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# THE WORD AND WORK

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## SOMETIME

Sometime, when all life's lessons have been learned,  
And sun and stars forevermore have set,  
The things which our weak judgment would have spurned,  
The things o'er which we grieved with lashes wet,  
Will flash before us, out of life's dark night,  
As stars shine most in deepest tints of blue,  
And we shall see how all God's plans were right,  
And how what seemed reproof was love most true.

And we shall see how, while we frown and sigh,  
God's plans go on as best for you and me;  
How, when we called, He heeded not our cry,  
Because His wisdom to the end could see;  
And e'en as prudent parents disallow  
Too much of sweet to craving babyhood,  
So God, perhaps, is keeping from us now  
Life's sweetest things, because it seemeth good.

And if, sometimes, commingled with life's wine,  
We find the wormwood, and rebel and shrink,  
Be sure a wiser hand than yours or mine  
Pours out this potion for our lips to drink;  
And if some friend we love is lying low,  
Where human kisses cannot reach his face,  
Oh! do not blame the loving Father so,  
But wear your sorrow with obedient grace!

And you shall shortly know that lengthened breath  
Is not the sweetest gift God sends His friend,  
And that, sometimes, the sable pall of death  
Conceals the fairest boon His love can send.  
If we could push ajar the gates of life,  
And stand within, and all God's workings see,  
We could interpret all this doubt and strife,  
And for each mystery could find a key.

But not today. Then be content, poor heart!  
God's plans, like lilies pure and white, unfold;  
We must not tear the close-shut leaves apart;  
Time will reveal the calyxes of gold.  
And if, through patient toil, we reach the land  
Where tired feet, with sandals loosed, may rest,  
When we shall clearly know and understand,  
I think that we will say, "God knew the best."

—Sel.

# WORDS IN SEASON

R. H. B.

## THE PRESENT WORLD SITUATION

It is necessary, no doubt, in order to prevent panic and unreasoning fear, that statesmen, public speakers and writers and newspapers and news-agencies should keep up an optimistic note, and that news calculated to arouse unnecessary alarm should be held in the background or ignored. So much is very well. However, God's people should not be deceived as to the real situation. Never did foreboding clouds hang more heavy and black over the earth. While disarmament talk goes on the nations are arming, feverishly, on all sides, as if in preparation for a great world-wide conflict. Things are swiftly moving on to a crisis and an issue. Nationally and internationally, socially, politically, industrially, commercially, educationally, religiously, economically—everywhere, in everything there is extreme tension and unrest. What the outcome of the present world-situation will be no man is able to predict. It is a time, if ever there was, to pray for kings and rulers and for all who are in authority and high place (1 Tim. 2:1-4). It is high time too for Christians to awake out of sleep, to put off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light, for the day is at hand. (Rom. 13:11-14.) It is time, too, for them to look up and lift up their heads, for the time of their redemption draweth nigh. (Luke 21:21.) It is time to do the Lord's work most earnestly and zealously, for the night cometh when no man can work. (John 9:4.) "The morning cometh and also the night." The Christian's one outlook is the return of the Son of God from heaven whom He raised from the dead, "even Jesus who delivereth us from the wrath to come." (1 Thess. 1:10.)

## THE WORLD'S FEAR

"Fear not their fear, neither be troubled; but sanctify in your hearts Christ as Lord: being ready always to give answer to every man that asketh you a reason concerning the hope that is in you." (1 Pet. 3:14, 15.) These words of the apostle Peter are taken from Isaiah's message to Judah in a time of great national fear and terror. Ephraim (the Ten-Tribe Kingdom) had combined with Syria, with the avowed purpose of destroying the kingdom of Judah. When the report of it reached the king, "his heart trembled and the heart of his people as the trees of the forest tremble with the wind." (Isa. 7:2.) Then Jehovah sent a reassuring message by Isaiah: "Take heed and be quiet; fear not, neither let thy heart faint . . . Thus saith the Lord Jehovah, It shall not stand, neither shall it come to pass." (Isa. 7:4-7.) With that went special warning against the unbelief that would not be calmed and comforted by God's word. "If ye will not believe, surely ye shall not be established." (Isa. 7:9.) This is the setting in

which we find the passage which Peter applies to the admonition of Christians in time of trouble, and which is full of meaning for our day.

"Make an uproar O ye peoples, and be broken in pieces . . . take counsel together and it shall be brought to nought; speak the word and it shall not stand: for *God is with us*. For Jehovah spake thus with me, with a strong hand, and instructed me not to walk in the way of this people, saying, Say ye not, A conspiracy! concerning all whereof this people shall say, A conspiracy; *neither fear ye their fear*, nor be in dread thereof. Jehovah of hosts, him shall ye sanctify; and let him be your fear, and let him be your dread." (Isa. 8:9-13.)

The picture raised before our eyes is that of nations rising like the waves of the sea in a storm—only to be dashed in pieces as breakers against the rocky coast. They combine and confederate, they plan and plot—but they can avail nothing against the people of God, for God is with them. Do not fear therefore (says God to His people) as the unbelieving, panic-stricken multitude fears. "Fear not *their fear*, neither be troubled." Jehovah alone shall be your fear and He shall be your trust. (Ps. 34:4-7.) "For thus saith the Lord Jehovah, the Holy One of Israel, *In returning and rest shall ye be saved; in quietness and confidence shall be your strength.*" (Isa. 30:15.) "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose heart is stayed on thee, because he trusteth in thee. Trust ye in Jehovah for ever, for in Jehovah, even Jehovah is an everlasting rock (Literally, "Rock of Ages." Isa. 26:3, 4). And if the troubled world, seeing your quiet peace and joy, comes to ask of you the reason for such hope as that, be ready to return answer to every man; "yet with meekness and fear."

