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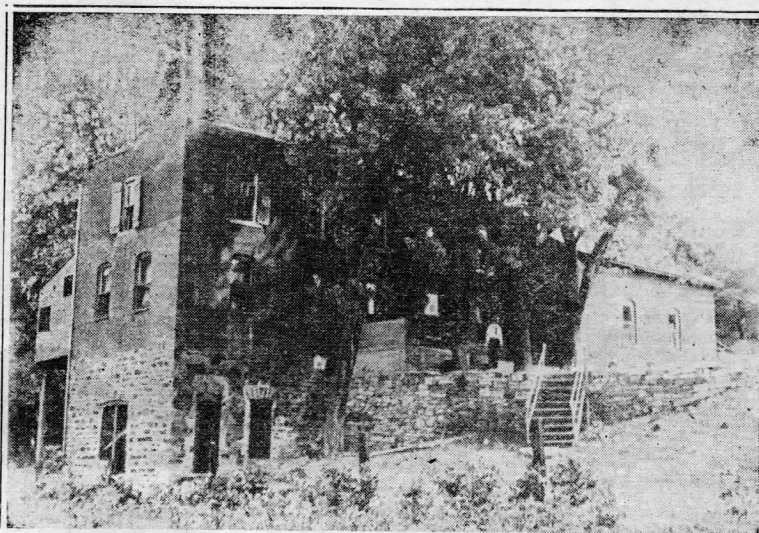
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**"NEGLECT NOT THE GIFT
THAT IS IN THEE"**

(Matt. 25: 14-31, I Tim. 4-14)

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By **LELA A. BARFIELD**

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There are other gifts of the Spirit equally as important as the ones above mentioned. They are not given to the world but to the servants of God. Jesus said: "He that believeth on me the works that I do shall he do also, and greater works than these shall he do **BECAUSE I go unto my Father.**" Again, I believe Jesus was looking forward to the gifts that should come to the believing Church after Pentecost. You may have the gifts of healing—a special God-given gift—that on whom-so-ever you lay your hands the Spirit of God works through you to the absolute healing of that individual. All may pray for the sick but there is a definite gift of healing, also of miracles. But I know even as Jesus said at that time, "for it is not ye that speak, but the Holy Ghost" so "it is not ye that heal" but the mighty electric touch of the Divine Power as He lives and works through you. Peter and other of the apostles and disciples had the gifts of healing and of miracles. Many recognized this power and sought that even so much as Peter's shadow might fall on them that they might be healed. The disciples had the gift of FAITH for it was "His name, through faith in His name" that caused the lame man at the gate Beautiful to leap and walk and shout for joy.

There is the gift of tongues and of interpretation of tongues, given by the Spirit as needs be, used as a sign to unbelievers and as a witness to men of other nations that Jesus is real today. To me one of the greatest ways of edifying an individual is to have the gift of tongues, or of speaking in another language as the Spirit gives utterance. Paul says: "Wherefore he that speaketh in an unknown tongue let him pray that he interpret." Pray for the gift of interpretation of tongues that ye may speak "both with the spirit and with the understanding also," for unless you interpret those who hear you will not be edified. Paul said: "When I pray in an unknown tongue my spirit prayeth." I received great benefit and spiritual uplift from that passage. To know that my spirit actually prayed! That the great God of the

universe so deals today with human flesh that they can be brought into such subjection that His very Spirit speaks through them in words of His own wisdom and choosing.

O, glorious privilege to be bought with the price of blood! Nothing is greater than to be a child of His love and mercy; to be forgiven our sins; to have the flesh temple cleansed and filled with His Spirit until as He utters His word we speak. O, to be completely yielded to Him and His will! Mighty things are done today through human instruments as they yield to Him. His Word goes forth with power and great anointing; the lost are brought to Christ; believers are edified; the sick are healed. The Church moves on through the "manifestation of the Spirit which is given to every man to profit withal."

Joel, speaking, foretold how God would in the last days pour out on all flesh of His Spirit and upon His servants and handmaidens that they should prophesy. We know that the Scriptures are not of any private interpretation, but that "Holy men of old spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." The prophets of old looked into the future and spoke of those things which later should come to pass, which have already been, and still are, being fulfilled. Paul says: "Eye hath not seen, ear hath not heard, neither hath it entered into the heart of man the things the Father hath prepared for them that love Him." But they are revealed unto us by His Spirit. The gift of prophecy enables the servant of God to look through the eyes of the Spirit and foretell future events—the tribulation now nearing approach; the horrors of the reign of the Anti-Christ, during which time all men shall take his mark or the number of his name except those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life; the terrible sufferings which are to come to those who worship the Beast when the wrath of God is outpoured, and hundreds of other things which make up the reward of the wicked who forsake God. And the Spirit reveals unto us the joy, the glory, the endless life of the obedient, etc. Prophecy foretells. Many things foretold by the prophets of God in recent years have been fulfilled, such as: the great depression; the struggle between Labor and Capital; the falling away, etc. Many may preach but not all have the gift of prophecy.

