



THE JACK CORNELL FAMILY
Left to right: Kevin, Jack, Kathryn and Tonya

COLLEGE VIBRATION SINGERS
ON TOUR



Back row: Garold Oakes, J. J. Arnall, Jimmy Botter, Marlon Sparks
and Bro. Jack Cornell

Front row: Karen Crouse, Teloa Stanberry and Janeece Randolph

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Editorial . . .

"A LITTLE BIRD TOLD ME"

"When my spirit was overwhelmed within me, then thou knewest my path." Ps. 142: 3

Several months back when the office for the Report was still in the Bible School Chapel building, I entered my office one morning to find a little bird flying wildly about trying to find a way out, battering itself against one closed window after another. Evidently it had flown in when the window was opened during the heat of the day and now the window was closed and it couldn't find a place to escape. I hurriedly opened a window and tried to coax the little bird to fly out, but by this time it was in such a state of panic that it was flying too high to see the way of freedom that was now offered. Not until it had worn itself out completely; thrashing itself against the closed windows till its wings were so weak it could only fly lower and slower did it finally see the open window and make its way to the clear blue sky of the outdoors.

There is a lesson here for us, who find ourselves suddenly surrounded with difficulties from which there seems to be no visible means of escape; surrounded with problems that seem to have no answers though we feel we have sought diligently. We, like the bird, panic and batter ourselves against the walls of circumstances around us, and wear ourselves out trying our own ways and solutions. God has an open door waiting for us if we will yield our wills to His, rest in His ability to handle the situation and look for His way of escape. He alone knows all the inmost thoughts, ambitions, desires and natures of all the individuals involved in our most difficult situations and He alone can work on both ends of the line. He has means of communicating with all those individuals in their quietest hours that we know nothing about. And He can bring about circumstances to accomplish His plan in lives, change attitudes, soften hearts and open doors that we have tried in vain to do in our own feeble way.

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths." Prov. 3: 5, 6.

I believe God sent that little bird to try to teach me a lesson and to tell me God's secret of victory for me. Even as I write this editorial I need to be reminded of what "A Little Bird Told Me."

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Katy, Texas

Bro. and Sis. K. Kerr will be conducting a "mini-revival" in the Bible Education Building at Canyon, Texas for Bro. Marcus Adair February 11-13. Recently a number of our church attended a Ski Retreat at Deer Valley with a group of students from the Faith Student Center in Canyon, Texas.

K. Kerr, Pastor

Address correction: Rev. Ross Briles, 603 Floyd Ave., Modesto, Calif. 95350. (instead of) 607 Floyd Ave., Modesto, Calif. 65351.

March 1974



OBITUARY OF MRS. HASSIE CLANTON

Funeral services for Mrs. Hassie Clanton, Bro. Paul Clanton's mother, 84, of Big Spring, Texas were held Wednesday, February 13, 1974, at 3:30 p. m. in the Nalley-Pickle Rosewood Chapel at Big Spring, Texas. Rev. Amos Watkins of Houston, Texas officiated. Burial was in the Mount Olive Cemetery.

Mrs. Clanton passed away in a local hospital at 7:15 p. m., Monday, February 11, 1974. Mrs. Clanton was born January 10, 1890, in Rising Star, Texas. She moved to the Luther community in 1924, where her husband, John A. Clanton, was an established farmer and rancher.

She moved to Big Spring in 1945. She was a member of the Apostolic Faith Church.

Survivors include seven daughters, Mrs. J. O. Haney, Mrs. Richard Thomas and Mrs. Melvin Anderson, all of Big Spring, Mrs. Gene McBeth, Seminole, Texas, Mrs. Harry Priest, Joplin, Missouri, Mrs. Carl Smith, Oroville, California, and Mrs. Ruel Barber, Boardman, Michigan; two sons, Elton Clanton, Seminole, Texas, and the Rev. Paul Clanton, Galena, Kansas; three sisters, Mrs. Jessie Mitchel, Lamesa, Texas, Mrs. Novella Lovelace, Morton, Texas, and Mrs. Lela Davis, Pateros, Washington; three brothers, Ellie Mayfield and Rushing Mayfield, both of Houston, and Homer Mayfield, Caruthers, California; 22 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren plus numerous nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death was a son, Ernest Clanton. Her husband died in 1930.

Grandsons served as pallbearers.

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A. F. Report

'IT'S EASIER TO CATCH FISH WHEN WE PULL TOGETHER'

FOR WE ARE LABORERS
TOGETHER WITH GOD.
1 COR 3:9



REVIVALS:

Amarillo, Texas — March 10

Evangelist Jake Pletcher; Carolyn Quesenbury and
Shari Cook, Gospel Workers
Rev. Neil Ragan, Pastor

Bayard, Nebraska — March 3

Evangelist Lyndel Arnall
Amos Harris, Pastor

Enid, Oklahoma — February 27

Evangelist O. A. Busch; Paula Buschman, Gospel
Worker
Elmer Christenson, Pastor

Gause, Texas — April 3

Evangelist O. A. Busch
Bill Sparks, Pastor

Pampa, Texas — April 3

Evangelist Ted Barker; Carolyn Quesenbury and
Shari Cook, Gospel Workers
Edwin Waterbury, Pastor

Balko, Oklahoma — March 24

Evangelist Ted Barker; Carolyn Quesenbury and
Shari Cook, Gospel Workers
Jim Fox, Pastor

Joplin, Missouri — February 24

Evangelist Jack Barker
Ollie Kinser, Pastor

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March 1974

Greetings in Jesus Name,

How I do appreciate your prayers and thoughts for my recovery while I was in the hospital in Oklahoma City. God was with me and the wonderful Peace and Assurance that he gives was mine. I came home January 22 and I'm doing my walking every day and gaining strength. People from different churches sent me cards and let me know they were praying for me. God has something more for me to do.

I am so grateful to everyone. May our wonderful Lord Bless you all is my prayer.

Art Whitaker
Laverne, Oklahoma



Mr. and Mrs. Duane Trayler of Dumas, Texas are the proud parents of a new baby girl, named Stacy Rochelle. Little Stacy was born January 13 and weighed 6 pounds and 10¼ ounces. Her grandparents include Mr. and Mrs. Robert Trayler of Dumas and great-grandparents are Rev. and Mrs. George Hintergardt.

Tera Louise Hintergardt is the new daughter of George and Bonnie Hintergardt. She weighed 6 pounds and 11½ ounces when she was born on December 29, 1973. Her paternal grandmother is Mrs. Mary Yeatts of Bayard, Nebraska and the late Lowell Hintergardt was her grandfather. Great-grandparents include Rev. and Mrs. George Hintergardt of Baxter Springs, Kansas. Little Tera and her mother make their home in Bayard, Nebraska while her father is stationed in Okinawa with the United States Marine Corps.



Wanda Kay Hunter and Roger Lynn Denton were united in marriage at the Apostolic Faith Church of Alvin, Texas on December 31, 1973 at 7:30 p. m. The double ring ceremony was performed by the Reverend James Wallis. The maid of honor was Miss Jenny Rodriguez of Alvin, Texas and the best man was Gary Longston of Pasadena, Texas.

After a honeymoon trip the couple is at home at 2802 Westside Drive, No. 26, Pasadena, Texas.

