. I am glad to see the churches in general doing so much better. I began at Earlytown, Ala., the 1st inst. We had fine crowds throughout with five confessions of faults. We were assisted by our preaching brethren, W. H. Reynolds and Dewitt Palmer, which I appreciated very much. I was glad to meet many of my old friends again. Many of the Lowery congregation attended and helped much. I

go next to Washington, Okla., for two weeks of preaching; then to Spring Hill, W. Va., to continue the work in that part.

Homer L. King, Lebanon, Missouri, August 22. —I closed a series of meetings at Sentinel, Oklahoma, August 8, after two weeks. The brethren had done a good job of advertising and making preparations for the meeting, and our crowds were generally good, considering everything. We baptized a man with a good reputation, head of a family, and we think he will be much help to the church. This was my fourth effort with the good brethren, and I enjoyed it as usual. They asked me to return in 1944. Bro. Ray Nichols was with me and assisted in the singing and otherwise, which I appreciated. I began a series of meetings at Council Hill, Okla., August 19, which starts off with fair attendance. We are to continue until the 29th inst. I am to begin a mission meeting somewhere in Oklahoma the first Sunday in September, probably, at Davis. It seems the second effort will be at McAlester. We urge brethren to help us locate suitable places for mission meetings in Oklahoma. Write me as above, Rte. 2. Pray for me and mine.

Barney Welch, 136 So. 4th St. Montebello, Calif., July 15.—Bro. Chester King and I had the pleasure of hearing Bro. John Reynolds, at Corcoran, July 18, I preached at Siskiyou St. L. A.; went to Monrovia for afternoon services and then to Pomona to attend the beginning service of Bro. Ralph Mustard's meeting. I learned there that Bro. Ralph has been and is making great progress in preaching the Gospel. July 21, Chester King and I began a mission meeting at Waterford which continued through Aug. 1, leaving a good band of brethren meeting regularly there. I attended morning worship Aug. 1, at Montebello, and preached at L. A. that night to a full house. Aug. 8, Ralp Mustard and I preached at Pomona in the morning, and I preached at Montebello that night, to another full house. Aug. 15, the Monrovia meeting began with a big all-day spiritual feast. We are now having good crowds and very, very happy to have Bro. Jack Bledsoe and H. C. Welch, Jr., with their wives, with us each evening.

Homer A. Gay, Lebanon, Mo., Aug. 16.—In all, I was with the Velva Street Church of Christ, in Shreveport, for four full weeks, preaching the first two weeks, and the last two weeks I taught a vocal music school. Bro. H. E. Hampton, who lives in Shreveport, was with me through this work and was a great help, especially in the meeting. He lead the singing the most of the time and preached one night for me, while I rested. Bro. Hampton has done a good work and still is doing a good work there. Through his efforts a number have been added to the congregation this year. We had a number of visitors, including Howard King and Lewis Cogburn, from the C.P.S. camp at Magnolia, Ark., and Bro. G. C. Carroll, from Freeport, Texas. One night during the singing school a number of us drove to Marion, La. to be with Bro. Cook in his meeting. It was my first time to be back since Bro. Freeman Jones and I debated the **wine** question two years ago. I was glad to note that the good brethren, who then contended for the wine, had given it up and are now contending for the truth on the question, and all are worshipping together in peace. Leaving Shreveport July 31, I went to Magnolia, Ark., where I met with and preached for the boys in the camp, at 8:30 A.M.; then spoke to the whole camp at the 11 o'clock service. There are about sixteen members of the Church of Christ in the camp; some S.S., some for the cups, and some truly loyal. However, they conduct the worship scripturally so that all can worship together. Would it not be grand if all members of the church would be that considerate? I go next to Pennsylvania for the month of September.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

California:
Los Angeles, 3535 Siskiyou St.; 10:30 a.m.
Montebello, 136 So. 4th St.; 10:30 a.m.
Pomona, 1022 W. 2nd St., Townsend Hall; 10:30 a.m.
Marysville, 10th and D Sts., Women's Club Building; 10:30 a.m.
Greenfield, Palm and 10th Sts.; 9:45 a.m.

Texas:
Eagle Pass, American Legion Hall, Hillcrest; 10:30 a.m.
Waco, South 4th St.; 10:30 a.m.
Wichita Falls, North 6th St.; 10:30 a.m.
San Antonio, Catalina Ave. and Viendo St.; 10:30 a.m.

Missouri:
Lebanon, West Pierce St.; 10:30 a.m.
Lees Summit, 11 miles southwest of Lebanon; 11:00 a.m.
Claxton, near Competition; 11:00 a.m.
Richland, North side of town, 11:00 a.m.

Note: We suggest that every loyal congregation send us their location of meeting place and the hour they meet for the Lord's day worship. If there are any mistakes in the above as we gave them, please correct.

—Publishers.

"THE LORD PASSED MY WAY AGAIN TODAY"

When I arose this morn, from my sleep, and rest,
I found a new day; at its very best.
As a book with pages all clean and white,
It is up to me, to fill them right.

With kindness, I'll try to bring joy to a heart.
That will be a small measure of my part.
With sympathy, I'll try to dull the pangs of sorrow,
And help someone to face tomorrow.

It takes the watchfulness of all to foresee danger,
So I will try to help both friend and stranger.
When I read my Bible and kneel to pray,
I will thank the Lord that He came my way.

—Mrs. L. N. Byford.

Love is a ladder on which we climb to a likeness with God.

W. H. Reynolds 315 Barnett St.

Ye num'rous sects which all declare "Lo Christ is here. Lo Christ is there."
Your stronger proofs divinely give
And show me where the Christians live.

OLD PATHS ADVOCATE

"Where is Thy Church, O, Savior, where?"
I heard the cry,
and then I heard:
"Here is My Church where men still dare
To take Me at My word."

"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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NO ROOM FOR JESUS
(Lk. 2:1-7)

In the days of Caesar Augustus, (the first of the Roman Emperors) there went out a decree that all the world should be taxed, "all the world," probably meaning the vast Roman Empire. This taxing was first in the days when Cyrenius was governor (senator) of Syria, which was about ten years after the decree had been issued. The decree read, "that all must go up to their own city to enroll or register." Joseph and his espoused wife, Mary, were caught in this draft, so they went up to their own city, "the city of David," called "Bethlehem," for he was of the house of David, this being the proper place for them to register. Due to the condition of Mary, (for the days for her deliverence were about to be accomplished) traveling was very slow and difficult for them. Probably being among the last ones to arrive, they found that the hotels were already filled.

While they were there the Christ was born.

"Wrapt in swaddling bands,
And in his manger laid,
The hope and glory of all lands
Is come to the world's aid."

When they had properly treated the Child, they laid him in a manger for there was NO ROOM FOR THEM IN THE INN. Little did Caesar realize, that when he issued the order that he was causing Joseph and Mary to fulfill prophecy. Jesus has been crowded out from the beginning—among society there is little if any room for him. Not many are willing to move over and make room for the Lord; not many are willing to clean out their hearts (minds) that the Lord may have a decent place to dwell. In Jno. 14:23, Jesus says: "If a man love me he will keep my words; and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him and make our abode with him." Consider!

No. 1. The sinner doesn't love the Lord, for he keeps not his words. The Lord is crowded out of his life—**no room for Him there.**

No. 2. The back-slider doesn't love the Lord, for he "counts the blood of the covenant unholy" and "looking back" becomes unfit for the kingdom of God—**no room for Jesus here.**

No. 3. No room for Jesus, in the mind of the worldly Church member, for he has set his mind on things of the world instead of heavenly things. (Col. 3:1-2), "Set your mind on things above and not on things of the earth." In so doing Christ will establish his abode with you. It is so easy for us to allow things of the world to crowd out Jesus. (Jas. 4:4) "Whosoever, therefore, will be a friend of the world is an enemy of God." Jno. 18:36, Jesus says: "My kingdom is not of this world." It is little wonder then that when a citizen of God's kingdom begins to lend his influence to build-up and perpetuate the kingdoms of this world that "he is a friend of the world, the enemy of God." How then can a Christian associate his duty to God with the political affairs of this world? When he goes so far as to vote for a member of the kingdom of this world, he becomes a friend of the world, and furthermore, he is a friend of a political organization that operates in many ways, contrary to God's government. Do you think that you can do this and not be a friend of the world, "the enemy of God"? I doubt if God chose to "rule in the kingdoms of men" through the Church members. **No room for Jesus** in the worldly, politically minded.

No. 4. **No room for Jesus** in the mind of the inconsistent. **Inconsistent:** (webster) "Contradicting, illegal, incongruous, and unfit." Jesus said: "If you love me you will keep my words;" some of his words are found in Matt. 7:3-5. "You hypocrite! take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see porperly how to take the splinter out of your brother's eye" (Moffatt). I think, a man is more consistent who preaches error and lives it, believing it to be right, than he who preaches the truth, but doesn't try to live it. Romans, second chapter, shows that if a man teaches another and yet doeth the same things that he is "inexcusable." He would not even have to be guilty of the same but the equivalent, verses 22 and 23. Does it not seem inconsistent then for one to preach a thing to be right, to be God's rule, and yet be weak enough to say, there "are places and times that it would not do to practice it"? God's rule will work anywhere that men have faith enough to put it into practise. "Consistency where art thou?" It has been said, "two wrongs never make a right"; but, brother, it puts you in bad light to condemn another's habits or views, when you have some, perhaps, that are equal. (Matt. 15:1-10) The Scribes and Pharisees, accused the deciples of "breaking the law," Jesus answered, "why do you ALSO break the law"? The Lord did not say the disciples were not guilty, but that the Scribes and Pharisees, since they had also broken the law, were not the ones to accuse them. Let us not preach one thing and contradict it with our own practise. Would it not be just as inconsistent (contradicting) to fall short, as it would be to go beyond? In 2 Jno. 9, we are taught that it is wrong to "go beyond" or "to fall short."

If I believed that some things that my Brother did were so wrong that it had been necessary to disfelowship him or divide a congregation over it, I don't believe that you would see me, for special occasion, drive a hundred miles or so and worship with them. Brethren, "have we not left off some of the weightier matters" (Matt. 23:23)? Are we not wasting time in discussing matters of indifference? Let us not press a Scripture beyond its meaning. (Rev. 3:20) "Behold, I stand at the dood, and knock." When we think that all is well and the Lord has come and made His abode with us, and yet we have been described in the above, we find that He is on the out-side, asking you to make room for Him. "If any man will hear my voice, AND OPEN THE DOOR, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me." The Lord said: "The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head" (Matt. 8:20). He is pleading for a place to abide, will you make room for him?

—Clovis T. Cook.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

In the beginning of this article, let me lay down a principle that appears to me axiomatic: In co-operative work, in order to uniformity, we must be guided by rules of action. These rules must be either human or divine. As human laws are variable, they produce only temporary uniformity.

Just now, the churches are torn asunder over the question of Sunday School, evidently because we have no divine laws for governing them. Professing to "speak where the Bible speaks," they have an institution, and methods of conducting it, positively unknown to the Scriptures.

Now, the Lord ordained the church as the only co-operative institution, and gave the divine laws to govern it. Psa. 127:1 "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain who build it."

In an article published in 1908, an old brother by the name of Barnes was asked to "dismiss" a Sunday School: This was his answer; "Brethren, what is this thing which you are letting loose?"

The very best answer we could possibly give is that it is humanism, based upon the "Sanctified common sense" of the large numbers who profess to be Christians, and who profess wholly to be led by the Bible.

It is errouniously claimed by some that special training in the Bible, other than by the parents, is needed for the smaller children; and that the class method is best for such training.

What does the Bible answer? What obligation is placed upon the parents? Eph. 6:4 "And, ye fathers provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord."

2 Tim. 3:15 "And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. (See Gen. 18:19; Deut. 11:19).

The parent should sit by the child in Church, guarding it against any possible "heresay" or misbehavior.

The Church is strictly for "accountable people" and not for the innocent;" and the preaching of the Gospel is the means used, and recommended, for the salvation of sinners.

All the modern day sunday schools have to divide the audience into classes. Friends and brethren, there is not, one time mentioned, such a thing as dividing the assembly into classes to teach the Bible or any thing else.

The church meetings, with the exception of preaching, are regulated in 1 Cor. 14, and the law was for "one to speak at a time," edifying the whole assembly.

In these meetings the women were to keep absolutely quiet and not even ask a question. However, our modern Sunday school perverts the women and children, supplants the **man, parent, the Bible, and the Church.** (Isa. 3:12).

Today your Sunday school literature comes in the front door of the Church and the Bible goes out the back door. Everyone might have a right to teach by writing, but woe to the church that adopts any **uninspired creed, Catechism; or writings of faith,** as a basis of study or teaching for the Church, (assembly).

Another thing that springs from the Sunday school, is that when this "children's church" is "dismissed," the children go home, and miss the work and worship of the church after God's "due order" **(1 Chron. 15:13).**

The most effectual and practical edification is in the church meetings, working as described in the following chapters: **Eph. 4:16; 1 Cor. 14;** or in the mission field in connection with scriptural evangelists.

Now for the sake of PEACE and LOYOLITY, I plead for a return to the **New Testament order. Jer. 6:16.** "O, Israel! stand and ask for the old paths, and walk therein, but they said, we will not walk therein."

I write this article for the benefit of all the new subscribers to the O-P-A. as well as all who may read it. Let us walk in the footsteps of the Master.

—Ralph E. Mustard.

FROM BROTHER JOHNSON

It has ever been my intention to work with the people of God. I have never had the desire to cause any division at all, therefore I take this means to try and correct a misunderstanding among a number of brethren as to where I stand. I have never failed to worship on Lord's days unless sickness hindered, and in each case the worship has been carried out as it is in most congregations that report to The Truth and Old Paths Advocate. Though for a while I was not working with some of the preaching brethren. I believe, the result was a misunderstanding. For nearly two years Bro. Fred Kirbo and I have been trying to build-up the cause of Christ in Davis, and I believe with much success. Bro. King is now in a meeting here with much good being done. I have done my best to make this a good meeting. He and I have talked things over, and I can say that I am thankful, that we can work together again in the Lord's work. To all I say, any words I have spoken to offend, any thing I have done that caused strife, forgive me of these, and pray God that we may all work together to gain souls to Christ. I hold no malice toward any of my preaching brethren. Pray for me.

—Orvel Johnson,
Davis, Oklahoma.

Comment

Relative to the above statement by Brother Orvel Johnson, I wish to confirm the fact that we have talked over all our differences, personal or doctrinal, and they have been removed. So far as I know nothing remains between us to hinder a full fellowship and co-operation in the work of the Lord, for which I am, indeed, thankful to the Lord. I have always loved and appreciated Bro. Orvel, and I believe he is a fine Christian boy, able to do much good in the gospel work. We need him, and I extend a hearty welcome to him in the columns of the OPA and as a fellow preacher of the gospel. I thank God and take courage, to learn that he has resolved to cease all contention, publicly or privately, on the order of worship question, that we may join hands and hearts in the great work of saving souls and building up the church in unity. I freely commend him to the faithful brotherhood and our readers, and I hope the brethren will call him out to assist in the work. May the Lord bless his humble and sincere efforts, is my humble petition.

—Homer L. King.

FORWARD IN CALIFORNIA

Fifteen congregations in joint session, in an all-out effort for the upbuilding of the CAUSE OF CHRIST on the coast.

As we undertake to record the transactions of this epoch making event, we do so knowing it to be the most memorable meeting ever held in the state of California.

The meeting began with a song service, indeed noteworthy, deeply spiritual and inspiring, that really set the "joy-bells" ringing. After prayer, the morning service was given over to the evangelists.

The opening address by Barney Welch, was forceful and well received. "FORWARD WITH GOD" was his theme. The brotherhood was surprised and delighted by the cheerful presence of Irvin Waters, whose dynamic message of hope, cheer and brotherly kindness was indeed timely.

Evangelists, Chester King, Jack Bledsoe, John Reynolds, Ralph Mustard, Paul and Ray Nichols, gave ten-minute sermons of great worth to the mission effort here and elsewhere.

In the afternoon, the service was in the hands of the leaders of the various congregations, for study and discussion; the principle item, that of securing evangelists, for the years 1944-45 was gone into with great thoroughness.

What undoubtedly constitutes one of the most outstanding example of cooperation, brotherly love, and confidence, in the administration of the mission work in the West, was the unanimous decision to carry on the work in the same manner, by the same brethren, in whose capable hands the affairs have been.

