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THE WORD AND WORK

"ALL THINGS WORK TOGETHER"

In a factory building there are wheels and gearings,
There are cranks and pulleys, beltings tight or slack:
Some are whirling swiftly, some are turning slowly,
Some are thrusting forward, some are pulling back;
Some are smooth and silent, some are rough and noisy,
Pounding, rattling, clanking, moving with a jerk;

In a wild confusion, in a seeming chaos,
Lifting, pushing, driving—but they do their work.
From the mightiest lever to the tiniest pinion,
All things move together for the purpose planned;
And behind the working is a mind controlling,
And a force directing, and a guiding hand.

So all things are working for the Lord's beloved;
Some things might be hurtful if alone they stood;
Some might seem to hinder; some might draw us backward;
But they work together, and they work for good:
All the thwarted longings, all the stern denials,
All the contradictions, hard to understand,
And the force that holds them, speeds them and retards them,
Stops and starts and guides them—is our Father's hand.

Annie Johnson Flint.

"HIS ANGER" AND "HIS FAVOR"

"His anger endureth but a moment: in his favor is life: weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning" (Ps. 30:5).

There is an obvious antithesis in the first part of the verse, between "his anger" and "his favor." Probably there is a similar antithesis between a "moment" and "life." For, although the word rendered "life" does not usually mean a lifetime, it may have that signification here. So, then, the meaning of the first part of the text is, "The anger lasts for a moment; the favor lasts for a lifetime." If we pass over to the second part of the verse, we observe that there is also a double antithesis. "Weeping" is set over against "joy"; the "night" against the "morning." And the first of these two contrasts is the more striking if we observe that the word "joy" means, literally, "a joyful shout," so that the voice which is first conceived of as weeping is now in joyful praise. The phrase, "may endure," means literally, "come to lodge," so Weeping and Joy seek a place within our house.—Alexander Maclaren.

Some Pages Missing

WORDS IN SEASON

R. H. B.

"HE WAS MADE"

In a recent number of the Firm Foundation appeared a most excellent article concerning the Lord Jesus Christ. Our space prohibits the reprinting of the entire article, though it would be well worth it. The following sum-up, however, gives the gist of it.

"*He was made*—" The Christ who is eternal, was in Time "made" something He was not before.

1. "*He was made flesh.*" In order to save us He must become man. A human body was prepared for Him (Heb. 10:5). God sent forth His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on our behalf. (Rom. 8:34.) Thus He assumed our humanity, that through death He might destroy him who has the power of death, that is, the devil; and might become a faithful and merciful Highpriest for us. (Heb. 2:14-18.)

2. "*Made of a Woman.*"— (Gal 4:4) Which again declares the fact that He was made flesh, and corroborates the prophecies and New Testament teaching of the Virgin Birth. (Isa. 7:14; Luke 1:28; Isa. 9:6.)

3. "*Made under the Law.*"— (Gal. 4: 4, 5.) He was born under the Law, and Himself fulfilled it. Whereupon He established the new law of the gospel. [Here I would express a minor dissent from that good article: the salvation of Christ is not "a law" in any such sense as *the law* was. It stands in contrast and opposition to law and the law-principle.]

4. "*Made a Curse.*" (Gal. 3:13; Deut. 21:23.) He bore the curse, for that He was hanged on the tree for us. "One who was never a curse to anybody was made a curse for everybody The extreme to which the love of God will go is seen in the pure, sinless, holy Son of God being made a curse to redeem those who are under a curse."

5. "*Made Sin.*" "Him who knew no sin was made to be sin on our behalf, that we might be made the righteousness of God in him." (2 Cor. 5:21.) "He was 'made sin' in that God dealt with Him as with sin. He was made for us all that which God hates and condemns, that we might be all that God loves and saves. The penalty of sin was executed in Christ. He suffered it for us. Thus He became the 'propitiation' for our sins. (Rom. 3:25; 1 John 2:2.) The vicarious death of Jesus is the foundation of salvation of grace (Eph. 2:8)."

6. "*Made Alive.*" This refers to His triumphant resurrection. "He was able to administer His mercy to us, because He is a living Savior."

7. He "was made unto us Wisdom from God, and righteousness, and Sanctification, and Redemption." (1 Cor. 1:30, 31.) In Him we have these things. Yea, He Himself was made all these things to every soul who accepts Him.