Wanda Kay is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Price of Galena, Kansas. Roger Lynn is the son of Rev. and Mrs. Ralph E. Denton of Pasadena, Texas.

A. F. Report

MINUTES

Apostolic Faith Bible School Board of Trustees And Advisory Committee Meeting

February 8, 1974

The Board of Trustees of the Apostolic Faith Bible School met with the Advisory Committee consisting of the following: C. W. Zuck, Gene Hibbs, Doyle Wiles, Ward Stanberry, Olen Bachler, Paul Clanton, and Danny Robinson.

The meeting was called to order by Roland Busch, chairman. The first order of business was to determine which of the three proposals previously announced was to be considered. It was the unanimous opinion to purchase property adjacent to the present Bible School property and build needed facilities as soon as possible. Mr. Everett Blosser, Realtor, was present to show the group several lots (across the alley west of the Bible School Chapel between 10th and 11th on Grant) he had been able to get purchase agreements on. After considerable discussion, Bro. Ward Stanberry made a motion to purchase the property presented by the realtor. The motion was seconded by Bro. Zuck and the motion carried. This property consists of five and one-half lots and four houses.

The next order of business was a discussion concerning the building of a new girls dormitory for the next term of Bible School. Bro. Paul Clanton and Bro. Bill Hollis were appointed to check into a metal type building and costs and report back as soon as possible.

The chairman brought to the attention of the group, the fact that no one could leave money through wills and gifts to the Bible School without having to pay tax on it. After discussion Brother Olen Bachler made a motion that Bro. Roland Busch investigate and report back what the Bible School would have to do in order to receive money without the donor having to pay taxes on the gift.

Bro. Ward Stanberry reviewed our insurance coverage on the bus. He suggested we carry \$200 to \$500 on bodily injury, \$20,000.00 property damage and \$2,500.00 medical payments. He is to work with the Bain Insurance Agency to carry this out.

The Board of Trustees met with the president of the American National Bank to arrange for a loan to purchase the above property. The bank required collateral to secure the loan for the full amount of the purchase price. A motion was made by Bro. Ward Stanberry and seconded by Bro. Zuck to use either the girl's dormitory or the home building property for this collateral. This motion carried.

The next order of business was a discussion concerning the need to promote this building program on a continual basis. A motion was made by Bro. Stanberry and seconded by Bro. Bachler that Bro. Roland Busch take charge of this project. This motion carried.

The Board met with Bro. Jack Cornell, Superintendent, concerning the forthcoming term of Bible School and the tour.

There being no further business to come before the group, the meeting was adjourned.

William Hollis, Secretary

March 1974

Greetings from the Apostolic Faith Bible College

It is with grateful hearts that I say "Thank You" to the readers of the Report for your backing and support for the school the past months of time. I sat at my desk this morning and looked back over the past four years and find they have been some of the best years of my life. God has been so very precious to me and my family and has blessed us abundantly in so many ways. He has granted me some very pleasant memories that nothing in this world could ever erase. My association with the Bible College has been some of my fondest "dreams come true."

I come to the close of my administration at the school with mixed emotions. First of all, the feeling of release from a tremendous load of responsibility, worry, work and sometimes heartache. I think there could not be a greater feeling than an honest feeling that one has done the best they knew to do. After looking back, I recognize that my actions were not always the best, but at the time I made the decisions, the very best I knew how to make, was the way I chose.

I can say with a clear conscience that my family and I have tried our best to represent the school and our movement to the best of our ability.

My most sincere thanks to the board of directors who so faithfully stood by my side and helped guide my decisions so many times. May God richly bless these dedicated men. My humble thanks to the Apostolic Faith Report and its editors for the fine publicity given to the school. I feel this kind of promotion is of great value. The men and women who have served on the faculty for the past four years have been just great. They have given of their time and talents so unselfishly. May Heaven's best be yours. Last, but certainly not least, the friends of our school who have helped make this school a success down through the years by your support spiritually, physically and financially, May God bless you.

I am so thankful that the prospects for the coming year look wonderful. I feel Bro. Jack Cornell will do his very best to pick up the load of school and to strive to see this work expand into greater avenues of spiritual training. Our prayers and backing will be with Bro. Jack and I shall strive to lend my assistance to him in any way I can. I call for every man, woman, boy and girl that knows how to pray, to back our new superintendent. He is not working for himself, but for your and my school.

Bro. Jack and myself along with the board, came to an agreement and Bro. Jack took over the financial part of the school as of February 1, 1974. I shall continue to pay the bills in his absence.

The Lord willing, we shall move from Baxter Springs, around the 20th of May. My plans are to move to Laverne, Oklahoma, where my boys will all be in school this Fall and I shall be in Evangelistic work. I have already started some preparation for some revivals this Fall. I am in hopes to have an Evangelistic party to travel with me in these meetings.

Again my many thanks to each and every one of you.

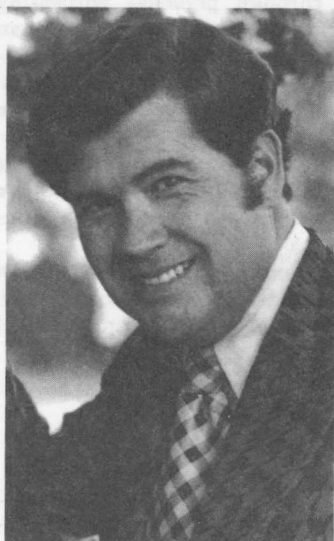
Sincerely,
Ted Barker

A. F. Report

Rev. Jack Cornell is the new superintendent of the Apostolic Faith Bible College. He is the youngest son of Rev. and Mrs. E. K. Cornell, who are now pastoring in Arnett, Oklahoma. Mrs. Cornell was the former Kathryn Booth of Hardesty, Oklahoma. They were married in 1959. The Cornells have two children: Tonya, a seventh grader, is 13 years old and Kevin, a sixth grader, is twelve years old. Before coming to Bible School in 1973 as assistant superintendent, Bro. and Sis. Cornell have pastored churches in Balko, Oklahoma; Follet, Texas; Laverne, Oklahoma; and Canyon, Texas.

They are at present living in the girls dormitory at the Bible College. They will be moving into the parsonage when school is out and the Barkers have moved back to Laverne, Oklahoma.

The Cornell family picture and one of the College Vibrations appear on the front cover of this issue.



**A
Letter
from
Superintendent
Jack
Cornell**

At a business meeting of the Bible College Board of Trustees in Oklahoma City on January 18, I consented to be the new Bible College Superintendent. I desire the prayers of each of you that I may lead the school in the way the Lord would have me to. Do pray with us as we choose the faculty for the 1974 term.

At the present time we are in Alaska on the Bible College Tour. With us we have the "College Vibrations" which consists of — Karen Crouse, Wichita, Kansas, Janeece Randolph, Perryton, Texas, Telo Stanberry, Katy, Texas, Jimmy Botter, Alvin, Texas, Garold Oakes, Neosho, Missouri, J. J. Arnall, Granby, Missouri, and Marlon Sparks, Gause, Texas. (Before beginning this tour this group was known as the "Son-Rise Singers").

Below is a tentative schedule for the tour. Not all dates have been confirmed at this writing.

