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MEETING AND PARTING

By Miss Maggie Beckway

There is no joy in life more sweet
Than meeting with dear friends;
It brings gladness to the heart
That thrills, and sweetly blends
Its hopes and fears, its joys and cares,
In perfect harmony,
With love's sweet voice that softly sings
Her simple melody.

Then mem'ry's gentle angel
Unlocks with golden key
The jeweled case, where pearls of thought
Are cherished tenderly;
And there amongst the brightest ones
Are those of childhood's hours—
Refreshing to the human heart
As raindrops to the flowers.

Oh, could we children always be
Through all life's fleeting years,
Without the threatening clouds of doubt
To shadow hopes by fears;
But with the sunshine of that faith
Which floods the child's sweet soul,
To guide us gently step by step
Safe to the heavenly goal,

This world would be a dreary place
Without true, faithful friends,
To comfort us when sorrow comes
And danger dark impends;
To cheer, to sooth, to sympathize,
The helping hand to give,
And lift us to a higher plane
Where we may better live.

There is no grief in life more deep
Than parting with dear friends;
It brings a sadness to the heart
That chills, and quickly rends
The canvass where life's pictures lie
In colors rich and rare,
Illumined by the light of love,
A scene divinely fair.

Then hopes inspiring angel
Doth take us by the hand,
And lead us o'er that dark abyss
Toward the better land,
Where there is rest for weary souls
Who cast their burdens down,
And for the cross borne faithful here
Will wear the promised crown.

Where hour of sadness comes to all,
Fraught with its grief and pain,
When we must part with those we love
To meet no more again;
No more to clasp the gentle hands
Which guided us aright,
And scattered flowers of purest love
To make our pathway bright.

We meet with smiles, we part with tears,
But when life's journey ends,
Oh, may we gather round God's throne
With loved ones and dear friends;
Where there is no more parting
And no more bitter tears,
But one bright, glorious meeting
Throughout the endless years.

Miss Beckway, sister of Mrs. H. Kerst of Galveston, Texas wrote this poem during her blindness which proceeded her death.

MOVE FORWARD

Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God. (Heb. 6:1.)

We as the people of God, have the greatest privilege of our lives in these the closing days of time. God is calling for a church with out spot or wrinkle.

Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the Church, and gave himself for it; that he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word that he might present it to himself a glorious church not having spot or wrinkle, or any such thing but that it should be holy and without blemish. (Eph. 5:25-27).

Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered without the gate. Let us go forth therefore unto him without the camp, bearing his reproach. (Heb. 13:12-13). Many to-day try to build on another's foundation or ride the other man's credit, instead of bringing their lives under subjection to the whole will of God, and go without the camp, living that clean, over-coming daily life that Jesus expects us to live through the blood that flowed from His veins.

If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. (John 15:7.) And all things, what-so-ever ye shall ask in prayer, believing ye shall receive. (Matt. 21:22) Through faith in these great and might promises, we shall be able to see wonderful results in revivals, healing of sick bodies, and casting out tormenting demons that prey upon the human body, caused through disobedience from the fall of man.

To those who need deliverance from any bondage, Jesus said, And I say unto you, Ask and it shall be given you; seek and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. (Luke 11:9.)

To have these promises wrought out in our

lives, Jesus expects us to come from the world and quit the "sinning business". Many people have their petty sins which they hide from the world, yet in the eyes of God they are not hidden.

Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God. (II Cor. 7:1.)

As we go on through life, looking for the hope of redemption, we feel the need of "earnestly contending for the faith, which was once delivered unto the saints". When we contend through fasting and prayer for a closer walk with God and to see these signs follow our lives that Jesus said should follow them that believe, it will cause us to shed off every thing that it not like the Christ, and say, "Lo, I come to do thy will, O God."

When we can consecrate our all to the service of God and trust Him with a child-like faith, then is when we get a pleasure out of serving the Lord.

Many are living in a "stand-still" experience. And Moses said unto the people, Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord, which he will show to you to-day; for the Egyptians whom ye have seen to-day ye shall see them again no more forever. The Lord shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace. (Ex. 14:13-14).

If Israel had continued to stand still, they would have gone down before the enemy, but God spoke and they moved on out of the way. And the Lord said unto Moses. Wherefore criest thou unto me? Speak unto the children of Israel that they go forward. (Ex. 14:15.) I feel that is the message the ministers should have to-day, that they urge the church to move forward in the Lord.

Alford Whitely.

Pastor of the Apostolic Faith Church at Alvin, Texas.