The significance of this, and the conclusions arrived at, will be of real value to the CAUSE.

The evangelists, are equally at the service and call of each congregation, when, and wherever, they need them most.

Seeking **"First the Kingdom of God and His** Righteousness" was made the basis of this great meeting, and the fact was stressed that this, is only the beginning, and is truly a work of FAITH, where SELF and SELFISHNESS are forgotten.

To the congregation at Fresno, we all owe our profound thanks and appreciation for the hospitality, and Christian spirit manifested in receiving us into their homes.

The evangelists engaged for 1944 are Barney Welch, James Stewart, Chester King, and John Reynolds; for 1945 Irvin Waters and Paul Nichols.

Attendance was 325. The LORD willing, there will be another meeting at the same date in 1944.

It was through the untiring efforts of Carl Nichols, who occupied the "chair," much of the credit is due; it was a hard job well done. Bro. Nichols is one of the leaders at the Siskyou St. church, L. A., Calif.

—J. H. McKaig.

Note: A similar report was sent us by Bro. James W. Russell.

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Contributions for expenses of boys in C.P.S. Camps:

Church of Christ at Lodi, Calif.	50.00
Church of Christ at Greenfield, Calif.	20.00
Bro. at Siskiyou St. Church of Christ	10.00
Sister at Siskiyou St. Church of Christ	20.00
Sister Nichols	10.00
Total	$110.00

Reported by Carl N. Nichols, 849 Wilcox, Hollywood, Calif.

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Lees Summit Church of Christ, by Herschel Massie	$25.00
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Temple, Texas, church, by Leo Turner	15.00
Sister L. N. Byford, Bellmead, Texas	3.00
The Clayton Home church, by E. J. Barnes	8.00
Temple, Texas, church, (Aug. 23), by Leo Turner	10.00
Mrs. F. N. Newman, Choctaw, Oklahoma	3.00
Church, Sand Grove, Texas, by G. P. Davis	5.50
Total	$84.00

For the past two months, I have been able to send the boys $30.00 each, monthly, but unless more money comes in within the next few days, I shall be unable to do that this month. Recently Junior Kessinger, Spring Hill, W. Va., was inducted at Lyndhurst, Va., and Kenneth Triplett, Phillipsburg, Mo., was inducted at Magnolia, Ark. Take notice, brethren. —Homer L. King.

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Why Your Paper Comes Later.—Due to the shortage of labor in the postal system, they are forced to use "green" help, the rail roads, buses, etc., are over-worked. Hence, your reports, etc, reach me a day or two later; it takes a day or two longer for the bundle of papers to reach me from the printers; it takes a day or two longer for my home office to get the papers out of their office on the road to you; and all told, it means your paper is about a week later. There seems little we can do about the matter, except for all to be patient and remember "there is a war going on." One thing will help some, if all sending reports and matter for publication, will mail them to me between the 12th and 15th of each month. Too, if you are not getting your paper, notify us, giving correct address, also inquire at your home office or postman. Notify us of all changes of addresses, giving both old and new addresses.

New Song Book.—Yes, it is our intentions now to get out a new song book, compiled by brethren supporting the OPA. We hope to have it ready within a few months. Better wait and get the latest. But, if you cannot wait, we still sell the Slater books. However, "Songs of Zion" has been exhausted.

Book of Sermons.—The interest being manifested in this book, now seems to justify our going forward with plans to put it out just as soon as possible. This will require more labor than the song book, possibly.

Boil It Down.—Since we have so many reporting to the OPA now, and we are glad to get all of them, but we would like to request all to be as brief and pointed as possible in your field reports —"boil it down."

—Homer L. King.

ATTENTION, OREGON AND WASHINGTON BRETHREN!

I take this means of reaching all loyal brethren in the above mentioned states. I am with the the help of God, going into these states with the purpose in mind of doing mission work and saving many souls. I have the addresses of a few loyal members in Oregon, but if any one knows of any loyal brethren in the above states, please send them to me without delay, so I can contact them immediately. This is a NEW field and needs the gospel preached. If there are those who would like to contribute to this effort it would certainly be appreciated.

—Ralph E. Mustard,
221 E. Cleveland Ave., Montebello, Calif.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

West Virginia:
Spring Hill (Stop 12); 10:30 a. m.
Huntington, 1901 Jefferson Ave.; 10:30 a. m.
Rumble, Community Building; 2:00 p. m.
Winifred (Junction) 2:00 p. m.
Mallory Chapel (Near Spring Hill); 10:30 a.m.

Pennsylvania:
Commodore, Love Joy; 10:00 a. m.
Lock Haven, Wright Street (Flemington); 10:00 a. m.
Mahaffey, J. D. Corson Home; 10:30 a. m.

Kansas:
Alta Vista (3½ North of Town); 10:30 a. m.

California
Monrovia, Corner Colorado and Shamrock; 10:30 a. m.

Texas:
Dublin, East Blackjack St. (Near Depot); 10:30 a. m.

Louisiana:
West Monroe, Cheniere Road (¾ miles off Shreveport Highway); 11:00 a. m.
Shreveport, Velva Street; 10:30 a. m.

Note—Please, send us the information of **where** and **when** you meet for worship; co-operate with us to give the brotherhood this information.

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OUR HELPERS

Below is one of the most encouraging lists of subs. ever to reach the OPA office. Words fail us as we try in vain to express our thanks and appreciation for the interest being manifested in our plea for the "Old Paths," a return to the Bible way. Keep up the good work, and we shall be able to give you a better paper. We continue the special trial offer of 50c for the first year; $1.00 to renewals.

Homer L. King—26; J. H. McKaig—10; Clovis T. Cook—10; Clarence Snodgrass—8; James R. Stewart—8; M. J. Buffington—4; B. F. Leonard—4; Dora Barker—4; Mrs. F. N. Newman—3; Chester King—3; Orvel Johnson—3; Wilson Chapman—3; Mrs. W. L. Rawdon—2; Carlos B. Smith—2; Ervin Waters—2; Paul Nichols—2; Mrs. I. D. Russell—2; S. E. Weldon — 2; Cyrse Holt—2; Tim Dougherty—1; Homer Smith—1; Rene Phillips—1; Marvin E. Fisher—1; Robert Falvey—1; A. R. McMullen—1; Mrs. A. F. Pruit—1; Leota Fancher—1; Mrs. R. L. Chapman—1; Louis Howsman—1; Mrs. E. V. Dinnington—1; Lynwood Smith—1; Millard Orear—1; W. H. Jones—1; O. C. Mackey—1; Geo. W. McCain—1; Presha Turk—1; Wyvonee Perrin—1; Joe Howard—1; Guy Mallory—1; C. C. Brown—1; Ruth Hobgood—1; Mrs. Otis Whitaker—1; Pete Howard—1; Total—124.

PASSED ON

Crabaugh.—Bro. Johnnie Harrison Crabaugh was born in Barry County Arkansas., October 14, 1862, departed this life at his home near the Lees Summit Church, Lebanon, Mo., August 26, 1943; at the age of 80 years ten months and ten days.

Jan. 11, 1893, he was united in marriage to Sarah Jane Richardson, to which union was born five children. The wife and children survive. He obeyed the gospel many years ago and lived a faithful life. He was loved and respected by all who knew him.

We burried Bro. Crabaugh in the New Hope cemetery August 29th. I spoke words of comfort and warning to the very large crowd that was assembled.

Our loving sympathy goes out to the bereaved ones.

—Homer A. Gay.

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

"Here are four subs. for the OPA. I sincerely hope you and family are well. We remember you in our prayers. I think the book of sermons would be just fine. I shall be glad to co-operate."—M. J. Buffington, Texas.

"Keep up the good work, Brother King, and let us not slacken now. I am interested in the church directory and the proposed book of sermons."—J. T. Broseh, Texas.

"Here is a sub. I was waiting to get more, but I cannot afford to cause anyone to miss an issue of such a paper. I am eager to receive mine for this month. May the Lord bless your efforts in the fight for the right."—Wyvonee Perrin, California.

"Change my address. The paper means so much to me, and I have enjoyed each issue, so don't fail to send it to me."—Batsell Moore, Colorado.

"Here is a renewal to the OPA. I enjoyed the article by Leonard Hendrickson in the last issue. May God bless these boys in the camps."—Guy Mallory, Jr., West Va.

"Here is my renewal. I don't want to miss an issue. I hope this finds you enjoying the best in life."—Robert Falvey, Mississippi.

"There were some very good suggestions in the July issue of the OPA, and we certainly hope they will be carried out. We would like to get quite a number of the books of sermons to hand out."—W. H. Clouse, Missouri.

"Brother King, I am much in favor of the proposed book of sermons, and the churches are in need of a song book."—Joe Castleman, Louisiana.

"Here are eight subs. for the OPA. We enjoy every issue, and if it were possible, we would say that it gets better all the time."—James R. Stewart, Texas.

"Here are three subs. I liked Ervin's article very much in the last issue. I hope all will consider it for themselves instead of passing it on to the other fellow."—Chester King, California.

"I am very anxious for that book of sermons to get on the market. I received my OPA this morning, and as usual, I didn't stop until I had read it all. Isn't it good now? I certainly did like Bro. Gay's article on the Evangelist and Mission Work."—Mrs. Huey Cook, Texas.

"I am very much interested in the book of sermons and the church directory. As soon as the book is ready, I want two of them. Here is my renewal to the OPA."—George W. McCain, California.

"Here are two subs. The paper comes to me regularly, and after reading every word of it, I pass it on to others to read. We love every child of God, and we work and pray for the lost and erring. We work and pray also for the OPA. Pray for our little band of members. I pray for the boys in camps. A lot of thanks to you, Bro. King."—Mrs. I. D. Russell, Texas.

"I received the contribution, for which I am very thankful, also the OPA was very good. I always look forward to its coming.. I have just re-read it for the fourth time. My prayers are for the paper, for you and the good work, and for all the faithful ones. Pray for me."—Houston Martin, California.

"Keep the gospel preaching and the mission work going, if possible, and keep the OPA coming every month."—C. H. Elliott, Missouri.

"Here are eight subs. for the OPA. Send me some samples, and I'll get some subs."—Clarence Snodgrass, Texas.

"We received the OPA today, and I have read all of it and enjoyed it so much. We hope you and family are well."—The Byfords, Texas.

"Here I am with four new subs. to the good old OPA. Send it to these names."—Dora Barker, Arkansas.

"I am sending my renewal to the OPA, it is the only way we have of hearing from most of the brethren we like to read after. We like very much to read the little paper, and we shall be glad when it can be enlarged. Best wishes to you in your work. Pray for us."—E. V. Dennington and wife, Texas.

"Find my renewal to the OPA. May the good work continue on through these trying times." —W. H. Jones, Kansas.

"We are sending our renewal for the OPA. It was good to meet you, Bro. King, in the meeting in Waco, and we hope we may meet more often in the future. I think we would be interested in the book of sermons. Pray for us, even as we also do for you."—A. R. McMullen, Texas.

"We enjoy the OPA. It is a grand paper. May God bless you."—M. T. Orear, California.

"The OPA is gaining very rapidly in this part." —Isaac Hayes, Texas.

"We are very much pleased with the paper."—Louis P. Housman, California.

"The OPA just arrived; we sat down and read 48 live field reports, that show more zeal, activity, and determination to scatter the seed of loyal Christianity than ever before. The front page article by Bro. Gay is right on the **beam.** Put me down for a copy of that book of sermons. We may be able to help you finance it, if it would be expedient."—J. H. McKaig, California.

"We heartily endorse the proposal for the OPA to put out a new song book, also the book of sermons. They should help finance the OPA."—B. F. Leonard, West Va.

"Here is my renewal to the OPA, for we enjoy it very much, and since I am sick and unable to go to worship, I shall enjoy it more than ever. Pray for me."—Miss Ruthie Hobgood, Oklahoma.

"Brother King, I want to be with you through one of your meetings in Oklahoma. I know of no one else I had rather be with than you. As for the book of sermons, I am highly in favor of it, to the extent that I will help finance it if necessary. May the Lord bless you in your work."—John L. Reynolds, California.

"I have received every issue of the OPA since coming here, and I certainly do enjoy reading it. It is just like getting a letter from home. I think you brethren are doing a wonderful work."—C. C. Brown, Washington.

From the Fields

S. E. Weldon, 1461 Edwin St., Beaumont, Texas, September 6.—I have finally located two others, who are willing to meet with me for the Communion services. All loyal preachers and Christians are invited to be with us.

F. R. Roberson (colored), Lawrenceburg, Tenn., September 2.—We are doing nicely here, thanks to the Lord. Bro. Joe Howard preached for us Aug. 6, and we all enjoyed his wonderful sermon. May the Lord bless him. Sister Rawdon and mother, Bro. Orten and others were present.

W. H. Jones, Alta Vista, Kansas, Aug. 29.—We still meet for worship each Lord's day, at the same place, three and one-half miles north of the above place. We invite all faithful brethren, who may be passing this way, to worship with us. May we all be faithful unto the end.

Chester King, 211½ Poppy Ave., Monrovia, Calif., Aug. 27.—I am beginning a meeting at Fresno tonight, intending to continue over Sept. 6, at least. I held a mission meeting at Clovis, near Fresno, baptizing four. I may go to Missouri for a meeting sometime in October.

W. H. Clouse, Route 1, Galena, Missouri, August 23.—We are enjoying a good meeting by Bro. Waters here, which is to close tomorrow night. Three have been baptized and one restored. Brethren Ray Nichols and Ralph Mustard have been much help in the singing and otherwise.

Houston Martin, Los Prietos Camp, Santa Barbara, Calif., August 22.—There are still just the two of us here. We meet for worship on Lord's days at 9:00 a. m. We would appreciate having any of the loyal brethren visit us. We get quite lonely for Christian association of like faith.

Robert Falvey, Rte. 1, Wesson, Miss., August 30.—Brother Lynwood Smith preached a good sermon today on "Christian Duties." We hope that he may get a 4-D classification, that he may give his time to preaching. It is still doubtful as to what class Bro. Sam will get. Pray for me.

J. P. Burns, Rte. 1, Ethridge, Tenn., August 25.—Brother Joe Howard closed a series of meetings here August 19, at Chapel Grove. The crowds were good, and we had one addition. The last four nights, Bro. Howard debated with J. C. Griffin, Baptist; the usual church propositions were discussed. Both conducted themselves as gentlemen. We believe the church was strengthened and much good done.

Clarence Snodgrass, Tuscola, Texas, August 30.—I was with Bro. W. W. Wilks the last three nights of his meeting at Cottonwood, Texas, which closed July 25, without visible results, but good attendance. I have been preaching at Abilene, Stamford, and my home congregation. All are doing nicely with good attendance. Pray for me in the work. Anyone desiring my services may write me as above.

Lynwood Smith, Rte. 1, Box 150, Wesson, Miss., September 8.—I have been at home since our meeting here, preaching at New Salem last Lord's day to a fair crowd. We are making plans for a fall meeting at New Salem this year. I have an appointment at Hattiesburg for September 10, regarding my classification. If it turns out favorably, I mean to answer calls for meetings at Waco, Texas, and at Monroe, La.

Batsell Moore, C. P. S. Camp 111, Mancos, Colorado, Aug. 31.—This is the fourth place for me in C. P. S., and I think, all boys in the Church of Christ should be here. Although, I have shifted about so much, I have missed the worship but once on Lord's days, and of course, that was against my will. We have good food, clothing, and shelter, furnished by the government. I would be glad if all the boys in the Church of Christ would come here.

B. F. Leonard, 1714 Jackson Ave., Huntington, W. Va., Sept. 11.—We expect to start our church building soon. We have received donations as follows since last report: The church in Lebanon, Mo., by Bill Van Stavern, $10.00; the church in Ottumwa, Iowa, $50.00, by Burley F. Black, for which we are very thankful. While this is not enough, we mean to go ahead and start the building. Brother Homer Gay, recently stopped over two nights and preached for us, and we were glad to have him. All liked him fine. Pray for us in these trying times.

James D. Corson, Mahaffey, Pa., Sept. 14.—Brother Homer A. Gay has just closed a week of preaching here, the interest was fair, considering the weather conditions. We were edified by the sermons and his association with us. We trust that wherever Bro. Gay may be in meetings, that brethren will consider the diet necessary for his health, that his life may be prolonged, for the sake of the cause of the Lord.