FEBRUARY —

- 10 — Amarillo, Texas (a. m.)
- 10 — Roswell, New Mexico (p. m.)
- 12 — Las Vegas, Nevada
- 13 — Modesto, California
- 15 - March 3 — Alaska (22 services)

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MARCH —

- 4 — Stockton, California
- 6 — San Diego, California
- 7 — Spring Valley, California
- 10 — Canyon, Texas (a. m.)
- 10 — Pampa, Texas (p. m.)
- 12 — Galena, Kansas
- 13 — Joplin, Missouri
- 14 — Purcell, Missouri
- 15 — Cave Springs, Arkansas
- 17 — Enid, Oklahoma (a. m.)
- 17 — Oklahoma City, Oklahoma (p. m.)
- 18 — Crosses, Arkansas
- 19 — Prosperity, Missouri
- 20 — Stella, Missouri
- 21 — Taneyville, Missouri
- 23 — Snell, Mississippi
- 24 — Hinton, Alabama (a. m.)
- 24 — Pine Hill, Alabama (p. m.)
- 31 — Laverne, Oklahoma (a. m.)
- 31 — Logan, Oklahoma (p. m.)

APRIL —

- 1 — Beaver, Oklahoma
- 2 — Gray, Oklahoma
- 3 — Follett, Texas
- 4 — Arnett, Oklahoma
- 5 — Woodward, Oklahoma
- 7 — Perryton, Texas (a. m.)
- 7 — Balko, Oklahoma (p. m.)
- 8 — Spearman, Texas
- 9 — Goodwell, Oklahoma
- 10 — Liberal, Kansas
- 11 — Dumas, Texas
- 12 — Shattuck, Oklahoma
- 14 — Hardesty, Oklahoma (a. m.)
- 14 — Guymon, Oklahoma (p. m.)
- 15 — Denver, Colorado
- 16 — Bayard, Nebraska
- 17 — Hudson, Wyoming
- 21 — Baxter Springs, Kansas (a. m.)
- 21 — Granby, Missouri (p. m.)
- 23 — Tomball, Texas
- 24 — Hempstead, Texas
- 25 — Rockdale, Texas
- 26 — Gause, Texas
- 28 — Katy, Texas (a. m.)
- 28 — Alvin, Texas (p. m.)
- 29 — Pattison, Texas
- 30 — Bellville, Texas

MAY —

- 1 — Edna, Texas
- 2 — Center Point, Texas
- 3 — Vanderpool, Texas
- 4 — Big Spring, Texas
- 5 — Synder, Texas (a. m.)
- 5 — Lubbock, Texas (p. m.)
- 6 — Ralls, Texas
- 8 — Wichita, Kansas
- 9 — Kingman, Kansas

Sincerely,
Jack Cornell, Supt. A.F.B.C.

A. F. Report



Amarillo, Texas

We thank the Lord for the beginning of another New Year and look forward to His work going forth in a greater measure than ever before.

During the Christmas season the church enjoyed a program presented by the various Sunday School classes. A time of social activities and caroling under the direction of the Youth Leaders, Brenda and Rick French, were enjoyed by the young people, and proved a blessing to those they sang to.

The Watch Night service was a highlight for those who attended. Rev. Howard Whitely was the speaker, with several other visiting ministers helping in the service.

At the present time plans are being made for a revival to begin in the near future. Surely Christ's coming is very soon, and there are still many souls lost without Him. At times it seems almost impossible to reach the lost souls, but the words of God come forth with power as stated in Matt. 19:26 . . . with God all things are possible. Nothing is impossible when we get in contact with Christ. He can meet the need of the hardest cases, both spiritually and physically. Our desire, as servants for Christ, is that we can come in contact with Him, and help someone to find this One who can do all things.

LaVonna Mitchell, Reporter
Rev. Neil Ragan, Pastor

Baxter Springs, Kansas

February 10, was the start of our revival with Bro. and Sis. Amos Harris from Bayard, Nebraska. God blessed with wonderful messages and victories being gained around the altars. Previous to the revival, we enjoyed several Wednesday night lessons brought by Bro. Jack Cornell on "The Coming of The Lord." These lessons remind us again of the day in which we are living and led into a beautiful spirit for revival.

We appreciate Bro. and Sis. Cornell and their family, also Carolyn Quesenbury, Dorothy Kinser and Shari Cook for their work. We miss Bro. Cornell now that he is on tour with the College Vibrations Singers in behalf of the Bible School.

Ted Barker, Pastor
Joan Cooper, Reporter

Big Spring, Texas

Greetings in the name of the Lord! It has been some time since we have sent in a report, but the Lord has really been blessing. Bro. and Sis. Ray Michener held us some good services. We really do appreciate those that have come by to help out while we were without a pastor. We want to thank Bro. Marvin Boyd, Sis. Edith Oliver and Bro. Jim Boyd for doing a wonderful job filling in during this time. Not once did the Lord not meet our every need.

We are very happy to have Bro. and Sis. Jim Russell and Christie as our pastor. He is doing a marvelous job. The second of January we had a revival with Bro. Jim Russell, Bro. Barry Methvin, Bro. Calvin Klaus and Bro. David McCance doing the preaching, Sis. Glowanda Quesenbury and Kay Macias helped with the singing and then we had the Bible School Quartet with us for a few nights services. One soul was saved during the revival. Since the revival, through personal witnessing we have had a young couple saved and the young man has been sanctified, also. Two more families have promised to start coming regularly. The Lord has really been working. If we only turn our lives over to Christ, then and only then — he can use us.

The young people purchased a new range for the parsonage. Our youth group is really growing and we are up-lifted over the spiritual growth everyone is gaining.

Bro. Jim Russell says, "Come by and be with us in our services." In closing I would like to encourage each and every Christian — Don't give up. Look up! Rejoice! for the end of time is near.

Carolyn Boyd, Secretary
Jim Russell, Pastor

Roswell, New Mexico

It's been quite a while since we wrote. We all still enjoy the paper very much and look forward to receiving it. May God bless your work for Him.

Bro. Otto Busch was here in revival just before Thanksgiving. His messages were an inspiration to all and we were blessed having him with us.

Our young people worked up an excellent Christmas program for us again this year, both in the form of a play and beautiful music. They have been singing in several different churches, singing conventions and so forth. Each time they have been invited back and we are quite proud of them.

We're looking forward to the Bible School singing group which will be here next week. Pray for us that we will be found up and about the Master's business — especially since His coming draweth nigh!

Helen Hammock, Reporter
Jerome Crowhurst, Pastor

Pine Crest, Mississippi

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hopson, Box 568, Butler, Alabama 36904 are still the secretary and treasurer for the Mississippi Youth Camp here. All donations toward the camp should be given to them. We are looking for a good camp again this year.

Dear friends of the Faith:

We want to give praise and thanks to God for providing for us and taking care of us.

We have had the privilege of preaching and teaching in Perryton, Texas; Spearman, Texas; Dalhart, Texas, Balko, Oklahoma and Beaver, Oklahoma, since returning to our home after Bible School classes closed in December.

We did enjoy working in the Bible School. We feel the school can fill a very important place in the minds and hearts of those that attend as well as blessing many others through the ministry of these people after they leave.

We want to obey every beck and call of the Holy Spirit in these days. It seems so very obvious to me that prophecy is being fulfilled all around the world.

Pray for us.