#### SATAN IN THE CHURCH

"Get thee behind me Satan" said the Lord Jesus to presumptuous Peter who had attempted to dissuade Him from the way of the cross. When the Lord Jesus had announced to His disciples that He must go up to Jerusalem, there to suffer many things at the hands of the chief priests, elders and scribes—it was Peter who undertook to set the Lord straight: "Be it far from thee Lord, this shall never be unto thee." The terrible, withering rebuke that fell upon Peter reveals the seriousness of the matter. This was a vital point with the Lord Jesus—the vital point. For He had come into the world that He might go to the cross to accomplish the will of the Father, in the redemption of men. Behind Peter's attempt to turn Him from this (and the Lord Jesus discerned it instantly) was the hand of the Evil One. Christ's blundering apostle was Satan's tool, for the moment identified with Satan's one great and sole purpose, Satan's agent and representative in this specific matter. Hence the awful word which was indeed addressed to Peter insofar as he represented Satan, but rather meant for the Devil himself, who had found in Peter his will-

ing though unwitting instrument. The rest of the rebuke applied more directly to Peter; "thou mindest not the things of God but the things of men." (Matt. 16:23.) It was by this frailty that Satan used him as an instrument. Every man in the church who minds the interests and preferences of men rather than the will and interest of God, becomes a tool of the devil, to hinder and thwart and deflect and ruin the work of God. Such a man represents Satan in such a matter. And how often are "the things of men" given precedence over the will of God! There is much secret or undisguised aiming at numerical strength, financial power, and social prestige, in the church; with which aims God has no part or sympathy: they are "the things of men." In order to attain such ends the will of God must be set aside; ways, means, and methods must be used which are not of Him; and many unprincipled things are done in order to make a fair show in the flesh. Thus God's work is made void, corruption comes in, and God is dishonored. These are "the things of men"—in other words, the way of the world. "Love not the world neither the things that are in the world: if any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world: the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eye, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away and the lust thereof, but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever." (1 John 2:15-17.)

Satan's work is often seen in the church—sometimes in its careful avoidance of reproach and suffering for Jesus; or again in its worldly pretense and vain show, in pride of party, of number, of wealth, of magnificent buildings and institutions, and bidding for the patronage of the mighty. These are not God's interests, but man's. And out of these things grows the corruption of Christendom and its final rejection.

#### THE CHURCH IN THE WORLD

The true church (and every true Christian) represents the Lord Jesus Christ. "As he is, so are we in the world." Now we share with Him in His rejection; some day we shall share in His glory. Now the church is unknown and unrecognized, ("for this cause the world knoweth us not because it knew him not," John 3:2); but then it shall be revealed with Him at His manifestation and coming (Col. 3:4). Now the church suffers with Him, then it reigns with Him. Now, like her Lord, the faithful church incurs the enmity of the world ("marvel not if the world hate you for it hated me before it hated you"); but then the saints shall judge the world. (1 Cor. 6:2.) So long as this age endures the true church will be a poor, lowly and despised little company—not many wise, not many mighty, not many noble are called, but God chose the "foolish," the weak, the poor, the base, the nobodies. Since our Lord suffered without the gate, so do they go forth with Him without the gate, bearing His reproach, "for we have no

abiding city here: we look for one to come." And so long as "this present evil age," the law of the path is, "Let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me." But all the tendency and pressure all along has been to change and mitigate all this—to make the way of the cross pleasant to the flesh, to make godliness a way of gain and earthly success, to obtain the world's friendship, to find favor and prestige instead of rejection and enmity, to have honor rather than reproach. But that involves compromise. And that accounts for the present state of professing Christendom. Now, "whosoever would save his life shall lose it; and whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's shall save it." And "whosoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of man also shall be ashamed of him, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." (Mark 8:35-38.)

### THE BELIEVER IN CHRIST

The believer is "the light of the world," "the salt of the earth," "a city set on a hill," "a child of God," "an heir of God and joint-heir with Christ." He is a "partaker of the divine nature," he is "one with Christ," and Christ is one with him: he is "espoused" and "married" unto Christ; he is a member of Christ's body; Christ liveth in him, dwelleth in his heart, sups with him, and he sups with Christ; the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit make their abode with him, and condescend to have "fellowship" and "communion" with him; he is "chosen in Christ"; is "accepted in the Beloved"; has "redemption through His Blood"; he has "put on Christ"; is "in Christ"; is "crucified with Christ" is "risen with Christ," and is "seated in heavenly places with Christ."

The believer has an anchor for his hope, a Forerunner already entered into Heaven on his behalf, a Captain to command and direct him, a great High Priest for his Advocate and intercessor, a home in prospect where all is bright with joy, and a faithful Promiser who has said, "I go to prepare a place for you; I will come again and receive you unto Myself," then to be with Him and like Him for ever.—Selected.

Any normal mind which gives the Scriptures fair consideration will become a believing mind. Even the single sketch of Christ's life penned by John is sufficient to develop saving faith, for though our Lord did many more signs than those which John wrote down, "These are written that ye may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing, ye may have life in his name." (John 20:31.) A live, active faith "working through love" (Gal. 5:6) which delights to obey the will of the Lord (1 John 5:3) justifies the sinner and sustains the saint. We live by faith; we walk by faith; "and this is the victory that hath overcome the world, even our faith." Blessed is the true believer in Christ.—D. C. J.

## NEWS AND NOTES

Shall we omit the "Lord's Day Lessons" permanently and convert this space into a Department of Missionary Letters from all fields? This is up for decision just now. Write us your preference: Do you use the monthly magazine in lesson preparation, or do you all have our quarterly (25c the year)? The missionary enterprise deserves at least the space given this month and last (6 to 8 pages), but it is difficult to devote this amount of space and run the lessons too.

From El Paso: "We are delighted with the new books (Great Songs of The Church) and get a great deal of pleasure in using the wonderful collection of songs in our worship. It has done much to make our services more impressive and inspiring at Montana and Raynor St. Church."—Hoyt B. Smith.

So many write that this magazine has "helped" them so much. Are there not many others who need the same help, and who will never see the W. W. unless you tell them? A dollar bill with 4 names will provide 4 friends with a three-month's trial subscription each.

"Two were baptized at Portland Ave. last Sunday night; a man and wife from Rowan St. Mission last Wednesday night. One came from Baptists today and one baptized. The Young People's meeting Friday night was one that really glorified the Lord."—Stanford Chambers.

We are renewing many who say they eagerly desire the paper but cannot pay; and we are constantly sending to the missionaries without compensation. Gifts to a fund for this purpose are needed.

