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

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If We Only Understood

If we knew the cares and trials,
Knew the efforts all in vain,
And the bitter disappointments,
Understood the loss and gain—
Would the grim eternal roughness
Seem—I wonder—just the same?
Should we help where now we hinder?
Should we pity where we blame?

Ah! we judge each other harshly,
Knowing not life's hidden force;
Knowing not the fount of action
Is less turbid at its source;
Seeing not amid the evil
All the golden grains of good,
And we'd love each other better
If we only understood.

Could we judge all deeds by motives,
That surround each other's lives,
See the naked heart and spirit,
Know what spur the action gives,
Often we should find it better,
Purer than we judge we would,
We should love each other better
If we only understood.

—Rudyard Kipling.

FOR WHY WILL YE DIE, O HOUSE OF ISRAEL?

As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so doeth my soul pant after Thee, O God. Psal. 42:1.

I want to praise my blessed Redeemer for saving me by grace through faith: sanctifying me by the precious blood of the Lamb and filling this temple with the Holy Spirit—with the Bible evidence of speaking in other tongues, as the Spirit gives utterance Acts 2:4. O, how my heart goes out for the poor backsliders.

For why will ye die, O, house of Israel? Eze. 18:31. I am sure our blessed Savior is still saying as He did while He walked on earth; O, Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not! Matt. 23: 37.

When the Lord shall come in the glory of His Father with all the holy angels with Him, just think what a wonderful time that will be if we are prepared, robed with the wedding garment, when He shall gather all nations before Him! But on the other hand, if we are not prepared, what an awful condemnation! Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels. Matt. 25:41.

Thus saith the Lord, stand ye in the ways and see and ask for the old paths, where is the good way and walk therein, and ye shall find rest to your souls. But they said, We will not walk therein. Jer. 6:16. Thank God for the precious promises in His Word to those who are born again and will take the Holy Spirit as their leader. Let us awake to our privileges in Him.

The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord. Psal. 37:23.

Are our feet ordered by the Lord?

Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven, but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Matt. 7:21. Are we doing His will? Let us humble ourselves under the mighty Hand of God, for He said he would exalt us in due season. Look all around you and see the fields are white to the harvest.

Pray ye therefore, the Lord of the harvest,

that He will send forth laborers into His harvest. Matt. 9:38.

Just think if judgment must begin at the house of God, what shall be the end of them that obey not the gospel? And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear, I Peter 4:18. It will be an awful thing to fall into the Hands of the living God. So then, let us awake to righteousness and sin not.

Dear souls, it is going to take the real power of God to accomplish things for Him in these last days. And these signs shall follow them that believe. Mark 16: 17, 18.

May we let our light so shine, that the backsliders and sinners may see our good works and glorify our Father in Heaven.

Pray for me, all you who read this, that God will use me for His glory.

Yours for the full gospel.

L. C. Penington,

Mullin, Texas.

UNITY

Holy Father keep through thine own name, those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are. John 17-11.

I stand amazed at the perfectness and wonderfulness of such a prayer; it could only come from the heart of the Son of God. "That they may be one as we are."

This includes love, perfected divine love; unselfish love, desiring to lift us, and praying that God would lift us into the same fellowship, the same confidence, the same faith, the same understanding, the same obedience.

But He desired that this might all be manifested with and among and for each other, that there might be the same confidence, the same love, the same willingness to serve, as there existed between the Father and the Son, "as we are."

There is a great cry concerning the lack of unity among full Gospel people and it is true. Oh, if they would listen for the still, small voice and learn to pray this prayer of Jesus.

But instead they are carried around by the whirlwind and the fire but Elijah said, God was not in the whirlwind nor in the fire, but in the still, small voice. Oh that we might be found oftener in secret prayer waiting for the voice of God.

We must get the vision in our hearts of that bond that existed between Christ and the Father. There is a vast difference between union and unity. Union is powerful but can also be destructive, hellish.

But the unity that Jesus spoke of was marvelous wonderful, unselfish oneness. This reminds us of a story that was in our childhood readers.

A Father had several sons, and he was much concerned how they would handle the estate, and how they would deal with each other, after he was gone. He wanted to teach them this lesson of unity, so he gathered a bunch of sticks and bound them into a bundle tying them securely. He called all his sons to him, asking them to see who could break the bundle of sticks. They each one tried but found they could not break the bundle.

The father took the bundle untied it, then proceeded to break each stick separately. He gave them this lesson. As long as they remained bound together, there was strength, but when the bond became broken, so would they.

If we could willingly be kept, and not try to keep ourselves, then would our unity not be broken.

Jesus prayed that the Father might keep us in His own name; "Jehovah," that great name, the self-existent one. It seems as though we have never got a real understanding of all this prayer means to us, or we should have learned to pray this great prayer for each other long ago.

That we may be one, not as we are, but as we (Father and Son) are. It is the great desire of my heart to hear this cry or prayer go up from each earnest heart, wherever the full gospel is preached, that we may be one, as the Father and the Son are one. Then shall all men know that ye are my disciples, when ye have love one for another.

Mrs. Ida Fehrenback.

"Do not look forward to what may happen tomorrow—The same everlasting Father who cares for you today will take care of you tomorrow, and every day. Either He will shield you from suffering, or He will give you unfailing strength to bear it—Be at peace, then, and put away all anxious thoughts and imaginations."—Frances de Sales.

Kingdom of Heaven-Mystery-Church

We of today live in the church age. Paul in A. D. 37 was converted, and very soon after given a commission from God. That commission was the church, known as the "Mystery." Paul, whose name had been changed from Saul, calls it a "Mystery" ten times in his epistles. Paul was the first and the greatest church man. Today, almost 2000 years from Paul, the church is yet a mystery: and no jury of twelve men selected each from his own denomination would agree on what is the church of God. A mystery is a secret thing hid from our understanding. Paul calls it "The hidden wisdom of God." Each denomination has its own definition of "Church." God in the spirit speaks mysteries, and men are made stewards of His mysteries. Paul speaks of his knowledge of "The Mystery" which in other ages He says, "Were not made known unto the sons of men,—whereof I was made a minister, a mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God."