Sincerely,
Jacob C. and Rosalie Regier
1518 South Drake St.
Perryton, Texas 79070

Las Vegas, Nevada

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Wheatley were with us for our New Years service. He works with juvenile boys at Palm Dale, California and also has a radio program there.

We recently paid off our church property here. Praise the Lord. He is really moving in our midst here in Las Vegas.

Sis. Ruthie's mother, Mrs. Pshigoda is here for the winter. We also are happy to have Bro. Calvin Klaus to help in our services. He has children's church on Sunday mornings after Sunday School and teaches an adult Sunday School class. He has been in charge of our Wednesday night Bible Study, too. Lois Riley also has been helping us in the church while holding down a job here.

We were glad to have Bro. Jack Cornell and the College Vibrations with us Tuesday, February 12. We had a marvelous service with 82 in attendance. Albert and Lela Walls came to this service and brought their daughters, Debbie and Becky. We also were glad to have Tom Lord with us. Tom and Debbie were students in the 1973 term of Bible School.

Francis Dearing, Pastor

Granby, Missouri

Recent visiting ministers at Granby include the Lyndell Arnall family, the Johnny Arnall family, the Jack Cornell family and Bro. Marcus Adair. We appreciate all who come to share the word of God with us.

Our Monday night prayer services have been beneficial to all who attend. We have found that more waiting upon God brings greater victory in our lives.

We are happy to have some new people attending church regularly.

Some of the men recently installed new windows and storm windows in the parsonage dining area and the Martins are redecorating the interior of the room.

Ronnie Martin, Pastor
Faye Neff, Reporter

Rockdale, Texas

Our Rockdale Church is doing fine. Bro. Van Blythe has been bringing some inspiring messages. Sis. Rose Blythe has received wonderful help from the Lord for her physical body. Sis. Marie Schlottman, who has had a physical affliction for some time, is gaining ground in the Lord and would appreciate prayers from other church people.

I was healed about two weeks ago and rejoice that the Lord is so good to us.

Our church was host to the youth rally February 9th. It was a blessing to those who attended. The Apostolic Report is a real asset to our movement, and we pray the Lord will continue to bless you and all those who have a part in publishing it.

Join with us in prayer for a revival. May someone be led by the Spirit to come our way.

Mrs. Jerry Hosek, Reporter
Bro. Van Blythe, Pastor

Hardesty, Oklahoma

"That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;" Col. 1:10. This is our scripture for the month in our church bulletin and the goal we've set for 1974. What better goal than to please God and increase in His knowledge.

The "Son Rise" singers were in the Hardesty school to give a concert and were a real blessing to the students. We appreciate their efforts and the giving of their lives unto the Lord's work.

God continues to bless in our services. Conviction has rested heavily upon lives in recent weeks. With continued, fervent prayer, we expect to see the harvest of souls that God promises when Christians intercede for the lost.

Our church board has been accepting bids for the construction of a new addition to our church. Several new classrooms are needed and we're praying that this can become a reality during the next year.

Howard Whiteley, Pastor

Guymon, Oklahoma

Bro. Bill Sparks and the "Son Risers" singing group, consisting of Jimmy Botter, Garold Oakes, J. J. Arnall, Marlon Sparks, Janeece Randolph, Teloa Stanberry, and Karen Crouse, held our revival February 3-7. A 24-hour prayer vigil preceded the meeting.

Bro. Duane Methvin has started his puppet shows for the kids on Wednesday night — They will run concurrent with our Bible Studies.

February 9 the area Youth Rally had a Pizza Valentine Banquet at the Balko High School.

Deer Valley Retreat for adults is March 1-3, the College group will go March 24-27 and the High School and Jr. High groups will be going April 15-17.

Recently Debbie Elkins, Janee Girouard and Betty Stanberry, students from West Texas State University, were with us for a service and we enjoyed their music and readings.

Edwin Modrick, Pastor

The Apostolic Faith.

"Lift up a standard for the people."—Isaiah 62:10.

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NO. 3.

A NEW YEAR'S PRAYER.

ADELINA FERMI.

AGAIN, O Father, through thy boundless grace,
The dawning of another year I face;
And mingled thoughts of sweetness and of pain
Come thronging o'er me, thoughts of loss and gain.
Sad thoughts of failure, where I hoped success,
Sad recollections of my faithlessness;
Sad memories of weakness and of sin,
Sad consciousness of wrong and need within.

Sweet thoughts of thy forgiveness, rich and free,
Sweet recollections of thy love to me;
Sweet memories of thine almighty power
Saving and helping in temptation's hour.
Help me now, Lord, to turn my joy and care
Into a heartfelt and prevalent prayer;
This wish, the burden of my prayer shall be
To know and understand myself and Thee.

Teach me to know myself—I want to see
My character as it is seen by Thee;
I fain would know where I am weak or strong,
What latent, hidden powers to me belong.
Show me the spot where sin an entrance finds,
The evil habit that my spirit binds;
Reveal to me each unsuspected sin,
The pride and selfishness which lurk within.

Show me what germs of good to cultivate,
What feeble spark of life to animate;
Show me myself, as I am known to Thee,
And then, Lord, manifest thyself to me.
Show me thy love, thy rich, abounding grace,
That I, with vision clear, thy work may trace;
May hear Thee speaking when life's storms are high,
Or see Thee mirrored in the starry sky.

Show me thy purity, that, in its light,
Sin may appear revolting to my sight.
Show me thy wisdom, thine eternal power,
Mighty to guide and shield in danger's hour;
Show me Thyself—my Father—Saviour, Friend,
Gracious, forgiving, loving to the end.
This, Lord, my fervent, constant prayer shall be,
Help me to know and understand myself and Thee.

TESTIMONY OF THE WORK.

A. B. SIMPSON.

I DESIRE to add a few words about the origin of the work in connection with Divine Healing in this city, and some of the cases I have known.

As I have already stated in the former chapter, one of the pledges I made to the Lord in connection with my own healing was that I would use this truth and my experience of it for the good of others, as He should require and lead me.

This meant a good deal for me, for I had a great deal of conservative respectability and regard for my ecclesiastical reputation to die to. I knew intuitively what it might cost to be wholly true in this matter, and at the same time I shrank unutterably from the thought of having to pray with any one else for healing. I feared so much that I should involve God's name in dishonor by claiming what might not come to pass, and I almost hoped that I might not have to minister personally in this matter, and was intensely glad that there were other brethren whom God had already raised up for this work, and I should gladly strengthen their hands.

My first public testimony to the truth in this city, made in the course of a sermon to my own people, then a Presbyterian church awakened little or no opposition. A few weeks later I was asked to speak at the anniversary of the Fulton Street Prayer Meeting, the day of President Garfield's funeral. The Lord led me to speak frankly, and

refer to the true scriptural method of prayer for the healing of the sick directly in the name of the Lord Jesus. At the close of my address there was but one to give me a word of response, and that was a good old presiding elder of the Methodist Episcopal church, who has since gone to his rest. He thanked me very cordially, and said he believed every word I had said.