"BREAK UP YOUR FALLOW GROUND"

"Fallow ground" is land which was once plowed but has lain unused, and has become hardened and overgrown with weeds and thorns. It is a fitting figure to describe the state of a backslidden people. "Break up your fallow ground; sow not among the thorns," cried Jeremiah to Judah and Jerusalem (Jer. 4:3). There had been a great revival in Josiah's reign. The old Book had been found, and the reading of it stirred the king's heart to its depths. Immediately he began the work of cleansing and reformation. The people appeared enthusiastically with him in it. He celebrated a Passover the like of which had not been seen in Israel since the days of Samuel the prophet. In all this, and in every good thing, so long as Josiah lived, the people seemed whole-hearted. Only *He* who knoweth the hearts knew their real condition. They have "not turned to me with their whole heart, but feignedly," saith Jehovah (Jer. 3:10). It was outward show, not inward repentance they were giving Him. They turned to the Lord but with a great mental reservation. They were fallow ground; they sowed among the thorns. It is often so with men today. The once-plowed heart-soil has become fallow and hardened. Thorns have grown up in God's garden. It is not rare that men try to sow upon the unturned earth, and let the precious seed of truth fall in the midst of the thorns, devoutly hoping that some good may come of it. It is vain hope. The reason all the teaching and preaching you hear, and all the praying and resolving you do, is of no avail, is that the fallow ground has not been broken up, nor the thorns uprooted. Genuine, heart rending repentance is needed. We love our ease. We don't like to be bothered, and we do not like to bother ourselves. We dislike the thought of such an upheaval as true repentance demands to bring back the reality of religion (it has become like a dream and a hum-drum performance) and to make the heart infested with the thorn-growth of the "lust of other things" clean and sweet again; and the soul hardened by long and careless self-indulgence and yielding to the flesh—that requires the plowshare. Many will not go that far. They seek the more comfortable way of sowing among the thorns. For many a staid religionist the only hope lies in a complete revolution of life.

THE SPIRIT OF WORSHIP

This church lives by the love and loyalty of its members and friends. Its privileges are open to all who would walk with God. Its worship is designed to deepen the hunger for righteousness. It strives to give rest to the weary, comfort for the troubled, hope for the downcast, and the Christlike strength of the quiet mind to all who come within its portals in need or in aspiration.—From Horse Cave, Ky., Bulletin.

NEWS AND NOTES

Late again, so the "Lessons" are omitted. We hope you have the Quarterly. Publication was delayed while banks were closed—no funds coming in. Then the print-shop became busy with Literature orders for second quarter.

Several new schools added this time to the list of those who order their helps from us, or through us, and business in this line is unusually good and promising.

From Glenmora, La.: "The work at Forest Hill is progressing and a good spirit prevails. A young lady confessed faith in the Lord and was baptized recently.

"Alexandria, the third largest city in La., is a great mission point, where a few faithful members meet in the City Hall. I preach for them on second Sundays. A preacher is greatly needed to meet regularly with them and do mission work.

"Turkey Creek, about 30 miles south of Alexandria, is another mission field, full ripe for the harvest. I preach for them each fourth Lord's Day afternoon. If any congregation has song books, not in use, they could help them much by mailing them to me. Please remember the work in La. when you pray."—Sidney Mayeux.

From Highland Park, Louisville: "Six weeks ago we decided to make a drive for new members in the Sunday School; at that time we were averaging 25. For the past four Sundays we have had 42, 39, 44 and 46. We are expecting increased improvements.

"We have also begun a class in note reading for the improvement of our singing."—Paul Duncan.

From Oklahoma City: "We had a good time in the Dallas meeting. We are now in a Bible study here, meeting every night. Studying Acts and are in need of your prayers."—Earl C. Smith.

Dugger, Ind. where J. R. Clark labors, increases its Literature demands for second quarter, and Bro. Shepherd adds: "We are enjoying a nice increase in our Bible School with good interest shown by all."

Lipscomb on Romans, compiled under the able and accurate editorship of J. W. Shepherd, is now ready, off the Advocate Press. 285 pages, \$2.00. Order through this office.

From Johnson City, Tenn.: "Work here is getting on very well. We are shorter of funds than any time yet, but we are hoping for the best. Pray for us.

"The Word and Work continues that clean, high-class journal it has ever been. I thank the Lord for it, and pray God's blessings on its editors."—E. H. Hoover.

From Dallas: "Have done some remodeling work on the Mt. Auburn building and can now accommodate more people than when Brother Boll and Brother Jorgenson were here. The increase is slow, but we believe God is with us and we have reason to rejoice in seeing the manifestations of His work with us in answer to our prayers. We are praying that Mt. Auburn may be a church after His own heart."—Frank Mullins.

"Arrangements are being made for an inspirational union Young People's Meeting to be held at Portland Church, Louisville, April 7, 7:45 P. M. The subject will be, "Enlarging the View for Young People's Service." The entire service, including a special singing program, will be conducted by young people."—J. L. Addams.

From Seattle, Wash.: "Interesting and profitable meetings with saints in Alhambra and Norwalk, California. Excellent cooperation. Scheduled to speak at Denair, near Modesto and Turlock, California, March 12-26, on my way north. We plan a month's meeting during July in Seattle, corner of 5th Ave N. W. at West 62nd. Still soliciting names of members, relatives or prospects. Address the writer 6234 Third Ave. N. W. Thanks."—J Emmett Wainwright.