From Pensacola, Fla.: "I have been intending to write you ever since we ordered 'Great Songs of the Church' from you last fall. The more we use the books the more attached to them we become. Without a doubt they are far superior to any book I have ever seen. Visitors are impressed not only with the songs but with the general makeup of the books. They add dignity to the worship of Jehovah."—J. M. Powell.

Quantity Sales of the alphabetical hymnal, "Great Songs of the Church" since last report:

Ft. Worth, Texas; Greenville, S. C.; Brady, Texas; San Angelo, Texas; Galveston, Texas; Union City, Tenn.; Altus, Okla.; Hamlin, Texas; College Station, Texas; Sabinal, Texas; Rose Hill, Kan.; Pulas-ki, Tenn. ("Cool Springs" church).

We have 5 copies, "Life of George Muller," by Pierson, 375 pages, cloth, \$1.50 each.

Brother Thos. Lafollette reports two coming for baptism and one for "membership" at a recent prayer-meeting of Rowan Street Mission, Louisville.

The Season of Summer meetings is just upon us: Are you supplied with suitable tracts? Send 25c for sample set of seven.

Lipscomb on Romans, Edited by J. W. Shepherd, 285 pages, \$2.00.

"May the blessings of the Lord be upon you. I covet an interest in your prayers."—O. E. Phillips.

Get McCaleb's "On The Trail of The Missionaries," 275 pages, \$2. The book will help you and the money will help Brother McCaleb, whose support, in view of new expenses, is all too short. Order from this office.

"Thief on the Cross," a tract for sinners or disheartened Christians, 2½c each. In quantities of 50 or more, 1c each.

Brother Boll was called to Harri-man, Tenn., by friends there interested in an undenominational Bible course, for the first week of April. Unusual interest held him through a second week.

Send a quarter for 10 tracts, "The Thief on the Cross" to use among the uncaved.

The special Christian Workers' Training Course, conducted in Louisville in March, was attended by over 200, of whom 166 were enrolled for regular study. Of the 166, 61 were Sunday School teachers. At least 18 churches in the Louisville district were well represented.

From Atlanta: "On March 26 I visited the church at Bogart, Ga. speaking both morning and evening. I am told that this congregation was established largely through the efforts of a Christian who was employed as a telegraph operator in that village. He has moved away but the church remains. Several young men show a commendable interest in the work of the church there, though the congregation is small.

"Brother Tidwell, who preaches at Bogart, and at missions in that locality, preached at Seminole Ave. in Atlanta on March 26.

Brother Goodpasture has recently returned from Memphis, where he conducted a protracted meeting with several additions. Brother Netherland of Sparta, Tenn., is expected to conduct the spring meeting at Seminole Ave. Brother Hale is to hold a meeting at West End sometime soon, and Brother Pittman has been engaged for a meeting at East Point."—Frank S. Graham.

"The Lord has wonderfully blest Bro. Cooper and me on our tour. Many doors have been opened to us for speaking forth the word of God."—Wallace H. Cauble.

Start a W. W. club in your town or congregation. Keep out agent's commission of 25c each subscription—in clubs of 4 or more.

Subscribers whose time was out in the months of January, February or March will receive this issue also. A silver quarter each three months will keep you on the list; or a dollar bill at our risk for the year; better still, \$3 for a club of four.

From Whitewright, Texas: "I am having a Bible class at Celtic. It is interesting and up to 50 attending.

"Not only are things moving quickly in Washington, but, it seems to me, things are moving just about as quickly in the rest of the world. And has not these quick methods of modern days to get news from all over the world in a matter of hours or minutes come in for the benefit of God's children in order that they might know the 'signs of the times' from all corners?"—C. C. Merritt.

You can renew with stamps, coin, currency, check, or money order—and by the quarter (25c) if necessary.

E. H. Hoover preached a special series of sermons at Johnson City, Tennessee through February and March on "The Gospel Plan of Salvation." The subjects may be interesting to preachers:

"The Church Established and Salvation Procured."

"The Church Entered and Salvation Secured" (Showing man's part in Gospel acceptance.)

"The Church Extended and Salvation Offered Through the Divine Missionary Society."

"The Work of the Lord's Church."

"The Worship of the Lord's Church."

"The Destiny of the Lord's Church."

Chas. Neal's book on prophecy, "Light in a Dark Place," is free to those who request it, for one new subscription to Word and Work.

The tract "The Church I Found and How I Found It" is again in stock. Also "Why Not Be Just a Christian?", "How to Understand and Apply the Bible," "Isaiah," "Jeremiah," "The Revelation," and "Kingdom." Send a quarter or a dollar bill for assorted supply.

"Songs for Children," a folder consisting of the last 14 songs in the alphabetical hymnal, children's department. Just the thing for Primary classes. 2c each in quantities.

H. N. Rutherford of Lexington is in a promising meeting with the Highland Church, Louisville.

Brother Rutherford is a man of spiritual power, simple, gentle—a man full of the love of God, who helps, who builds, and works no harm. His labors have been greatly blessed of God—in Jacksonville and Lexington ministries, in the prison work, in the homes, in revival meetings in many places. He sings sweetly, unassumingly, from the heart. He preaches in the same spirit, and God gives fruit from his labors, everywhere.

Studies in Romans, by Moser, 40 pages and cover, 25c from this office.

### "ONE IS YOUR TEACHER"

The tendency to give heed to human teachers and to suffer them to come between us and Christ is deep in us all. We have all the same tendency in us. Every man carries a rationalist and a tradationalist under his skin. Every church in Christendom, whether it has a formal creed or no, is ruled as to its belief and practice to a sad extent by "the tradition of the elders." The "freest" of the Nonconformist churches, untrammelled by any formal confession, may be bound with as tight fetters, and be as much dominated by men's opinions, as if it had the straightest of creeds. The mass of our religious beliefs and practices has ever to be verified, corrected, and remodelled, by harking back from creeds written and unwritten, to the one Teacher, the endless significance of whose person and work is but expressed in fragments by the purest and wisest thoughts even of those who have lived nearest to Him, and seen most of His beauty. Let us get away from men, from the Babel of opinions and the strife of tongues, that we may "hear the words of His mouth"! Let us take heed of the empty fraud which lays the absurd snare for our feet, that we can learn to know God by any means but listening to His own speech in His Eternal Word, lest it lead us away captive out of the kingdom of Light! Let us go up to the pure spring on the mountain top, and not try to slake our thirst at the muddy pool at the base! "Ye are Christ's, be not the slaves of men." "This is my beloved Son, hear ye him."—A. MacLaren on Col. 2:8.