Soon after the test came in my own family. My little girl became suddenly very ill with diphtheria. Her mother, not then believing at all as I did, insisted upon having a physician, and was much distressed when I simply took the little one to God, and claimed her healing in the name of the Lord Jesus. That night with a throat as white as snow and a raging fever the little sufferer lay beside me alone. I knew that if the sickness lasted to the following day, there would be a crisis in my family, and I would be held responsible. The dear Lord knew it, too. With trembling hand I anointed the brow (it was the first or second person I ever anointed), and claimed the power of Jesus' name. About midnight my heart was deeply burdened. I cried to God for speedy deliverance. In the morning her throat was well, and the mother, as she came to see the sick one, gave me one look, when she saw the ulcers gone and the child ready to get up and go about her play, which I shall never forget. From that hour I was never again asked to get a physician in my home. And God has wonderfully cared for the little ones. They have hardly known sickness, and as often as it has come, the Lord has Himself removed it, except where some lesson was to be learned, and then the place of the true penitent has always brought restoration and deliverance.

About this time the Lord led me to commence the special work of faith which has since engaged my life. This was not by any means to teach divine healing, but to preach the gospel to the neglected masses by public, evangelistic and free services. For several years no single word about bodily healing was spoken in these meetings, our supreme object being to bring men to

Christ, and not prejudice them by any side issues. But the facts about my own healing and the healing of my child got abroad quietly among my little flock, and one and another came to me to ask about it, and whether they could not be healed also. I told them they could if they would believe, as I had done, and I sent them to their homes to read God's Word for themselves, and ponder and pray.

The first of them was a dear sister, then widely known in Christian work, who afterwards became a deaconess in our Home. She had been for twenty years a sufferer from heart disease. She took about a month to weigh the matter, and then in her calm, decided way came to have her case presented to the Lord. She was instantly healed, and for several years worked untiring, and hardly knew what weariness even meant. At last she finished her work, and fell asleep amid great peace and blessing.

One and another now began to come and ask about it, and, at last, the Friday meeting grew as a time and place where all who were interested in this special theme could come together, and be instructed and strengthen each other by mutual testimony. This meeting has since grown to be a gathering of several hundred people from all evangelical churches and many different homes.

The cases of healing that have come under my notice in these years would fill many volumes. They have represented all social extremes, all religious opinions, all professions and callings, and all classes of disease. I have had spiritualists come, broken down at length by the service of Satan and seeking deliverance from their sufferings—but I have never felt free even to pray with such cases without a complete renunciation of this terrible snare. I have had some sad and shameful disclosures of its evils. I have had Roman Catholics also come as if they were consulting some superstitious rite. And sometimes when they have been patiently instructed and led to the true Saviour, I have seen them healed. I have had men come and offer large sums of money if

they or their dear ones could be prayed well, but I have never dared touch such cases except to send them directly to Christ, and tell them that at his feet only, in true penitence and trust could they expect deliverance. I have had poor sinners come seeking healing, and go having found salvation.

Many persons have been led to Christ through their desire to escape disease. I have never felt that I could claim the healing of any one until they first accepted Jesus as a Saviour. But I have several times seen the soul saved and the body healed in the same hour. I have never allowed any one to look to me as a healer, and have had no liberty to pray for any one while they placed the least trust in either me or my prayers, or aught but the merits, promises and intercessions of Christ alone.

My most important work has usually been to get myself and my shadow out of people's way, and set Jesus fully in their view. I have seen very humble and illiterate Christians suddenly and gloriously healed and baptized with the most wonderful faith, and I have seen brilliant intellects and Christians who had great reputations unable to touch even the border of his garment. Usually they could not get low enough down to do this. I saw a brilliant physician once rise in the meeting and make a learned speech about it; and I saw a humble girl who, when I first met her, did not seem to have capacity enough to grasp the idea, healed by his side of the worst stage of consumption, and her shortened limb lengthened two inches in a moment.

I have seen this blessed gift of Christ bring relief and unspeakable blessing in the homes of many of the poor, and take from worn and weary working women a bondage like Egypt's iron furnace. And I have also seen it enter the homes of many of the refined, the cultivated and wealthy, who have not been ashamed to witness a good confession and bear a noble testimony to Christ as a complete Saviour. I have seen the theologian often answered after his most logical assaults upon it, by the healing of some

of his own people in a way he could not answer or explain. Sometimes I have taken one of these simple cases to a boasting infidel and asked her to tell him her simple story, and he has been overwhelmed, silenced and sometimes deeply impressed.

One of the most brilliant lawyers in this city told me that he was fully convinced of the truth of Christianity quite recently by the healing of our good friend, John Elsey, and the consecrated life that has followed it. Often have I had women of the world, broken down under deep conviction of sin, and brought to seek a deep and true religious life by the real and simple testimonies of the Friday meeting. I have seen many beloved ministers accept the Lord Jesus in his fullness for soul and body, and some of the most devoted and distinguished servants of Christ in this city are proud to own Him as their Healer.

But I have also noticed that the ecclesiastical straight jacket is the hardest fetter of all, and the fear of conservative and ecclesiastical opinion the most inexorable of all bondages. Not a few beloved physicians of the highest standing have taken Jesus as their Healer, and when their patients are prepared for it, love to lead them to his care. Several of these can be seen at our Friday meetings, and many of them are to be met with in other cities.

Many of the most consecrated Christian workers and city missionaries have found this precious truth, and some have had a bitter ordeal of prejudice and opposition to face in their churches and societies, but where they have been wise, true and faithful, God has vindicated them in the end. I have found that the most spiritually minded men and women in the various churches are usually led to see and receive the truth. When Christ becomes an indwelling and personal reality in the soul, it is hard to keep Him out of the body.

I have not found any serious practical difficulty in dealing with the question of remedies. Where one sets any value upon them or is not himself clearly led of the Lord to abandon

them, I never have advised him to do so. There is no use in giving up remedies without a real, personal faith in Christ. And where one really commits his case to Christ and believes that He has undertaken it, he does not want, as a rule, to have any other hand to touch it, or, indeed, see that anything else is necessary. Where persons have real faith in Christ's supernatural help, they will not want remedies; and where they have not this faith, I have never dared to hinder them from having the best help they can obtain.

I have never felt called to urge any one to accept divine healing. I have found it better to present the truth and let God lead them. Often when urging them most strangely not to attempt it unless they were fully persuaded, the effect has been to impel to it more strongly, and to show that they had real faith. I have never felt that divine healing should be regarded as the gospel. It is part of it; but we labor much more assiduously for the salvation and sanctification of souls of men. The secular press, with its love of the sensational, has tried to present the doctrine as a special hobby on the part of some of us; but, in reality, we have but one public service in the week for this, and seven for spiritual instruction and blessing.

The cases of healing have been various. One of the most remarkable in the early days was a woman who had not bent her joints for eight years, and used to stand in our meetings on her crutches, unable to sit down during the whole service. She had not sat for eight years. She was healed in a moment, as if by the touch of a feather, and all in the house were filled with wonder. Another was cured of spinal curvature. A great many have been delivered from fibroid tumors, and a few cases of malignant and incurable cancers. We have had two cases of broken bones restored without surgical aid, many cases of the worst forms of heart disease, several of consumption, and some desperate cases of hernia, when it would have been death to walk forth as they did if Christ had not sustained. Paralysis and soften-

ing of the brain, epilepsy and St. Vitus' dance, have all been markedly cured, and a few cases of dangerous insanity restored through believing prayer. The number of such case will reach to thousands. To give even a few in detail would be impossible.