HOLINESS

Jesus went about doing good,
He was holy in all His ways;
To be holy we must follow His steps:
To God be all the praise.

—T.H. Baker

Alvin, Texas, Nov. 9

Dear Ones of "Like Precious Faith."

Greetings in Jesus' Name:—

On October 5th, we left our home at Baxter Springs, to go into service for the Master, wherever He might lead. The first night we stopped at the Johnson home in Nevada, Mo. for their regular Friday night prayer-meeting. The presence of God was felt during the service, and when the altar call was given, a number requested prayer for healing. One young woman had been in a hospital and was told, after her operation that she could never stretch forth her arm straight again; but after prayer, she stretched forth her arm STRAIGHT, and then with her arms raised to heaven she thanked God for His healing power.

The next day we went to Adrain, Mo., where Brother and Sister Sawrey, of Cave Springs, Ark., were holding a revival meeting and we enjoyed such sweet fellowship with our dear friends in services Saturday night and all day Sunday.

After visiting a few days with loved ones in Tonganoxie and Lawrence, we visited in Topeka, Kansas. We drove by the building on the corner of Fourth and Jackson, and from the outside it looked very much the same as when it was the "Bethel Healing Home" in 1898-1899. We then went to see the place where the Bethel Bible School used to be in 1900-1901. After the beautiful building was burned down, a large frame building was moved on the foundation, which partly covered it. Only the basement, foundation and one fireplace remain of the original building. The family who now own the place have a daughter in foreign mission work. As we looked upon the beautiful lawn where the trees had grown so much in the past 33 years, it seemed still a sacred place, for here God poured out His Holy Spirit as we tarried in an upper room to be endued with power from on high.

We spent several days in service in Wichita with loved ones in the Lord, and friends came from Freeport, Hillsboro, and other towns for the Sunday services.

How glad we were to be in Cheney, Kansas, Mr. Parham's old home town, for Thursday night service! And how good the folks were to us there! But we missed Mother Parham, who has now moved to Carthage, Missouri, where she is making her home with her daughter.

We then came to South Texas, and are rejoicing in the presence of God with us, and the fellowship of God's children. We have been in services at Alvin, Houston, Pinehurst Dickinson, Galveston and Katy; and are looking forward to visiting many more friends and missions while in the Southland.

As we looked upon the great ocean, we thought of the time when Christ walked the shores of Galilee, and called the disciples from their nets, to follow him and become "fishers of men". As the waves dashed high, we thought of when Jesus said, "Peace, be still" and the sea became calm, and also when the waves were boisterous and Jesus came to His disciples, walking upon the water. With marvelous faith, Peter knew that he too could walk upon the angry waves, if Jesus bade him come. He stepped out in faith determined to go to the Lord. May God give us this faith, to go to Him, standing on the promises of God for salvation, sanctification, the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, and Healing; and I am sure He will say "Come". Even though we might look about us to circumstances and people, and think of our own weakness, and begin to falter and fail and sink beneath the waves of sin, sorrow, suffering and despair; truly our Christ will reach forth a comforting, strengthening Hand, and draw us safely to Himself. Wonderful Saviour, He was human and yet divine!

One evening with loved ones we cooked fish over a campfire on the beach, and we thought how Christ, even after His resurrection, tenderly asked, "Children, have you any meat?" and when they said "No", He prepared a fish meal for them. If He questions our love as He did Peter's, can we truthfully say, "Lord, thou Knowest that I love thee," and prove it by our daily life.

I am sure the poets who wrote, "Jesus Saviour, Pilot Me," "Launch Out into The

Deep," and like songs, must have been inspired to write as they looked upon the water, for these songs welled up in our hearts as we walked upon the shore; and we desire more and more to wholly yield our lives to God, step out on His promises, and launch out in the great ocean of His love, and prove His mighty power.

We are just trusting God to lead us where He can use us for His glory and make us a blessing. We are having the paper printed this month at Alvin, Texas; but you can always write to us at our home address, and our mail will be forwarded to us. May God bless you all.

Claude, Lula, and Sarah E. Parham.

Permanent address: Baxter Springs, Kansas, Box 6.

THIS IS THE LOVE OF GOD

Do we love Him? "This is the love of God, that we keep His commandments". "And His commandments are not grievous". It is not a hard thing that our God has required of us: Are we like Naaman the Syrian, to whom his servants said, "If the prophet had bidden thee do some great thing, wouldst thou not have done it?"