Guy Mallory, Jr., Rte. 7, South Charleston, W. Va., Sept. 16.—I have been preaching at nearby places recently, preaching twice at Rumble. They are to be commended for their faith and zeal. They have but two brethren to take the lead in the public work. I mean to return for another visit soon. I trust that they will appreciate the assistance as much as I do, as it is a help to me to get started in the work.

Joe H. Howard, Dora, Missouri, Sept. 15.—The meeting near Lawrenceburg, Tenn., closed with two restored and one baptized. Here I engaged a Baptist in a debate for four nights. I consider him the weakest I ever met. I preached one night for the colored brethren in Bro. Roberson's home. It sometimes makes me ashamed of the white brethren to see the zeal and faith of some of our colored brethren. Due to the dry weather and lack of stock water, I am forced to stay at home for a while.

George W. McCain, 440½ W. Lemon, Monrovia, Calif., Sept. 14.—We are moving along slowly but surely in the work here. Bro. Barney Welch recently closed a meeting here. A brother made his confession of wrongs, and we think he will be a great help to us. We have three services each week. We extend an open door to all preachers who preach the Bible alone. I am very much interested in the book of sermons and the church directory. I want at least two of the sermon books.

Floyd Ross, Mahaffey, Pa., Sept. 11.—During my stay with the Flemington brethren, Aug. 10-22, nine were baptized and one restored to the faith. I spent the next Lord's day with the good brethren in Mahaffey. The evening of Sept. 5, Bro. Gay started a mission meeting in Mahaffey. It has been a great schooling for me to be with Bro. Gay. I am planning to be with him during all the month of September.

Clarence Kessinger, Box 42, Spring Hill, W. Va., Sept. 14.—I have recently preached several times at Stop 12, Mallory Chapel, and Rumble. We are glad Bro. Cook is resuming his work in this field. He is a good preacher and he and his wife are good singers, which we need. Bro. Cook and I visited the brethren at Rumble the 12th., inst., and he preached for them. He expects to hold a meeting there soon. May the Lord bless them in their work.

Ray Nichols, 849 Wilcox Ave., Hollywood, Calif., Sept. 17.—

I assisted Bro. Waters in a meeting at Cross Roads, Mo., which resulted in four baptized and one restoration. Aug. 29, I preached at Lebanon, Mo., to a fair crowd. I have just returned from California, where I attended the "get-together meeting," Sept. 6, at Fresno. It was one glorious day, and I am sure all who attended were edified. Sixteen congregations were represented.

Joe Castleman, West Monroe, La., Sept. 14.—August 22, I closed a meeting at White Hall, near Temple, Texas, with two baptized and two restored. I appreciate the interest by these brethren, also the Temple, Waco, and Belton brethren. My next was at Bland for four nights, where I mean to return for a meeting. Brother Buffington and I are to close at West Monroe tonight, after 16 days, with four baptized and six confessions of faults to date. This is a mission effort. I intend to stay here until the cause is well established. The members now seem willing to take hold and fight. They need a house for worship. Anyone desiring to help may send to Will F. Davis, Rte. 1, Box 73, West Monroe, La.

James R. Stewart, 1804 W. Ave. H, Temple, Texas, Sept. 13.—The Buda meeting closed Aug. 15, with good interest, but no additions. The few brethren have been meeting in Bro. A. R. Osteen's home, but since the meeting they are to meet in Buda. Bro. Osteen and family are to be commended for their zeal. We had visiting brethren, from Austin and San Antonio, who assisted much. Aug. 29, I closed a good meeting at Gillian, Texas, with 10 baptized and the church strengthened. The brethren said the interest was the best in years. Sept. 12, I closed an interesting meeting at Dublin, where seven members meet for worship. We had no additions this time. Brethren J. T. Broseh and W. W. Wilks, gospel preachers, assisted much in the meeting, and we were glad to have them. We had visiting brethren, from Ramsey and Fort Worth. Brethren J. B. Spradley and E. O. Evitt made good talks. The mission work in Texas is growing. Pray for me and the work.

J. T. Broseh, Rts. 2, Dublin, Texas, Sept. 13. I assisted Bro. M. J. Buffington in the meeting at Ramsey, after which I went to Harding to begin a meeting Aug. 29, closing Sept. 5. While we had no additions, we feel that they were encouraged to continue in the fight. We have some fine brethren there. Bro. James Stewart closed our meeting the 12th. inst. He did some fine preaching, and we believe much good was done. The last Sunday of the meeting talks were made by Brethren Stewart, E. O. Evitt, W. W. Wilks, J. B. Spradley, and the writer. The singing was good. We thank the brethren at Ramsey for their cooperation. Bro. George Hughs preaches for us each third Sunday, and we appreciate him. We invite all the faithful to worship with us when passing this way. I hope to devote all my time to preaching the gospel in the near future. Pray for us.

Fred Kirbo, Davis, Oklahoma, Sept. 21.—Recently, I held a meeting at Sand Grove, near Milano, Texas. Three were baptized and one restored. The interest and crowds were fine. My next was at Fruitland, Texas, continuing a week, with two baptized. I am now at Davis, Okla., leading the songs in a mission meeting, conducted by Brother King. It is an open-air meeting, and we are having very large crowds. Five have responded for baptism—all married people. We are now in the third week, with continued interest, and others are expected to obey the gospel. I go next to Lebanon, Missouri, to begin October 3. Pray for me that "I may speak as I ought to speak."

John L. Reynolds, Box 251, Ceres, Calif., September 10.—We had a great meeting at Fresno the 6th., which is being reported by others. Due to a misunderstanding, I have not been working in the evangelistic field for a few months, but I mean to give full time to the work, beginning January, 1944. I plan to go to Arkansas for some work, possibly in October, and I want to be with Bro. King in a mission meeting in Oklahoma sometime this fall. I do not believe my father's death was reported to the OPA. He passed away last winter, at the age of 77. Interment was a Lenna, Okla.

Homer L. King, Rts. 2, Lebanon, Missouri, September 21.—I closed a series of meetings at Council Hill, Okla., the last Lord's day in August. Two were baptized and a few restored. We were glad to have visiting brethren from Oklahoma City and McAlester. I enjoyed a visit at my home with Brethren Ervin Waters, Paul and Ray Nichols, Ralph Mustard, Clovis Cook, and C. H. Lee. I am now in a mission meeting (third week), in Davis, Oklahoma. We have baptized five, all married people. The crowds and interest have been unusually good. Several brethren, from Sentinel, have attended some. I am delighted to have the assistance of preaching brethren, Orvel Johnson and Fred Kirbo, who have assisted much in various ways to make the meeting a success. It certainly is good to have Bro. Orvel back in line, with his untiring zeal to build up the cause of Christ. Of course, it is always a pleasure to labor with my old Pal, Fred. The Sulphur brethren have attended in a body regularly, which has been much help. They hired a man to drive his truck to bring them, and he and his wife have been baptized. I am to continue in the Oklahoma mission work until December 1.

A. E. Cogburn, Rte. 1, DeLeon, Texas, Sept. 8.—Brother M. J. Buffington closed our meeting August 12, with six baptized and one restored. The interest was good throughout the entire meeting. It was the first time Bro. Buffington was with us, but we learned to love him very much. He presents his lessons in a firm but kind manner. Any congregation needing a preacher will not be disappointed in him. We were glad to be with the brethren at Dublin and hearing Bro. Stewart, who was in a meeting there. This is the home of Bro. J. T. Broseh, another loyal young preacher, who should be preaching all the time. We were glad to have our son, Lewis, from Magnolia, Ark., with us this week. I want to encourage such boys to hold out faithful to the end. Not all are as fortunate as some, for we hear of some, who may be sent to prison for standing up for their convictions. Let us remember them in our prayers.

Clovis T. Cook, Box 42, Spring Hill, W. Va., 14.—I closed the meeting at Washington, Oklahoma, with one confession of faults. This was my first effort with these good brethren, and I enjoyed it very much. We were glad to have visiting brethren, from Oklahoma City. While at home in Missouri, I had the pleasure of being associated with Brethren Ervin Waters, Paul and Ray Nichols, also Ralph Mustard, for a few days. Sept. 2, we left for W. V., and on the night of the 3rd., we visited in the home of Bro. and Sister Hugh Milner, Middletown, Ohio. On the 5th. inst., I preached at the Spring Hill, W. Va., congregation to a good crowd, and that night at Mallory Chapel. September 12, I preached again at the Spring Hill church, in the forenoon. In the afternoon, in company with Brethren Sidney Barker and Clarence Kessinger, we visited the little congregation at Rumble, where I expect to conduct a short meeting soon.

Barney D. Welch, 136 So. 4th. St., Montebello, Calif., Sept. 20.—The Monrovia meeting closed after three Lord's days. Three were restored, and it seems the others have taken on new zeal. Aug. 30 to Sept. 1, I attended and assisted Bro. Chester King in his meeting at Fresno. Sept. 5, Brethren Ervin Waters, Paul Nichols, and I spoke at Siskiyou St., L. A. From here we went to the get-together meeting at Fresno, Sept. 6. This was the biggest day for the church in California ever witnessed by the brethren there. It was the first of its nature I ever attended. I wish the brethren from coast to coast would have such inspiring meetings. Please, try it, brethren. Read the report of this meeting elsewhere in the paper. Get together, plan the Lord's work together, and then work together. It is wonderful to see what can be done, when all put their thoughts and actions together. Sept. 7-11, I was very ill, but I am up and feeling fine again. We began at Marysville last night. Let us "Go forward" in the work, praying as we go.

Ralph Mustard, 221 E. Cleveland, Montebello, Calif., Sept. 8th.—I am now back home, after visiting with several congregations in the hill country of Missouri. August 15, I was with the brethren in Lebanon. Brother Gay and I divided the time, taking the book of Jude as our lesson. That night I gave a lesson of admonition to the church, which seemed to be enjoyed by all. August 17, I left for Galena, where I assisted Bro. Waters in a successful meeting, in which 4 were baptized and one restored. August 29, I preached for the brethren at the Lees Summit church, for the second time. I regret very much that I did not get to be with the brethren in West Virginia, but sundry duties at home made it impossible for me to go, but I am looking forward to the time, when I can make that trip. The work in California moves forward.

M. J. Buffington, Rte. 3, Box 61, Floresville, Texas, Sept. 13.—After closing a good meeting at DeLeon, Texas, with

six baptized, and four restored, I went to green Forest, Ark., for my second effort with the brethren of that place. Although there were no additions, we believe that much good was accomplished. On August 28th, Bro. Joe Castleman and I began a mission meeting at Monroe, La. After having preached one week we baptized four and restored four. Bro. Castleman is still laboring with the brethren there, and they need his help for some time yet, as this is a new congregation. Brethren if you would like to support Bro. Castleman, and help keep him there for two or three months, I'm sure it would be greatly appreciated. You may send contributions to J. W. Castleman, % Will F. Davis, Rte. 1, West Monroe, La. They would like to build a small church house there. Any contributions to this effort may be sent to Will F. Davis, Rte. 1, West Monroe, La. At this writing I am at home. Bro. Stewart and I will hold a twenty day meeting at Houston, Texas soon.

Paul O. Nichols, 849 Wilcox Ave., Hollywood, 38, Calif., Sept. 15.—The meeting at Ottumwa, Iowa closed August 29 after two weeks duration. Bro. Black is to be commended for his untiring efforts to get dormant members into active duty in the church again. While there I tried to arouse those who had sunk into a spiritual lethergy to a response of their duty to the Lord, other than just attending the worship service on Lord's day mornings. On Sept. 4, in company of Ralph Mustard, Ervin Waters, and my brother, Ray, I arrived in Los Angeles the first time since May. The trip was made that we might attend the meeting of the California congregations at Fresno, on Sept. 6. The meeting was a great success. The members there are worthy of commendation for the way they provided places for those coming to the meeting a day before to stay over night. We heard the closing sermon of the series of meetings conducted by Chester King. While in California I preached one time at Siskiyou St., L. A. Last Lord's day night after the service, at which Bro. Waters delivered a fine sermon, we left Montebello to return to Missouri for more preaching. We were accompanied as far as Portales, N. Mex. by Jack Bledsoe and his wife. We arrived here in Missouri Wednesday night. Brethren, let us intensify our efforts for right.

Ervin Waters, Box 410, Lebanon, Missouri, Sept. 16.—Aug. 9-24, Bro. Ray Nichols and I held a meeting at Cross Roads, baptizing four and restoring one. A congregation was established, which will meet for worship in the nearby Mountain Home school house. On the morning of Aug. 29, I preached at Lebanon and in the evening at Lees Summit. I was glad to be associated for a short time with Bro. King, Gay, and Cook. Sept. 1, in company with Ralph Mustard, Ray Nichols, and Paul Nichols, I went to California, where we attended the all-day meeting at Fresno, Calif., Sept. 6. Sixteen California churches were represented. Soul stirring talks were made and plans for future work were formulated. Four preachers will be placed in the field in California for full time service next year. If California alone can do this, what could other states do? Bro. Barney Welch and Bro. Chester King are really getting into the work this year. Sept. 9, I preached at Pomona, Calif., and Sept. 10, at Siskiyou St., L. A. Sept. 12, I worshipped at Siskiyou St., and in the afternoon we had some wonderful singing accompanied by uplifting talks from various brethren. In the evening I preached at Montebello, baptizing one. Afterwards Paul Nichols, Ray Nichols, Jack Bledsoe, and wife, and I left California. Bro. Jack and wife stopped at Portales, N. M., and the rest of us arrived at Lees Summit last night. Sept. 17, we begin a mission meeting at Longrun, Mo. Let us press forward!

Homer A. Gay, Mahaffey, Pa., Sept. 13.—Since my last report, I was at home for the most of the month of August, where I helped with the work in the church at Lees Summit and also visited the churches at Richland and Lebanon. Leaving home Sept. 1st., I came by way of Huntington, W. Va., where I preached two nights to nice crowds. I learned to love the good brethren there and shall return for a meeting some time. I went next to Commodore, Pa., and preached Lord's day morning, Sept. 5.; came on to Mahaffey, and began a mission meeting that night. This is the home of Bro. J. D. Corson, another loyal gospel preacher, with whom I am making my home. Also, Bro. Floyd Ross is with me in this meeting. Bro. Ross preached last night. He does well considering that he has only been a member of the church of Christ for three months. In these three months he has held three protracted meetings; has helped me in this one, and has baptized twenty-three into Christ. He has wonderful zeal and is a good personal worker. Our crowds have been rather small. We have had visitors from Commodore and Ball Hill, near La Contes Mills. The cold weather over the week-end made it necessary to finish the meeting in a private home. We had a nice crowd and a good interest last night. I go to Commodore today to preach the rest of this week. I expect to visit Flemington and other points in this state before leaving. I am to hold a meeting at my old home, Eola, Texas, the first two Lord's days in December.

BORN AGAIN

Adventist: "'Born of water,' is the natural birth." Reply: Then one who has a "dry birth" was never born. Moreover, if the resurrection is one's being born of the Spirit, the just and the unjust will be in the kingdom, for "There shall be a resurrection of the dead both the just and the unjust." (Acts 24:15) And you have Universalism.

But it is one birth. It says "again." A birth "of water and the Spirit." If a man says he was born of an English mother and father, who would say "Two births, two instances of birth"? Yes, who?

The **mortal** "bodies are quickened by the Spirit (Rom. 8:11). But both the "just and unjust" have **mortal** bodies thus quickened by the Spirit. And if this is "birth of the Spirit," both enter the kingdom. Just tell us what the just get in the resurrection **by this operation of the Spirit** that the unjust do not get.

The Greek is gennaoo, under which the Standard Lexicon for New Testament Greek says: "d. particularly, in the Gospel and I Ep. of John, of God conferring upon men the nature and disposition of his sons, imparting to them spiritual life, i. e. by his own holy power (Rom. 1:16) prompting and persuading souls to put faith in Christ and live a new life consecrated to himself: **ex hudatos kai pneumatos** (of water and Spirit) because that moral generation is effected in receiving baptism." (Thayer, p. 113.)

—H. C. Harper

Ye num'rous sects which all declare "Lo Christ is here. Lo Christ is there."

Your stronger proofs divinely give And show me where the Christians live,

OLD PATHS ADVOCATE

"Where is Thy Church, O, Savior, where?" I heard the cry, and then I heard:

"Here is My Church where men still dare To take Me at My word."