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This is good and true; but, alas, it holds up an ideal unattainable except by the humblest and truest of God's believing children. Many who claim to be free from man's creed and listening only to God's voice, where they are not hypocritical, are self-deceived. Some are dominated by a human prejudice and can find nothing in the Word except what they want to see. Others are swayed, some consciously, some unconsciously, by selfish or party interest. One man boastfully asserts his independence of all commentators, theologians, and teachers—only that he may give himself unhindered to his own wild theories and pet notions. Some are content to follow a man who claims to follow Christ. There are a few who will listen and weigh and search the Scriptures whether these things be so; sheep who hear and know the Shepherd's voice, and who will not follow a stranger because they know not the voice of strangers. Who among us is willing to give Him a clean slate to write on, who will learn from Him only, obey Him, follow Him alone? Lord, free our hearts from all human prepossessions, from false and selfish leanings, from earth-born prejudices, that we may hear thy voice!—R. H. B.

"Hypocrisy is the homage that vice pays to virtue."



## THE "DON'T KNOW" ALIBI

STANFORD CHAMBERS

Not every one who saith, "I don't know," when questioned about certain Scriptures, is justified in so saying. Inexcusable indeed it is to profess to know when one is ignorant, but at the same time the ignorance may be inexcusable, and certainly so on matters on which the Bible speaks. A teacher is responsible and has no right to be ignorant as to what the Word says, just as he has no right to go beyond.

There are those who say that all one really needs to know is God's will. Things future are not considered under that head, and so concerning things to come, the "don't know" alibi is brought into play, and sometimes a bit of glorying therein is in evidence.

Let us take as our text, "Be not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is." Our duties toward men, the church, and the Lord are embraced. Be not lacking, but grow in such knowledge. "And this is eternal life that they should know thee, and . . . Jesus Christ."

"But know this, that in the last days" etc. (2 Tim. 3:1.) It is the will of God, then, that we should *know* something about the last days. That involves searching the Scriptures on "the last days." Have you done His will in this respect? Are you obedient here?

"But we would not have you ignorant, brethren, concerning them that fall asleep." Have you studied to avoid ignorance on this line? Ignorance here is disobedience to God's will. "Behold, I tell you a mystery: We all shall not sleep, but we shall all be changed." Have you diligently searched the Scriptures on this matter, that you may know how to answer each one concerning the hope within you?

"For I would not have you ignorant, brethren, of this mystery, lest ye be wise in your own conceits, that a hardening in part hath befallen Israel until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in: and so all Israel shall be saved: even as it is written, There shall come out of Zion the Deliverer" etc. To boast of ignorance on this important matter is to boast of not doing the will of God, which is that you should *not* be ignorant here.

The "don't know" racket is being worked on the prophecies. "What does this prophecy mean? "I don't know, and neither does anybody else." "Have you studied the prophecies?" "Yes, I read them, but they were never meant to be understood until they are fulfilled." But Jesus says, concerning Daniel's prophecy, "Let him that readeth understand." To be so indifferent to what Daniel says as not to search diligently to find out and *understand*, but to remain ignorant or without understanding, is to be disobedient to the Savior's command.

"When ye see all these things, know ye that he is nigh, even at the doors." Here are things *to see* and something, in

the light thereof, *to know*. He shirks responsibility and is to that extent an unfaithful teacher who shuns to declare the counsel of God on these matters. God's will that His people should not be ignorant on these certain matters is not to be thwarted. When some teacher boasts his "don't know" alibi to you, tell him so. He is worthy of reproof.

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#### FAVORS EXPOSITORY PREACHING

I wish to express my hearty approval of the article, "What shall We Preach?" written by Brother Olmstead and published in "Word and Work" a few months ago. Especially do I indorse his plea for more expository preaching. While I think that the subject method may be legitimately used, its exclusive use is bad. Some advantages of the expository method are the following:

(1). Vital truths of the scriptures, which might be omitted entirely by following the subject method, are more likely to receive attention.

(2). The context of the verses studied is usually brought out more clearly, with less danger of misapplication of the texts.

(3). A scripture which should serve to correct, or even to rebuke, the hearer may be received more readily than if a subject had been prepared for the special purpose of correcting his error.

(4). It makes for better acquaintance with the order and arrangement of scripture.

Frank S. Graham.

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#### WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

From Augusta, Me.: "May God bless each one who contributes to the pages of the little paper and ever give them wisdom to proclaim the truth in all its fullness."—Olive Williams.

From Gallatin, Tenn.: "I am a deaf mute, and as I cannot hear a preacher or a Sunday School teacher, I can read the Word and Work and thus acquire useful lessons from it. It affords me a better understanding of the Bible. May the Word and Work be a blessing to those who read it."—Owen E. Pryor.

From Detroit: "It is certainly filled with spiritual food—a faith tonic for all Christians. May the readers be multiplied."—Ella Arnot.

"Keep Word and Work coming. It gets better all the time."—A. K. Ramsey.

From Oneco, Fla.: "I want to say that we find the W. W. Quarterly much better than anything we have used previously."—Claud O. Childers.

"Send me the W. W. for one year. I have missed the good things it carries in every copy. We need more spiritual teaching."—Mrs. T. P. Graham.

"I look forward to W. W. as a weekly. I have to wait so long now. May the Lord continue to bless Bro. Boll and Bro. Jorgenson in sending out these good lessons. Seems to me W. W. gets better every month."—Mrs. T. Ben Wood.

"Somehow, some way, the money always comes to renew for Word and work. God has never failed me, praise His name."—Mrs. E. S. Pruitt.

"I do not want to miss a copy, there are so many good things in it. May the Lord strengthen you in going ahead with a full Gospel."—Mrs. Bettie Hoy.