For 2000 years men have been born, lived, and died, in a mystery church which they did not understand. To some the mystery was partially revealed, they knew in part. Others were satisfied to let God keep His own secrets. "The mystery" of which Paul was made the custodian, commenced with Paul; he was its founder, its commander in chief with His orders direct from God. The church given Paul in "mystery" will continue during what is known as the "church age" to the end of time, or to when the voice of the seventh angel declares "that there should be time no longer," and, "The mystery of God should be finished, as He hath declared by His servants, the prophets." Rev. 10:6-7.

With the sounding of the seventh angel and close of time, will be the closing of God's six days, and the beginning of His sabbath (millennium.) Then will close the "church age;" Then will Satan be bound; Then will church rule over Israel cease; just as did the Judges rule over Israel cease, 1095 B. C., and the king rule over Israel ceased, 586 B. C.

With "The Mystery of God" finished, As He hath declared to His servants the prophets," Rev. 10:7, the church will have fulfilled its mission which was to try out a people for God's Kingdom, for the perfecting of the saints."

Eph. 4:12. The tares are those in the church who worst of all need perfecting. Who, at the great supper the king, will be found without a wedding garment, or without a reason, excuse, or reply of any kind. "For many (guests) are called (to the supper) but few are chosen." The church have been faithful to the command, to bring in "all as many as they found, both bad and good." Math. 22:10.

Jesus said, "So shall it be at the end of the world: The angels shall sever from the net that had been cast into the sea, and had caught of every kind, "the good into vessels, and cast the bad away." Mat. 13:47.

The church which men have all down through the church age longingly looked for, and Paul saw, "A glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle." Eph. 5:27, cannot be while the many called unto the supper are there without wedding garments, and the field is full of tares, and the net has caught to its full fish of every kind.

All will be fulfilled at the sounding of the seventh angel, when the mystery is finished, and the separation takes place, the judgement is set, and the voice, that "time shall be no longer," will close the six days (6000 years) and God's sabbath, (which will be a new time) will begin, and "The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord and His Christ; and He shall reign for ever and ever." Rev. 11:15.

* Men only get into the kingdom of God by being born in. John 3:3.

Jesse M. Barnes, Carthage, Mo.

When a Salvation Army officer was asked why they used rag-time tunes to their songs, he answered, "To catch fish." We fishers must use fresh and up-to-date bait. Old dead, prosaic, sad faced, iceberg looking fishers can't get a nibble and then stand around and condemn the lander of many fish for baiting in an age of bombast, roast and slang with their own fish-bait and growl and fume about jokes and light talk in the pulpit. When these faultfinders around the missions get to be successful soul winners, we'll sit at their feet and listen to the wisdom and instruction that falls from their lips. Melt, you old icicle!—Selected.

MOTHERS' DAY

I wish to thank God for this "Mothers' day" and what it meant to me. Robert and his wife were at home, having just returned from a successful evangelist tour into Michigan and other state, where God has blessed their labors for the last three months.

Our daughter, Esther and her family, came from Melrose, Kansas, and with our two sons, Claude and Phillip with their wives (who live at Baxter Springs, Kansas,) we all spent the day in religious services together.

In the morning and evening we were in the Baxter Mission and in the afternoon at Brother Morton's funeral services at Seneca, Mo.

Though Wilfred and his wife, are in charge of two churches in California, and could not be with us, it was a comfort and blessing to me to know they too, are spending their lives in the service of the Lord.

But a great surprise awaited me, and the family seemed all united in a special way, when Wilfred and his wife telephoned us that night from California, 12:30 p. m. by their time and 2:30 a. m. by our central standard time.

This was not a surprise to the rest of the family as Wilfred wrote them that he was going to phone, so they had all remained and kept me up to this late hour, that their voices might be heard in the home circle through not their presence. It seemed very wonderful to hear them so clearly from such a long distance.

Though the head of the family is no longer with us, his prayers are still being answered for his loved ones, for his children and those who have married into the family all love the Lord and most of them are spending their time in active service for the Master.

While he rests from his labors, his works do follow him.

Yours in His Service,
Mrs. Sarah E. Parham.

O' LITTLE MOTHER OF MINE

Sometimes in the hush of the evening hour.
When the shadows creep from the west,
I think of the twilight songs you sang

And the boy you lulled to rest;
The wee little boy with the tousled head,
That long, long ago was thine;
I wonder if sometimes you long for that boy,
O little mother of mine!
And now he has come to man's estate

After I had eaten my breakfast she sent for me. And asked if everything was ready. I told her all was ready, and I was only waiting for the stage. At her request I kneeled beside her bed. With her loving hand upon my head, she prayed for her youngest child. Many and many a night I have dreamed that whole scene over. It is the happiest recollection of my life. I believe till the day of my death, I shall be able to repeat every word of that prayer. Then she spoke to me thus:

"My precious boy, you do not know, you never can know, the agony of a mother's heart, in parting, for the last time, from her youngest child. When you leave home, you will have looked for the last time, this side of the grave, on the face of her who loves you as no other mortal does or can. Your father cannot afford the expense of your making visits during the last two years that your studies will occupy. I cannot possibly live as long as that. The sand in the hour glass of my life has nearly run out. In the far off strange place to which you are going, there will be no loving mother to give council in time of trouble. Seek council and help from God. Every Sabbath morning from ten to eleven o'clock, I will spend the hour in prayer with you. Wherever you may be during the sacred hour, when you hear the church bells ringing, let your thoughts turn back to this chamber, where your dying mother will be agonizing in prayer for you. But I hear the stage coming. Kiss me, farewell."

"Boys, I never expect to see my mother again on earth, but by God's help I mean to meet her in Heaven."

As George stopped speaking, the tears were streaming down his cheeks. He looked at his companions. Their eyes were filled with tears.

In a moment the ring they had formed around him was opened. He passed out and went to church. He had stood up for right against great odds.