"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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"SET YOUR AFFECTION ON THINGS ABOVE" (Col. 3:2)

By Ervin Waters

"Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth" (Col. 3:2) is an admonition the neglect of which is the cause of many lethargic tendencies among us. This neglect has retarded our progress. Contrariwise, heeding it would have such an accelerative effect on the Lord's work that our subsequent growth would surprise all of us. The above command is both positive and negative in that it points out the things on which we should and the things on which we should not set our affection. Let us first consider the negative command.

Not On Things On The Earth

(1) **Money**—"For the love of money is the root of all evil; which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness" (1 Tim. 6:10-11). Money is a medium of exchange in this country and is therefore a necessity. But we should not have a desire for selfish gain in order that we may consume it upon our lusts. The spiriling wages and profits of inflation have lured some church members to forsake their families and the church assemblies. "They that will be rich fall into temptation" (1 Tim. 6:9). Sometimes we even deceive ourselves or else are lulled into fatal slumber by the drugging effect of this "filthy lucre". Because of a love of money some refuse to "give as God prospered" (1 Cor. 16:2). The prophet Balaam protested that, "If Balak would give me his house full of silver and gold, I cannot go beyond the word of the Lord my God, to do less or more" (Numbers 22:18), and yet he "taught Balac to cast a stumblingblock before the children of Israel" (Rev. 2:14) "for the wages of unrighteousness" (2 Pet. 2:15).

(2) **The World**—"Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever" (1 Jno. 2:15-17). The world mentioned here is not the world which God loved (Jno. 3:16), but it is the world which is the opposite of truth and ight and belongs to Satan. The result of "loving the world" can be observed in the case of Demas, "Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world" (2 Tim. 4:10). Let us stamp out worldiness in the church because it is destructive to spirituality.

(3) **Praise Of Men**—"Nevertheless among the chief rulers also many believed on him; but because of the Pharisees they did not confess him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue: For they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God" (Jno. 12:42-43). A love of praise on the part of many has caused them to remain in sin's bondage. It has caused others to forsake the Lord. Some preachers so love popularity that they either "shun to declare the whole counsel of God" or advocate an error in order to stay with the many. "If I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ" (Gal. 1:10).

(4) **Our Lives**—"He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal" (Jno. 12:25). If we would save our lives, we must lose them in service to Christ or give them to him. Christ is "our life." We, like the martyrs, must be willing to die for the cause of truth ."And they overcame him by the blood of the lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they **loved not their lives unto the death"** (Rev. 12:11).

(5) **Preeminence**—"I wrote unto the church: but Diotrephes, who loveth to have the preeminence among them, receiveth us not" (3 Jno. 9). One of the qualifications of an elder is "not self-willed" (Tit. 1:7). Some would "rule or ruin." This desire for preeminence is incompatible with "humility". "Be clothed with humility" (1 Pet. 5:5).

(6) **Ourselves**—"For men shall be lovers of their own selves" (2 Tim. 3:2). This was one of the marks of the then impending apostacy. There is prevalent in the world the German philosophy, "Assert thyself." This philosophy led the world to the very brink of hell in that first World War which was supposed to make the world safe for democracy. It has led the world in the present conflict to unparallelled chaos and ruin. This philosophy is directly antipodal to that of Christ, which is, "Renounce thyself." We must be lowly salt before we can be exalted light. You will find that nearly every sin is rooted in selfishness. Let us be **selfless**, not selfish.

But On Things Above

"Set your affection on things above" (Col. 3:2) and "Seek ye first the kingdom of God" (Matt. 6:33) teach us that our mind and our affection

should be on spiritual things. "To be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace" (Rom. 8:6). We must love God with all of our heart and love Christ. This entails the keeping of the commandments (1 Jno. 5:3). We must receive the love of the truth, which sanctifies (Jno. 17:17) and "make us free" (Jno. 8:32).

No wonder that we are to set our affection on things above! Everything elevating and ennobling is from above. Heaven is "above" (Exodus 20:4). Christ is from "above". (Jno. 8:23). The wisdom which is pure and peaceable is from "above" (Jas. 3:17). "For our conversation (R. V.—Citizenship) is in heaven; from which also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ" (Phil. 3:20). If we expect to climb above, there we must have our affection, our treasure, and our hope. "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things" (Phil. 4:8). If we heed these admonitions, we shall climb Jacob's ladder round by round to those mansions in the skies and spend eternity in the home of the soul.

WHERE SEVENTH DAY ADVENTISM HITS A RUT

It is my aim to present a challenge to our well-meaning friends. In presenting this, I merely give one direct statement.

"Show me the **man** or **woman** who, today, keeps the Sabbath as it was commanded to be kept."

If one is to keep the Sabbath as the Old Testament taught it:

1. He must keep the same seventh day that the Jews kept. (Deut. 12:13;14). 13—"Take heed to thyself that thou offer not thy burnt offerings in every place. 14—"But in the place which the Lord shall choose in one of the tribes there thou shalt offer thy burnt offerings and there thou shalt do all that I command thee."

2. He must keep it from Sunset to Sunset. (Lev. 23:32) "It shall be unto you a Sabbath of rest, and ye shall afflict your souls: in the ninth day of the month at even, from even to even, shall ye celebrate your Sabbath." (Sunset to Sunset).

3. He must kindle no fires on That Day. (Exodus 35:3) "Ye shall kindle no fire through your habitations upon the Sabbath Day."

4. He must be stoned to death if he does not observe the Sabbath. (Numbers 15:32-36)

5. He must not go out of his or her house upon that Sabbath Day. (Exodus 16:29) "See, for that the Lord hath given you the Sabbath, therefore he giveth you on the Sixth day the bread of two days; abide ye every man in **his place,** let no man go out of **his place** on the Seventh Day."

6. He must recall that he was a servant in the land of Egypt. (Deut. 5:15) "And remember that thou wast a servant in the land of Egypt, and that the Lord thy God brought thee out thence through a mighty hand and by a stretched out arm: therefore the Lord thy God commanded thee to keep the Sabbath Day."

7. He must have an ordained Priest of Israel offer up two Lambs two tenths deals of flour and some oil as a meat and drink offering. (Numbers 28:9) "And on the Sabbath day two lambs of the first year without spot, and two-tenths deals of flour for a meat offering, mingled with oil, and the drink offering thereof."

8. He must make it a sign between Israel and God forever. (Exodus 31:17) "It is a sign between me and the children of Israel forever: for in six days the Lord made Heaven and Earth, and on the Seventh Day He rested, and was refreshed."

I challenge the Sabbatarians with the following statement—No man can keep the Sabbath that the Jews were commanded to keep because **men** determine where Saturday begins and ends, and there are no more priests to offer up sacrifices, nor is there a temple or tabernacle in which to offer. So no one can keep the Sabbath today as it was commanded to be kept by **Israel.**

The Law teachers claim they keep the sabbath as the Decalog, when in **truth** they keep but two of the requirements, a man made seventh day and the limits of that day.

They go out of their homes, travel many miles, keep fires, prepare their food, do more or less work, and do not require all in their employ to keep the day. Neither do they stone anyone to death for violation.

They do not remember when they were slaves in the Land of Egypt and it is not a sign between them and God for they are not Israelites but **Gentiles.**

—Louis P. Howsmon.

CHURCH OF CHRIST RALLY PLANNED

"A get-acquainted meeting for members of the Church of Christ, especially those who have recently arrived in McAlester, will be held at 8 o'clock Friday night in the clubroom of the Public Service Company.

Games and refreshments will be included on the informal program.

Comment

The above announcement appeared early this year in the daily paper of McAlester, Oklahoma. Sounds like a political, or some other worldly entertainment, does it not? To say the least, it sounds more like the announcements of the digressive, apostate, so-called, Christian Church, with all their world "clap-trap" shows, does it not? Well, this is the "Digressives No. 2," following closely on the heels of the "Digressives No. 1." About all thy need to be right by their side in digression is to install the piano, for they have about everything else you will find in the Christian Church. Why should they allow a "little thing" like the instrumental music to keep them divided? All the above folly and digression should be self explanatory as to why, some **faithful** brethren **cannot** and **will not** go along with such, and why we are willing to be criticised and stigmatized, "narrow-minded," "old foggy," "unlearned," "moss-backs," etc. As Bro. Tant warned them, time and again, "Brethren, we are drifting!" But, they gave no heed; neither did he, except in word. Alas! —Homer L. King.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Donations to Defray Expenses of Brethren in C. P. S. Camps:

Church of Christ, Tuscola, Texas	$ 5.00
Church of Christ, Belton, Texas	25.00
Church of Christ, Marysville, Calif.	5.00
A brother, Siskiyou St. Church, L. A.	10.00
A sister, Siskiyou St. Church	20.00
A brother, Siskiyou St. Church	10.00
Total	$75.00

—Carl N. Nichols

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Ottumwa, Iowa, by Earl Butts	$40.00
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Amount sent to Magnolia, Ark., 4 boys—$30.00 each	$120.00
Lyndhurst, Va., 1 boy, $30.00	30.00
Santa Barbara, Calif., 1 boy, $30.00	30.00
Total	$180.00

At Magnolia, Ark., we have Lewis Cogburn, Leonard Hendrickson, Howard King, and Kenneth Triplett; at Lyndhurst, Va., Fred Kessinger, Jr., Santa Barbara, Calif., Houstion Martin.

If you know of other loyal boys in these camps, let us know it. —Homer L. King.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Texas:
Abilene, 610 So. 8th. St.; 11:00 a.m.; 8:15 p.m.
Stamford, Clark Bldg., Swinson Ave.; 11:00 a.m., 8:15 p.m.
Cedar Gap, 14 miles So. of Abilene; 3:00 p.m.
Cottonwood, 3 miles north of Grosvenor; 11:00 a.m.
Marlow, 7 miles east of Cameron; 10:30 a.m.
Fort Worth, 2704 Vaughn Blvd.; 10:30 a.m.
Lubbock, 2012 Third St.; 10:30 a.m.

Oklahoma:
Oklahoma City, 1836 NW 7th St.; 10:30 a.m.
Carter, 6½ miles NW of Davidson; 10:30 a.m.
Healdton, East Healdton; 10:30 a.m.; 8:00 p.m.
Ada, West 6th St.; 10:30 a.m.

Alabama:
Lowery (near Kinston); 2:00 p.m.
Early (between Kinston and Samson); 10:30 a.m.

California:
Fresno, 757 Orange Ave., 10:00 a.m.; 7:30 p.m.

Note: Let us have the place and time of your meetings on Lord's days. Brethren may want to visit your congregation. —Publishers.

OUR HELPERS

Below are the names of our helpers who have sent us subs. to the OPA, September 20 to October 20, and following the names the number of subs. received by us. Many thanks to all for the hearty co-operation in assisting to extend the circulation of this paper. Let us never cease until it goes to every Christian home in America, yea, in all the world.

Ervin Waters—11; Homer A. Gay—8; Homer L. King—5; Paul O. Nichols—4; F. O. Ross—4; Mrs. P. B. Fowler—3; Mrs. E. E. Barnes—3; Mrs. V. A. Dunlop—3; Joe W. Castleman—3; H. S. Jackson—3; Henry Young—3; George Rozzell—2; C. R. Fancher—2; C. D. Palmer—2; J. S. Shelley—2; K. G. Wilks—2; Clovis T. Cook—2; Chester King—2; Jesse L. Lowrance—1; Garland T. Smith—1; Orville Cottrell—1; Frank Cobbs—1; A. B. Loudermilk—1; Raymond Bray—2; Madge Murphy—1; Clarence Snodgrass—1; Rolland Everett—1; S. W. Lea—1; J. B. Lasater—1; Mrs. L. J. Early—1; Stella Barnes—1; C. C. King—1; Nelson Nichols—1; Mrs. Ola Russell—1; C. F. Reese—1; Mrs. J. C. Wilson—1; Perry Allen—1; A. E. White—1; Pete Howard—1; Bill Milner—1; Tom E. Smith—1; H. E. Robertson—1; Bill Vanstavern—1; Jimmy E. Campbell—1; Mrs. L. M. Pond—1; Total 92.

GET-TOGETHER MEETING

In the very near future we hope to have such a meeting of the preachers and church leaders, of Missouri, for the purpose of discussing plans to continue the mission work in this state. Each congregation will be notified of the time and place within a very short time. —H. L. K.

"PASSED ON"

Kenneth Doane, was born June 26, 1908 in Lawrence County, Indiana, and was accidentally killed August 30, 1943, while employed as a lineman for a rural electric company. He obeyed the Gospel under the preaching of Bro. Clovis T. Cook, becoming a member of the Church of Christ (now known as Breeze Hill,) and remain faithful unto death. Those left to survive his passing are his wife and small son (age 11) his mother, step-father, three half brothers, three half sisters, and grand parents. Our sympathy goes out to the bereaved. Bro. Elmer Walls, officiated. His comforting words to a large audience will long be remembered. —Mrs. Claude White.

NOTE: My heart was made sad to hear of our dear Brother Kenneth Doanes, untimely death. I have spent many happy hours with him. From the time that he became a member of the Church I remember him as a "lively stone." Kenneth, was filled with zeal and loved the Truth. The doors of the "hadean world" have opened and the "dark valley and shadow of death" has received another traveler. To you who remain yet a little while, I will say with John: "Be thou faithful unto death."

—Clovis T. Cook.

Beware when the great God turns loose a thinker on this planet.

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THE NEW SONG BOOK

We are going forward with the work on this book. Many of the songs have been selected, and we hope to have it ready early in December, possibly, the latter part of November. There will be 192 pages of songs, suitable for all church services, both old and new. Some songs, never published in any book, will be in the new book. From the songs selected and already in my hands, I am convinced that it will be one of the best books, ever put out by our brethren. We hope to keep the price as low as other books of the same size. We hope that we can sell it for about the same price as the last book, "Songs of Zion," advertised in this paper, but we cannot be certain just yet.

A BOOK OF SERMONS

It is quite certain that we shall begin work on this book, just as soon as the song book is in the hands of the printers. As to the subjects to appear in the book, writers, etc. At the proper time, we shall notify all who have expressed a willingness to cooperate with us, by writing a sermon. It might be well for all the preachers who will write a sermon, to go ahead and have your news cut made, if you do not have one, as this will save delay, as you should know, we plan to run a picture of every preacher who writes a sermon for the book.

CO-OPERATION

Now, here is a kind of co-operation that really counts and that we certainly do appreciate:

"I see in the October issue of the OPA, the things planned to do, will need some financial support. Enclosed find a check for $60.00, to use as you see fit."—Irvin R. Boss, Pekin, Indiana. And, from W. F. Orten, Lawrenceburg, Tenn., comes $3.00. From Bro. and Sister B. N. Ruebush, Oceanside, Calif., comes $5.00. Thanks a million to all for such thoughtfulness and liberality. We mean to make this do double service—first, to help finance the song book, and second, the book of sermons, after the song books have been sold. May God bless you all.

—Homer L. King.

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

"I certainly enjoy reading the OPA, and here is my renewal. I want one of the sermon books, when they are ready. I trust you and yours are enjoying the best of health."—Garland T. Smith, Miss.

"I think the OPA is the best paper that was ever put out by our brethren. It is free from strife and discord, and I am renewing my sub."—Frank Cobbs, West Va.

"I believe the OPA is the best paper in circulation. Enclosed you will find my renewal."—Perry Allen, Calif.

"Here are three subs. to the OPA. May the Lord bless you in every undertaking in the furtherance of His cause."—Joe Castleman, Louisiana.

"I am sending my renewal and a new sub. to the OPA. Remember, I do not want to miss an issue, and remember that I love you."—Chas. D. Palmer, Ala.

"Here is my renewal for the paper. Keep the good work going. We think Bro. Waters is a fine preacher, and we need more like him."—Pete Howard, Missouri.

"Find my renewal to the OPA. May the good work continue through these trying times. Best wishes for you in your work."—A. W. Fenter, Texas.

"We enjoy the paper very much. Find our renewal. Love to you, Bro. King."—Orville Cotterll, Oklahoma.

"Here is a dollar for my renewal to the OPA, and many thanks to you for sending the paper on to me."—Mrs. L. M. Pond, Calif.

"I see in the OPA, the things planned to do will require some financial help, so find check for $60.00 to use as you see best."—Irvin R. Boss, Indiana.