That which has been our chief joy is that the fruits are so blessed and glorious in the consecrated lives that have thus been redeemed from destruction and given to the work of God and needs of men. One of the dear ones is in charge of a mission where hundreds are led to Christ. Another, refused by her board on account of illness, was healed by the Lord and is now in India with her husband preaching Christ to the heathen. Some are in Japan, some in Africa, some in South America, some in England, and many in the streets and lanes of the city, and in the most earnest work of the land. God be thanked for the blessings they have received, and the blessings they have become.

During these years God has opened our Home and allowed us to meet hundreds of his dear children within its walls, and see them go forth in strength and blessing. Other Homes are scattered over this and other lands, and already a great multitude in this and other lands are joining hands and singing together as they journey home.

"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless his holy name, who forgiveth all thine iniquities, who healeth all thy diseases, who redeemeth thy life from destruction, who crowneth thee with loving kindness and tender mercies, who satisfieth thy mouth with good things, so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's."—*From Gospel of Healing.*

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"Love never talks of crosses and of losses. It calls it losses gains, its crosses crowns."

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Question on Immortality.

WHICH is immortal? Ans. "The King Eternal, *immortal*, invisible, the only wise God." 1 Tim. 1:17.

2. Are not all men created immortal? Ans. God "only hath immortality." 1 Tim. 1:17.

3. Is this immortality revealed by nature, or is it through Jesus Christ and his gospel? Ans. "By the appearing of our Saviour, Jesus Christ who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel." 2 Tim. 1:10.

4. Who hath power to bestow immortality upon man? Ans. "The gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Rom. 6:23.

5. Will God give this gift to all persons, whatever their works may be? Ans. God "will render to every man according to his deeds." Rom. 2:6.

6. What will be the end of those who obey not the gospel? Ans. "Whose end is destruction." Phil. 3:19.

7. To whom will God impart immortality? Ans. "To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honor and immortality." Rom. 2:7.

8. What shall be their reward? Ans. "Eternal life." Rom. 2:7.

9. Upon what condition may we obtain this blessing? Ans. "Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life." 1 Tim. 6:12.

10. When do men obtain immor-

ality? Is it at death, or at the resurrection? Ans. "The dead shall be raised incorruptible." 1 Cor. 15:52.

11. How shall those who are not dead become incorruptible? Ans. "We shall be changed." 1 Cor. 15:52.

12. When will this change take place? Ans. "At the last trump." 1 Cor. 15:52.

13. How suddenly will the change occur? "In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump." 1 Cor. 15:52.

14. Will this change be a change of the internal, or of the external and physical, or corruptible man? Ans. "This corruptible must put on incorruption." 1 Cor. 15:53.

15. What, then, becomes immortal? Ans. "This mortal must put on immortality." 1 Cor. 15:53.

16. What scripture will be fulfilled when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality? Ans. "Then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory." 1 Cor. 15:54; Isa. 25:8.

17. Who will be raised from the dead? Ans. "All that are in the graves shall hear his voice and shall come forth." John 5:28, 29.

18. Will different classes of characters arise in the resurrection? Ans. "There shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust." Acts 24:15.

19. For what purpose will the good be raised? Ans. "They that have done good, unto the resurrection of life." John 5:29.

20. To what will others be raised? Ans. "They that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation." John 5:29.

21. Will a man's destiny at last be in accordance with his previous life? Ans. "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." Gal. 6:7.

22. What shall be the portion of the ungodly? Ans. "He that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption." Gal. 6:8.

23. What shall be the reward of saints? Ans. "He that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting." Gal. 6:8.

24. Where now is the Christian's life? Ans. "Your life is hid with Christ in God." Col. 3:3.

25. How, then, should we live? Ans. "Let us not be weary in well doing; for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." Gal. 6:9.

26. What shall be the fate of those who sow to flesh? Ans. They "shall utterly perish in their own corruption." 2 Pet. 2:12.

27. Is it possible for man to be utterly destroyed? Ans. "Fear Him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell." Matt. 10:28.

28. What is the wages of sin? Ans. "The wages of sin is death." Rom. 6:23.

29. Is this death a merely bodily death? Ans. "The soul that sinneth, it shall surely die." Eze. 18:20.

30. If the wicked turn away from his wickedness and do right, what then? Ans. "He shall save his soul alive." Eze. 18:27.

31. "When a righteous man turneth away from his righteousness, and committeth iniquities, and dieth in them," what shall be his fate? Ans. "For his iniquity that he hath done shall he die."

32. As he first dies in his iniquity, and then dies for his iniquity, what must this last death be called? Ans. "The second death." Rev. 21:8.

33. What is the result attained by the man who converteth a sinner from the error of his ways? Ans. "He shall save a soul from death." James 5:20.

34. What has God placed before us to excite us to action? Ans. "I call heaven and earth to record this day against you that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing." Deut. 30:19.

35. How does God manifest his love to men? Ans. "God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16.

36. What is our Saviour's complaint concerning mankind? Ans. "And ye will not come to me that ye might have life." John 5:40.

37. What is the command of God

to all? "Ans. "Cast away from you all your transgressions; * * for I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth, saith the Lord God; wherefore turn yourselves and live ye." Eze. 18:31, 32.—*Bible Students' Library.*

Limiting God.

II. Kings 13:18, 19; II. Kings 5:1, 2.

THE power that God has given to man which God recognizes in his dealings with man in Psalm 78; Numbers 14:11, is that they limited the Holy One of Israel.

The attitude of the human heart to God may or may not limit the development of God's power. The attitude of unbelief limits; the attitude of faith does not limit. Abraham limited the power of God in mercy to the cities of the plains. When he asked God to spare the people if there were fifty righteous. He continued asking until he descended to ten, and then ceased to ask without any indication from God that his merciful power would not even descend lower than ten.

Abraham ceased to intercede when he reached the limit of his faith in the mercy of God.

In the text Joash limited the victorious power of God by smiting three times when he ought to have smitten five or six times. How soon we grow weary in proving God!

2. The reason why man limits the developmens of God's power is because he judges God by himself, and God is not as man [Isaiah 40:18 28; 46:5; Num. 23:19, 20.] Men of faith suffer because of the unbelief of their companions, though God always rewards them in the end. Caleb and Joshua endured the wonderings of Israel in the wilderness, though had sufficient faith to enter the promised land. Long afterward God brought them in.

Moses at the rock, Peter walking upon the water in obedience to the Lord's "Come," fixed his eyes upon the boisterous wind and sank; teaching us that faith always weakens when we

look to circumstances [Matt. 14:29; Eccl. 11:4]. Moses failed when God promised to be with his mouth; therefore Aaron had to become his mouth-piece. David failed when he numbered Israel to find out his human strength.

3. Men who do not fail in the critical moment are conquers for a lifetime. Abraham did not fail when God asked him to kill the only apparent possibility of the fulfillment of his promise in his son Isaac. The woman of Caanan did not fail when God told her she was a dog. She replied, "Truth, Lord, I'll take the dog's crumbs;" and her faith made her victorious.

4. We may limit the power of God by looking at the circumstances of the heathen world without God. South America, with forty millions of souls and about four hundred missionaries; Africa, with her two hundred millions of souls, and about two millions reached by the gospel; Arabia, with her eleven millions of souls, largely unreached; Persia, with her eight millions of souls; India, with her two hundred and seventy millions of souls, has only about twenty-nine millions reached by the gospel.