Send a quarter for 10 tracts, The "The Thief on the Cross" to use among the unsaved. It is a precious story.

From Coleman, Fla.: "Better late than never," I want to express my appreciation of The Word and Work and especially of the November number. The Christ-like spirit manifested by The Word and Work is likely to open the eyes of the reader who thinks when he reads. Since the teaching of the paper exalts Christ, and warns of His imminent return, we are helped to 'serve' better and to 'wait' patiently for our final redemption. The Word and Work affords spiritual food for the hungry; and to be without the paper would be a great loss. The November issue was nothing short of wonderful. It was timely and to the point. With this letter goes a prayer for The Word and Work that its mailing list will be greatly increased. We all need the paper. Please accept the enclosed money order in the name of the Lord.

"Last fourth Lord's Day a young man was baptized at the lake near Oxford. I am having a very interesting Bible class with the colored folk here. Pray for me."—John H. Adams.

Special Christian Worker's Training Classes are now in progress (last two weeks of March) in Louisville. The work is sponsored by churches of Christ in Louisville, and the enrollment represents nearly 20 congregations of the district. The faculty includes Stanford Chambers, R. H. Boll, R. E. Daugherty, D. H. Friend, John T. Glenn, Mrs. V. D. Holloway, Don Carlos Janes, E. L. Jorgenson, G. A. Klingman, Claude Neal, Jonah W. D. Skiles, J. Rhea White, S. L. Yeager, Miss Freda Zuercher.

There are 5 study groups each night, and the courses given are: "Principles of Bible School Teaching," "Personal Work and Home Missions," "Geography and Archaeology of Bible Lands"; "Bible School Management"; "Foreign Missions"; "Teaching of the Graded Groups"; "Outline Studies in the Bible."

The class rooms of the Portland Ave. Plant are used, and the opportunity for study with these teachers in such an atmosphere has been eagerly grasped by the 250 or more who are in attendance.

From Toronto: "We are pleased to announce that Brother F. L. Brooks will be with us at Strathmore Blvd. church on and after April 1. The Lord willing we will start by holding a two week's meeting. Please pray for us." A. E. Firth.

From Glenmora, La.: "Woodside is a mission among the French people. I have made two trips there. Prospects for a good harvest of souls are bright. The starting of this work is due to Brother Elmer Goble, who began doing personal work and preaching there as opportunities were offered. During his short stay among the people there, as a dragline operator, he won their confidence by his devoted life to Christ. He is loved and highly esteemed by those who live in that vicinity and know him.

"The Lord blessed our services near Palmetto, and Big Cane. Two people who had reached their three-score-and-ten years confessed their faith in Christ, and were baptized into Him. They had been of the Catholic faith from infancy.

"Pray for us that the Lord may continue to lead us into fields of usefulness. There is much mission work to be done, and the greater portion of my work is of that nature. Even the congregations that I am working with are small and weak financially. But the Lord who has promised will not fail, if we are faithful.

"One baptized at Cypress school house a few miles out from here. Good services here also."—W. J. Johnson.

Brother Chas. Neal writes that the Gospel Advocate Co. is to produce the Neal-Wallace Debate "within the next few months."

H. N. Rutherford begins gospel meetings in Highland church, Louisville, April 10. He writes from Lexington: "Pray for me that I may bring forth out of His treasure things new and old. I pray for us all as we labor together. Outlook here is still very encouraging. The crowds are increasing. Fine service with Brother E. L. Broadus last Sunday. He lectured at night with slides."

From Cynthiana, Ky.: "On the first Lord's Day in March, another was baptized into Christ from Bohon neighborhood. God is blessing the work there with visible fruits this year, and we praise Him for the increase."—Wilson Burks.

From Trinity, Texas: "By invitation, Brethren Wilmeth and Rambo of Huntsville, Texas, and G. W. Hardin, Ponca City, Oklahoma, have preached here recently. We are now entered upon our second year with the brethren here, and their zeal and fellowship is highly appreciated."—W. W. Leamons.

"Interest at Mt. Auburn continues good. We believe spiritual growth is evident. Studying Revelation at regular service Sunday mornings, expository reading. We need its blessing, and by His grace are receiving it. Sunday nights studying a lesson series, 'Fact and Sequence of Bible Events,' begin with Creation and ending with New Heaven and New earth. The Lord has opened a door for His word in residences round about us. Having home Bible readings each night in the week except Saturday. Pray for me that God may use me to glorify His name, that He may bless His word, and hearts may be blessed in finding the Lord."—Frank M. Mullins.

From Howe, Texas: "I am very glad to know of the excellent response of the brethren to Word and Work. It is encouraging to enter 1933 in such a way. I wish the subscription list could be doubled. Possibly it will be ere long."—G. B. Dasher.