They admired him for doing what they had not the courage to do. They all followed him to church. On their way there, each of them quietly threw away his cards and wine flask. Never again did these young men play cards on the Sabbath.

From that day they all became changed men. Six of them died Christians. George is an able Christian lawyer in Iowa; and his friend, who

wrote this account, has been for many years an earnest active member of the church. Here were eight men converted by the prayers of that good Christian woman. And, if we only knew the results of their examples and their labors, we should have a good illustration of a mother's prayers.—Bible Modles.

MOTHER

M—is for the million things she gave me
O—means only that she's growing old,
T—is for the tears she shed to save me,
H—is for her heart of purest gold,
E—is for her eyes with love-light shining
R—means right and right she'll always be,
Put them all together they spell Mother,
A word that means the world to me.

MOTHER

Mary, dear mother of Jesus
Was blessed in Heaven above;
When God meant that His Son,
Know the joy of "mother love".

And on down through the ages
You'll find, dear brother;
God has blessed all life
With the great love of a mother.

He gave her the power
To comfort and cheer.
Yes, and the courage to protect
When danger was near.

She guides our wee feet
And will watch least we stray,
Her prayers will bring us home
To Heaven some day—

I thank God daily
Dear mother for thee
And, a mother like you

I'm praying to be. Nellie G. Patton
To my mother, Mrs. T. A. Guinn, Wichita,
Kansas.

MY MOTHER-IN-LAW

To day we sing our praises
Of the dearest mother on earth
She's mine—she's mine—she's mine
I cannot tell her worth.

But there is another mother
That to my heart brings joy,
'Tis the mother of my mate,
I sing her praises with her boy.

Nellie G. Patton.

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Grown stalwart in body and strong,
And you'd hardly know that he was the lad,
Whom you lulled with your slumber song.
The years have altered the form and the life,
But his heart is unchanged by time
And still he is only the boy as of old,
O little mother of mine!

—Walter H. Brown

Waka, Texas
April 19, 1930

Dear Mrs. Parham:

I have just been reading "The Apostolic Faith" paper, and surely enjoy reading it, and realize that there still are at least some people who are trying to work for our Lord.

I am seventeen years old and have been serving Christ for about two years. I sometimes marvel at my friends, who started in the way the same time I did, but have gone astray. We are living in the time when the love of many are waxing cold. Surely this is a sign that the coming of Jesus is at hand.

I wish the Christians would pray for me, that I may live closer to God and my friends may come back to the fold.

I have written a little poem:

MOTHER'S PRAYERS

I walked in the way of a sinner,
And I lived the wretched life of the same,
But one day, I heard my dear mother praying,
And I heard her mention my name.
I listened and heard her saying,
"Dear Lord, save my boy tonight,"
From that day my path-way was bright,
I'm living for Jesus tonight.
Sinner friend, perhaps you have a mother
And she, too, has been praying for you,
Oh come, give your heart to Jesus,
And live for the Savior, so true.
Your mother's heart may be burdened,
Yes, she prays for you every day;
Make her happy and come to the Savior,
And turn from the world away.

Yours in Christ,
Jacob C. Reiger.

"No one is useless in the world who lightens the burden of it for anyone else."—Charles Dickens.

The Influence of Mother's Prayers

More than thirty years ago, one lovely Sabbath morning, about eight young men, student in a law school, were walking along the bank of a stream that flows into the Potomac River, not far from the city of Washington. They were going to a grove, in a retired place, to spend the hours of that holy day in playing cards. Each of them had a flask of wine in his pocket. They were the sons of praying mothers. As they were walking along, amusing each other with idle jests, the bell of a church in a little village not two miles off began to ring. It sounded in the ears of those thoughtless young men as plainly as though it were only on the other side of the little stream along which they were walking.

Presently one of their number, whose name was George, stopped, and said to the friend nearest him that he would go no further, but would return to the village and go to church. His friend called out to their companions, who were a little ahead of them: "Boys, boys! come back here: George is getting religious; we must help him. Come on, and let us baptize him by immersion in the water." In a moment they formed a circle around him. They told him the only way he could save himself from having a cold bath was by going with them. In a calm, quiet, but earnest way, he said:

"I know very well that you have power enough to put me in the water, and hold me there till I am drowned; and, if you choose, you can do so, and I will make no resistance; but listen to what I have to say, and then do as you think best.

"You all know that I am two hundred miles from home; but you do not know that my mother is a helpless, bed-ridden invalid. I never remember seeing her out of bed. I am her youngest child. My father could not afford to pay for my schooling; but my teacher is a warm friend of my father, and offered to take me without any charge.

He was very anxious for me to come; but mother would not consent. The struggle almost cost her what little life was left in her. At length, after many prayers on the subject, she yielded and said I might go. The preparations for my leaving were soon made. My mother never said a word to me on the subject till the morning when I was about to leave.

"In Loveing Remembrance"

Mrs. Harvey Jones

Mrs. Harvey Jones of Wyandotte, Okla., passed away after a short illness.

Besides her husband and five children, she is mourned by a number of other relatives and a host of friends. In August 1923, Mr. Parham held the camp meeting in the beautiful grove in front of their home, they did a great deal to make the camp meeting a success and the visitors feel welcome. She also attended other camp meetings, so was known to a number of our readers and the family will have their prayers and sympathy in their sorrow and loneliness. Mrs. Lou Love, of Galena, Kan., had charge of the funeral, which was held in the Friends Church at Wyandotte, and was assisted by the pastor of the church.

John Clanton

This old world may come and go,

People die and go to rest;

But every time it happens so,

It is always one that "Someone loved best."

This is the way that the many friends and loved ones felt at the going of John Clanton of Big Springs, Texas. Mr. Clanton had an operation for appendicitis on Saturday, March 22 and died the following Monday, March 24. Interment was made in Big Springs cemetery. Mr. Clanton is survived by a wife, several children and several brothers and sisters and a host of friends. He loved Brother Parham so much.

We have an anchor that keeps the soul,
Steadfast and sure while the billows roll.
Fastened to the rock, which can't be moved
Grounded firm and deep, in the Savior's love.