Paul had a definite gift of discernment of

spirits so that he was able to perceive faith in his hearers for healing. He was able to discern the evil spirit of divination in the damsel who followed him many days and was able by the power of God to see her delivered from bondage. He discerned the spirit which possessed Elymos, the sorcerer, and saw by the power of God blindness come upon him to the extent that he ceased to pervert the right ways of the Lord until Sergius Paulus believed. Other instances are given where the disciples had discernment of spirits but it sufficeth us to know that the gifts of the Church in the early days are of the Church of today. Those who have and use the gift of discernment are able to avoid many mistakes that those without it make. Pastors especially need this gift as it enables them to know those who come as ministers of the gospel, and often helps them to know how to see members of their congregations delivered from evil spirits which hold them in bondage. Let us pray for the gift of discernment that we may "try the spirits and see if they are of God."

The purpose of these precious gifts to the servants of God is to serve the Creator; to build up believers and serve in bringing the Church to a standard of purity that it may be without spot or wrinkle when Jesus comes. They are effective only as we yield our lives to Him in holiness and obedience. "The gifts and callings of God are without repentance." He presents a certain "gift" or "talent" (one or more) to us and expects us to use it to His glory and as long as we continue in humility, in sanctification and obedience He works with us, confirming the Word with signs following. These gifts come not through repentance. That is salvation, the forgiveness of sins which comes through repentance. These gifts come as a special talent given to one with the command to "Occupy 'till I come." If we are faithful and use the power given us we shall have gained other talents to give Him at His coming. Then we shall hear Him say: "Well done, good and faithful servant."

On the other hand a person may lose his gifts or "bury" his talent. If we become hardened and fail to listen to the voice of the Spirit and do not obey His commands the "talents of His unspeakable riches" become ineffective. We lose our unction, our anointing and power, and as time goes on we awaken to our senses

and ask: "Where are my talents? Where are the gifts I once possessed? I once could speak with such wisdom, such knowledge, such power that sinners hurried to the altar to receive the things God had promised through His Word. The congregations used to sit spell-bound. Now my messages are common place—no more power than an ordinary church pastor. How can I remedy the situation?" The answer is: "Back to the place where you lost your talent." Search as did the woman who lost a piece of silver. Sweep the house! Search diligently until you have found it and then **Rejoice!** That which was lost is found!

Or perhaps you have buried your treasure through neglect. You let the cares of this life creep in upon you until you neglected to **study** the Word, to pray, to visit the sick, to give to the needy. One says: "I used to be able to quote Scripture, to turn to anything I wanted. Now I can't find anything. I don't know where to look." He, through some reason, has failed to study the word. Another says: "I used to be able to pray in public with power. I used to pray for hours; now it is an effort to pray at all." Probably he has failed to obey God, and when it was hard to pray over the disobedience he quit trying until praying became an effort and he hasn't **prayed through** for months, or, maybe years! There are many ways the devil has of bringing things around to stop our service to God. It is his business! Paul says: "Stir up the gift of God that is in thee." Arise to your privileges in the Lord! Dig down deep through the numberless things that have hid those gifts and bring them back to the light. Probably they have rusted from lack of use; but the gift once given to you is there where it was lost and must, by diligent searching and use, be brought back to service.

Reader friend, if you are not laboring for God because of some thwart of satan by which he has taken you captive at his will; if you have lost the joy of the Lord's service, start over! The gifts and callings of God are without repentance. The gifts, the joys are still yours if you will claim them. You may have to repent to God and man, to re-consecrate, and do lots of praying, but the Harvest is still great, the Laborers are few. The need for consecrated workers is as great as it ever has been, and more so as we see the Day approaching for the return of the **Lord**.

"Neglect not the gift that is in thee," for the Lord is coming again and will reckon with His servants regarding the use of his goods. Those who are faithful will be told to enter the joys of the Lord, but those who hide the Lord's talent will be "Cast into outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." It behooves each of us to be "steadfast, unmovable, always abounding is the work of the Lord, knowing that our labor is not in vain in the Lord," remembering that those who will be with Jesus when the ten kings make war with "The Lamb" are called and chosen and faithful.