"I am enclosing my renewal to the OPA, for we don't want to miss a single issue."—Jimmy E. Campbell, Calif.

"I received the check for my support here, and I appreciate it. If you are ever coming this way, be sure to drop by to see me, or if you know of any other brethren coming this way, tell them."—Houston Martin, Calif.

"I think it would be fine to have a book of sermons, to show where we stand, and that we are not asleep."— E. E. Wright, Texas.

"I am sending our renewal to the paper. We enjoy reading it very much. Remember us in your prayers."—Mrs. Ola Russell, Texas.

"We are enclosing five dollars for the boys in CPS, and three dollars for the OPA needs. May the Lord bless you and yours."—W. F. Orten, Tenn.

"Accept this contribution ($5.00) for the brethren in CPS Camps. I shall try to send that much each month. Who knows but that I may be in one of those camps one day."—Rolland Everett, Oklahoma.

"I have just received the OPA and enjoyed it as usual. I wouldn't be without it. I am sending my renewal and two new subs. I hope you publish the book of sermons, for I certainly want one."—H. S. Jackson, Oklahoma.

"The OPA is the best paper I know, but it has one fault—there is just not enough of it. Find my renewal."—A. E. White, Indiana.

"Find enclosed my receipt of the check. I certainly appreciate the effort that is now being put forth by the brethren in behalf of us boys. My hope is that I can return such love in even a greater degree."—Leonard Hendrickson, Ark.

"I received the contribution, and many thanks for it. I certainly do like it here."—Fred Kessinger, Jr., Virginia.

"I received the address of the OPA from a song book, Church Hymnal, and we received our first number Saturday, and we enjoyed it very much. Here are two more names."—Mrs. P. B. Fowler, Texas.

"Here is my renewal for the paper. I don't want to miss a single issue, for it means so much to me. We look forward to its coming each month. May God bless you in your work, and may He bless your family."—Mrs. L. J. Early, Alabama.

"I am sending three renewals to the OPA and $28.00 for you to use in spreading the gospel somewhere in someway, where you think it will do the most good. We desire the prayers of all the faithful."—Wilson Chapman, Ark.

"Here is a check for $50.00 for the boys in CPS camps. We all enjoy reading the OPA."—D. O. Francher, Texas.

"Here is my renewal and two new subs. Sincerely, I enjoy reading it very much. May the Lord bless you in your good work."—Mrs. V. A. Dunlop, Okla.

"We miss the OPA, so here is our renewal. We sincerely hope you will live many years to preach the gospel in its purity."—Mrs. E. E. Barnes, Ark.

"Like the paper fine and enjoy reading every work of it. I do not want to miss an issue. Here is my renewal."—Roland Everett, Oklahoma.

"I cannot do without the paper, and it seems that each issue is just a little better. I am glad to note the interest in spreading the gospel, and if we ever needed to spread it, this certainly is the time. It is shocking to see how that so many church members are allowing the war effort to crowd Christ and the church out of their lives. I wonder to whom they will look for their reward."—Madge Murphy, West Va.

"Enclosed you will find my renewal to the paper. May God's blessings be with you and yours."—S. W. Lea, Miss.

"I endorse the proposal to get out a song book and a book of sermons, also the church directory."—F. T. Harrison, Alabama.

From The Fields

E. H. Miller, 1003 Truitt Ave., LaGrange, Ga., Oct. 12.—The church here is doing a good work. I baptized one this week-end. Brother Gillis Prince baptized three over in Alabama, recently.

Pete Howard, Dora, Missouri, Oct. 12.—Our meeting closed the 10th. inst., with Bro. Waters doing the preaching. The results were 4 restored and 1 baptized. Bro. Ray Nichols preached one sermon for us. The church seems strengthened. Let us work as never before, brethren. Pray for us. I hope we can continue the mission work.

Clovis T. Cook, Box 42, Spring Hill, W. Va., Oct. 11.—I closed a meeting at Rumble, W. Va., the 2nd. inst., without additions. There are some fine people at that place, and I learned to love them more. I am now in a meeting at Mallory Chapel. People in this busy valley are rather unconcerned about religion, which makes the work much harder for the preacher.

Geo. Rozzell, Rte. 3, Box 363, Okla. City, Okla., Oct. 8.—We are getting along very well in spite of the opposition. We have moved to our new location, 1836 NW 7th St. We had a good crowd last Lord's day, with some visitors from Sulphur. Bro. Bill Rhoden preached for us, giving a good lesson. Pray for us that we may grow stronger in grace and knowledge of the Lord.

Jesse Ennes, Galena, Missouri, Oct. 16.—We have heard a lot of good preaching this summer. Bro. Paul Nichols has just closed a meeting here. He is now at Cross Hollows in a meeting. We all like Bro. Paul. We are expecting Bro. Waters back for a meeting at Lone Elm in November. Why do we not have a "get-together meeting" in Missouri and plan to continue this mission work? We want to keep this work going, for it certainly has done a lot of good in this part.

Jesse E. James, 2122 Santa Monica, San Antonio, Texas, Oct. 4.—We plan to have a meeting the first part of November, Bro. Robertson doing the preaching. We are trying to keep busy, assisting in mission work, helping some of the new congregations to get started, etc. I am glad to note that the brotherhood is contributing more liberally toward the support of the loyal boys.

Fred Kirbo, Davis, Oklahoma, Oct. 15.—I am now in a meeting in Lebanon, Missouri; having good crowds and good interest. I am enjoying the fellowship of preaching brethren, Ray Nichols, Ervin Waters, Chester King, C. H. Lee, Homer Gay, and H. E. Robertson. I go next to Eola, Texas, for a short meeting.

Ray B. Nichols, 849 Wilcox Ave., Hollywood, Calif., Oct. 15.—Since returning to Missouri, I was in a meeting with Bro. Waters at Longrun. There were no additions, but the church was taught the "way of the Lord more perfectly," hence gave up the system of "verse about reading" for the truth. I attended four nights of my brother Paul's meeting at Dogwood. My next was at Dora with Bro. Waters for ten days. I am now at Lee's Summit with Chester King in a meeting. Let us continue to fight for the right.

Frank Cobbs, Spring Hill, W. Va., Sept. 20.—Brother Cook is preaching good lessons. He is beginning a meeting at Rumble soon. We are hindered some in the work in the mission effort due to war regulations which makes it hard on the preacher and the church, too. I am sending contributions for both Spring Hill and Mallory Chapel

for the boys in CPS. I think we should look after these loyal boys. The churches here are getting along very well.

Joe W. Castleman, West Monroe, La., Oct. 9.—The church here is doing fine. We are expecting Bro. Buffington to arrive soon to assist us on building our chapel. My plans are, the Lord willing, to stay here another month, at least, until the cause is firmly established. I want to commend Bro. King for his untiring effort to help the faithful boys in the CPS Camps. I am enclosing a contribution for them.

Barney D. Welch, 136 So. 4th. St., Montebello, Calif., Sept. 17-26.—I was with the Marysville Brethren in a meeting. Two confessed the error of their way and one baptized. This is certainly a zealous young congregation. For the past two weeks we have been studying the book of Romans, here at Montebello. These meetings have certainly been edifying, with several of the Brethren at Siskiyou St. and Montebello assisting in the teaching. I expect to leave soon for lots of needed work. Pray without ceasing for me and the work.

W. W. Wilks, Rte. 4, Dublin, Texas, Oct. 19.—October 3, I preached for the church, 2704 Voughn Blvd., Fort Worth, Texas, two sermons; Oct. 10, I worshiped at my home church, Dublin; Oct. 17, Bro. James Stewart and I were at Cottonwood, where four brethren were restored, due mainly to his help. Brethren, I stand for "one faith," the simple Scriptural worship, the oneness of God's people on "It is written" (Matt. 4:10).

Lee R. Williams, 234 W. Cherokee, McAlester, Okla., Oct. 17.—Our meeting closes tonight, having continued over three Lord's days, with Bro. Homer L. King doing the preaching. The results were a preacher, Bro. T. A. Jenson, restored. We believe he will be much help to the cause here, as we need his ability as a teacher and leader. We believe the little church was strengthened and we rejoice over the results. We wish to thank the brethren of Oklahoma and Bro. King for making it possible for us to have this meeting.

Nelson Nichols, 849 Wilcox Ave., Hollywood, Calif.—I am attending school, and I want to get all I can out of it, before I start preaching. I want to be a preacher above all other ambitions, but I'll have to grow into that position within the next few years. We had wonderful meeting Sept. 6. which has been reported in the OPA. Brethren Chester and Barney have been preaching pretty steadily. Pray for me; "the prayers of the righteous availeth much."

Tom. E. Smith, Healdton, Oklahoma, Oct. 11.—Brother H. E. Robertson has just closed a good meeting at the Bit Shop, with one baptized. and one restored the following Lord's day. Since Bro. Jim Smith has moved to Oregon, I am meeting with these brethren, and we hope to build up the cause there, as they seem to have taken on new zeal. We love Bro. Robertson for his work's sake. I certainly appreciated Bro. Gay's article on mission work. Let us have more of that kind.

Chas. D. Palmer, Kinston, Alabama, Oct. 18.—The congregations here, Lowery and Early, are doing fine. The home church (Lowery) plans to do some repair work on their house soon. Too, they have supported me in some mission work, for which I am thankful. It is a pleasure to work with the Early church, and they are growing in zeal. I was with the church at Wedowee the past weekend, where we have some fine brethren. I plan to visit the brethren at Wesson, Miss. the 23-24, inst. I shall, probably visit some places in Louisiana and Texas soon. I want to spend more time preaching. If you need me, write me at my home address.

Paul O. Nichols, 849 Wilcox Ave., Hollywood, Calif., Oct. 18.—The mission meeting at Dogwood, Mo., closed Oct. 3. The next two nights I attended Bro. Waters' meeting at Odum school house, where I preached one sermon. There I met Bro. Joe Howard for the first time. My next was at Cross Roads, closing Oct. 12, without visible results, yet some seemed convinced. I am now at Cross Hollows, with good attendance. Let us continue to press the battle.

M. J. Buffington, Rte. 3 Box 61, Floresville, Texas, Oct. 18.—Being at home for about two weeks after the work in La., I visited in the home of Bro. James R. Stewart, Temple, Texas, where nearby he and I did some mission work. Oct 10, we preached at White Hall, with one restored. That night I visited in Bro. Lynwood Smith's meeting at Waco. He is one of our fine young men, and I really learned to love him. After this I visited Fort Worth and Wichita Falls. I am now in a good meeting at the Carter church, near Davidson, Okla. Pray for me and mine.

James R. Stewart, 1804 W. Ave. H, Temple, Texas, Oct. 11.—Since closing at Dublin, I have been prospecting for mission meetings. Sept. 19, at Marlow, with good crowds and interest. That night I preached at my home church, Temple. Sept. 25, at Buda, three sermons. The crowds were good, and they are growing in number. Oct. 3, in Abilene, morning and night; in the afternoon at Cedar Gap. with good interest at both places. Oct. 7 and 8, I visited Bro. Lynwood Smith's meeting in Waco, and he preached two fine sermons, while I was there. I was glad to have Bro. Buffington visit in my home. We preached at White Hall. Oct. 10; one confession of faults. I preached at Temple last night.

George Hughes, R. 4, Box 111, Brownwood, Texas—It has been some time since I have reported to the OPA, but I have been doing what I could for the cause. About four years ago I had to quit the evangelistic field, on account of financial conditions, and seek other employment. but I am now ready to answer calls for meetings anywhere. I have been preaching on Lord's days as I had the opportunity, but seeing the need of more preachers in the field, like Paul, "I am ready" to go anywhere, preaching the saving gospel of our blessed Lord. On with the good work!

Floyd O. Ross, Lock Haven. Pa., Oct. 12.—I was glad to be with Bro. Gay during the month of September. October 3, I was with the brethren at

Love, Joy, morning and evening services. Attendance and interest were very good. Oct. 10, I was with the brethren at LeContes Mills, for the worship, and at Flemington for the evening meeting. We are planning to be in Blairsville for a mission meeting a part of the month of November.

Perry Allen, 725 Golden Gate Ave., Point Richmond, Calif., Oct. 6.—We still meet with the faithful at Crockett. Though few in number, we are striving to be loyal and faithful in our services to the Lord. We attended the all-day meeting at Fresno, Sept. 6, which was a great spiritual feast. The interest manifested was very encouraging, especially that we all got together to continue the great work in Calif. Four good men were chosen for preaching the gospel in this state in 1944. Pray for us.

Jesse C. French, 610 S. 8th. St., Abilene, Texas, Sept. 26.—We wish to express our thanks to those who have helped us in the building of a church building here, as follows: Wichita Falls (6th St.), $25.00; Lodi, Calif., $15.00; Lubbock. Texas (3rd St.), $10.00; Temple, Texas, $10.00; A. J. Wright, Merkel, Texas, $5.00; E. O. Evitt, Dublin, Texas, $5.00. We are getting along pretty well with our building, being about two thirds done. Bro. Talbert Stewart preached for us today, giving us a good lesson. We ask the prayers of all.

Louis Howsman, 949 Sierra St., Yuba City, Calif., Oct. 14.—For about five years I was a member of the Christian Church, but being taught the truth, I gave up instrumental music, and came over with the Church of Christ, but I learned soon that they carried on the Sunday School, and used a plurality of drinking vessels in the Communion. I doubted these being Scriptural, and when I met Bro. Waters, a young gospel preacher, I soon saw that not only were they wrong, but that the way some divide the loaf is wrong, and from that time I determined to help spread the truth to the limit.

Bill Milner, Wilson, Oklahoma, Oct. 11.—I am in agreement with Bro. Cook's article in the last OPA, and especially concerning "Inconsistency." If I cannot worship with a brother in one congregation, how could I consistently drive 300 miles to another and take him into full fellowship, without a public confession on someone's part? Is this the way the apostles did? No, certainly not. Read Gal. 2, and you will find how one apostle acted toward another, when he practiced dissimulation (hypocrisy), verses 11 to 13. I think it is high time we had a few more "get-together meetings" and discuss the things that disturb the body of Christ, to find out what is safe and who to use. Let us be consistent, and let the public know which side we are on.

L. N. Byford, Bellmead, Texas. Oct. 22.—The church at 1605 S. 4th. St., Waco, is getting along nicely. Bro. Lynwood Smith, Wesson, Miss., closed a ten days meeting here Oct. 10. While there were no additions, yet the preaching was fine, and we can heartily commend him to the brotherhood, as young Timothy, "and that from a child. he hath known the holy Scriptures." We are taking our vacation in the Missouri Ozarks, attending the Lees Summit meeting, being conducted by Chester King, who has improved considerably since we heard him last.

Chester King, Rte. 1, Phillipsburg, Missouri, October 22.—The meeting at Fresno, Calif., resulted in one baptism, and I believe, there is more unity among the faithful in that city. Sept. 19, I preached at San Diego, morning service, and that night at Oceanside, baptizing three. Sept. 26, I began a meeting at Waterford, continuing over two Lord's days, resulting in four baptized and two restored. I am now in a meeting at my old home church, Lees Summit, near Lebanon, Missouri. Crowds and interest are good, considering the obstacles, war, etc.

Clarence Snodgrass, Tuscola, Texas, Sept. 28.—I have recently preached at Cedar Gap, baptizing two. The fifth Sunday in August, I was at Robert Lee, for my first time, and we baptized four; two boys and two girls. The boys are taking an active part in the public work. I was with them again the fourth Sunday in September with wonderful services. There was a discussion between the cups brethren and the S. S. brethren. They were represented by L. W. Hayhurst (cups) and a Bro. Stropsher (S. S.), and it was done in a nice spirit. We hope to hear more of it. I recently preached at Stamford, and they are to begin a meeting Oct. 1. The work in Abilene is progressing nicely. Bro. T. F. Stewart baptized three there recently. I am to begin a meeting at Sulphur Oct. 15.

Homer A. Gay, Lebanon, Mo., Oct. 17.—I had the pleasure of attending a part of Bro. Fred Kirbo's meeting in Lebanon, which closes tonight. Bro. Chester King began our meeting at Lees Summit this morning with a fine crowd and a good sermon. Bro. Chester is one of our home boys, having been born and reared here. I am expecting a good meeting. I plan to go to Miss. for some preaching the first of November, and will likely visit some points in La. on my way back home. I am to hold a meeting at Eola, Texas, the first two Lord's days of December, and will likely visit other congregations while in that state. There seems to be quite a bit of interest in the proposed book of sermons and in the song book. We hope to have the song book ready pretty soon.