We often wonder why we are not healed, why trials and afflictions are hard to bear, why we do not have the joy and victory that once was ours, why many of the wonderful promises of God are not wrought out in our lives. His word declares, "Whatsoever we ask, we receive of Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight." (Thanks be unto God because His word is so clear, His instructions to us so plain!) We say sometimes, "I have done everything that I know of that I can do." Perhaps we have prayed, have sought long and earnestly the blessing of God—but have we kept His commandments, have we always done those things that are pleasing in His sight? Have we (and do we) fed the hungry; clothed the naked; visited the sick and in prison; loosed the bands of wickedness; borne the burdens of others; extended

hospitality one to another without grudging; not leaned to our own understanding, but in all our ways have acknowledged Him; have we been a faithful witness of the manifold grace of our God? "Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily, and thy righteousness shall go before thee; the glory of the Lord shall be thy reward; Then shalt thou call and the Lord shall answer; thou shalt cry, and He shall say, "Here I am" Isaiah 58.

Friends, these are the times of His judgments among the children of men, these are the times when all about us we are seeing men and women reaping what they have sown; when we are made to remember that it is written, "Be not deceived, God is not mocked, for what soever a man soweth, that shall he also reap; For he that soweth to the flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting." "He that defileth the temple of God, him will God destroy." "My glory will I not give to another." In other words; If God has graciously given to us redemption through the blood of His Son, if He has cleansed us and set us apart for the Master's use, if He has endued us with 'power to witness', if He has healed our bodies; we cannot waste our time, our strength, our talent, our God-given inheritance, on the things of this world without reaping of the flesh (without reaping the principle of death). These things are certain, they are sure.

If we think that we have been doing all that we could, let us once again search the Word, let us examine our own lives, assure ourselves beyond any doubt that we are doing the things He told us to do (remembering that God will always make it possible for us to keep His commandments if we are willing to do so): Then let us come to Him once again, pleading no merit of our own, but coming in the name of His Son, saying, Lord, I have done that thou gavest me to do; I HAVE the thing that I ask of thee, because I keep thy commandments and do the things that are pleasing in Thy sight.

Kittie V. Stockdick, Katy, Texas.

OBITUARY

MRS. R. E. REID

Mrs. Robert Reid passed away at her home in Houston, Texas, on Monday, Sept. 24th, after a long illness. She was born and reared in Houston, where she received her education, and later was married to Robert E. Reid of that city. To this union five children were born, the oldest son dying in infancy.

Mrs. Reid is survived by her husband, Rev. Robert Reid, two sons, Charles Royce and Richard, and two daughters, Elizabeth Katherine and Barbara Dean. Also a host of relatives and friends.

Mrs. Reid was laid to rest, to awake on the Resurrection Morn. in Brookside Cemetery, in Houston. Funeral services conducted by Rev. E. N. Richey and J. F. Swift.

Dear Gladys is gone, but she is not forgotten.

"Our precious one is gone, a voice we loved is stilled;

A place is vacant in our home, which never can be filled."

Herbert Brown Wooster

Herbert Brown Wooster, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Wooster of Alvin, Texas departed this life Wednesday, October 17th, at 1:00 p. m. at the age of 5 years, 4 months and 11 days. Herbert was born in Wallis, Texas.

The deceased is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Wooster, three brothers; Clyde, Jackson and Elmer, and one sister Vera Mae, his grandparents Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Wooster and a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral service were held at the home October 18th, in charge of Bro. Alford Whitely and the Schultz-Tucker Evangelistic party. The body was laid to rest in the Orchard, Texas cemetery.

WE SHALL REIGN WITH HIM

In second Timothy, the second chapter and the twelfth verse we find this scripture,

"If we suffer, we shall also reign with him." Surely Paul, the man of God, learned many things thru suffering. Just so each and every one must sooner or later pass thru a great baptism of suffering.

We cannot always understand at the time why we often suffer in mind or in body, but we now see thru a glass darkly, but then we shall see Him face to face. When we look back at the patience of little Herbert Wooster in his suffering and death, how we ought to praise the Lord for this dear child whose confidence was not in man but in God. His life was such an inspiration to all.

To me he was like the soft petals of a lovely white rose; the morning dew that falls upon the face of every up-lifted tree and flower; the song of a bird whose voice rises higher and higher above all others until it thrills the heart of its Maker; the Eastern Star arising in the night with radiance afar; the cooling rain after a season of drouth; the golden sun sinking behind the hills with a glow of purple and gold; a whisper so softly spoken that only the ears of God could hear.