From Lexington, Ky.: "We had 90 in our Bible study classes March 5, and there is a steady increase in interest along all lines of the Lord's work here in Lexington. Pray for us that we may bear fruit in every good work, and increase in the knowledge of God, strengthened with all power according to the might of His glory."—H. N. Rutherford.

From Hamlin, Tex.: "Kindly ship us by express, C. O. D. fifty copies 'Great Songs of The Church,' with the cloth binding, at your reduced price of 50c per copy. We have been using this book for some time and like it fine."—W. L. Fletcher, Jr.

From Toledo,: "We received the books on Thursday. They are fine books. What songs some didn't know others did, so we are pretty well familiar with the songs in the book. It surely was a treat to sing from the new book Sunday."—S. V. Knepper.

HARDING COLLEGE DRIVE

J. N. Armstrong

We did not reach the mark set for our drive, but since the end of the drive we have been negotiating with the insurance company hoping to effect a settlement. The college owns a tract of land in Mississippi of potential value. We are proposing the money and land for settlement. Hoping the company would accept, we have delayed an explanation. So far, they have not agreed to our proposal.

We want to assure all contributors of the fund we hold in trust, that the money is in safe keeping. Our bank is in good condition, and is now open again without restrictions.

These gifts were secured on the sacred promise that not a dollar would be used to apply on the debt till we could settle the debt in full. By our honor this fund is bound and is not ours, save to use as we promised. We therefore hold it in trust.

We believe yet that we shall be able to effect a settlement, when business again revives. A number made pledges, to be paid if we need their gift. These we will notify if and when we reach an agreement to settle.

Plans are being made for another year and already we are able to say that we are strengthening substantially the teaching force for another year. Interest for the summer school is growing, and correspondence is brisk for the fall enrollment.

Father said, "I kept them in thy name which thou hast given me, and not one of them perished, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled." Judas, then, perished; and we are not even called upon to justify God in the matter. It is for us to be entirely over on God's side of the question; and to be like Him also in that we are "not wishing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."

SOME THOUGHTS IN PARAGRAPHS

J. F. SMITH

Perhaps no one thing has been more productive of injury to the cause of our Redeemer than what may be generally termed church authority. Any human authority among God's people either delegated or assumed interferes with the liberty that God has vouchsafed to His faithful. "For freedom did Christ set us free, stand fast therefore and be not entangled again in a yoke of bondage." (Gal. 5:1.) "For ye, brethren, were called for freedom, only use not your freedom for an occasion to the flesh." (Gal. 5:13.) Even we who reject the idea of ecclesiastical authority sometimes try to force certain deductions from Bible texts, or interpretations that admit of doubt on our brethren as doctrinal standards. Some of us accept the interpretations of the great, good men of a former day as infallible. I am raising the question as to whether I have been following the traditions of the fathers when I should have been studying the Bible to find religious guidance. I do not mean to discourage availing ourselves of the good teachers that preceded us. I find myself looking over the writings of Campbell, McGarvey, Lipscomb, Brents and others. I have the sermons of John Wesley, Charles Spurgeon, and D. L. Moody, and I find them helpful. I want to be awake to the teaching that goes through the religious papers and that appears in the books and tracts now-a-days; but I do not want to count any man's conclusions or interpretations of scripture a religious standard.

Not long ago a prominent young preacher who claims to be undenominational and to have no doctrine but such as can be read in the Bible, said of certain religious teaching, "It's all right but the brethren won't receive it." A famous Texas preacher is quoted as saying of certain plain texts on the Holy Spirit, "They are consoling and inspiring but they cannot be preached among our brethren now" (this statement was made to a close personal friend and fellow-preacher.) One other noted preacher who lays great claims to being undenominational is quoted by his bosom friend as saying of certain Bible statements on the second coming of Christ, "They are not generally accepted truths." Is an unwritten creed ("generally accepted truths") less harmful because it is not written in some code?

THE EARTHQUAKE (From a private letter)

I was sitting at home reading when suddenly there came a terrific roaring and rumbling sound and I was nearly sure that it was a quake. It lasted about 10 seconds before the shake took place, but when it did come, well you can judge for yourself: the furniture chased me around room and the sidewalks were a "Leaping Lena." Many people in the neighborhood ran out into the street, which was the worst thing they could have done, the result of which was the toll of their lives.

The church at Huntington Park had to give up their meeting house as their building was slightly damaged and they met with us at Central. The congregation made a survey of members and it seems that no particular suffering is being experienced by them; however, a contribution of both finances and supplies of all kinds was quickly assembled and rushed to the various places where aid was most needed. We are all keeping close watch on the conditions of our members and others as well and are doing all we can to help them. If there should be an urgent need of additional assistance that we are unable to give, we will surely call upon you and our friends in Louisville for we know they will go the limit. The greatest menace now is sickness from exposure as many are homeless.

We drove down to Huntington Park yesterday, and hardly a building along the main street escaped. In some places the whole face of the building was torn out.