"Find enclosed a gift for use of Word and Work. I consider it the best paper published, full of instructive reading. It is good missionary work to help continue it."—Mrs. M. D. Babb.

"The Word and Work is too good to miss a number."—Mrs. D. A. Meek, Rogers, Ark.

## "NO MEAN COMPANY"

Brother Ben J. Elston of the *Christian Leader* is one scribe whose writings have for years been calculated to do good and no harm, and he is always both brave and kind. In the last *Leader* he quotes from the *Christian Standard*, and adds a timely comment:

"The Standard editors believe that Jesus Christ is coming before the millennium, but we do not believe this should be given such major emphasis as to take attention from the duty to preach the gospel. If Jesus is not so coming, why should we be so counseled to watch for Him? He must be at least a thousand years away, according to post-millennialists. And why should the inspired Paul have been looking for Him if there was to be first a period of a thousand years of peace? The kingdom has already been launched in our hearts, but we are but colonies of heaven. The kingdom in manifestation, in its full glory, is yet to appear." (March 18, p. 20).

I cite this (a mere beginning) to show that in scholarship, and in the really decisive attainments and abilities, it is no mean company, who so hold. Some "reasonings" appear of which I cannot say: "They satisfy." "Let love of the brethren continue."—Ben J. Elston, in *Christian Leader*.

With this "belief" of the *Standard* Editors, and with their sense of emphasis, we are wholly in accord. And so far from taking "attention from the duty to preach the gospel," that "blessed hope" has powerfully stimulated the preaching of it—in those whom we have had opportunity to observe. A roll-call of those evangelists and missionaries, past and present, who have gone forth to preach the gospel and to build churches that are veritable gospel centers, moved greatly by the nearing return of Jesus Christ, and taught by men who gave scriptural emphasis to "that blessed hope" and kindred doctrines—such a roll-call also would reveal "no mean company."

The impression has been made that the brethren connected with *The Word and Work* place emphasis on "The Second Coming" beyond that we read of among original Christians (that would be difficult indeed!); and that Brother Boll's classes are chiefly Daniel and Revelation! This much is true, that in Louisville when we come to Revelation we don't "turn back"; but Romans, the Gospels, the Epistles, Acts—*everything*, is studied in the *same* close and earnest fashion. For example, Brother Boll leads an older preachers' meeting (for study, prayer, and discussion) each Saturday morning through the winter months, in the Directors' room of Citizen's Union National Bank. This winter—five months—we have been in Colossians! Last year it was Ephesians; before that, Galatians. Earlier years were Second Timothy, First, Second and Third John, etc. The Portland Ave. classes this season covered Leviticus, Numbers, Daniel, Mark and Romans. A special request class in Revelation was conducted in Highland Library, attended by persons of various church affiliations who are deeply interested in prophecy. Brother Boll made this the

occasion of much important teaching, other than prophecy, and out of it also have come requests for further teaching even from denominational churches, and these open doors are being entered prayerfully, in the hope that many more may be blest with simple New Testament teaching.—E. L. J.

#### GARFIELD MEMORIAL TRAINING SCHOOL

The center of this work is at Ulvah, Letcher County, Ky. We have started a four year High School with more pupils entering every day from other schools. A month ago we started a Bible School. The people are very ignorant of the Bible. Few know even the Lord's Prayer or the Twenty-third Psalm.

I was called to one home for an obstetrical case. There were father, mother, and little girl 3 years old. At one time they had been in better circumstances but now they are reduced to the barest necessities. The mother was without stockings and only very ragged tennis shoes covered her feet. For the coming baby all she had prepared was a nightgown made of some scraps of dark flannel and one slip made in the same way. There was nothing in which to wrap the baby. I took to her two ragged baby shirts and a pair of stockings that someone had sent us. The little girl had two wornout dresses that were too small for her, two slips, and a pair of shoes. For stockings she wrapped rags around her feet. She begged for stockings when she saw the baby's. This family is not careless and I feel that it is through no fault of theirs that they are in such bad straits. When I left, their potatoes, beans and soda were gone and there was very little meat left, yet they were not complaining. The little girl is very fond of dolls and soon after I came into the home she came to the fireplace nursing a stick. I felt so sorry for her that I contrived a doll from the material at hand. I took a cob, covered it with a scrap of white cloth, sewed a mouth, nose, and eyes with black thread, and with another scrap gathered a dress for it and sewed on a cap. She was as pleased with it as if it were an expensive doll.

These people don't demand much and they are grateful. All are so anxious to get old clothing. I went into a home where a little girl came running to meet me. Frost was on the ground but she was barefooted. They are unable to go to school and Sunday School because of lack of clothing. They take anything and make it do.

If your church can help in the way of clothing or supplies, we will be very grateful. There are so many poor people now and they all need our aid until times are better.

Mrs. Lida Wolf.

If interested friends will write this office we shall be glad to direct them further.—E. L. J.

#### WHITTINGTON

On March 9, 1933, there came from heaven the call for another of the flock at Glenmora, La., this time Sister Whittington, nearly sixty-three, one of the charter members, and one together with her husband (long since gone home), the Stephens and others, who made possible the establishing of the work at Glenmora. They were fruits of the labors of Benoit Johnson, our pioneer preacher for those regions. Sister Whittington, frail of body these many years, was very fervent in spirit, devoted to the Book and to its Author. She was steadfast in prayer and never tired of speaking of her Savior. She lived to see her four children, daughters, and their husbands all become Christians. Through them and others Sister Whittington's works live on, the while she is resting at home with her Lord. Sorrowing for their loss they nevertheless rejoice and are happy in the remembrance of mother, God-blessed forevermore.

Stanford Chambers.

## ON FOREIGN FIELDS

### MISSIONARY NOTES

DON CARLOS JANES

The founder of the Christian religion *sacrificed* his life for the benefit of mankind. \* \* A bottle of grape juice a week costs as much as rice for one person a whole month."—*Ethel Mattley*. Sister Merritt is fearing the locust plague may destroy their crops. \* \* Under the most favorable circumstances missionaries have to *sacrifice* much; in these days, the matter is intensified. A daughter born to Bro. and Sister Garrett, March 5. \* \* "We are insisting on the native's doing more and more."—*Addie Brown*. \* \* More than half of the 60,000, 000 of Japanese live in 210,000 villages. \* \* "Doing all in my power to encourage individual Bible study."—*H. G. Cassell*. \* \* Herman Fox, who is building a preaching hall, has had fine results lately, six being baptized.