Surely the angel choir of Heaven will rejoice and open wide those Pearly Gates and welcome a child singer in glory. Personally, I know that Herbert was a Christian having talked to him many times about Jesus and heard his own statements of his love for the Lord.

May God bless Bro. and Sis. Wooster and their family and the dear Christian nurse Miss Mable Seaton, who patiently stayed by his side until the last. Again we read; "If we suffer, we shall also reign with him."

Praise ye the Lord.

IN MEMORY OF HERBERT

Into a home like the rays of the sun
Shining in splendor when days work is done.
Precious and tender,
So patient, so mild,
Came God's greatest blessing,
A dear little child.

Laughing and singing in child-hood he grew,
Running and playing the whole day thru,
Loving his Saviour,

How his voice arose in song
So sweetly alluring,
Beloved by the throng.

Alas his hands faltered, his steps weary
grew,
But his faith in the Master was steadfast and true—
Patiently striving
Tho' great was the fight,
To give the same answer
"Oh, I'm alright."

Then came the day, like a sea of distress,
Relentlessly beating to its cold bosom pressed,
This dear little form
With a heart filled with love,
His spirit returning
To the great God above.

Angels recorded the place where he lies,
They're awaiting in splendor when he shall arise,
To be crowned with a crown
Of eternal life.
No sorrow nor tears
No suffering or strife.

Weep not nor sorrow for this dear little lamb
Who answered the call of our great God,
"I am".

Comes a soft whisper,
Thru day or thru night,
Tis the voice of the shepherd,
Yes, Herbert's all right.
Dora E. Campbell.

SANCTIFICATION

Lev. 11—44 "For I am the Lord your God, ye shall therefore sanctify yourselves, and ye shall be holy: for I am holy." Sanctification is a work wrought on Calvary when Jesus died. It is a work that deals with soul, spirit, and body. In 1 Thes. 5-23 "And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." We know that it was Jesus who purchased our sanctification, because in Hebrews 13th Chap. 2-3 verses we find these words. "Wherefore that he might

Sanctify the People with His own blood, suffered without the gate." "Let us go therefore unto him without the camp bearing his reproach." Then there is a time when this work is to be wrought out in our lives. When Jesus was praying for his disciples in the 17th Chap. of John, and 17 and 19th verses He said "Sanctify them through thy truth thy word is truth." "And for their sakes I sanctify myself that they also might be sanctified through the truth." We know that the Disciples were saved so this had to take place afterward. Then we are Sanctified after we are saved. Then Paul tells us how we can be Sanctified in Romans 12th Chap. 1st verse. "I beseech you therefore brethern by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, and acceptable unto God which is your reasonable service." It also makes us one with Him. Heb. 2-11 For both he that Sanctifeth, and they that are sanctified are all of one for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethern." Here we come into the full fellowship with the Son of God. Salvation then is made easy to live because sin has so completely been blotted out that we become holy with the Lord. Paul said in Colossians 3-8 "But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, and filthy communication out of your mouth." Then in the 12 and 13th verses we find that we put on "Bowels of mercy, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, long suffering, and forbearing one another." The transforming power of the Son of God takes place here as in Romans 12-2 "And be not conformed to this world but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind that ye may prove what is that good and acceptable, and perfect will of God. We find then that it is the will of God to be Sanctified. So in Eph. 5-17 Paul says "Wherefore be ye not unwise but understanding what the will of the Lord is." Then in 1 Thess. 4-3 he tells what the will is. "For this is the will of God even your Sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication." The next verse says: "That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in Sanctification and honor."

Harold and Luella Williams,
Box 651, Perryton, Texas.

THE HOUSTON REVIVAL

It was upon direct leading of the Lord that we started the revival at 909 Knox st. Apostolic church, Houston, Texas. Throughout of the entire revival it was a series of services and sermons which the children of the Lord were encouraged to go forward and be ready for the coming of Jesus as King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

Most every night people waited before the Lord in the altars and as a result several prayed through to definite experiences.

One lady who had walked on crutches for five years was healed and able to walk without them. One lady received the Holy Spirit as she tarried for the promise.

For three weeks the Lord blessed and crowned the last Sunday (Oct. 21st) with victory, in a three service meeting. So many of the brothers and sisters in Christ came in that it was a home gathering. Among them were Bro. and Sis. Claude Parham and their mother, Mrs. C. F. Parham, Bro. and Sis. Fred Campbell, they had just arrived from Kansas and all were so glad to see them. Others came in from Port Arthur, Alvin, Hempstead and Katy. In the night service Bro. Kermit Harper and others from Sommer ville were with us.