Long Beach and Compton have suffered most; Los Angeles was the most fortunate of any of the towns around.

It is conceded that this shock was greater than the one in San Francisco in 1906 and except for the lack of fire, this would have been much greater. It was a fortunate thing that the Navy was in the harbor at the time for as soon as it was over, the Marines landed (about 10,000 of them) and had things under control.

O. B. Curtis.

JAMES THOMAS LOCKE

Brother Locke, elder of the church of Christ at Lawrenceburg, Tenn., pillar and strength of the Lord's congregation there, fell asleep in Christ Jan. 5, 1933. He was almost sixty years old; and for more than forty of those years had he been a Christian. Brother Locke was a man of simple, humble piety, gentle of heart and manner, always kind and good, but when the need required, strong and zealous for the Lord and for His word. The loss to the church in his departure is very great. He was an asset to the Name of Christ. The world beheld the testimony of his pure and faithful life. He acquitted himself honorably and uprightly before God and in the sight of men, and walked in love toward all. His loss was deeply mourned by all his friends and by the circle of his devoted loved ones, and by all the church; yet not with the sorrow of those who have no hope. There were no regrets in Brother Locke's death, nor darkness nor fear; but the confidence and consolation which is in Christ, and the light and hope of the rest that remaineth to the people of God, the resurrection and joyful reunion with the Lord and with one another in that day.

R. H. B.

BELLA M. GERRINGER

When, on the morning of March 12, Sister Bella M. Gerringer, of Cincinnati, departed to be with the Lord, the local assembly lost one of its pillars and earth gave up one of its choicest saints. She was born in Edinburg, Scotland, May 9, 1875; came to the U. S. when about 17; was a Presbyterian from her youth; married Bro. William Gerringer Feb. 21, 1900; was baptized by the writer Dec. 27, 1908; and lost her husband Sept. 1, 1924. Her health began to fail about 12 years ago; a stroke came in 1928 and another in December 1932. For the last 13 weeks, she was confined to her bed. Sister Gerringer had many virtues, but that which probably was most outstanding was her great spirit of sacrifice, of living most unselfishly for others. We lament her loss, but glory in her promotion.

Don Carlos Janes.

ON FOREIGN FIELDS

MISSIONARY NOTES

DON CARLOS JANES

1933—and yet there are more than 1,100,000,000 who have never heard the gospel. * * “The Landlord’s word is as trustworthy as Satan’s.”—*N. B. Wright*.

Money matters being tight with us is all the more reason for conscientiously considering the missionaries. * * “We enjoy the work very much.”—*Roy Whitfield*. * * Does the Lord intend Luke 2:10 to apply this year? * * Ramona Smith made Brazilian garden in January. * * “Our Bible school is to open next week.”—*Geo. Benson*. Fifteen prospective students were known. * * Sister Bixler went to Tokyo to meet Sister Bernard on her way to China, but the ship was behind schedule. This, however, enabled Sister Mattley to return from the interior in time to help the Bernards land and get settled in Hong Kong.

Some missionaries are so short of support as to be in debt and uncomfortable. The solution is for us all to economize; sacrifice; enlist others; and withal to pray. * * The indigenous idea was given its way when Bro. Cassell “left 14 to grow in grace and extend the work themselves.” * * Missionaries in Africa are having to pay \$5 poll tax this year. * * “The more I read of world conditions the less hope I see for the improvement of world conditions.”—*John Sherriff*. * * Bro. Merritt was disappointed in the sale of sweet potato plants because the man thought they were red instead of white. Time will tell. * * “Not more than two or three in a village can read or write.”—*Addie Brown*. * * “When people learn to live more simply and leave off many needless expenses, times will improve.”—*J. M. McCaleb*. * * Sister Cypert reported three baptisms. * * Pauline Fox is in Louisville for goitre treatments. Pray for her and for the husband in school at Nashville with the children. Sister Morehead helps in their care.

BROTHER McCALB'S PAPER

For several years Bro. J. M. McCaleb has been printing a monthly paper in Japanese which he calls “The Way of Truth.” The purpose of the paper which enters hundreds of non-Christian homes is to lead the people from darkness to Light. I feel sure the paper is doing a great work.

Brother McCaleb informs me that he cannot continue this way of entering heathen homes unless the brethren support it better. Let me urge you in the name of Christ to make a personal sacrifice. Address J. M. McCaleb, 68 Zoshigaya, Tokyo, Japan, using a five-cent stamp. Enclose a paper bill or a check and write Brother McCaleb an encouraging personal letter. He has been on the field a long time and is a worthy “Soldier of the Cross.”

May God use you and Brother McCaleb to spread the good news. It is great to be a worker in the Master’s vineyard.