Malaysia with her thirty millions and scarcely touched; Thibet with her eight or ten millions; Tonking with her twenty-two millions; Anam with her eight millions, and so far as we know, not a Protestant among them; China with her four hundred millions, and less than three thousand missionaries, Japan with her forty millions and only about forty thousand Christians.

In looking at these are we not inclined to stop striking the arrows on the ground when God bids us strike until complete victory is given the gospel as a witness is achieved?

5. We have two great commands from God and one question: First command, "Pray" [Matt. 9:36, 38.] Is the church of the dear Lord obeying this command? Is she upon her face beseeching the Lord to send forth laborers, or is she contenting herself with saying, "Who is sufficient for

these things?" or consuming her energy upon herself?

Second command is "Go!" [Matt. 28:19, 20.] Is the church of the dear Lord Jesus obeying this command? Is she sending the gospel to the heathen world? Is she not spending more on the pride of the eye in church decorations than in spreading the blessed truth of Christ?

Every child of God is a seed. Jesus said the good seed are the children of the kingdom; and the seed of the living ministry must be planted among the heathen in order that there may be a harvest. We may distribute literature and fail to produce the desired results. "Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God." "And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher and how shall they preach except they be sent?"

Here we understand the presence of a living ministry in the presence of the ministry in the presence of the heathen, in order of a knowledge of God and faith in Jesus Christ. Hence, the question of Rom. 10:15, "How shall they preach except they be sent?" It is, therefore, the solemn duty of the church to ask who is responsible for the sending of the gospel. Certainly not the world, because God does not claim anything at their hand; therefore, the responsibility of sending the gospel to the heathen rests upon the shoulders of God's children. Let us, therefore, ask ourselves if we have not grown weary in smiting, and if that is not the reason why the heathen have not received the knowledge of Jesus Christ, the Saviour of men.—*Rev. D. W. LeLacheur.*

Why pull down thy barns and "build greater?" Thou hast barns enough—the bosom of the needy. The houses of the widows, the mouths of orphans.—*St. Ambrose.*

That sacred stream, thy Holy Word,
Support our faith, our fear controls,
Sweet peace thy promises afford,
And gives new strength to fainting

A Practical Doctrine.

NOTHING is more common, in opposing the teaching of the Lord's return, than the assertion that it is unpractical. On this point we quote from the late A. J. Gordon, of Boston:—

Is holy living urged? This is the inspiring motive thereto: "That denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously and godly in this present world, looking for that blessed hope and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour, Jesus Christ." Titus 2:13.

Is endurance under persecution and loss of goods enjoined? This is the language of the exhortation: "Cast not away, therefore, your confidence, which hath great recompense of reward. For yet a little while and He that shall come will come, and will not tarry." Heb. 10:35-37.

Is patience under trial encouraged in the Christian? The admonition is: "Be ye also patient; establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh." Jas. 5:8.

Is sanctification set before us for our diligent seeking? The duties leading up to it culminate in this: "And the very God of Peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God that your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Thess. 5:23.

Is diligence in caring for the flock of God enjoined upon pastors? This is the reward: "Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; * * and when the Chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away." 1 Pet. 5:4.

Is fidelity to the gospel trust charged upon the ministry? This is the end thereof: "That thou keep this commandment without spot, unrebukable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Tim. 6:14.

And again: "I charge thee in the sight of God and of Christ Jesus, who shall judge the quick and the dead,

and by his appearing and his kingdom, preach the word." 2 Tim. 4:1,

Space would fail us, indeed, to cite passages of this purport; they so abound that we may say that the key to which the chief exhortations to service and consecration are pitched in the New Testament is: "To the end that He may establish your hearts unblamable in holiness before God, even your Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints." 1 Thess. 3:13.

"Rundown."

AS I sat alone one day I noticed the clock suddenly ceased to tick. I could not account for its stopping. I tried to start it several times, but without success. It then occurred to me that I had not wound it the night before.

I took the key in my hand and the first turn convinced me that it had "run down." After winding it, it ran without any further trouble.

So it is with many Christians. They have "run down." We look at them with surprise; they are never ready to run errands for Jesus; never ready to speak in his favor, although they profess to be his followers. They attend the prayer and social meetings sometimes without taking any part in the services, and it is doubtful whether they ever raise their hearts in silent prayer for a blessing upon themselves. Such persons should use the key of prayer more frequently in their closets at home, then they would be prepared for service in the church and world.—*Miss E. L. Bittler.*

Mrs. Eddy's Gift to Her Son.

MRS. Mary Baker Eddy, the founder of Christian science, gave her son, George Glover, a handsomely furnished house at Lead City and \$10,000 in cash as a Christmas present. Mrs. Eddy found her son only a few years ago.

When Mr. Glover, her husband, died before the civil war, in Wisconsin, a servant who had been living with the family took the son, George

Glover, and moved to Minnesota where Mrs. Eddy lost track of him. He was living in the Black hills when Mrs. Eddy found him a few years ago. He owns several mining claims—*Associate Press.*

We ask our readers if this woman were a follower of the lowly Nazarene if they think she obeyed his commandments, and made the gospel of Christ without charge, if she could then be the bestower of such bounties. Any one who charges for the prayer of faith for healing, is of their father, the devil.

Grapes From Canaan.

THE only thing that makes this life great, is its extension beyond the present.

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We need to pray for the incoming, rather than for the outpouring of the Spirit.

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Salvation does not depend on service, but service does depend on salvation.

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The Cross is the most restless and resistless of agitators.

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Charity is not Christianity, but Christianity is charity.

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The man who does no good is not necessarily harmless.

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A talent is not an ornament but a tool.

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He who has the best alone has the most.

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Only they who can obey are fit to rule.

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Co-operation is better than criticism.

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Self-sacrifice is a civic necessity.

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God soldiers are all volunteers.

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One sin cannot cover another.

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Sin is the curse of society.

—*Ram's Horn.*

FOOD FOR ALL.

New Year's Dinner at the Divine Healing Mission.

Three Hundred People Partake of the Meal.

HUNGRY WERE FED.

Men, Women, and Children Were Received.

Enough Good Things For All Who Came.

Fram the Daily Journal.

No dollar nor ten dollar a plate banquet ever served in the Waldorf-Astoria was enjoyed by the banqueters as was the dinner for the poor served yesterday at the Divine Healing Mission at the corner of Fourth and Jackson streets.

French names did not appear on the menu. In fact there was no printed menu and no need of one, for the good, wholesome food was there on the table in front of the hungry people. The dinner commenced at the fashionable hour of two o'clock. The hungry who came before that time assembled in the chapel next the dining room. There were about three hundred there. Boys and girls with patched clothes and pinched little faces, huddled around the stove. Their eyes danced at the prospect of a good warm meal and all they could eat. Men and women of all ages were there. They were not as demonstrative, but kept their eyes on the door. When Rev. C. F. Parham, the minister in charge of the Mission, went into the room, the children rushed for him, "Is dinner ready?" they yelled. After a wait that seemed an age to the expectant children, the doors of the dining room were thrown open and the crowd filed in.