Lynwood Smith, Wesson, Miss., Rts. 1, Box 150, Oct. 15.—I began a meeting at the 4th St. church, Waco, Texas, Oct. 1; closed the 10th. There were no visible results, but we do not think the effort was in vain. I certainly did enjoy the meeting. They are very fine brethren, with whom to labor, for they have a zeal to work for the Lord. I enjoyed my visit in the home of L. N. Byford, as well as the others I visited. I have a short meeting soon. near Lawrenceburg, Tenn. I was about to forget to mention that we were pleased to have with us in the meeting at Waco, Brethren J. E. Jones, James R. Stewart, and their families, also Sister Jesse E. James and Sister Ben Frentrup, of San Antonio. They were a great help in the meeting. Should anyone desire my services I shall be glad to do what I can.

C. W. Vanstavern, Lebanon, Missouri, Oct. 18.—Brother Fred Kirbo closed a meeting of 15 days duration just recently here, without visible results, but we believe the seed of the kingdom was sown, which we hope will bring a harvest. Bro. Fred worked hard in the meeting, both publicly and privately, to advertise the meeting, and the results were that we had the largest crowds ever to attend a meeting in our meeting house. We had some out who had never attended before. The interest was good in spite of unfavorable weather the latter part. I think much good can be done to increase the attendance of a meeting by working from house to house, and otherwise, personally. And, I mean this not for the preacher alone, but for all the members, if we will always use wisdom in approaching people. We hope to have Bro. Fred back next year. We were assisted much in song and otherwise by the Lees Summit church, as most people know **they do sing.**

Batsell Moore, Mancos, Colorado, Sept. 21.—I am anxious for the readers to know the conditions in this Government operated C. P. S. Camp. I am afraid that many of the loyal boys are not properly taught on carnal warfare. I have been quite lonely in all the places where I have been, due to an absence of boys who are standing with the principles taught in the OPA. However, about 10 or 12 boys in the Church of Christ here meet regularly for worship, which is carried on just as in the Lees Summit church and others. It seems that about all the boys, regardless of their home church training see that the only grounds of unity are (in their terms) "the more simple way," while in our terms, "the more spiritual way." But, so far as the conditions and treatment in this camp, they vary little from those in all other camps, where I have been. But, for us, I think it is much better in a way. One of the greatest reliefs to me is that we are not a burden on anyone. I find the food better here. All work clothes needed are furnished. Work conditions are satisfactory. Four recently came there from Magnolia. We have several good singers, and we want to have a singing school this winter. The work project here is mainly a large irrigation dam, which will take 2 years to complete. We are five miles from Mancos (500 pop.). We have located no loyal church in this part as yet.

Ervin Waers, Box 410, Lebanon, Missouri. Oct. 14.—Sept. 17-26, I held a meeting at Longrun, Mo. Bro. Ray Nichols was with us during all of this meeting and Bro. Paul Nichols seven days of it. Both preached. The leaders assured me that they would no longer use the "verse about reading" system which they had formerly used. We are glad to welcome another congregation to our ranks. Sept. 27-30, we visited Bro. Paul Nichols in a meeting at Dogwood, Mo., preaching once. Oct. 1-10, I preached at Odom school house, near Dora, Mo. We had four restorations and one baptism. Ray Nichols was with us the entire meeting and Paul was with us two nights. Both preached once each. This is the home of Bro. Joe Howard, the gospel preacher. He attended the entire meeting. He announces that he is ready to preach full time now. We are visiting the meeting at Lebanon, Mo., this week, where my old pal and co-worker, Fred Kirbo, is in a meeting. Bro. Chester King has just arrived from California. My next meeting is near Flippin, Ark. I plan to leave Missouri the first part of December, the Lord willing, and return to Texas for a visit.

Homer L. King, Rte. 2, Lebanon, Missouri, Oct. 20.—The final results of the mission meeting in Davis, Oklahoma, embracing four Lord's days in Sept., were five baptized and one restored, and the little congregation seemed much strengthened. My next was at McAlester, Okla., embracing three Lord's days in Oct., resulting in a restoration of a gospel preacher, Bro. T. A. Jenson, who lives near McAlester. Bro. Jenson impressed me as a good man, with considerable ability. I hope he will soon launch out in the work, not only in McAlester, but other places. Yes, brethren, he made a public confession of his wrongs. May God bless him and may he ever remain faithful to the Lord. Bro. Lee Williams is to be commended for his untiring effort to build up the cause in that town. They have purchased a lot on which to build a place of meeting. It is a fine location. I am now at home for a few days, enjoying the association of my family and attending the home meeting, conducted by Chester King, my nephew. He has improved much since I heard him four years ago. We were glad to have the Byfords visit in our home. It seems that the next mission effort in Okla. will be Dougherty, beginning Nov 1. Pray for me and mine.

"CHOICE"

Our lives are left to our choosing,
We may do all for self on the way.
Tho' riches we gain, we are loosing,
That kind of a life don't pay.

If we do no service to a brother
We've wasted our years in vain,
We are strengthened by helping others,
Let's do it in Jesus Name.

—Mrs. L. N. Byford.

Give us the man who can be insulted, and not retaliate; meet rudeness, and still be courteous; the man who, like the apostle Paul, buffeted and disliked, can yet be generous, and make allowances, and say, "I will very gladly spend and be spent for you, though the more abundantly I love you, the less I be loved."—F. W. Robertson.

"He that is slow to wrath is of great understanding: but he that is hasty of spirit exalteth folly." (Prov. 14:29)

"Even a child is known by his doings, whether his work be pure, and whether it be right." (Prov. 20:11).

"The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame" (Prov. 29:15).

"Prove all things; hold fast that which is good." —Paul.

Ye num'rous sects
which all declare
"Lo Christ is here.
Lo Christ is there."

Your stronger proofs
divinely give
And show me where
the Christians live.

OLD PATHS ADVOCATE

"Where is Thy Church,
O, Savior, where?"
I heard the cry,
and then I heard:

"Here is My Church
where men still dare
To take Me at My word."

"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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DIVINE TRUTHS BY OPPOSITES

The principle or law, that governs our personal lives, also operates where groups are involved. In recognizing the importance of this divine principle, our humble desire is to lead careful students to a further study of this great truth. Moreover, it is woven all through **God's** holy word, and a most wonderful blessing awaits those who diligently search them out. Many well meaning, Christian people, do little thinking concerning the application of Scriptural truth in temporal matters. We stand in need of such reflections to comfort us, for the loss **sustained by a world gone mad upon their idols.**

When our **Lord Jesus** was on earth, **He** was meek and gentle, but firm against hypocrisy. He tore the masks off the concieted Pharesees, it was not confessed blindness He condemned, but **professed** sight, if they confessed they were blind, He healed them; if we forget our sins He remembers them. In innumerable instances in **Christ's** teaching, **Life** is broadly contrasted with **death.**

Christians must **live unto God,** therefore they must **die unto sin** (law violation). If we do not **kill** sin it will **kill** us; we must be **dead** unto sin, to live unto God.

You see, the opposite, involved, always holds good. "He that findeth his **life,** shall lose it, and he that loseth his life for my sake, shall find it" (Matt. 10:39). As you know we came into this life (were generated) without our consent, and we have to live again (fact is, we never really cease to live). Death is only separation. But **we are dead,** and our "life is hid with **Christ in God:** when **Christ** who is **our life** shall appear, then shall we also appear with Him in glory" (Col. 3:4). Therefore, to die is gain; to live is to lose. The sinner is dead (separated from God), while he lives in sin (transgression of the law). "She is dead while she lives in pleasures." If we are **born twice, we die once, born once we die twice.** Positively, by volunteer action (full and free consent on our part) are we ever **regenerated.** We come forth from that liquid grave a new creature, "born of the water and of the spirit." Into a new and Heavenly order, "Ecleesia," the called out ones, the body of Christ, and church of the living God, wherein dwells the spirit and the life.

"From the heart," we obeyed. To the heart is applied that "form of doctrine" (law), i.e., "A rule of action eminating from the Diety, governing human conduct."

Broadly speaking, the new covenant, ratified by the atonement of the Son of God. This thought adjusted, reads, "The law of the Spirit of Life, by the anointed Jesus, liberated me from the law of sin and death (Rom. 8:2). Being born into the Heavenly family, God is our Father, Christ is our brother, our only intercessor. Thus, we become a free citizen, no longer a slave to sin. Christ is the Way, (from earth to Heaven) the Truth, (that sets us free), the Life, (that eternally saves us). We are bought with a price, but we cannot purchase salvation. That is a free gift, however there is a reward for the faithful. So, we see the outworking of this eternal principle of Divine dealing, is a real and vital law of regenerating grace.

If we would be great we must be a servant. At best we are only an "unprofitable servant." "Whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom He receiveth" (Heb. 12:6). "The first shall be last, and the last first." Christ is the "First and the Last;" he was poor, had no place to lay his head, yet He "made his grave with the wicked and the rich in His death" (Isa. 53:9).

Quite often we have already **fallen;** and while down, still think we **stand up.** The command in this case is found in Jas. 4:10, "Humble yourselves in the sight of God, and He shall lift you **up.**" Humility is the keynote, giving all Christians the correct pitch; without which we cannot labor nor sing in unity and love, the melodious songs of Zion. The Lord of Heaven hears our **"close harmony."**

Possibly, one of the most sublime and beautiful sights, eyes ever saw, or ears heard, was the angels praising God on the hills of Galilee; and only the tongue of an angel from Heaven, could describe the radiant splendor of," **glory to God** in the highest" (Lk. 2:14).

Just whom did God honor, with the great and holy privilege of hearing and seeing this glorious Heavenly scene: Did Pilate, Caesar, or Herod, receive an invitation? Was the Roman Senate summoned? The High Priest, Sanhedrin, or the Scribes; were they present? Was any of the noble chosen? No, no, just the shepherds keeping watch over their flocks by night. For "God has chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things that are mighty" (I Cor. 1:27).

"It is appointed onto man once to die." Also, there is a second death, and two resurrections. By the attainment of the **first** resurrection the second death is avoided. The interval of time separating the two is given by John in "Rev. 20:

5." If Christ lives with us here, we will live with Him hereafter, and there is a timely statement to that effect, "the harvest **hereafter** will be, according to the seed time here."

True light unto the Gentiles arose, not under Saul, the persecuter, but under Paul the **persecuted.** When Paul taught the Jews religion, he persecuted the **Christians.** When he taught Christianity, the Jews **persecuted** him.

Christ's first coming was like a lamb; His second like the Lion of Judah. The great purpose of God is Christ on the throne of His Father, David, and "reign over the house of Jacob for the age" (Lk. 1:32-33), and of His kingdom there shall be no end. **"For the Lord's portion is His people,** Jacob is the lot of His inheritance" (Deut. 32:9). For two thousand years Satan has sought to dim this truth. From Eden down through the ages, Satan has been a liar and deceiver. He is a **theist,** not an **atheist,** and all his imps of the infernal regions believe and tremble, yet he is teaching hundreds of millions of people to believe there is no God. Whole nations have succumbed to his subtility. He is a plague and a scourge, trying to regulate to oblivian God's holy word. Never in the history of nations have things been so terrible; the stored up evil of past ages has broken lose, and out of bounds. Seems he is getting ready to release all his organized hellish legions; thereby, meeting his own doom. God will put a chain on him (rendering him powerless) casting him into the bottomless pit (unfathomable). Read "Isa. 14:12-17."

Yes, dear souls, there is an opposite to this third age, that like the preceeding ones, ended so violently; one of joy, happiness and peace, coming with the "Prince of Peace." There is the strongest reason to believe it is nearer than we think. And the **"crown of righteousness is laid up for** all of them also that **love His appearing"** (2 Tim. 4:8).

The Bible is a book of contrasts. Both Old and New Testaments contain **history, law,** and **prophecy; of, to,** and **for,** the people called by **His name.** It contains nothing about Mohammed, Confucius, or Buddah, other than condemnation of false prophets and the curse of idolatry.

The sermon on the mount, and the beautitudes of Matt. 5:6, are full of contrasts under the law. Fundamentally, they reappear in the teaching of the Epistles. We have called attention to a few of these most noticeable, and we humbly hope this survey will cause us to esteem others, rather than ourselves, and remember to thank God, that we are **all one in Christ Jesus,** the Almighty, which was and is, and is to come, who said (Jno. 4:14); "We know we have passed from death unto life, **because we love the brethren."**

—J. H. McKaig

HAIR

A writer in the Christian Worker (June 6, 1935) says: "Some say that her hair should be as long as nature would let it grow. The book does not say that."

The Book does say that. It says: "The hair is given to her instead of a veil" (I Cor. 11:15). Here we have **koma,** hair—natural, uncut hair. **Anti,** instead of. And **peribolain,** veil. Who gave it to her. God, in creation. If I give a man a rake instead of a hoe, he has a rake by my will. And woman has hair—natural, uncut hair, by the will of God; and he gives it to her instead of a veil. And if she does not wear it so, she would as well be shaved or shorn,—have it shaved off or cut close to the head. **Xurao,** to shave; **keiro,** to shear. (v. 6.) But "since it is shameful to a woman to be shorn or shaven, let her be veiled" (v. 6). And her natural hair is given to her instead of the veil. And this requires her to let it be "as long as nature would let it grow," for it is **koma** (hair, natural hair) that God has given her "instead of a veil." It is her token, God-given, of her feminine sphere. Hence, "if a woman have **koma** (hair, natural, uncut hair), it is glory to her" (v. 15), for thereby she displays obedience to God and respect for man. She honors her "head," man. There is no "hat, cap, or bonnet" in it. Neither is there any—just "greater length than her husband's" that satisfies the requirement of God.

But the writer in C. W. caps the climax of absurdity in his "no such custom as being contentious about such things," as though it is all right to disregard this divine law. Bless you, no; Paul cuts loose the man-made regulation of wearing a veil, but he binds what God has given: "hair (natural, uncut) as "given to her (of God) instead of (**anti**) a veil." And C. W. in making "saved" (I Tim. 2:15) physical "saved" (not to die then), is wide of the truth. It is "saved" in doing her work in the home sphere (Titus 2:2-6 and I Tim. 5:14, 15, for example), eternally saved, as men are in their sphere, God-given.

—H. C. Harper.

(Editor's note: The above unusually good article appeared in the March, 1936, issue of the OPA, but we have many new readers who did not read it, and they may want it. I have seen nothing that equals it.)

EXPLANATION

Sunday, Sept. 19, 1943, Magnolia, Ark.

Dear Bro. King:

I wish to again thank you and the brothers and sisters for the remittance that you turned in to this camp for the maintenance of myself. We boys here greatly appreciate the interest and assistance that is being shown and given us, and hope to be able to reimburse the churches and members in some form or another after the war is over. If we cannot do it financially, we hope to be able to return it in service at least.

While at home this last time on my furlough I was told that there were some who were undecided as to whether or not we boys should be stood back financially. It seems that some were of the opinion that the Government was at least partly paying our way down here, and that their obligation, if it is that, had ceased. Now, I personally am not expecting or asking assistance from the church, and in no wise do I want to cause the church to feel that it is obligated to me, but I do feel that the church should consider itself

under obligation to help maintain a place where we can go with a clear conscience when we are drafted, instead of throwing its hands up and saying, "you can go to the army or prison—take your choice." So, for the benefit of those who do not have the C. P. S. set up clearly in mind, I am going to point out the following expenses and explain how they are taken care of:

Wages: No wages in the form of money is paid any draftees. The Brethren Church has figured that it is costing them approximately $27.50 per month to keep each man, and in addition to this cost they give each assignee $2.50 for spending money per month, which makes a total cost of $30.00 per man per month. Several of the Church of Christ boys do not accept the $2.50 allowance as they do not want to be further obligated to the Brethren Church.

Food: Every pound of food that is eaten by a draftee is paid for by the Brethren Church.

Transportation: Each individual enrollee pays all of his transportation costs. The Government doesn't even furnish transportation to church services on Sunday and Sunday night. The Government did furnish transportation to camp at the time we were drafted, and it is generally supposed that they will pay our way home when this is all over.

Water: Water that is used in the preparation of our meals, the laundry of our clothes, the washing of government trucks, and all other uses around the camp is paid for by the Church of the Brethren.