Mrs. W. A. Clanton,
Polar, Texas.

JOHN L. MORTON

John L. Morton, pioneer mill wright who had built over seventy mills, died at Seneca, Mo., as the result of a fall which occurred while he was working on the mill there. He was 77 years of age and much loved by all who knew him, for his sweet Christian spirit and his devotion to the cause of Christ.

Many years ago Brother and Sister Morton,

with several members of their family attended Mr. Parham's camp meetings at Baxter Springs, Kansas, and their daughters consecrated their lives to God and entered the evangelistic field.

Brother Morton and his wife also attended the camp meeting held at Baxter Springs in 1927. His wife and family have the prayers and sympathy of a wide circle of friends.

S. E. Waterbury of Cave Springs, Ark., had charge of the funeral services, Sunday afternoon May 11, at the Methodist church at Seneca, Missouri.

Arthur R. J. Dibbins

Arthur R. J. Dibbins an old time friend and neighbor of Chas. F. Parham, fell asleep in Jesus March 28th, 1930 to await the resurrection day.

He was born in the Isle of Wight, Eng., October 1, 1867.

He loved the Lord, and trusted Him to take him safely "through the valley of the shadow of death." Shortly before he went into an unconscious state, he called his faithful wife to his bedside and said, "Jessie, I feel that very soon I cannot pray for myself, but I want you to promise me you will remember me often to the throne of grace until I cross over."

The funeral was largely attended by old time friends and neighbors, and the floral offerings were beautiful. Mrs. Irene Dilsworth had charge of the services.

Wanda Musette Brewer

Our readers will be sorry to hear of the death of little Wanda Musette Brewer of Lovington, New Mexico, and will no doubt remember that her testimony was printed in the March number of "The Apostolic Faith".

She was taken sick March 10th and died March 14th.

She had such a wonderful experience that many were made to marvel at her devotion to God and the blessings she possessed in her life.

Many friends and relations came from a distance to pay their last respects to the child who had been a blessing to them by the life she lived.

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EDITORIAL

OUR MOTTO.

In essentials—Unity.

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In all things—Charity.

TEACHINGS.

Repentance to God and man which brings Salvation, the knowledge of sins forgiven.

Entire Consecration which brings the blessing of Sanctification through the cleansing of the blood of Christ, as a second work of grace.

Baptism of the Holy Spirit, with the evidence of speaking in other tongues, upon a cleansed life.

Healing for the body. Second coming of Christ. Conditional Immortality. The destruction of the wicked in the final judgment, the "second death."

We are not fighting men, or churches, but seeking to displace dead forms, and creeds,

and wild fanaticism with living truths.

The Editor endeavors to keep the paper free from grave doctrinal errors, but must not be held responsible for all ideas advanced by contributors elsewhere.

The work on the book of Mr. Parham's life is progressing nicely. It will contain about 36 illustrations, 13 of them being the pictures of the 23rd. Psalm. Of course this will make the price of the book a little more, but we believe you will enjoy having the pictures, and they will be worth the added expenses. We hope soon to be able to tell you the cost of the book and when it will be completed.

We truly thank the Lord, and also wish to thank each one of you for all you have done to make this month's paper possible. My heart has been touched by the scores of letters I have received.

Many said they were not able to send any means, but they were praying that the paper might continue, and truly their prayers have been answered.

Others have sent ten and twenty-five cents, saying the paper was like getting a letter from home, to hear from different workers, and they did not know how they could get along without it.

Dear ones, whether your offerings have been great or small, we certainly appreciate your support, and trust God may wonderfully bless you, and make the paper a help and encouragement to hungry souls.

"Enter Ye Into the Joy of My Lord"

As parents we know how proud we feel when our children obey our commands gladly and willingly. And how it grieves us for them to be self-willed and stubborn, and go about very reluctantly to do the things we've told them to do, lots of times seeing them obey only at the end of the chastening rod.

Let us place ourselves in this position before our Heavenly Father and imagine His feelings as we fail to render unto Him a full surrender; fail to say "not my will but thine;" failing to "walk in the Spirit;" self-willed, not willing to deny self, even though "we know all things work together for good to those that love the Lord."

You say, "well, I'm trying to keep His commandments," yes, but do you "love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul and with all thy mind." So that we can truly delight ourselves in His law, rendering unto Him a love service, willing, submissive, feeling His approval upon our lives? Until we do, we can never expect to enter into His joy. "If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them."

Mrs. J. E. Boren

Arnett, Okla.

April 2, 1930

Dear Co-workers:

"And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last. Blessed are they that do His commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city" Rev. 22: 12-14.

Jesus said when "these things" begin to come to pass—your redemption draweth nigh. Surely some of "these things" are beginning to come to pass and we as God's people need to put on the whole armor of God, that we may be able to stand.

At present we are in a revival at the Eddie school house, 15 miles southwest of Arnett, Okla. We came here just on a visit and had Sunday services. God met with us in such a way, and the people seemed so hungry for the Gospel, that we felt led to come back for a meeting, which we did—beginning the 20th of March.

The preaching has been straight, and some of the sinners drop out for a few nights, then come back again. Up to this time, three have been saved, and one of these is now seeking sanctification.

Several are seeking the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, and some have been very near in our prayer and tarrying meeting.

Pray for us that we may be faithful to our calling, and do our best for our Master and lost souls.

Yours in His glad service,

John and Viola Modrick

SEVEN SCARLET THREADS

"From the beginning to the end of the Bible we find the scarlet thread, which represents the blood line," Mrs. Parham declared. "There is a scarlet thread attached to the Father's throne. If we grasp it firmly and follow it, it will lead us safely home. There is a light in God's window for you.

"We are told of Adam and Eve, disobeying God in the Garden of Eden. The Lord slew an innocent lamb so he might make coats of skin. Then there were Cain and Abel. Cain brought the fruits of his hands for a sin offering. Abel brought one of the firstlings of his flock which pointed to Calvary.