The tables were burdened with good

things. Vegetable soup, sweet and Irish potatoes, beans, tomatoes, corn, cabbage, cold slaw, roast and boiled beef, cheese, fruits and nuts, hot milk, bread and butter made up the meal. As the hungry people stood around the tables Rev. Parham asked the blessing. It seemed long to the children, but they tried to keep very quiet. The older people bowed their heads in thanksgiving and many a fervent "amen" followed the close of the blessing.

"Hi, Chimmy, look 'a de switzer," said a little fellow as he spied a plate filled with cheese.

"An' look'e de sweet 'taters," said another across the table.

Everybody had all he could eat, and when the banqueters left the table their plates were not empty; they had been served so bountifully.

The Divine Healing Mission was started a year ago by Rev. Parham. It is called "a home for teaching divine healing."

"Where do you get the money to carry on this work?" was asked.

"It comes from the Lord," was the answer. "We ask for nothing except a contribution at the service on Sunday."

The expenses of the Mission are \$130 a month. The first floor is devoted to the chapel, reading room and printing shop. The rooms on the second floor are for those who attend the Mission to study divine healing.

"Don't confound us with Christian scientists," said Rev. Parham. "We have no sympathy or connection with them."

The men, women and children who had their dinner there yesterday were certainly worthy. Whether they are absolutely destitute or not, it is certain that the meal was far better than they get every day, and it did them good.

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We want to express our thanksgiving to the Father for the abundance of food we received for the needy. It seemed to increase as we handled it as did the five loaves and two fishes of old. Most of it was given by the attendants of the Mission, little outside soliciting being done.

Local Mention.

The publication of THE APOSTOLIC FAITH is a labor of love as a work of faith. What are you doing to have a share in it? We need your help.

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Mrs. A. S. Bowen made us a pleasant visit last week. Her home is in Rochester, N. Y.

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The Pastor enjoyed a very pleasant visit with ex-Congressman J. D. Botkin last week. They have been friends for years, but during these later years of busy life for both they cross each others path but seldom.

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The work enjoyed a great spiritual uplift and refreshing by a visit last Saturday from Bro. and Sister Hamaker, who run a Beth-el anaex near Burlingame. They returned home Monday. They were accompanied by Miss Josie Blodgett, who remains here in Sister Tanner's place, having returned home with her family.

Sister Oliphant, of Burlingame, enjoyed the watchnight meeting at the Mission, being a guest in the Home.

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Every things bids fair for a prosperous year for the work of God from Beth-el. Pray for us. Several workers will soon begin an evangelistic tour of the state.

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Sister Ada Gilbert enjoyed a Christmas vacation at her home near Hoyt, and has returned rejoicing in good health and blissful spirits.

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There has just been received at this office a copy of "Dr. Dowie Before the Court of Public Opinion," by H. H. Gilchrist, which is one of the severest, and at the same time the most clear, logical and unanswerable arraignment of the falacies, contradictions and un-Scriptural teachings and claims of Dr. Dowie. It is a pamphlet of 110 pages, and well worth its price, 30 cents. Sent on receipt of price, by H. H. Gilchrist, 1320 Polk St., Topeka, Kansas. Mention this paper in orders.

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7:30 p. m., Evangelistic

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On pages 8 through the first half of 15 we have printed an exact reproduction of a paper then called just "The Apostolic Faith" printed January 1, 1900 by Bro. and Sis. Charles F. Parham. They were then running the Healing Home in Topeka, Kansas, and had not yet moved to Baxter Springs. We thought you the readers of the Report would enjoy this old paper. So we printed it in its entirety.

Editor

Obituary of MRS. LILLIAN SMITH CRAWFORD

Funeral services for Mrs. Lillian Smith Crawford were held in Bellville, Texas, Thursday, January 24th at the Pete E. Etlinger Funeral Home Chapel at 4 p. m. with the Rev. Joe B. Dewees officiating. Interment was in the Oak Knoll Cemetery. Sis. Crawford was born in Temple, Texas on April 13, 1894, and passed away Tuesday, January 22, 1974 in the Belleville hospital. She had been in failing health for the past four months. Sister Crawford came into the light of the Apostolic Faith in 1923, under the ministry of the late Bro. S. W. Ditto, and for many years was a faithful supporter of the Faith and labored in the church at Bellville.

March 1974

Obituary of Pruda Annie Kaufman Dotson

Pruda Annie Kaufman Dotson was born May 26, 1880 in Big Foot, Texas. She departed this life on February 7, 1974, having lived 93 years, 8 months, and 12 days.

She had lived in Leakey, Texas for many years.

She was of the Apostolic Faith. She accepted Christ at an early age and later dedicated her life to God and lived a consecrated, spirit-filled life for many years. Her life was a testimony for God, to all who came in contact with her. She suffered many hard trials, but her faith in God carried her through victoriously. Many have testified that "Sister Dotson always looked on the bright side of everything."

Funeral services were held at 1 p. m. February 9th at the Apostolic Church in Leakey, Laura Thompson, pastor. Rev. Jake Pletcher conducted the service, assisted by Rev. George Polvado. Special music and messages in song were rendered by Bro. Paul Harbin, Sis. Fern Palvado, Rev. Donald Dibbens and Sis. Jake Pletcher.

Mrs. Dotson is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Norma Pierce of McNeil, Texas, 12 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Walter Dotson and two sons, Clark C. Dotson and Robert K. Dotson.

Interment was in the Leakey Cemetery.

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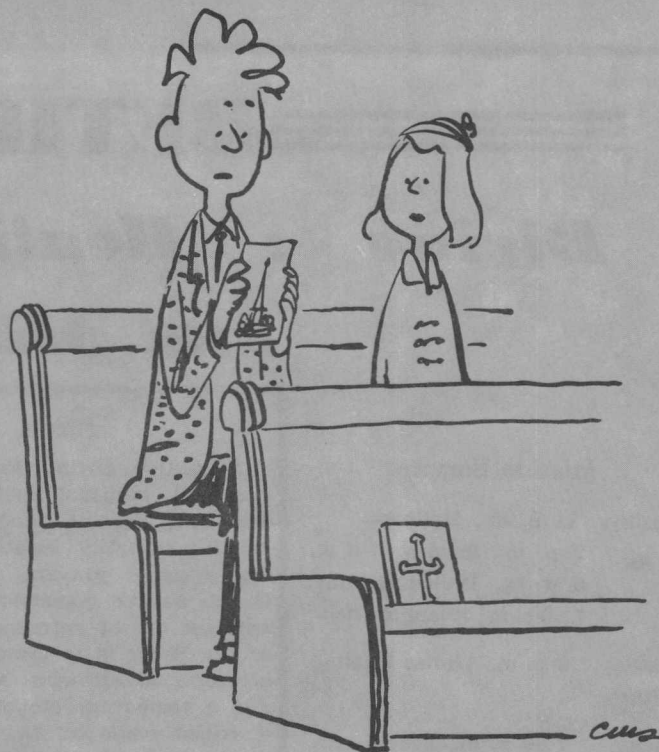
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'I see this is "Spiritual Life Emphasis Week" in our church . . . I wonder what it is that we emphasize the rest of the time?'

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As we go to press we just received a letter from Sis. E. A. Greever that she had to put Mr. Greever in a rest home in Spearman and she has moved from the farm to town. Her new address is 319 S. Bernice, Spearman, Texas 79081. This move has been especially hard on them. Please remember them in your prayers. This March 8 they will have been married 63 years.