Electricity: The electricity used in the refrigeration of our food, the lighting of the camp buildings and grounds, and that used by the laundry motor and other motors on the grounds is paid for by the Brethren Church. Both the water and the electric bills run into far more money than the average person could even imagine.

Doctor and Medical: All medicine, shots, vaccinations, minor operations, and examinations are paid for by the Brethren Church.

Laundry: Laundry equipment is furnished by the Brethren Church and all laundry is done free for the enrollees by the camp. The boys furnish their own ironing equipment and pressing equipment and do this work themselves.

Place to worship: Made possible by the Brethren Church.

Recreation: All recreation equipment is furnished by the Church of the Brethren.

Educational supplies: Either furnished by each individual or the Brethren Church. Classes are quite often made possible at the expense of the Brethren Church, and a fairly complete library is furnished by them.

Most of us boys realize that if we had depended upon our own church for a place to go in preferance to the army or prison that we would be in one or the other of the two places. We would never have had this choice. The Brethren Church has said that it believed in peace and love. It has then gone ahead and shown that it really did believe in peace and love. We (members of the Church of Christ) have said that we too believe in peace and love. A few have shown it. Several have only said it.

With brotherly love,
—Leonard Hendrickson.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

California:
Yuba City; Woman's Club Building; 10:30 a. m.
Lodi; Hillborn and Garfield Sts.; 10:30 a. m.
Louisiana:
Marion; 3 miles west (Fairview); 11:00 a. m.
Hammond; 600 E. Merry St.; 10:30 a. m.
West Monroe; Cheniere, ½ mile S. Hwy. 80; 10:30 a. m.
Texas:
Sand Grove, Texas; 10 miles S. Milano; 2:00 p. m.
Houston; Buchannon and Doughty Sts.; 10:30 a. m.
Mississippi:
New Salem; 8 miles W. of Brookhaven, Jackson-Liberty Road; 11:00 a. m.
Iowa:
Ottumwa; Finley and Adella Sts.; 10:30 a. m.
Tennessee:
Chapel Grove; 10 miles N. Lawrenceburg; 10:30 a. m.

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Contributions for Expenses of Boys in C. P. S.

Church, Stockton, Calif., Bro. J. W. Bowmer	$25.00
Church, Marysville, Calif., Bro. M. T. Orear	5.00
A Sister, Siskiyou St. Church	20.00
A Brother, Siskiyou St. Church	10.00
A Couple, Siskiyou St. Church	10.00
Cedar Gap, Texas, Church, Clara Snodgrass	5.00

(Correction in Nov. report: "Tuscola Church" should have read, "Cedar Gap")

—Carl N. Nichols, 849 Wilcox, Hollywood, Calif.

Sent to OPA For Personal Needs of Boys in C. P. S.

Lees Summit, near Lebanon, Mo., Herschel Massie	$25.00
Spring Hill-Mallory Chapel, W. Va., J. F. Cobbs	30.00
New Salem, Wesson, Miss., Carlos B. Smith	10.00
New Salem, Wesson, Miss., Carlos B. Smith (Too late for Nov.)	10.00
Wesson, Miss., Carlos B. Smith	2.00
Ottumwa, Iowa, Earl Butts	20.00
San Antonio, Texas, Individuals, by Jesse E. James	15.00
Temple, Texas, Leo Turner	15.00
Sand Grove, Texas, G. P. Davis	7.00
Marlow, Texas, R. L. Baker	5.00
Electra, Texas, F. M. Cox	2.00
Homer L. King, Lebanon, Mo.	3.75
K. G. Wilks, Eagle Pass, Texas	4.00
Total	$148.75
Balance carried over	1.25
Grand Total	$150.00
Amount sent to six boys, $25.00 each	$150.00

Note: Lewis Cogburn and Howard King are being transferred from Magnolia, Ark., to Marion, Virginia, hospital work.

—Homer L. King.

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OUR HELPERS

Below you will find the names of our helpers for the past month and the number of subs. received by us. We are very thankful for this very encouraging list of subs. Please keep up the good work. Yes, we continue the trial offer of 50c for new subs., but one dollar to all renewals.

Ervin Waters—16; Homer L. King—10; F. M. Cox—9; Woodard Clouse—9; Homer A. Gay—7; Barney D. Welch—7; The Byfords—5; Alto Baxley—4; Mrs. J. P. Hine—4; Mrs. L. H. Blankenship—2; Mrs. Marie Menasco—2; Chas. D. Palmer—2; E. A. Newman—2; W. E. Murry—2; Clarence Snodgrass—2; R. L. Baker—2; John L. Reynolds—2; W. W. Bates—2; G. P. Davis—2; K. G. Wilks—2; C. H. Elliott—2; N. C. Smith—2; F. K. Reeves—2; Mrs. Hugh Hinton—1; L. B. Badgett—1; C. C. Rawdon—1; Clara Snodgrass—1; Mrs. W. E. Campbell—1; Funderbush Library—1; John Spradley, Jr.—1; John A. Crow—1; Carlos B. Smith—1; Mrs. F. P. Kaminsky—1; Mr.s H. E. Turpin—1; Willie Condray—1; Marvin L. Fitzgerald—1; Joe H. Howard—1; W. H. Gill—1; Albert H. Fenn—1; Clarence Kessinger—1; Mrs. Paul Akey—1; H. E. Thompson—1; Elbert D. Miller—1; Total—119.

A SUGGESTION

Bro. Homer A. Gay closed our meeting at Velva St. Church of Christ, in Shreveport, and though his health is not good and he has to be very careful with his diet, yet his preaching was as good or better than before he got sick, and his congregation intends to keep on using and supporting Bro. Gay.

Now, what I wanted to suggest is this, that the congregations that know Bro. Gay, know that he has always gone to any and all places to preach, regardless of the money or conditions. But, he is not physically able now to do this. If the congregations, where Bro. Gay can have the proper care, stay in one place, have the proper diet and good lights, would use him in their meetings, he may live many years yet to wield the power. There are younger men, who are physically able to go to the out of the way places and endure the hardships that Bro. Gay has been enduring for thirty years, and they are willing to do it. So, let us send and support these for this work and try to keep Bro. Gay where he will take care of his health. We need him too bad to allow him to take any chances with his health by overdoing himself.

—J. C. Jones.

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

"I have just received the OPA, and I was real glad to get it. I was made happy by the good reports." —Elbert D. Miller, Ga.

"I have been reading about your success in the OPA, and I desire greatly that I could be with you." —Bill Harmon, Texas.

"Please, enter my sub. for the OPA, as I certainly do enjoy the paper. The "church directory" should be in the hands of every Christian." —Albert H. Fenn, New Mex.

"I have just received a copy of the OPA, and I enjoyed it very much. Find my renewal enclosed." —C. C. Rawdon, Mich.

"Find my renewal enclosed. It is such a wonderful paper, that I do not want to miss an issue. Put me down for a copy of the book of sermons." —Clara Snodgrass, Texas.

"The OPA has just arrived, and it is fine, but it doesn't come often enough. I don't have any subs., but here are three dollars to use as you see fit. I hope you and family are enjoying good health."—Robert Falvey, Miss.

"Here are seven subs. for the OPA. I may send in some more in a day or two, if you don't mind. True Christian love."—Barney D. Welch, Calif.

"We are having the paper sent to nine families. I think it would be fine if each issue contained articles to both saint and sinner. We pray that God will continue to bless you with health, that you may continue the good work." —Woodard Clouse and Family, Missouri.

"I am sending two subs. I certainly did enjoy the article by Bro. Ervin Waters, Col. 3:2, and your blow against digression." — R. L. Baker, Texas.

"Here are four subs. to the OPA. We certainly enjoy every issue. We hope to send more subs. soon. Best regards to you and family."—Mrs. J. P. Hine, Okla.

"We will certainly be glad to wait for the new song books. Yours in the one hope." — Batsell Moore, Colo.

"I am a reader of the OPA, and we appreciate it, too. We hope this little paper grows to be larger and wider in circulation. We are sending four new names."—Alto B. Baxley, Alabama.

"Put us down for 75 of your new song books." —W. M. Rollins, Okla.

"Here is my renewal. I certainly do enjoy the paper. I don't want to miss an issue. It is doing lots of good. God bless you all for the good work this paper is doing."—Willie Condray, Texas.

"Here are two renewals to the OPA. We enjoy every issue." —W. W. Bates, Texas.

"Thanks for the sample copies of the OPA. I keep my samples right on the stand while preaching, and at the close of my sermons, many times make mention of the good in subscribing for the paper. I tell my brethren that the OPA is the only paper I endorse. Pray for me that I may hold out to continue the fight." —John L. Reynolds, Arkansas.

"I must say that I enjoy the OPA very much. I always look forward to its coming. It is the only way I have of keeping up with what is going on in the church. I was glad to get the contribution." —Houston Martin, Calif.

"Here are two subs. to the OPA. May you live long to carry on the good work." —W. E. Murry, Calif.

"Here is a renewal to the paper. I am wishing you much success in the work. Here are 12 dollars for the boys in the C. P. S."—C. B. Smith, Miss.

"I am sending my renewal. I like it, and I want to keep it coming. I appreciate your sending it on to me." —John A. Crow, St. Louis, Mo.

"Hope you all are doing fine. We are wishing you much success in the work, and we pray that you may share God's richest blessings." —J. C. Jones, La.

"To my way of thinking the field reports in the OPA are of great value to the Christian. We humbly pray that these may always be continued. We trust that you and yours, also Howard, are getting along fine. I think the idea of a new song book and book of sermons is a good one."—Ben Frentrup, Texas.

"I am enclosing a check for $10.00 to move my subscription to the OPA six years in advance, also four other names for a year. Send me one dozen copies of 'Clark-King Discussion,' and give two dollars to the C. P. S. boys. I am wishing you good health and the OPA success."—F. M. Cox, Texas.

"Here is my renewal to the OPA. I enjoy it so much. I hope that you and your family are well. I would certainly love to hear you preach again, and may be I can some day."—Mrs. Hugh Hinton, Texas.

"Find my renewal enclosed. From the large list of subs listed in each issue and the many good reports, both the paper and the churches seem to be expanding. Best wishes for the success of all." — L. B. Badgett, Texas.

"Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" —Jesus. Error does not "make free"; then why not exchange error for "truth"?

From The Fields

J. P. Hine, Rte. 1, Davidson, Oklahoma, Nov. 9.—Brother M. J. Buffington was with us a week, giving some good teaching, and although no visible results, I believe he did some good.

W. M. Rollins, Rte. 1, Purcell, Okla., Nov. 14.—We had a good lesson by Bro. Bill Roden last Lord's day. One confessed faults and there was one for baptism. So, we are still growing.

Guy Mallory, Jr., Rte. 7, Box 330, So. Charleston, W. Va., Nov. 16.—Since I last reported, I have preached at Winefred, Rumble, and Spring Hill, one or more times. Let us not be weary in well doing. Pray for me and the work here.

W. F. Davis, Rte. 1, Box 73, West Monroe, La., Nov. 13.—We now have our new building in shape to meet for worship in it. We lack $150.00 having it completed. Should anyone desire to help, send to above address. Bro. Buffington helped us a few days on the house and preached for us Lord's day. We ask the prayers of brethren.

Jesse E. James, 2122 Santa Monica, San Antonio, Texas, Nov. 8.—We are looking forward to a meeting by Bro. Robertson in this month. We are planning a radio program in the near future of songs and talks concerning our stand on the worship and why we take that stand, as we wish to do something for the cause in this city. Our building will be paid out in December.

John L. Reynolds, Lamar, Arkansas, Nov. 13.—I am to begin a meeting tonight at a school house 2 miles from Lamar, and I may hold others in this part. I have a call for a meeting at Stidham, Okla., and I hope to hold it. I may make a trip into Missouri before returning to Calif. this winter. It is my desire to be with Bro. King in a meeting somewhere this winter, if possible. (Under date, 11-22-43, wife sick, leaving for home.—J. L. R.)

Malcolm Myers, 600 E. Merry St., Hammond, La., Nov. 16.—The results of our meeting here were one baptized and others almost persuaded, and the little congregation was strengthened. We enjoyed having Bro. Paul Nichols and his preaching. Too, we are glad to have Bro. Albert Fenn, stationed at New Orleans Army Air Base, with us, as we think he is a fine boy and wants to do the will of the Lord. All the faithful will find a welcome with us.

Raymond Bray, 2417½ NW 16th., Oklahoma City, Okla., Nov. 2.—We hope to have our house completed in about two weeks. The church here is moving along very smoothly. All seem to realize that there is more to the Christian life than merely going to services on Sunday. We now

have over 30 members. Our contributions for the past month were close to $240.00.

Tom E. Smith, Healdton, Oklahoma, Oct. 31.—One confessed faults at the Bit Shop today, for which we are thankful. Bro. Glen Bray has been with us for a few days. It was good to have him with us again.

Carlos B. Smith, Rte. 1, Wesson, Miss., Nov. 2.—The church at New Salem seems to be getting along well. We have good attendance each Lord's day. Bro. W. H. Reynolds preached for us two nights recently. We certainly do miss Bro. Sam Smith, since he left for the camp. We are trying to get Bro. Lynwood a 4-D classification, that he might continue preaching.

L. B. Badgett, 648 DeQueen Blvd., Port Arthur, Texas, Nov. 21.—I was called home from the work in Arkansas and Oklahoma, due to the flood here. I have been preaching some in East Texas over the week-ends. I baptized one at Votaw; others almost persuaded. I go to Hiwasse, Ark., this week to assist in erection of church building. I expect to preach some in Oklahoma and Missouri from there.

Sam Smith, Co. D. 55th. Med., Tng. Bn., Camp Barkley, Texas, Nov. 21.—I still have hopes of getting my right classification (4-E). This is a terrible place for a Christian to try to live. Boys, generally, do not seem to realize there is a hereafter. It takes a lot of faith and courage to live right. I go to worship every Lord's day in Abilene. I hear that Bro. Glen Bray is here. Pray for me that I may never fall by the way.

C. C. Rawdon, Wayne, Mich., Oct. 24.—As I have been away from home for sometime, I have not sent a report to the OPA, as I had no news to report. However, I had the pleasure of attending the home meeting, conducted by Bro. Joe Howard, who did some good preaching. I am still in the fight for victory, but I do not have a loyal church near me at present.

Elbert D. Miller, 902 Murphy Ave., LaGrange, Ga., Nov. 5.—I think we have a wonderful congregation here, as all the members seem to love and respect the feelings of all. I was made happy to learn that Bro. Orvel Johnson has lain aside the contention for an order of worship. The church here sings, prays, teaches the word of God in one assembly by one male member at a time, "breaks bread," using one loaf and one cup, then give as prospered.

Marvin L. Fitzgerald, Rte. 2, Mansfield, Mo., Oct. 26.—We have recently moved away from Dogwood, where we had the pleasure of hearing Brethren Paul Nichols, Ray Nichols, and Ervin Waters preach some wonderful sermons. Many in that part had never heard the gospel before, as there is no Church of Christ there. Since in June my wife and I have worshiped in our home. We get lonesome for Christian association. Pray for us.

G. A. Canfield, (colored) Route 1, Box 78, Oct. 12.—Brother David Gorden, of Brookhaven, Miss., just closed a short meeting with this congregation. The crowds and interest were very good. At this writing I am beginning a series of gospel meetings, near Brookhaven, Miss. I expect to continue, the Lord willing, for over two weeks. Pray for me and the work of the Lord.

Floyd O. Ross, Lock Haven, Pa., Nov. 19.—I assisted the brethren in Flemington in three weeks of meetings—one week at E. end Knittney Valley and two weeks in the home congregation. One was restored to the faith and others edified. Nov. 7, I preached to the faithful at Love Joy, two services, and attendance and interest were good. Wife and I are making our home in Lock Haven this winter.

Orvel Johnson, Davis, Oklahoma, Nov. 19.—Since our meeting at Davis, one has been restored. He seems to be a zealous and able worker, and the congregation, in general, has "a mind to work." I am now in Okla. City, remodeling the church building, and have preached four times for the brethren. They have members from a number of congregations, having recently moved to the City. I may go to Mo., to be with Bro. King in a meeting early in Dec., and may visit other congregations in that state.