BIBLE SCHOOL

The Bethel Bible School of Baxter Springs, Kansas, has enjoyed a great time of study and spiritual refreshing in the Lord from time to time. We feel that it has been the prayers and cooperation of everyone of the faith that has made this school a great success. The Bible School and those in charge have endeavored to do everything they could to be a blessing to the students who have made an effort and sacrifice to come, and we feel that this fellowship has been a blessing one to the other.

We might give an outline of the schedule of classes for one day as follows:

Devotional Services, 8:15 to 9:00 A. M.

These services are under the direction of Claude W. Parham, who has labored faithfully to make them very spiritual and uplifting. He also has arranged for all students to have a part in these services from week to week.

Prophecy Class, 9:00 to 9:45

Prophecy is taught by Gail W. Schultz, who is very efficient in this line of study. He has taught the students much concerning the Second Coming of the Lord and various other Bible subjects dealing with prophecy, and is now studying the book of Revelation.

Evangelism Class, 9:45 to 10:30

The subject of evangelism is taught by Robert L. Parham, dean of Bethel Bible School. In this class subjects of discussion were personal work, pastoral work, revival and tent meetings, and vital truths of the Apostolic Faith movement. Because of Brother Parham's extensive travel in the evangelistic field, conducting six great camp meetings and thirty tent revivals, he has gleaned much information by his practical experience, which has qualified him to be

a help to those interested in working in the fields of service for the Master.

English Class, 10:30 to 11:15

Miss Mabel Sexton of Los Angeles, California, who has charge of this class, is very capable and efficient in instructing the students in the use of English in Public Speaking and the proper use of words. As we realize that words are vehicles to convey thought, so we feel that as a result of this course each student will be better equipped to give out God's Word.

Doctrine Class 11:15 to 12:00

Gail W. Schultz has charge of this class also. Books and characters of the Old Testament have been studied. Fundamental teachings of the Apostolic Faith have been discussed thoroughly giving all a sure foundation of the truths.

Lunch at 12:00

Music Class Twice a Week

Miss Clara Shackelford has charge of two music classes a week, Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. She gives personal attention to each one of the school who is interested in either piano or vocal lessons. Students have been greatly benefited by her able instructions. The gospel singing and music has shown an improvement in the musical talent of the school,

With outlined courses of study in the Bible School and with three months of diligent searching God's work everyone seems to be more than repaid for the time spent here. Eternity alone will reveal the lasting good that has been accomplished.

RALLY SERVICE WAS

AN OVERWHELMING SUCCESS

The Tri-State Rally held at Baxter Springs, February 14, was largely attended. Over three hundred persons being present, the program was enjoyed by all. Each group of young people from the different missions took part in the service. This meeting was such a success that the second of its kind has been announced to be at 1314 South Main Street, in Joplin, Missouri, Monday night, March 14. This service is under the leadership of Evangelist Joe Faries, assisted by the leaders of the different young peoples' groups of this vicinity. We desire your prayers.

BIBLE SCHOOL TESTIMONIES

We wish to express our sincere appreciation to those in charge of the Bible School. We consider it a privilege to attend the Bible School which we believe is sent from God. We praise God for the way he has supplied the need of the school.

We desire your prayers as we go into the field of labor. We expect to go into a meeting at Eureka, Kansas, after Bible School.

Evang. Joe Faries,
Olathe, Colorado.
Evang. Glayron Rees,
Center Point, Texas.

We appreciate very much the privilege of attending the Bible School. We have gained much and have drawn close to the Lord as we studied His word together.

Mildred and Lela Kathryn Peck,
Katy, Texas

I am glad for the prayers that have been answered, and that I have the opportunity of learning more of God's word. I am glad for this school for it is a great benefit to us in the services of the Lord. It is a golden opportunity to be equipped in a greater way for His service.

Alfred Buchanan

After being in the harvest fields for Jesus the past seven months, we are happy to be in the Bible School again, enjoying the blessings of the Lord. We expect to be in active service for the Lord immediately after the Bible School closes.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Clay,
Evangelists

The Bible School has been a great blessing to us. We felt the need of a greater knowledge of the Bible and have enjoyed the study so much. The Lord has met with us from day to day, and we feel we have been made one big family in the Lord. We expect to leave the school better equipped for the gospel work. We plan on going to the Panhandle District and those desiring us to come by can get in touch with us at the Bible School.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Scott

The Bible School has been a great help to me in spirit, soul and mind, in that I have learned much more of the Bible and also deepened my life in God through prayer. My greatest desire is to be a diligent worker for the Lord and to let others see the love of Christ in me.