"There are Abraham and Isaac. Jesus was the long looked for Son. Isaac was a long looked for son. Abraham took Isaac to Mt. Moriah to offer him as a sacrifice. The voice of God spoke. Abraham looked behind him and saw a ram caught in the thicket. This was offered in place of Isaac, but no one could take the place of Jesus. He went all the way to Calvary for lost mankind.

"The next scarlet thread is found when the hearts of the children of Israel had become hardened because of their bondage. Yet they longed to get back into the sunshine of God's smile. Through the faithful ministry of Moses and Arran his brother, many plagues were sent upon the Egyptians.

"Aaron offering atonement for the sins of the people and his own household was the fifth scarlet thread.

"The sixth scarlet thread is found in Rahab letting down the spies from her window with a scarlet cord and in the promise that she and her family would be saved when the city was taken.

"The seventh thread is the coming and the crucifixion of Christ, when He hung upon the tree, and cried with a loud voice, "It is finished." The thunder roared and the lightning flashed; the rocks were rent and the earth did quake and the veil in the temple was rent in twain, making a new and living way whereby men and women might approach the living God."—Santa Ana Daily Register.

"The Scarlet Thread," was the sermon Evangelist Alice Parham delivered at Santa Ana, California March 30, 1930.

GOD IS LOVE

(I John 4:16-18.)

And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love, dwelleth in God and God in him. (I John 4:16).

This is the secret of success in soul winning. Victorious Christian life, standing grace in the evil day. Thank God for His great love to us.

I would that you could with all saints behold the Depth and Height, Breadth and Length. Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed on us that we should be called the Sons of God; therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew Him not (I John 3:1) Brother Sister, if we have had this love shed abroad in our hearts, and known the love of God, may we so live that it may increase more and more. Herein is our love made perfect that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as He is, so are we in this world. (John 4:17).

Surely we shall make up the suffering left behind in His body. If they bring you before the judgment seat, take no thought what you shall say if God's love abides in your hearts you have a power within that is greater than he that is in the world. See that we cherish that holy divine love.

God is love: if God's love fills the heart there is no room for anything to the opposite. May we seek the filling of the Spirit.

There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear; because fear hath torment. He that feareth, is not made perfect in love. (John 4:18). Let us seek the perfectness of His love in our hearts and really abide in the secret of His presence under the shadow of the Almighty. Let us say, "as for me and my house (body), we will serve the Lord."

Let us not love in word only, but in deed and in truth. God really takes us as we are for He knows the very secrets of the heart and I am so glad He does. Praise the Lord!

In Christian love,

S. W. Ditto,

912 Tabor St.

Houston, Texas.

If, before critizing a sermon, you stop to consider how much it actually cost you, you will usually find that you have obtained your money's worth.

Blackwater, Mo.

April 8, 1930

Dear Sister Parham and readers of "The Apostolic Faith."

We are here in Blackwater in a meeting which we are holding in the Christian church. We have been here for a week and the crowds are increasing and giving good attention to the Word, as it goes forth from night to night.

We are having some opposition, surely we are living in perilous times iniquity abounding and the love of many waxing cold.

We have been in places, during the last few months, where if one preacher would get up to preach part of the congregation would go home; and if another one would preach some on the other side would leave. My brethern, these things ought not so to be.

Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another. Gal. 5:26.

I believe one cause for this is because there are many running that God has not sent and they are preaching (and practicing) every thing but love and unity, and are causing discord among the brethern.

"Now, I beseech you, brethern, mark them which cause divisions and offenses, contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned, and avoid them." Romans 16:17.

It is time that we, as watchmen that the Lord has called, are crying out against the evils of the day, especially the things that are creeping into the full gospel movement.

Pray for me, that I may stand true to God, and reprove sin where ever I find it.

E. W. Durbin,

Home address, Gravette, Ark. R. 3.

Los Angeles, Calif.

5925 La Prada,

"Beloved of the Lord." Deut. 33:12, 23 27.

"God fold you in His arms and in His peace,

Keep you by night and day,

Granting you sun glints, through the darkest hours;

Assurance when you pray,

And all I fail to ask, not knowing how,

I leave to His wise choice,

Who loves you best, and so in all He sends,

We will Rejoice."

Yes, we will rejoice in the Lord, we will exalt

His name together for the recent miracle wrought here in Eden Home on Zion Hill. Sister Louise attempted to lift the wall folding bed, and it threw her down. As she fell she shouted, "Praise the Lord," and in her agony lying there she groaned, "Praise the Lord." Her husband, outside near the window, heard her. When I went in there was no sign of life. I cried, "Father! Father! Father! The blood! the blood! the blood! Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! She said faintly, "Praise the Lord." God heard prayer. In about three hours she came bounding into my study, having been miraculously healed.

Abbie C. M. Brown.

Gray, Okla.

April 9, 1930

Dear sister Parham and all the dear readers of the Apostolic Faith:

Greetings in Jesus' name.

A few lines to say we had a prosperous journey enroute here. We stopped at several missions and visited the dear saints of God, and tried to encourage each one to be faithful a little longer.

We are fast finishing our work, and altho many seem to be undergoing great trials and the supreme test is upon many, yet I am glad He knows all our needs and will give us enough grace and strength to endure until the end. So I feel we really ought to take new courage and boldly stand for our God and Christ, even if we must do it at great cost.

We visited Baxter Springs, Kan., for Sunday night service March 30, then on to Wichita, Kan., Monday Cheney, Kan., Tuesday and Wednesday nights, and had the privilege of helping them to get ready for a revival to be held by Bro. Ditto, of Houston, Texas. Then on we came to Bro. Higbees in Buffalo, Okla., and they had arranged to have the meeting at Old Charleston, near Selman, Okla., and we were greeted by many dear friends, both new and old and God met with us also and all were hungry for a meeting. On we came to Balko, Okla., where Bro. Indian Miller was holding a very successful meeting and enjoyed a treat with many dear friends there. Then to Gray, Okla., begin our meeting Saturday night April 5, and will continue indefinitely. We surely need your prayers as we can see the need of making a des-

perate effort to rescue as many as possible while we yet have time.