B. D. Morehead.

MISSIONARY REPORTS AND LETTERS

BRETHREN IN DISTANT LANDS

The purpose of this notice is to remind brethren generally of the needs of those who for conscience' sake have gone to make Christ known where the needs are the greatest and the helpers are the fewest. Ordinarily, they receive only a modest support. In the past several months this has been much reduced—even to **less than the cost of living** in some cases. If we fail now in our giving, actual suffering among these earnest and worthy Christians seems inevitable.

Let all who have been giving continue to give in full or in part as the blessings of God make possible; let those who have dropped out renew their fellowship in such measure as circumstances permit; and may we, in the name of Christ, invite the great number of well-meaning Christians who have felt no obligation to help in the larger and needier fields abroad to lend a helping hand in this time of exceptional urgency? You will be well repaid in various ways including the thankful acknowledgment that will come back to you from the distant land. We are still able to do something fine at this point. (Study 2 Cor. 9:8-10.) Besides our teaching brethren abroad, there are native Christians suffering from famine.

Remit promptly by money order or other safe method, to the writer (at 1046 Dudley Ave., Louisville, Ky.) or any of the other treasurers who are forwarding funds, and the full amount, as always, will go out with any word of encouragement you may send to accompany your fellowship. Designate the object of your gift or leave it to the forwarders in the light of latest information received.

Don Carlos Janes.

PHILIPPINE MISSION NOTES



H. G. Cassell

The readers of Word and Work will be interested to know that we have labored in word and deed here in the Philippines during the year that has just passed away. While conditions beyond our control broke into our plans a number of times the worship was started in a number of new places and about 50 were baptized into Christ. The church is much stronger in some places than it was a year ago. There are still many opportunities, to preach the gospel all over the islands and thousands will hear and believe if men are sent to preach to them.

It is our desire to do more preaching, more teaching and more printing and distributing of Christian literature in the form of tracts and letters during this year than we have ever done before. To be able to do this we need the support of your prayers as well as material support for living, travel, printing and mailing.

VIRGIL SMITH LETTER

I baptized three women day before yesterday. One married, the first person to be baptized in this city and they are now living in Cedro. Of the eight baptized here all but three have moved away and one of them will perhaps leave soon if the Lord does not provide a way for her to have a living here. The husband of her sister with whom she lives lost his job. We do not know why as his employer gave no reason but it seems probable that the priests have a hand in it as we have been preaching to good crowds in his house for some time and they always do all they can to get Christians out of the city.

Virgil Smith.

E. L. BROADDUS REPORT

We appreciate the way we have been received and thank God for the help and encouragement along the way. In the six months we have been in the States we have attended 194 gatherings in Tenn., Ky., Ind., Ohio, Mich., and Ontario, traveled 6672 miles. Helped raise the travel fund for Sister Bernard and she is now on the field with Sister Mattley and getting settled in the language study. Were glad to make the acquaintance of Miss Odessa White who expects to sail with us this coming summer and we are still praying for a young couple to go along too. We realize the financial conditions and know many are doing all they can, but there are thousands who claim to be simple Christians who are still wasting more than they give the Lord. In our travels we have seen enough put in garbage cans and ash-trays to more than support a couple on the field. The gold and silver are the Lord's and He will prosper His own if they but trust Him. Let us do more trusting..

I leave Lancaster March 22 for an 18-day trip through Tenn., with meetings every night and some in the daytime. Would like to make a trip farther West and South but time will not permit now. Have some meetings around here for the last half of April and May, then will go north in June and toward the West coast the last of June.

E. L. Broaddus.

EMMA BEACH LETTER

I always think of the churches at home on Mondays for it is then your Sunday and you are worshipping, while we are busy about our Monday work.

I am now taking care of a home for sick foreigners of all nations, as well as for natives here, which allows me the privilege of a teacher in the language. I feel that the Lord is using me here in the house. Two of the nurses and one of the maids are becoming quite interested in the church work. I have two regular classes a week. My teacher teaches a class each Sunday hence my work is being felt here in many homes where the story of the Lord has never gone. Please keep me in your prayers.

Mrs. Emma Beach.

THE STAFF OF BREAD BROKEN

Chas. E. Gruver

"When a land sinneth and I stretch out my hand and break off the staff of bread thereof; though these men, Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it they should but deliver their own souls by their righteousness." Now, in our day, 1933, the rod of Jehovah's chastisement is upon our land and the staff of bread has been cut off from many mouths. What shall we do? The time is far spent when the gaps in the wall of our spiritual lives should be filled up with prayer. Let us strengthen the weak walls of our faith with mortar tempered in the sure promises of God's word. (Ezek. 12:22; 13:12.) Let us heed no longer the cry of foxes in the wild places that point to human institutions and governments for relief. (Ez. 12:18; 13:14.) The Council at Geneva cannot cure the world's ills. Neither can treaties prevent war. Economic experts have daubed our ears full of untempered mortar, but human wisdom cannot avail. Those who cry, "Peace! Peace! And prosperity with the new administration," prophesy out of their own hearts and have no vision from the Lord. (14:13; 13:7.)