J. W. Depew

In making a brief report of the Bible School and short testimony, I wish to say I am very glad for the school and the benefit I feel it has been to me to refresh my memory on the scriptures. I find it a great blessing where twenty-five or thirty students are gathered together in prayer and study of God's Word. I found also that I'm not being deprived altogether of being in evangelistic work (as I feel this to be my calling). I have been conducting revival services in Carthage, Mo., while attending the school and God has blessed in the Salvation of souls. I must also state here that a sweet spirit of unity prevails, and when one inquires of me, "Can any good thing come out of a Bible School?" I can only say as Phillip said to Nathaniel, "Come and See." John 1: 4-6. So my prayer is that when I shall have finished the course of study, and go out to other fields of labor, my life shall bear greater fruit of the spirit.

May God also bless in the spreading of the gospel through the Apostolic Faith paper to those who do not have any other means of hearing His word in these closing days of the last great call of God.

Evangelist H. L. Watkins

We greatly appreciate the opportunity of attending the Bethel Bible school, as we realize that a knowledge of the Word of God is very essential to a successful ministry.

The Parham family is very kind to extend this help and cooperation to the gospel cause and they are more than worthy of all support.

Evang. W. H. Updegrove
Mrs. W. H. Updegrove

Dear Ones:
Greetings in Jesus Name!

I am taking this opportunity of expressing my gratitude to the Parham family for the privilege of attending the second session of the Bible School. I feel that God has been very merciful in permitting me to attend again this year, and I worship Him for it.

The Bible School has been a great help to me, and I feel that I am better equipped to go out and preach the gospel of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. I am looking forward to a time of victory in the Lord and desire your prayers that I might prove faithful to the end.

Your Servant in Christ,
Alexander Wisnoski

The Lord has been in our midst and His love has flowed from heart to heart as we have labored and lived together here in the school. Truly I thank Him because He has permitted me to be here. In the studying of the Word I have received a greater insight to the Scriptures than ever before. I feel that at the close of this school I shall be able to go forth into the vineyard of the Lord better equipped to tell the story and win souls.

I am glad because the Lord has made it possible for me to attend the Bible School this year. He has met with us in a wonderful way. Truly the school has been a great help and encouragement to me. I appreciate God's wonderful love, and the spirit of fellowship among the students and teachers.

Loyd Boren

The Lord has wonderfully blessed in the Bible School and it has been a great help to me. I praise Him for the privilege of studying His Word and want to do more for Him.

Dora Spencer

I surely am enjoying the Bethel Bible School. I have gained great victory and understand the Word of God more fully. I feel better equipped to go forth as a gospel worker and fight the good fight of faith.

Hallie F. Chitwood,
Adrian, Missouri

I have enjoyed being in the Bible School here at Baxter Springs, and am glad I have had the fellowship of the students and teachers. They have been a blessing to me and I hope to receive greater blessings before leaving.

Vera Lou Watkins

I appreciate the privilege I have had of attending the second session of the Bible School. The Lord has blessed my life in the past year of service for Him. I have enjoyed very much studying the Word of God, and feel I am better equipped for His service.

Eloise Arnce,
Prosperity, Missouri.

GREAT DAYS OF CONVOCATION AND FELLOWSHIP, MARCH 20 TO 27, INC.

Plans are under way for a great time of refreshing from the Lord. Everyone is as busy as a bee getting all things in readiness for the coming convocation, and everyone of the Faith is invited to come. We feel a great time of rejoicing is in store for the ministry and laity.

Scores of letters have come in already telling of different ones making their plans to be with us, and we are looking forward to a wonderful and glorious time of fellowship.

We feel a great need of this gathering together and waiting upon the Lord, because many, both in the ministry and laity, are becoming discouraged and realize the need of more of the power of God and of His blessing in our lives in order to stand true and steadfast in these days of perilous times which we know are just ahead of us.

(Note—A common table will be set for all, as the Lord provides. Donations of food stuffs and free will offerings for this purpose will be greatly appreciated. Each one should bring their own bedding. Rooms may be rented very reasonably at this time in Baxter Springs. Please let us know when you are coming. We will do all we can here that this trip will be a lasting benediction to you.)