F. K. Reeves, Marion, La., Nov. 20.—The church at Fairview continues to meet each Lord's day to worship the Lord in His own appointed way. We enjoyed having Bro. Carlos B. Smith, of Wesson, Miss., with us October 23 and 24. He gave us some fine lessons. Bro. Robert Falvey was with us the 6th and 7th of this month, giving us good lessons for a boy 17. On the 13th and 14th of this month, Bro. Homer A. Gay, well known here, came by and preached for us, which did much good.

Bill Harmon, 1512 14th St., Wichita Falls, Texas Nov. 19.—I have been preaching somewhere about every Lord's day for sometime, and it is my desire to enter the evangelistic field as soon as I can. I greatly desire to preach the gospel, and I avail myself of every opportunity to do so. But, it is my desire to accompany an experienced preacher for awhile, that I may learn more about the Bible and the work. Recently, I was made glad that one was restored to the fold, as a result of my efforts. Pray for me.

Batsell Moore, Mancos, Colorado, Nov. 12.—I rejoice in the fact that the "unity of the spirit" prevails among the members of the Church of Christ in this camp. I would to God that all of the name in every congregation would be as free from contention. Loveta (my sister) attends our services here, helping much in the singing. It is too bad that many of the members of the "one body" have gone "war-mad" of late.

Howard King, Magnolia, Arkansas, Nov. 11.—I am expecting to be transferred to Marion, Va., to work in a hospital, soon. I was very glad to receive the contribution from the brethren last month, and many thanks to all. Two of the boys here recently left for the Virginia work, and one is leaving tomorrow, hence I will know several of the boys there. It will be some satisfaction to know that I will be doing something of value and will be self-supporting.

Robert Falvey, Rte. 1, Box 151, Wesson, Miss., Nov. 13.—Recently I had the privilege of sharing Brethren W. H. Reynolds and Chas. D. Palmer in short meetings at New Salem, and later I assisted Bro. Palmer in a short meeting at Hammond, La. I preached at Marion, La., Nov. 6, 7, going on to visit the brethren at W. Monroe. While few in number, yet they are loyal to the Bible way and are worthy of the help of the brethren in trying to build a house for worship. All loyal preachers will find a welcome with them. I heard Bro. Paul Nichols in a meeting at Hammond, November 9-14.

Joe H. Howard, Dora, Missouri, Nov. 16.—We are moving along nicely at Odom. Our young men are making nice talks on Sunday nights. I am now ready to devote my entire time to preaching the gospel. Should anyone need my services, they may write me at the above address. I want to attend the "get-together" meeting in Missouri, as I am anxious to meet more brethren in my home state; and I am anxious to see the work go forward in the various mission points over the state.

Clovis T. Cook, Box 42, Spring Hill, W. Va., Nov. 18.—The work here, it seems, is at a "stand-still," due to various reasons; some over which we have no control; viz., the draft, rationing, etc. However, we shall do our best to overcome all within our power. We are looking forward to the initial appearance of the new song book, which we hope will stimulate an interest in the singing, generally. Have you read Gal. 2:11-13, as suggested by Bro. Milner? Have you "boiled down" that report, as suggested by the publisher?

Paul O. Nichols, 849 Wilcox Ave., Hollywood, Calif., Nov. 13.—The meeting at Cross Hollows, closed Oct. 27, after eight days. I am to return next year for another meeting and one at Clio, nearby, Oct. 29, 30, I was at Cross Roads for two sermons, and I worshiped at Mountain Home, a new congregation. Next, I enjoyed a week of preaching at Lees Summit, by Chester King, also the association of Brethren Gay, King, Robertson, and Lee. My next was at New Salem, Miss., in company with Bro. Gay, where we both preached. Nov. 8, I began a meeting at Hammond, La. I am to close next Lord's day.

M. J. Buffington, Rte. 3, Box 61, Floresville, Texas, Nov. 9.—I closed a good meeting at the Carter Church, near Davidson, Okla., Oct. 31, without additions, but we believe much good was done. My next was West Monroe, La., where Bro. Castleman and I established a congregation about two months ago. They have a nice building partly completed. The Lord willing, they plan to finish it next spring. I have recently been associated with Brethren James R. Stewart, Lynwood Smith, and Clayton Fancher, gospel preachers.

C. D. Palmer, Kinston, Ala., Nov. 17.—I had a pleasant visit with the New Salem Church, in Mississippi, preaching over Lord's day; after which Bro. Robert Falvey and I went to Hammond, La., where I held a short meeting. My next was Houston, Texas, preaching over Lord's day. We have some fine brethren there. I was glad to meet Bro. Joe Castleman there. I was glad to meet Bro. Jesse E. James on my visit to San Antonio, and I preached once at Buda, Texas; also two nights at Belton, which I enjoyed very much. I am now at Temple, intending to preach tonight, enroute to Waco for a short meeting. Pray for me.

Billy Orten, Route 3, Lawrenceburg, Tenn., Nov. 10.—Brother Lynwood Smith was with us recently, giving us some lessons long to be remembered, and one was restored to the fold. This was the second time for Bro. Smith at Chapel Grove, and we have learned to love him very much. Our prayer is that he may never be hindered from preaching the gospel, which seems to be his greatest desire. We would be glad for any brethren passing this way to stop over and worship with us. Although, I am but 13 years of age, I enjoy taking part in the public work on Lord's days. Pray for me that I may become strong in the Lord.

Clarence Bickford, Hammond, La., Nov. 13.—We were very glad to have Bro. Chas. D. Palmer with us and to preach for us a few nights, closing Oct. 30. While there were no visible results, we believe the seed was sown. We think he is a fine boy and we enjoyed his preaching. May the Lord bless him in all of his Scriptural undertakings in spreading the gospel. We were also glad to have Bro. Paul Nichols for about a week, closing Nov. 14. We think he has improved much in his preaching since last year. We were glad to have Bro. Robert Falvey during both meetings. May the Lord bless them all.

Alto B. Baxley, Black, Ala., Nov. 12.—We live in a place where the truth had never been preached until last year, when Brethren Reynolds and Chas. D. Palmer preached several sermons, but little interest was shown at that time. However, we have kept up some interest by talking to the people about the sermons preached, until we believe that some day we may reap a harvest. I hope someone will write an article on the establishment of the church; its name, etc. We are handing our paper to others that they may see the light. Pray for me and my little family.

Lynwood Smith, Rte. 1, Box 150, Wesson, Miss., Nov. 12.—October 29-31, I was with the brethren at Chapel Grove, near Lawrenceburg, Tenn. We had fair crowds and a good meeting. I was with the brethren at Long Branch one Lord's day afternoon, preaching for them. They have held out faithfully, considering the opposition from the S. S. people, who meet there in the forenoon. We returned to Chapel Grove for the closing service, when one was restored. Bro. Gay recently preached for us at New Salem. He can still preach, and we enjoyed it. One confessed faults.

Chester King, Phillipsburg, Missouri, Nov. 20.—I closed a series of meetings, embracing three Lord's days, at the Lees Summit church, near Lebanon, Mo., October 31. Visible results were two baptized and two confessions of faults. This was one of the most enjoyable meetings I ever held, being my old home church where I grew up and where I obeyed the gospel. I am to start a meeting at Sanger, Calif., Dec. 5.

Woodard Clouse, Rte. 1, Jenkins, Mo., Nov. 21.—We have enjoyed one meeting right after another around here all summer, and we are thankful that we were able to attend them, and we are thankful for the good that has been done. The meeting at Lone Elm was a success, as souls were added to the saved, and the attendance and interest were good. Brother Ervin Waters did the preaching. We hope the preaching brethren from around Lebanon will visit us, and we hope that something will be done to continue the mission work next year.

Joe Castleman, West Monroe, La., Oct. 12.—Brother Davis and I are working on our new chapel, under considerable difficulty, due to labor shortage. Bro. Buffington is assisting us in various ways, and he is to be commended for it. All here seem zealous and willing to abide by the word of the Lord. The Church here wishes to express sincere thanks for the contributions as follows: Jesse E. James for the church in San Antonio—$30.00; M. R. Milton, church, Wolf City, Texas—$10.00; White Hall church—$10.00; Sand Grove church, by George Davis—$10.00; Sister Fuller—$5.00; Sister Rosa Mae Lyons—$5.00; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Callaway—$6.00; Bertha Greer—$1.00. Amount sent for my support: Fairview church—$19.40; Clarence Frost—$5.00.

Homer A. Gay, Lebanon, Mo., Nov. 22. November 5th., Paul Nichols and I went to Brokhaven, Miss., where Paul preached the 6th. I preached Lord's day morning and night, also Monday and Tuesday nights, with good crowds and interest. I enjoyed my visit there very much. I preached the next Saturday night and Lord's day and night at Marion, La. We had nice crowds and good interest. I was much encouraged by these two congregations. I visited in the home of Bro. J. C. Jones in Shreveport, last week and preached Lord's day, reaching home today. We had a good meeting at Lees Summit. I think all appreciated Bro. Chester King and his preaching. I am to begin at Eola, Texas, Dec. 4th. While in Texas I am to preach at San Angelo, Waco, Ft. Worth, and possibly others.

Louis P. Howsman, 949 Sierra St., Yuba City, Calif., Oct. 29.—The church in Marysville is moving along in the work of the Lord. Bro. Barney Welch closed a meeting for us Sept. 27, with one baptized and two confessed faults. Bro. Ralph Mustard was here the latter part of the meeting and is expected back for a meeting in January. Bro. Paul Nichols is to hold a meeting for us the latter part of November. We are very thankful for the two young brothers here, R. C. Hamilton and A. C. Perrin, who are making a good start in the work. Each made a short talk last Wednesday evening. We now meet from house to house each Wednesday night

to develop the talent of the teachers and to practice singing. On Lord's days we meet at 10:30 a. m. and at 7:30 p. m. at 10th and D Streets, in the Woman's Club Building. All are welcome.

James R. Stewart, 1804 W. Ave. H., Temple, Texas, Nov. 12.—Bro. W. W. Wilks and I preached at Cottonwood, Oct. 16, 17. Four were restored and the church strengthened. Oct. 24, I preached at Fruitland to a crowded house. This is a mission point, where Bro. Fred Kirbo established a small congregation about a year ago, and they are growing rapidly since Bro. Clayton Fancher and his father moved into their ranks. Oct. 24, I visited Wichita Falls, where Bro. H. E. Robertson was in a meeting. I was glad to see him and hear him preach. Oct. 31, I preached at Jones Hill to a full house. This, too, is a mission point, having begun as a result of a mission meeting I held about three years ago. They are growing. I visited Temple Sunday night, helping with the services. Nov. 7, I preached at Abilene, also heard young (12) Bro. Baker preach. In the afternoon, I preached at Cedar Gap to a good crowd. Pray for me and the work.

Clarence Snodgrass, Tuscola, Texas, Nov. 9.—I have recently preached at Robert Lee, Abilene, and Cedar Gap. We closed a meeting at Stamford, Oct. 10, with basket lunch the last Lord's day. Had visiting brethren from Wichita Falls and Abilene. Although no visible results, we believe the church was strengthened. I closed a meeting at Sulphur, Okla., Oct. 26, with two confessions of faults. We had preaching brethren, Kirbo, Orvel Johnson, and Hilton, in attendance part of the time. Bro. Hilton and I had a talk on Acts 2:42, since he believes it to be a "set order of worship." I love the brethren at Sulphur, as they are sound in the faith, etc. I am to return there for another effort in Aug., 1944. We are preparing to establish a congregation in Merkel, Texas, in this month. Bro. Wright is capable of leading them on in the work. I am trying to obey 2 Tim. 4:2.

Barney D. Welch, 136 So. 4th. St. Montebello, Calif.—Oct. 17 I had the opportunity of visiting the Monrovia congregation and hearing Bro. Travillion preach in the morning, returning to Siskiyou St. where I preached at the night service. Oct. 24, I preached at Pomona in the morning and Montebello at the night service. After taking my wife and "big boy" from the hospital to the christian home of Carl N. Nichols, I left for Poplar, Calif. to begin a meeting the 31st. We certainly thank the Nichols family for their wonderful hospitality and humble christian love as was shown toward the wife and child during their stay. The Poplar meeting closed Nov. 7, with two restorations. Nov. 9, I began a meeting at El Centro, which is now in progress with one restored to date and splendid attendance considering conditions. The large house was filled yesterday morning. Truth marches on.

Ervin Waters, Box 410, Lebanon, Missouri, Nov. 15—Oct. 16-31, I preached twelve times at the Fairview congregation, 4 miles north of Flippin, Ark., baptizing three and restoring two, and I preached five sermons in the Christian Church building in Flippin, Ark. Heretofore the Fairview Church had exercised too much laxity in the kind of preachers they supported. We have some fine brethren there and they invited me back for another meeting. Nov. 1-14, I held a mission meeting at Lone Elm school house, near Jenkins, Mo., baptizing five. Four of these will worship at the Clio congregation and one at Mountain Home. The Mountain Home, Clio, and Cross Hollows churches cooperated splendidly in this meeting. I go next to Ellis and Champion. Possibly I will hold a mission meeting at Quaker, near Cassville, Mo., the first part of December, thus ending my mission work in this state.

Ralph E. Mustard, Rte. 2, Box 244, Hood River, Oreg., Nov. 19.—Just before coming here, I was with Bro. Barney Welch in a meeting at Marysville, Calif. For the past two months I have been laboring considerably with the little band of brethren at Mt. Hood, Oreg. There are but seven members, but they meet regularly for the worship each Lord's day. They are to be commended for their zeal and for their liberality. We plan to begin a mission meeting at Odell, Oreg., where we have a nucleus from which to build. We have secured the Christian Church building for the meeting. Nov. 17, I went to Portland, Oregon, to complete arrangements for a meeting to begin the latter part of Nov. I have located three families of the Church of Christ there. They are now meeting for worship in Sister Saylor's home. I expect to spend several months in this part next Spring. Remember us and the work in your prayers.

Homer L. King, Rte. 2, Lebanon, Missouri, Nov. 21.—I continued the mission effort in Oklahoma, by holding a short meeting at Ada, where I established a congregation a few years ago in a mission effort. I was glad to find them growing in zeal and number. They have remodeled a store building on West 6th. St., making a very comfortable and attractive church building, having it paid out, too, I believe. Bro. Stroud is to be commended for the splendid job on the house. They owe much to Bro. Sims and others for the able leadership. I continued there for four days, and three were restored. I went from there to Dougherty, continuing for eight days, without visible results. Many of the members and some of their best leaders have moved away, leaving them much weakened. It is our hope that they may hold out until something may be done for them. They have a good house. I spent a few days visiting in the homes of the faithful in Okla. City, where I found much zeal. They are getting their house about completed, and it is in a good location, 1836 NW 7th St. They are now meeting in it. I am now at my home, awaiting the beginning of a mission meeting, near Shell Knob, Mo., first Lord's day in Dec. Pray for me and mine.

Fred Kirbo, Davis, Oklahoma, Nov. 22.—I closed after one week at Eola, Texas, with good crowds and increasing interest. Several came back from the cups brethren on the southside, seeing that unity could not be obtained there, as they wanted to use the cups preachers, who believe in the "wasp-nest" in the Communion (?). I was glad to be with Bro. Reed Chappell, one of our faithful young preachers, who hopes to give full time to preaching the gospel in the near future. Brethren Gill and Claude Williams are to be commended for their work's sake and faithfulness. In all, I think much good was done in the meeting in various ways. I was well supported, both morally and financially. Let us all labor for the Eternal Rest that awaits the faithful at the end of this earthly pilgrimage.

Do not allow yourself to become unduly enthusiastic concerning any man, for the best of men have failings. Do not allow yourself to become too critical or severe toward any man, for the worst of men have good qualities. When we place our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, our attitude toward all men will be the correct one.

Brethren, while many of you will be spending many dollars in keeping a Papal (Catholic) celebration ("Christ-mass," later "Christmas") why not remember to use some of that surplus money to send the Old Paths Advocate to souls in darkness? How much are you spending for the truth, to send it to your friends? They need the paper and the paper needs the circulation.

—H. L. K.

Brother, do you work for subscriptions to the OPA, when in meetings and when you contact your friends? Have you sent us a list of subscriptions recently? The OPA helps you; do you help it?

"Doubt your doubts, and believe your beliefs." Many make the fatal mistake of believing their doubts and doubting their beliefs.

"My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother" (Prov. 1:8).

"He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer shall be abomination" (Prov. 28:9).