To *sacrifice* does not mean that we shall have all we need, plus all we want and then give away what we neither need nor want. \* \* Bro. McCaleb's receipts from the U. S. last year were only a little above \$500. \* \* A missionary with several children received about \$69 in March. \* \* Bro. Merritt has a deficit of \$119.39. \* \* Bro. Sherriff complains at the meager support of Bro. Garrett. \* \* A missionary with several children received \$36.63 for a month's living. \* \* "It is a little lonesome and blue out here sometimes. Today is so gloomy and it's gloomy everywhere. Papers are simply full of gloom and so are most of the letters from home. People are either cutting down or stopping altogether."—*A Missionary*. \* \* Generally we haven't given as well as we could. When dependent people can still smoke, there's something wrong. And is it more important that we spend for jewelry, needless replacement of clothing and cosmetics than that God's work should go forward and his missionary servants be decently cared for? Should they have to make all or nearly all the sacrifice? Have we not many things about the place, rags, old iron, waste paper, unneeded furniture, something we can sell and turn the money to gospel work? Have you old watches, rings, brooches, pins, diamonds, dental gold or platinum, something you can turn into money for the Lord? Mailable articles which are worth mailing, may be sent to the editor of this page to be sold and applied to needy missionaries. It may be well to send a card of inquiry first. Articles which can be converted advantageously at home should not be mailed. Some churches could assemble a sizeable amount of waste paper each month and there is a market perhaps in every good-sized city. If some of us omitted a meal a day and gave its value to the work, it would help the missionary and be no harder than when we used to practice for health reasons.

1046 Dudley Ave., Louisville, Ky.

## BRAZIL

### INTERIOR MISSION OF NORTH BRAZIL

We hope to leave tomorrow for Bodoco, Pernambuco. We have been invited by a number of persons who, through the influence of a local school teacher, were led to see the errors of Roman Catholicism and to seek salvation through the Lord Jesus Christ alone. Although none has yet been baptized they hold regular meetings to study the Word and worship the Lord. This is another example of how the gospel can be carried into all the world not by trained and ordained missionaries supported by others but by every believer telling his neighbor what the Lord has done. There are not enough trained workers to evangelize the world and never will be. It must be evangelized by the work of believers of all classes. We must seek to make every member an evangelizer.

Snr. Mauricio, who was appointed to work with Brother Johnson this year, has been unable to do anything for about two months because of a very serious wound made when he was accidentally shot in the leg. It is thought there will be no permanent injury.

God's hand is truly in every movement for the outworking of His plan of grace toward sinners. Although we do not receive more than half as much as we used to, it is just as sufficient for our needs. God cannot be prevented.

Our great need is spiritual. God alone can supply us. Pray that we may open our mouths to receive.

Crato, Ceara, Brazil.

Virgil F. Smith.

#### "OF WHOM THE WORLD IS NOT WORTHY"

(This portion from George Johnson's letter reads like a page from the Book of Acts!)

"You are going to preach no more in the streets. I prohibit meeting in the street now and eternally. I am ready to sacrifice my head. I'll put you in jail if you preach again," said the sheriff.

Nearly all the Christians spoke out loudly, saying, "If Snr. Johnson goes to jail, we all go with him."

Senhor Joao Nunes preached the next night in the house and nothing happened. The following night I preached in the door of a Christian's house. After having preached a few minutes the sheriff and soldiers came up. He said nothing publicly, but one of the Christians heard him calling me the worst kind of names in the Portuguese language, urging the sergeant to arrest me. The soldiers knew they had no right to arrest me so they left the meeting and waited in the street below.

"Let's go," I said after meeting, and we started for home. As we were passing by them on the street corner, the sheriff came out and taking Joao and me by the arms said, "These two outlaws go to jail."

"I go too, shouted some. "We all go," shouted others.

On the way to the jail we had to pass through the main street of town and as I wanted the people to see the difference between suffering for the Lord's sake and suffering for wrong-doing, I began singing a hymn in a strong voice. The Christians all joined me and we sang until we reached the jail.

Everybody was looking on. Some were glad to see the "goats" going to jail, but others shouted as we passed by, "We protest against this imprisonment." Before reaching the jail a multitude of people was following us.

When we reached the jail the sherriff's difficulty was not in putting the two "outlaws" in jail, but in keeping the Christians also from entering with us.

He put Joao in one cell and me in another. It was so dark inside that we couldn't see anything, and so much noise outside that we were afraid there was going to be blood-shed. The seargeant came to the door and asked me to forgive him for doing me such an injustice, explaining that he was obliged to obey orders. I told him not to think I

had anything against him for what he did, but was glad for him to obey orders.

After a few minutes the sherriff opened the doors and called us out. I was surprised to find that several of the leading men of the town were there demanding that we be released. They greeted us heartily with handshakes telling us that they were sorry such a thing had happened.

All the Christians went to my house and we had a short meeting thanking the Lord for His goodness and praying for the authorities of this town. All the Christians were exceedingly happy for such a wonderful blessing.

I have not been able to travel much for two months on account of helping the poor brethren here. I am sure you people in the U. S. A. have never come up against "hard times" yet. There are about eight Christian families here who are depending entirely on us to give them something to keep away starvation. For several months they have eaten only corn once a day. I have been digging a well and making brick to give them something to do.

Matta Grande, Alagoas, Brazil.

George R. Johnson.

### BAPTISMS IN BRAZIL

Last Sunday was one of the happiest of our lives, four being baptized—the firstfruits in this field. It was a beautiful day, as all days are here, and we were off early with a change of clothing under our arm for the little brook above town. There just below a beautiful waterfall, perhaps 300 feet high, the four that have already undergone some severe testing, were buried with their Lord in baptism. One is a merchant and the others are farmers.