We have appreciated the opportunity of working in the Bible School. It has been a time of refreshing from the presence of the Lord. This time of prayer and study will make it easier for us to face the battles of the future, as we are carrying greater responsibilities both in a spiritual and a temporal way than ever before.

We went to Keelville Mission for a few nights' service. The entire church cooperated beautifully in every way. God started blessing, souls were saved and all were built up spiritually.

There have been times for rejoicing, sickness and sorrow, and regardless of the circumstances, we have found everyone of the Bible School to be consecrated and devoted Brothers and Sisters in the Lord, whom we are proud to have in our home. Our prayer is that we may all be faithful to the One that purchased us with His blood. At the close of the Bible School we will again be on the firing line for the Lord in the Evangelistic field. May the Lord bless you dear ones that have held our hands up in prayer.

Evang. Claude Parham and Wife

To study to show ourselves approved unto God has been the desire of our hearts in these few weeks of Bible School. This searching of the scriptures and learning His truths, I know is laying for each student a sure foundation against time to come, that we may lay hold on eternal life.

I praise the Lord for the Christian fellowship here; it has indeed been a blessed time for me. I have realized more and more as Paul, "Oh the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His Way past finding out!" Rom. 11: 33.

To do the will of God and to have his approval on my life, that I may be a blessing to others, is my prayer.

Mable G. Sexton
English Teacher of Bible School.

Dear Ones:

Greetings:

Surely the Lord is good to us all. He does so much for us, and we in return must work the work that He gives us to do. Our duty is plain. Jeremiah said that the word of the Lord was as a burning fire shut up in his bones. Jer. 20: 9. His heart was yearning to work for God, and the Lord used him in a mighty way.

Amos said that the Lord had spoken, who can but prophesy? Amos 3:8. When the Lord gives us a blessing, in any way, with joy we should tell the story. Many souls have been won to Christ and many bodies healed because somebody knew that the Lord had spoken and they told the glad news.

We should be glad to increase our services to God by working now. Jesus said, "I must work the works of Him that sent me, while it is day; the night cometh, when no man can work." John 9: 4. That is why every Christian is hurrying on. Sometime our task will be over, but now we must labor. Don't put off doing, but seek to serve now. We must speak the things which we have seen and heard, then the Lord will bless His Word and give an abundant increase to our testimony. Acts 4: 20.

I have enjoyed teaching in the school and know that much lasting good has been accomplished, but with the school drawing to a close, I expect soon again to be in revival meetings. Pray that each revival will be a blessing to many. May God richly bless you.

Yours in Christ, **GAIL W. SCHULTZ**

Surely, it is good to be here in the Bible School. We have had a blessed time of delving into God's Word and feasting on its marvelous truths. I feel that I have gained much good. The music classes also have been good and the students have shown much interest.

(Miss) Clara Shackelford,
Music Teacher and Gospel Worker

Dear Ones of the Faith:

In behalf of the Bible School we take this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation to everyone that has made the Bible School a success with your prayers, cooperation and support. We feel the Bible School truly has given a vision and inspiration to those that have been privileged to attend and many are anticipating revival meetings as soon as the Bible School is over. We are praying God's richest blessings on their lives and ask you to remember them in prayer that scores of souls may be saved in their efforts this coming summer.

We truly thank God for those who have a vision of the Bible School and seeing young lives established in the truth. They will be the men and women of tomorrow that will keep the gospel light burning in a land of darkness and apostasy. Our prayer is that God will make us worthy of our brothers and sisters in the Lord that have stood by us. God bless you.

Your servant,
ROBERT L. PARHAM, Dean

ALL-DAY MEETING PLANNED AT WEBB CITY, MISSOURI

Plans are being made for an all-day meeting with basket dinner at the Frisco Mission, Webb City, Missouri, Sunday, March 6. Program as following: Sunday School at 10:00 a. m.; Preaching at 11:00 a. m.; Lunch at noon; Great Rally Service, 2:30 p. m.; Young People's Meeting at 6:30 p. m.; Evangelistic Service at 7:30 p. m. Students of the Bible School in charge.

This service is sponsored by the Frisco Mission and everyone well remembers the great time we had at Webb City last year during Bible School and we anticipate greater services this year. Rev. Lou Love is Pastor.

Mrs. M. C. Dean, Evangelist of Meridian, Miss., will arrive March 15, to be a special guest of the Bible School for the last two weeks.