We must all do all we can in every way, to help others to find the "Great Treasure."

May God bless you all is my prayer.

Your true Brother,

Floyd M. Durham,

Home address, Stella, Mo.

1436 Columbia Street, Houston, Texas

March 24, 1930

Mrs. Chas. F. Parham,

Baxter Springs, Kansas.

Dear Sister Parham:

For sometime I have felt that I should write you a few lines for the paper in regard to the work here. Out of all the Pentecostal Missions here in Houston there are only two Apostolic Faith Missions.

One in Brooksmith Addition and the other one in West End, where we are attending, located at 909 Knox Street. This one is the results of Brother Floyd Durham's labors with us which was established April the 26, 1929, as the culmination of a successful tent revival in this section of the city. It has continued to function from that day to this. Our meetings were continued in a tent until during the month of November when we bought a lot and built a tabernacle, which is known as "The Apostolic Tabernacle."

The West End work is in charge of Brother Joe Eiland, formerly of Rockdale, Texas, and five elders. The tabernacle and property is in the name of The Apostolic Tabernacle having three trustees to hold the property as such. Since the beginning of this work it has slowly but gradually grown until we now have a good Sunday School and very good crowds for the other meetings. We desire the prayers of all of God's children everywhere to remember us here. We are looking forward for a big revival as the results of our labors. In behalf of all the elders I wish to extend the invitation to all full gospel ministers, who come our way, to give us a visit.

May the Lord bless you and your labors on the paper is our prayer. Remember us all in your prayers.

As ever, yours in the faith,

Arthur B. Corl.

Houston, Texas

Gause, Texas

April 13, 1930

Dear Mother:

I am still on the Lord's side and trusting in His goodness.

This beautiful spring time that is coming reminds me of the time when Daddy Parham came to Texas and I was wonderfully saved, resurrected from the dead. The old things passed away all things became new for I was made a new creature in Him. I rejoiced and cried for joy and said, "I feel like I have seen Jesus." The Lord grows more precious to me as I keep His commandments and His love is just as fresh and powerful as when He died and said, "It is finished." I am longing to work for Him in a better way that my life may be acceptable in His sight.

I go to the mission every Sunday in West End which Brother Durham started. We have a good Sunday School; services following and Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday nights we have prayer meetings.

On Monday and Friday the young people have their meeting. Different ones take charge of these meetings, as we feel the Lord leads.

Sunday morning Brother Joseph preached on abiding in Christ. St. John 15. It means so much to abide in Christ because in Him and with Him we can do all things but without Him we can do nothing.

Jesus said, "A new commandment give I unto you, that ye love one another." Let us keep this commandment, embrace it and let it stay new. Honor and prefer one another in love as Christ has loved us, so that we may be in unity and contend for the faith of our father's which was once delivered to all the saints.

Yours in Him,

Ida Drachinberg.

PICHER, OKLAHOMA

Sister Virgie Parham closed a very successful meeting at our Mission here a short time ago.

One soul was saved and the Christians were greatly strengthened by her inspiring messages; the young people were very much encouraged.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Parham sometimes brought other workers with them which was also appreciated. Mrs. A. A. Fowler

I am writing to let you know I received your papers and surely did appreciate them.

I was not a "shut-in" as long as I expected to be. I put my case in the hands of the Lord, and on Thursday after I cut my foot, I went to work again. I wish to give my testimony in your paper to praise and thank God for the wonderful change that He has wrought in my life.

About fifteen years ago, the Lord saved, sanctified and anointed me with His blessed Holy Spirit. I lived for God for two or three years and then went back to sin. I know that I was the most unhappy man in the world, seeking pleasure but finding none. I decided to join the army, and went over seas, but without God in my life, I was not satisfied.

Unable to continue over sea service, I was sent back to a sanitarium at Camp Travis, Texas. One night as I walked down town, I found a little band of Salvation Army people preaching on the street. I followed them to their hall, and there got back to the Lord. (May 1920) and have been walking in the light ever since. I am praying for the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

I ask the prayers of the Christian people that I may ever be found, doing my Master's will.

Yours in Christ,

R. O. Sanders

Salt Lake City, Utah

157 Regent St.

Dear Sister Parham:

4-9-30

Peace be unto thee—I received the paper and how I did enjoy every word in it. It certainly was food for my soul. I do thank and praise God for what He has done and is doing for me. Bro. Robert Parham and wife sent me a blessed handkerchief. My husband and also my son prayed as they lay it on my limb. Now I am up and have been in the store two days. I went to bed the first week in December and sit up my first the 6th of April. I thank and praise God for it all. He has been so real to me in my sickness and I do thank Him for the prayers of the dear ones that have been so faithful to remember me in prayer.

Yours in Christian love,

Mrs. A. A. Haynes.

For the Children

"FORBID THEM NOT." Matt. 19:14.

There was a beautiful story told of Francis Xavier. He was engaged in missionary work. Hundreds kept coming to him, and he became quite exhausted. He said to his servant, "I must have sleep or I shall die. No matter who comes do not disturb me!" He then went to rest, leaving his faithful attendant, to keep watch. Shortly afterwards the servant saw his master standing at the tent door. Upon his face was a look of awe as though he had seen a vision. "I made a mistake," he said, "I said, 'No matter who comes do not disturb me!' If a little child comes, please awaken me."—Expositor.

THE APPRECIATION OF CHILDHOOD

Mark 9:37

"On a sunny Sabbath morning in mid-winter a bishop was walking down Michigan Boulevard Chicago, bound for his church. Suddenly, an expertly-aimed snowball whirled through the air and sent his 'topper' flying a hopeless wreck. He turned to see a ragged urchin making a hasty get away.

"'Boy,' the bishop cried, 'Come here!'

"It would be hard to say what caused the boy to obey. But he did. And, strangely, he was not greeted by a scolding, but by an arm pleasantly thrown about his shoulders, and with a heart-warming smile.

"'My hat furnished you a first-rate target,' said the bishop; 'now, will you do something for me? I want you to come to my Sunday-school!'"