Then at noon the four, with Bro. Toinho and ourselves (seven in all), observed the Lord's supper in our house. That afternoon we all enjoyed a Bible lesson together and at night Bro. Toinho preached to a good audience in the open air. He was baptized shortly after we began work in Pedra, Alagoas over four years ago.

We arrived in Ipu just one year ago last Sunday. Much of the time we have been on this field has been spent in asking for our rights to preach. In the last nine months over 1,000 have been buried here in Ipu, and all without Christ, we suppose, except Mark! It is all so appalling we cannot realize what it means.

We are expecting 15,000 tracts we have had printed in the capital to arrive any day. One thousand tracts can be mailed out to separate addresses for about \$3, including the envelopes, stamps, and the tracts. We hope to be mailing that many monthly before long.

We received word last week that Bro. Johnson and Bro. Joao Nunes were imprisoned in Matta Grande but were soon released.

The last mail brought the news of the home-going of Bro. Billie Bland. How Mark did love him and watch for him to get on the car as we came in from Camp Taylor after meetings. And now they are together!

We are writing regularly to every Brazilian Christian we can reach that we may lead them to a really consecrated life. Surely there never was a time when it could be more truly said, "It is high time to awake out of sleep." (Rom. 13:11). The papers show a great need of just such a thing in the churches in the States and we feel a great need of it here. Let us pray earnestly ("strive," Rom. 15:30) for a revival here, on all the fields and in the States.

Ipu, Ceara, Brazil

O. S. Boyer.

### "SONGS FOR CHILDREN"

We have brought out a little pamphlet of children's songs, consisting of the last fourteen numbers in "Great Songs of The Church." It will be found convenient in children's class rooms, or in the children's drill during protracted meetings, or wherever it is impossible or inadvisable to put the larger book into the hands of the little ones. They are offered so cheaply that every child may have one: 5c each, 25 for 50c.

## AFRICA

## KABANGA MISSION

In January 8 were baptized, another "admitted" on his former immersion. He said that he had been baptized for the remission of sins. The preachers who went out last week-end reported three conversions.

Brother and Sister Reese were with us over Lord's day. They are well. Their support is inadequate. We had an abundance of beans and offered them all that they could haul away if they would come after them. They took 13 cwt. They cost me only about 75c per cwt., but will go a long way in helping them to get along. They are trying to do a work on \$60 (and support themselves out of that too) that it has taken others from 2 to 5 times the amount to get along on.

We have two severe cases to treat now. One is a man who had a harrow turn over on him. You know how they come up if you turn too short. One of the teeth tore a great hole in the calf of his leg. Natives treated it with boiling water. The other is a baby whose little sister dropped into the fire when she stumbled. She has burns on arm, face and body.

Kalomo, N. R., S. Africa.

J. D. Merritt.

## NAMWIANGA MISSION

We are thankful to our Father that all is as well with us as it is and that we are permitted to serve Him in this country where there are over one hundred and eighty million people and only a few workers to sound out the Words of Salvation.

We need your prayers and we hope that you continue to pray for the work and workers. Also pray that more workers may be sent to us during the year 1933. We want to make this the greatest year in our work, and it means there will have to be many prayers sent up before the throne of grace.

May the Lord continue to bless you in your work and give you strength and courage to go on.

Namwianga Mission, Kalomo, N. R., S. Africa.

W. L. Brown.

## HUYUYU MISSION

We had a very wet season for a time, then came a dry spell. The last few days we have had some showers, but now it is exceeding hot. But these showers may be the making of the native crops. Otherwise, as we see it, there would be many people hungry. That makes me think of the spiritual famine. There are white families on farms near us (40 to 60 miles from us) who are good, common, hard-working people, but ignorant. I feel more and more the burden of the white people, not only our neighbors, but those in Salisbury.

Yesterday we had a good day. A very large crowd, many unable to get in the building. After the morning service the leading native teacher asked the congregation to assemble for a second meeting, which was also good. These second meetings are common and very good for the people.

We were in Salisbury to see Brother Garretts and do some trading. We had a good visit with Garretts. Their two children are here with us for a time.

Our children are doing very well in their correspondence work in school. Foy will soon be ready for Standard 1, which means something near seventh or eighth grade. He wants to try for a scholarship next November. Wife is doing lots of hard work with the children in order to carry them on.

May the Lord bless you in your work for Him. And may many be brought to the light of the gospel.

P. B. 140, E. Salisbury, S. Africa.

W. N. Short.



## JAPAN

### BAPTISMS AT DAIGO-MACHI MISSION

On Dec. 17 unto us a son, Herman Jr., was born. At the present writing, the baby, though underweight, is doing very well and we ask your prayers in behalf of this precious gift from God.

I am happy to state that as a result of diligent use of a "therapeutic couch," my back and general condition are wonderfully improved and I now feel physically adequate for the tasks which lie ahead. We are also glad to report that our long-cherished preaching-hall is in process of construction and will probably be completed ere you receive this letter.

During this month I have had privilege of baptizing six into Christ, two here and the other four in a village near Karuizawa (the summer resort) 130 miles distant, where, summer before last, when I had the unique privilege of preaching in a public school to a large assembly of interested listeners, the people there heard the gospel for the first time. We are expecting others in the near future. The Lord willing, I plan to visit there again soon. One of the four, an earnest and apt young man, is eager to serve his new Master and, Lord willing, he is to return with me when I make my next visit there, to study and work with me here in order to better prepare himself for service. The others likewise are happy over their new privilege of service. It is our earnest desire to so teach and preach God's word that all who "hear and believe" may at once appreciate that they are "saved to serve" God and their fellowmen.

Our joy is unspeakable when we are privileged to see these people "turn unto God from idols, to serve a living and true God." The future prospects are very promising, so ~~the~~ ~~press~~ on.

Daigo-Machi, Ibaraki-Ken, Japan.

Herman J. Fox.

### KING BIBLE SCHOOL

God has blessed the work among us much. Seven more have confessed our Lord from the first of the year. The workers and several of the other members are working diligently. Inquiries are coming from the surrounding villages. Four were baptized this month in a village where we had not been as yet. There are three inquirers in another place where we have held no meetings or done any work. We believe that the Lord is working (we are working together with Him; the exceeding greatness of the power is of Him) in His own way and His word is stirring up the hearts of a goodly number. We are praying that He may enlarge our borders and that many may take it upon themselves, after they are converted, to take the good news of salvation to those afar off. Saints are growing in grace and there are prospects of laborers going forth into the harvest.