It was a day of victory and when the Lord is there, there is shouting in the camp. We feel blessed for being in this revival and the church feels encouraged in this fight for the truth.

Our work continued as the Lord leads going where-soever He leads.

Yours in the Gospel:

Schultz-Tuckers, Evangelists.

MY CHOSEN FRIEND

A stranger came knocking gently
At the door of my heart one day
But I heeded not the knocking
For the World had the Right-of-way.
Though many times I saw his working
Which was manifest to my eye,

But I would not leave the World
For many friends seemed standing by

Then one day there came temptations
I could not meet them all alone,
I was wondering who would help me
For I was many miles from home.

My many friends could not help me
For they could not understand,
Why I should leave the world behind
And prepare for the better land.

One day there came a messenger
Who was guided by Hands Divine,
Bringing words of peace and comfort,
To the lost souls of mankind.

I sat and gazed at the picture
He painted with words of love,
I saw beyond in the background,
A hand beckoning from above.

It was the Hand of the stranger
Who had knocked at my door that day,
But this time I heeded the knocking
And opened my heart to give way.

Such a friend I have in Jesus
There is none other such as He,
For He gave His precious lifeblood
That all sinners might be made free.

Sinner friends, your Saviour is pleading
Won't you come and walk by His side?
You will never regret choosing
Such a Dear One for your Guide.

He will guide you over temptations
Regardless of all storms and mirth,
For He has promised to be with us always,
Even unto the end of the earth.

—Nolen Dye.

Youth is like the beautiful stream,
Sparkling, rushing and free
But if all is centered on self,
Its end is as the dead "Dead Sea."

—T. H. Baker.

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BRIEF MENTION

October 15th, Bro. Claude Pruitt reports—“Bro. Floyd Durham closed a three weeks revival at Hamilton Chapel Community near Rockdale, Texas. We believe the meeting was the best we have ever had here. There were several saved, some backsliders reclaimed, and seventeen baptized in water. Some were sanctified, and three received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. A spirit of love prevails in every heart.” After Bro. Durham returned home he began a Bible Instruction meeting at the Union Chapel Church, twelve miles east of Anderson, Mo. A good attendance and interest was reported, souls were saved, and others are seeking God.

Brother Chester Jackson just closed a successful meeting at Catarina, and expects to start regular services there.

Mrs. Hattie Ostrander and Brother and Sister Scott are having a good tent meeting at Haynesville, La.

A. B. Stanberry and wife have left Houston, Texas, where they have been pastoring for two years, and are now in Moorefield, Nebraska.

Brother Alford Whitely, pastor of the Alvin Mission, accompanied by a number of earnest workers from Alvin has been going to Dickinson, Texas for services on Monday nights, which has been encouragement to the Mission there. A number in that place have been healed by the power of God.

Bro. Whitely has also been going to Galveston, Texas for the regular Tuesday night meetings in Brother and Sister Tix's home. We are sure the Lord will wonderfully bless those who are so faithful in His service there.

Brother Olen Bachler, accompanied with Bro. and Sister Lee Broch held a revival

meeting at Cave Springs, Arkansas, and we are glad for their good report of the meeting there:—“There were 8 saved, several sanctified and the Christians seemed to be strengthened and encouraged and the Lord blessed in many ways. We are now at High Top, Ark., where we began a revival meeting and a good interest is being shown here.”

Bro. S. W. Ditto, recently closed a successful meeting at Hanover, Texas, and has been visiting missions in West Texas and New Mexico.

Mrs. Irene Dilsworth has just held a four weeks meeting at Spearman, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred C. Parham, accompanied by Everett Corl of Houston, Texas, have been having meetings at Fayetteville, Arkansas, and are now in a revival meeting at Okmulgee, Oklahoma. Any wishing to write may address them in care of Phillip Parham, 1942 East Ave., Baxter Springs, Kansas.

Mrs. Jennie Evans is having a good meeting at Cheney, Kansas.

TENT REVIVAL AT ALVIN, TEXAS

Evangelist and Mrs. Robert L. Parham and Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Campbell are now in a tent meeting in Alvin, Texas. The tent is erected in the center of town, next to the old Mission, where meetings will continue during the building of the new church. Everyone is looking forward to a Real Revival and a great out-pouring of the Spirit of God. Let each one pray for this Revival.

Those desiring to send prayer requests or write, should address all mail to,

Bro. Robert L. Parham,
Box 217, Alvin, Texas.



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