The story goes on to tell how this ragged street-urchin did go to Sunday-school with the bishop that very day, how the bishop and he became life-long friends, and how this influence brought about a complete change in the boy's life. He determined to make something of himself. By almost super-human effort he succeeded in gaining an education. He became a nationally-known figure. For this boy is now Dr. Herman Bundeson of Chicago, one of the foremost fighters for health in this country. Dr. Bundeson himself says, "I'm satisfied that if it hadn't been for that incident of the bishop's hat I'd probably be where my chums are—behind the bars! I was headed that

way."—American Magazine.

Arnett, Okla.

April 2, 1930.

Dear friends:

I am in the 6th grade, and twelve years old. I was saved when I was ten years, but backslid. I came back to God during the last few weeks.

He has healed me many times. One time when I went to see my girl friend, I sprained my ankle and could hardly walk home.

Mr. Modrick prayed for my foot and when I got up the next morning, my ankle was alright.

I will be glad to read the testimony of other little girls. Demerite Beagle.

Hempstead, Texas

April 28, 1930

Dear Friend:

I am 13 years old, and have known Jesus four years. He also has been my Physician in sickness. I received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost when I was 10 years old. In time of need He has been my Helper. He healed me instantly of poison oak. He also healed me of tonsilitis.

I hope to continue faithful by His mercy.

Juanita Burrows.

Hempstead, Texas.

Dear ones in the Lord: April 19, 1930

I am ten years old, and in the 5th grade. My father, mother, and sister are Christians.

My sister has been saved, sanctified and received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. I believe if I press on I will receive the same blessing.

My limbs have ached all my life. Brother Homer Coberly prayed for me on January 1st and they are lots better.

I believe the Lord answers prayer. Every morning before breakfast, we have prayer.

I like to go to Sunday School and church. I want you all to pray for our family that we may live closer to the Lord.

Mother enjoys reading your paper, and I am glad for the children's page.

May God bless you all,

Adeline G. Russell.

Orion, Michigan.

April 4th.

Greetings from Michigan to all the beloved ones in the Christ;

I must tell you a little about the meetings that Robert and his wife held here in Orion, Mich. They opened the meeting the 12th. of March, and it lasted for three weeks. About sixty souls were saved, a large number were sanctified and some wonderful healings. One lady that had a stroke, and could not help herself, was healed, and is now walking without aid. Then a lady with heart trouble took Jesus as her Healer and was prayed for, claimed healing: and many others were healed.

Well, we had a wonderful, fine meeting, surely the Lord is blessing Robert's work; and I do praise the Lord for another C. F. Parham in his son, Robert. May the blessing of the Holy One be upon him as he has taken up the work that his dear Father laid down. They left my house on the 3rd. of April and our prayers follow them.

With the meetings and young converts to look after and many things crowding in upon me at this time of year, I am kept real busy.

Beatrice was out to visit me last week-end. She is well, and my dear old mother is keeping up real well for her age, 97 last March the 30th

I am living so near the water as I write this letter, I can look out on beautiful Lake Orion and see the speed boats just almost fly past, but the wind is cold off the lake.

I suppose that you have heard all about the dreadful fire in the prison, where so many men burned to death.

Is it not true, that we are now living in a time when the devil is doing his utmost to blind-fold the world and to get all nations under his control: even doing all that is in his power to deceive the very elect. But God, looking down to the time of the end, has not left us without warning and has given us the Holy Spirit to endure us with power over all the power of the devil; and His warning to us is: "Be ye also ready."

I believe that we are now in a time when men's hearts are failing them for fear of those things which are coming upon the earth. The nations are crying, "Peace, Peace" but there can be no peace until satan is bound. He, knowing his time is short, is bringing the na-

tions in the league of nations getting them ready for that great day of the Lord Almighty; for God will pour out His wrath upon all nations, "and He gathered them to Armageddon." (Rev. 16:16.)

With much love. As ever, Evang. E. Lang.

San Saba, Texas

I haven't words to express how much "The Apostolic Faith" paper has meant to me, It brings tears of joy as I read it, and rejoice to know my name is written down in the Lamb's book of life. Oh how I praise the Lord to know I have salvation that will carry me through. When I look around and see so much sin and worldiness it makes me cry out Father forgive them they know not what they do. It seems there is so many still in darkness and can't see the light.

Without a doubt this is a time of unrest among the people; present day conditions show the fulfilment of prophecy right before our eyes.

But Jesus of Nazareth is still standing with out stretched arms saying, "Come unto Me, and I will give you rest." Still they turn a deaf ear How He suffered and died on the cruel cross, suffered and died for the sins of the world. So I'll cling to the old rugged cross, and some day I'll exchange it for a crown. Praise His dear name, how I love Him. "It was for me that Jesus died, on the cross of Calvary."

Lord who shall abide in thy tabernacle, who shall dwell in thy holy hill? he that walketh up rightly and worketh righteousness, speaketh the truth in his heart. Oh, how I praise Him for His goodness and mercy to the children of men He is all this world to me. It will all soon be over in this life, but when we get over there it will be all peace, and joy unspeakable and full of glory. Amen and amen.

I am so hungry to be in one more good old full Gospel meeting I love the real truth, this Gospel will stand. We earnestly covert your prayers that God will keep us low and humble at His feet that our lives may be a blessing to all that we come in contact with.

I am watching and waiting for the soon coming of the Lord. May God help each one that is out at work for Him is my prayers.

With Christian love to all.

Your sister in Christ. Mrs. J. F. Cathcart

May, 1930.

THE APOSTOLIC FAITH

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Arlington, Kansas
April 21st, 1930

Ever your Brother in the Lord,
Gail W. Schultz.

Dear Sister Parham:

Greetings in the Mighty Name of the Christ

Your letter of the 18th, at hand, we are always glad to hear from you. We are praising God for the victory through Christ Jesus, and to know that we are in a fuller Gospel that each day reveals more of God and our coming redemption. So many have been blessed in this town and country side so that they testify to a satisfying portion for spirit, soul and body.