It is so refreshing to know that The Word and Work is still doing good and the Lord has been gracious in supplying all its needs. May He still be pleased to continue His good blessings on all concerned with its publication.

Ota, Ibaraki-Ken, Japan.

E. A. Rhodes.

### O. D. BIXLER REPORT

We have never seen as much interest in the gospel here as now. For years we averaged about 4 conversions a year. Last year at the 3 missions there were over 50 baptisms. Omiya led with 25. In January and February this year, we have had 4 already with others almost persuaded. It seems there is a great spiritual awakening in these parts. Bro. Herman Fox baptized 6 in February—two young ladies at Daigo and 4 men at an outstation 100 miles away.

We recently had a thanksgiving meeting for Bro. Hiratsuka, the father of the rural work in this state. About 50 people were present from the 3 congregations. Others were hindered by the big snow. It was a pleasant time, and tended to increase respect for elders as well as to increase brotherly love.

Ibaraki Ken, Naka Gun, Japan.

O. D. Bixler.

## CHINA

## CANTON MISSION

Brother Jonah Skiles supplies this news from a personal letter from George S. Benson:

"The daily Bible school is now in session. We have 14 students enrolled. Each student spends at least five hours in actual class-room study. In addition to the various Bible courses, we are giving Chinese Grammar and Composition, and a limited amount of English. In our student body we have six girls and eight boys. We hope that from among them there may be developed some strong teachers of the Word of God.

"We are also making some new advances in our evangelistic work this month. Six men have expressed their desire to become Christians in our Canton meetings during the last two weeks. We are taking every opportunity to teach them what it means to become a Christian, in the hope that they all may soon be intelligently baptized into the body of Christ."

## A BUSY MAN

During Brother Lewis T Oldham's visit from February 19 to March 20, in and around Nashville, he visited thirteen churches and delivered more than thirty addresses. Special groups in David Lipscomb College and private homes heard his stirring message in behalf of missions.

Brother Oldham feels grateful to David Lipscomb College. He made his headquarters in Elam Hall and took his meals in the school dining room.

Benson and Oldham have a splendid program in China and both visited Nashville and have spoken to more than thirty churches. Come again brethren, you have done us good. B. D. Morehead.

## FROM HONG KONG

This last week end we had Bro. Whitfield with us and he surely is a fine young fellow and has made rapid progress in the language. We succeeded in finding a couple

of interpreters and he spoke three times on Sunday—first at the Man Sang College, then at Shamshuipo, and in the evening at Wan Chai. We enjoyed hearing the old story in our native tongue. The Canton boat leaves here at ten P. M. so after service we saw that he got on the boat and then came home. Saturday afternoon we had gone to Happy Valley and I took them up the hill to Mrs. Broadus' grave; after that we went to the university on the bus which gave them an idea of the way the side hill is built up. Now we are looking forward to a visit from Bro. Davis, and at Easter time we are going to Canton.

The report which went into the last mail will give you most of the news about the arrival of the Bernards. Surely we are glad to have them here. Since their arrival Elizabeth has been singing some of the songs Brother Jorgenson taught them in Los Angeles.

There is so much to be done that I often wish that I could be several persons.

As it is now I do not have time to visit much in the homes. The Wan Chai fields needs more of that kind of work. The people of that district are only interested in making more money. If I continue to feel as well as I do now I am not coming home this year. I want to spend this next winter in Kwong Sai.

Box 192, Hongkong, China.

Ethel Mattley



Ethel Mattley

## NEW YEAR ACTIVITIES

N. B. Wright

The Chinese New Year holidays have afforded a fine opportunity for village evangelistic work. The people at that time of the year are idle. In order to take advantage of the season, two teams have been going out to the villages. Sometimes we ride about twenty miles, counting both directions, on bicycles. We preach in three or four or five villages. As we approach the entrance to a village, we look for a group of people already congregated together. This group is found frequently before one of the village temples. We paste up special posters or tracts we have prepared for this purpose. Sometimes we sing a hymn to attract a larger audience. Then two Gospel talks are given, generally lead by a foreigner. That gives the evangelist an opportunity to clinch the meeting.

## "A Fight"

We were preaching away in one village when some one called out: "To the east, a fight." Such a delightful affair breaks into the monotony of village life. We lost a part of our audience.

## Mobbed

The evangelist and I carry a supply of Gospels and small tracts with us. In one poor village, the first or second one we visited that day, we had spoken and were selling the Gospels. The pupils of the local school mobbed us. We could not sell the books fast enough. Our supply was exhausted in no time. Consequently, we told them that we would return the next day with more books. We frequently sell out our supply, and that is not a few.

## A Walk of Four Miles

One of the believers here, a man past fifty years of age, walks four miles to the meeting almost every Lord's day.

Crowds have greatly increased since Chinese New Year. Some are interested.

A rather keen looking young man in one village took every kind of tract we gave him. He seemed interested. He has come to the chapel every Sunday since that day. Pray for him.

Ningsin, Via Kaoyi, Hopei, N. China.

## SPIRITUAL LIFE

N. B. WRIGHT

"I am the vine, ye are the branches: he that abideth in Me and I in him, the same beareth much fruit: for apart from me ye can do nothing." (John 15:5.)

"The words I have spoken unto you are spirit, and are life." (John 6:63.)

Do we study the word of God to get sermons out of it, to argue, or to learn the will of God to do it? Do we study the minimum for maximum preaching or to allow the life of Christ to flow freely into us? Apart from serious and prayerful Bible study, there can be no abundant, refreshing life.

Again, "Whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, that shall ye receive." Some find prayer so absolutely necessary that they feel they could not live without it. Those who have prayed do not disagree. One woman said, "The more I pray the less I do and the more gets done." She knew that anything she would do without God would spoil the work. Prayer is working with God and letting Him work. Prayer and Bible study are two important ways of abiding in Christ.

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