God's Hand Holds the Staff of Bread

Two roads lie before us: that of Sodom, and that of Nineveh. Sodom's sins were pride, fullness of bread, prosperous ease, failure to help the poor, haughtiness, and abominations. And our own country may profit by her example. Yet God has not brought upon us any of His four sore judgments, sword, famine, evil beasts, and pestilence, but has sent us a merciful warning not at all commensurate with our sins. As wise sons let us receive the correction of our Heavenly Father and imitate the

example of ancient Nineveh by putting on sackcloth and ashes of repentance. We know that God rained manna down out of heaven for the children of Israel; then why should it seem incredible to us that the staff of bread is in God's hand, and has never been in man's. That is why Jesus taught us to pray, "Give us this day our daily bread." Ningsinhien, Hopei; N. China.

CLARA KENNEDY LETTER

Bro. Neal has just written me that Winchester's gift from now on will be \$6 instead of \$10. They were my best and most dependable supporters so it makes quite a difference but I'm sure the Lord will provide in some other way. He hasn't failed me yet and I don't expect Him to now. It certainly looks as if things were "heading up," doesn't it? I hope so. This world, in its present condition, isn't very pleasant and the joy of seeing our Lord will be wonderful. Please pray for us always.
68 Zoshigaya, Tokyo, Japan. Clara Kennedy.

BOYER REPORT

The rains are beginning well, but over 600 have already died here in Ipu. Many are little more than skeletons. We have a rule to never turn any away from our door. The government has taken heroic measures to keep the people alive. We hear that seed will be furnished for planting. However many are too weak to plant.

The report of work of all this mission for the year 1932 follows: Congregations, 7; baptisms, 69; Congregations directing their own meetings, 6; Sunday Schools, 9; Pupils enrolled, 172; Full-time paid workers, 3; Part-time paid workers, 2; Workers paid by mission, 3; Workers paid by natives, 2.

Regular meetings each week: Matta Grande, 4; Pedra, 3; Cajazeira, 2; Crato, 3; Alagoa de B., 3; Piranhas, 4; Campo Salles, 4; Floresta, 4; New places given Gospel, 16.

Publications: Monthly news sheet; S. S. Literature; 88,000 Port. tracts.

The Lord has been very good to us the past year, yet we feel very keenly that He could not bless us more because of our inability to receive. We greatly need a revival. There is so little joyful reading of the Word and conversing with Him. There seems to be almost no burden over lost souls. James 4:8-10 seems to be almost without meaning. We are making such a little advance against the forces of Satan. We cannot expect anything less than to have our candlestick removed—unless we repent!

Ipu, Ceara, Brazil.

O. S. Boyer.

BIXLER LETTER

We have had three baptisms so far this year. Had the biggest number ever last year. We have a lovely worker whose main thought is with the old and poor. He is not too strong but spends all day and most of his nights out with the people.

We saw the Rhodes' last week. They are doing fine this winter although Bess thinks Robert is very thin. They are using the Calvert system with their children. Teaching is my hardest work, for people will come and they have to be seen. Then I have my baby and he has to have attention. Remember us always in your prayers.

Anna Bixler.

FROM HENG CHOW, KWONG SAI

I am up here trying to get things started before I have to return to the coast. Mr. and Mrs. Poon and I left the coast the evening of Dec. 26 and reached here the night of January 1. We had a good quick trip but the last part of it was cold. The thermometer stays down. I have on all the clothes I can conveniently get into.

We have had meetings most of the nights since we reached here. Mr. Poon is a good preacher and we trust will live as well as he talks.

We want to go on to Naam Heung for a few days or a week. In the meantime have had the chapel given a much needed coat of whitewash; the earth floor dug up and repounded; a bathroom partitioned off, etc.

Three were baptized at the Shamshuipo chapel on Christmas Day. I think some others are almost ready at Wou Choi. Here a number of the women are interested because of Miss Wong's and my work last year but their men folks say, "It is all right to listen to the gospel but you can't go any further." This is China and the men's word is law, so there it is. We are trying to get Mr. Poon in touch with those men. You see men's and women's work must go hand in hand to bring the best results.

Bros. Whitfield and Davis arrived Dec. 22 just before I left the coast. Bro. Benson was down and together we met the boat. They are a fine couple and I know will be a great help in the work. I trust Miss Bernard will arrive soon.

Box 192, Hong Kong.

Ethey Mattley.

N. B. WRIGHT LETTER

How would you like to have been with us these last few days? We have been going to different villages in pairs. Yesterday an evangelist and I rode 15 miles and preached in four villages. He was tired out, but I felt fine after the trip. Today we made two villages. In these last few days the Chinese people have been idle because of the "New Year" Holidays. The opportunity for village work has been splendid, and they seem to respond better than last year. It may be that the calamities and wars have sobered the people. I would not venture to say how many thousands have heard the Word in these two or three weeks. In one village one young man seemed very interested, took every kind of tract we gave him. He was present in the meeting last Sunday.