We not only found the friends still standing in the grace they received in our work here last fall but they have grown in grace and number, continuing in the things they have heard. We found many still hungry for salvation or deeper experiences with God. At this writing seven have been saved and ten sanctified, while others continue to seek.

A Full Gospel Sunday School is held every Sunday morning with a good attendance and with the Bible as their only literature; it is most interesting backed by the power and blessing of God.

The Easter service was very beautiful. The Holy Spirit anointed in a sermon preached from the text, Mark 16:6. After which all partook of the sacrament. Jesus said "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not", The parents brought the infants and little folks to the Lord. We so felt the power of God as we asked Him to take and keep each one of them, that we know they was accepted. Praise God for His tender and thoughtful care. Oil and handkerchiefs were brought to be blessed. We know these messengers will go forth to do mighty things in the name of Jesus.

It was past the noon hour when we dismissed but in God's time all time pieces will be thrown away; we were having a visit from the courts of glory and no one thought of the late hour for His presence was rest, joy and peace.

God's servants are always welcome in Arlington, so we invite you to visit and enjoy the blessings of God. Any wishing information of the work here address I. C. Hendricks.

We will be here for another week, then go on to other fields as God might lead. Those desiring us for revivals, write us at Selma, Okla. May God bless you is our prayer.

Tarpley, Texas
April 23, 1930

Dear Sister Parham:

This leaves us in a meeting here started last Sunday, with a good crowd, also a good interest so we are expecting a good meeting. This is a new place for this Gospel, and a needy place, so pray for us.

We closed at Center Point Sunday week with great victory, about twenty-five were saved and several sanctified, also some wonderful healings. There was a good work started there about forty at their first prayer meeting.

We had a letter from Robert that there would be a Camp Meeting at Baxter this year. Sure were glad to hear it, for we want to come the Lord willing, and are planning on it if the way is opened up, we are also going to the Roswell C. M. So many that we know are going and we feel that we should go.

Pray for us and may the Lord bless you all, will write more next time.

Yours in the Faith,
Chester Jackson and Party.

Vancouver, Wash.
April 9, 1930

Dear Sister Parham:

The Lord has wonderfully blessed us here, and has given us a fine meeting. We had 30 to 40 glorious conversions, and some of the most marvelous healings I have ever witnessed. Praise the Lord.

We do not know where we will go to next, but as the Lord may lead; we have some calls, but are waiting for the Holy Spirit's leadings.

Robert said they expected to have a camp meeting at Baxter Springs. I hope the power of the Holy Spirit will rest upon it from the very beginning. I fully believe it will be in divine order and you may well expect great things to happen. I look for a great Pentecostal outpouring if it can be made a convention of prayer and faith.

May God bless your every effort.

Yours, Contending for the Faith.

Mack Wyatt,
Home address, Box 277, Wichita, Kansas.

Camp Meeting at Baxter Springs, Kans.**July 12 to 27.**

A great desire on the part of the ministry and laity all over the country, expressed in urgent appeals by letter has compelled us to promise to have a CAMP MEETING.

Of course, each section of the country would like to have this camp meeting near them. We have been in the Northland for the past three months, on Evangelistic tour with great success and are leaving for the Southland, in Texas and Oklahoma until 1st of July, then we will return to Baxter Springs, and make preparation for this Great Camp Meeting. REMEMBER THE DATES, July 12-27. Let every one arrange their affairs to be present at that time. We expect to have splendid preachers and teachers and song leaders for the entire meeting. It will be a feast of the fat things as every one knows who has attended a camp meeting here before.

All persons coming must prepare to take care of themselves by camping or in rooms. Tents can be rented, or light house keeping rooms secured at a reasonable rate. This rule applies to ministers and laity as well. Let us arrange the temporal things that they may be as simple as possible that we may give our time and thought to pray and the study of God's Word.

A daily Bible school will be conducted by Brother Wm. Bacon, for strengthening of Gospel Workers and Christians. This will enable us all to get more established in the things of God. We shall not be able to write personal invitations to all, but we trust all who are not engaged in other labor for the Master, will know that you are cordially invited.

We earnestly desire your prayers as we go into this camp meeting, as it will be a great undertaking, that God will supply the need, both spiritually and financially.

Your humble servants,
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Parham.

Floyd M. Durham began a revival meeting at Joplin, Mo., after their return from their meeting at Gray, Okla.

It may make a difference to all eternity whether we do right or wrong today.

James Freeman Clarke.

Camp Meeting at Roswell, New Mexico**August 8 to 24**

Since Mack Wyatt gave up the plan for a Camp meeting at Roswell, New Mexico, Homer Coberly has taken up the meeting, and we trust this meeting may be a great blessing to this section of the country and all who are able to attend.

Many preachers and workers are expected to assist, and they have mailed out cards asking prayer for this meeting. We know that it is prayer that gains the victory, and we trust that all who can will lay aside the cares of this life as much as possible and attend one or both of these Camp meetings, for prayer, to study the Word of God, and prepare our lives for His coming.

For further information regarding this meeting address Homer Coberly, Box 155 Roswell, New Mexico.

Evangelist S. W. Ditto of Houston, Texas assisted by co-workers will begin a revival meeting at Lampasas, Texas, May 2nd to 18th. Everyone is welcome, but if you cannot come, please remember this meeting in prayer for the salvation of many souls.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Wyatt and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Campbell are now holding a meeting at Longview, Washington.

They write that they are enjoying the wonderful country and many places are being opened up for future work for God.

Albert Durham and his wife are now holding a meeting at the Mission west of Olathe, Colo. Eldon Bollinger and his wife have been pastoring the work after Waterburys left here and went to Cave Springs, Ark., last fall.

When we are very spiritual, unity prevails and points of doctrine are lost sight of. But let the tide of spirituality ebb, then debates and quibbling over points of doctrine begins. When spirituality ceases, scandal and evil surmisings destroy the last vestige of unity, for which Jesus prayed and Paul fought.—Chas. F. Parham.

You may be as orthodox as the devil, and as wicked.
John Wesley.