OBITUARY

Mrs. Anna Belle Surface, 76 years old, passed away at her home in Neck City, Mo., February 28, after a short illness. Surviving her are three sons, Arthur Surface of Neck City, M. D. Surface of Houston, Texas and G. L. Surface of Alief, Texas; Three daughters, Mrs. Ethel C. Fennell of Houston, Texas. Mrs. David Sargeant and Mrs. Elsie Tice, both of Neck City. Arthur Surface is editor of "The Banner of Love," a religious magazine.

Mr. Lines Smith of Dickenson, Texas was accidentally killed February 14. Mr. and Mrs. Lines Smith have in the past traveled with Sister Ostrander as Evangelistic Singers and for the past few years have been active in the work of the Lord at Dickenson. Funeral services were conducted by Millard E. Brown and Harvey Stockwell. Interment was in the Dickenson Cemetery.

BIBLE STUDY PLANNED AT HEMSTEAD, TEXAS

Plans are under way for a six weeks' Bible Study at the Mission at Hempstead, Texas, under the direction of Evangelist Irene Dilworth of Skiatook, Oklahoma, who is a very capable and efficient teacher of the Bible. At the present we have not received the exact date and final details. We trust everyone in the South will take advantage of this opportunity. For further information write Hempstead Mission, care of Mrs. W. W. Chapman, Miss Hazel Hubbard, or Evangelist Irene Dilworth, Skiatook, Oklahoma.

NOTES

Evangelist Raymond House of Lansing, Michigan, is engaged in evangelistic work. Those interested in securing him for services may address him at 704 South Magnolia, Lansing, Michigan.

W. E. Mewborn, Route 2, Fouke, Arkansas, is very much interested in obtaining an evangelist for a revival meeting, July 1st. He also sends a petition of saved and unsaved people who are interested and are desiring a meeting there. Any minister or evangelist who feels led should write to him.

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Change of address, if any, should be sent to us promptly, giving both old and new addresses. This is necessary as papers are not forwarded. Please write addresses plainly.

BETHEL BIBLE SCHOOL TO BROADCAST
SUNDAY, MARCH 6

The students of the Bethel Bible School will broadcast Sunday, March 6, from 8:30 to 9:30 a. m., over Station WMBH (1420 kilocycles), Joplin, Missouri. We will be happy to have everyone tune in.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The marriage of Miss Steryl George, Evangelist and singer, and Mr. Boyce Tucker of Katy, Texas, former president of the South Texas Young People, was solemnized at the George home in Perryton, Texas, Monday evening, February 14, by Rev. Robert Girouard.

BRIEF MENTION

Elba and Opal Reno of Cheney, Kansas and Margaret and Emmebell Yeakel of Wichita, Kansas are visiting this week in the Bible School.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wooster of Alvin, Texas, are in charge of the work of the Lord at Roswell, New Mexico. The Lord is especially blessing them at this time. Their address is 500 Eleventh Street, Roswell, New Mexico.

Brother John Hockersmith of Purcell, Missouri, has been conducting services in Rockdale and vicinity. Great crowds have been coming out to the new tabernacle in Rockdale to hear Brother Hockersmith's messages.

Brother and Sister Claude Pruitt, who have been in Galveston, Texas, for about two months, are now back in Rockdale. The Lord has been blessing in their labors in a very remarkable way.

FAITH

"That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honor and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ"
 — 1 Peter 1: 7.

Hedged about from every evil
 Sheltered from all fear of ill,
 Thru Jehovah's power protected
 Even "The accuser's" voice is still.

But thy heart must feel the furnace
 He thy maker knoweth best.
 And in love the hedge must vanish
 That thy gold may stand the test.

"Tho He slay me I will trust Him,"
 Thus the King His promise gave,
 And the Christ who prayed for Peter
 Will thee thru temptation save.

For that prayer in Heaven recorded
 Thru the power of His Name,
 Makes the trusting heart a victor
 Sets the soul with love aflame.

Doubt no more but trust His promise.
 He will not forsake His own,
 Only sight is known to mortal
 Faith proceeds from God alone.

He the Alpha and Omega,
 The beginning and the end—
 He who notes the falling sparrow.
 Is to thee thy truest Friend!

In the center of His will,
 There is Rest and Joy and Peace.
 Care and doubt and slavish fear,
 In His presence cease!

Just to hear His gentle whisper—
 I will guide thy steps aright,
 Stills the voices of confusion,
 Fills the path with radiant light.

He sees the secret spring within,
 That thou hast never known,
 In patience and in tenderness
 He teaches thee alone!

It doth not yet appear
 What He would have thee be,
 But blessed thought, to be like Him,
 When thou His face shalt see!

—Lilian Thistlewaite