On the field we see more clearly than in the home-land that the Lord must call out these people. We may sweat and labor with all our might, yet if the Lord doesn't work, we are doomed for disappointment. Ningsin, Via Kaoyi, Hopei, N. China.

N. B. Wright.

B. D. MOREHEAD REPORT

I visited the following churches in February in the interest of missions: Park Circle, Russell St., Boscobel St., Grandview Heights, all in Nashville. Churches near Nashville as follows: Rock Springs, Antioch, Green Hill and Berea.

Lewis T. Oldham from China, an associate worker with Geo. Benson, is spending a month in Nashville. Very favorable reports are coming in from several places he has already visited. He is to appear before 20 different groups in Nashville.

B. D. Morehead.

JOHN SHERRIFF LETTER

(Brother Sherriff's letter, dated Feb. 8, was so interesting, with news of the work and needs of so many of the harvest laborers in Africa, that it hurts to have to delete it to the limits of this issue.—Publisher.)

We have all enjoyed good health and strength since writing you last. God has sustained us by His grace, blest us in our labors, and through you, supplied our every need, for which great and precious blessings our hearts are full of thankfulness to God, and every brother and sister interested in us.

Last Saturday Bro. McCruddon baptized into Christ a married man, M. van Ingrankan. Two men and a young lady have been baptized in the Hanover St. Baths, since my last.

We are now in the middle of summer, 107 in the shade last week. Meetings inside and out fairly well attended.

Bro. H. Langton from England was at Mayville Jan. 9 to 16 and is now en route to Nyaraland. We enjoyed his visit very much.

Daughter Molly arrived Jan. 20 on leave from the hospital Salisbury, but had to return in February. She surely enjoyed the sea-air after a year in the wards of the hospital.

Rhodesia (Southern in particular) is being blessed with an exceptionally wet season this year.

Bro. and Sister Short writing January 26, report all are well, but experiencing great difficulty in getting into Salisbury for stores etc., owing to bad roads, swollen rivers and bad tires. The church house at Huyuyu will be the biggest and best we have in S. Africa, when completed. He still needs financial help for materials, windows, doors, etc.

Bro. Dewitt Garrett writes from Salisbury that with Short's and their own children they had measles in their house for two months. Weather hot, and plenty of rain.

They had fifty-eight baptisms at Salisbury and Umsweze, during 1932. This year to date, 10 baptisms and attendance increasing. (Brethren, let me whisper this lest the authorities hear it:) Brother Garrett had received only \$49 for January, barely enough to pay rent, water, light, and fuel. Brethren, I may be wrong, but it does seem to me that it would be more Christ-like and business-like to call these workers back home, than to starve them like this in Africa. E'er this reaches You, I understand Sis. Garrett expects to be an inmate of the maternity hospital. Please pray for them and help them.

Sister A. B. Reese writes from Sinde Mission, Northern Rhodesia, January 27. They were busy plowing and planting, teaching school and preaching. Their support has averaged only \$58 since they have been alone.

The Merritt family were all well except Mary Elizabeth who had sore eyes again. A post card from Sister Scott, Namwianga Home, Kalome, N. Rhodesia, reports all well. They were to open a small school on January 23. The church services were held at the mission. They were having continuous rains.

Sorry I have no news from Bro. and Sister Brown, only they too expected to open school on January 23.

Our Nyasaland teachers report 35 baptisms at Namiwawa and Tondwe, in December 1932.

Bro. J. W. Claassen writes me from Bulawayo, Rhodesia, that they were put out of their house, so had to go home. He says, "We have not left the Lord's work, and are going back to it as soon as funds permit."

Bro. Alf Bowen writes from "Dadaya Mission" about one hundred miles from Bulawayo. This work is supported by the Churches of Christ in New Zealand, the present missionaries being Bro. and Sister Bowen, Sister Mrs. Mansill and Miss Mansill, (Bro. Mansill gave his life and is buried not far from "Dadaya"), also Bro. and Sister Hay. He expects the total converts from both reserves for 1932 will total about eight hundred. Dadaya, or Ingomi Mission near by where Bro. Mansill is buried was the first off-shoot from the Bulawayo work, and was opened up by Bro. F. L. Hadfield, who is still in charge of the Bulawayo work. Bro. Thos. Anderson is buried at Intini Mission, another off-shoot six miles out of Bulawayo. Bro. Ray Lawyer is buried at Sinde Mission, Livingstone, Northern Rhodesia. Dear reader, what has preaching the gospel of Christ to the heathen cost you?

In closing, I hope and pray that God's love and faithfulness to each one of us in the past may constrain us all to love Him more, and serve Him better as long as life shall last.

John W. Sherriff.

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