

# Words in Season

THE BIBLE FAMILY MAGAZINE



## IN MEMORY OF DEAR OLIVER

WE loved thee well, and fain would thee now keep,  
But labor's ended, and in Jesus sleep  
Until the morning breaks in deathless song,  
Till then the time of waiting is not long.

He called thee to that sabbath rest above,  
Where all shall be who do the Saviour love  
With love begotten of the Spirit's dart  
That pierced a sinful, hard unyielding heart.

'Tis sunshine there and here the clouds still roll,  
And heavy hearts are found in vale and knoll:  
'Twill thus be so while earthly journeys last,  
But soon we'll see HIMSELF, the desert past.

W. H. F.

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WE CALL ATTENTION to the title of the Magazine . . . also the purpose . . . "for the ministry of the Word of God with accounts of work done for the Lord in accordance with His Word." This latter expressed purpose does not fit in with much that is called the "work of the Lord" today. We desire to continue as we have been doing with reference to such reports. Our readers like to know where the brethren are "laboring"—it stirs up prayer for them. Some, we fear who are younger are **not** doing the "work of an evangelist" and we are not happy to include names of those who are not faithful thus. Saints should make inquiries regarding the work unless they know it is of a truly scriptural character. We feel some could do every bit as much as they are doing now even if they were at their daily toil.

**Memorial of Oliver Smith:** Extra copies of this Memorial may be obtained from the Editor in Lakewood. We will mail four copies for 1.00 any where in the world. Some have desired such. Write early.

### CHANGE OF CORRESPONDENT

**Santa Monica, Calif.**—Bohos Paul, 2020 Pier Ave., for the Santa Monica Gospel Hall. Telephone EXbrook 6-7110.

### UNITED STATES

**Chicago, Ill.**—Our brother William Warke has recovered from his sick spell. Hoped to be able for some work this summer again.

**Garnavillo, Iowa**—The recent Conference was large and considered helpful again—many saints attending from other parts. Bre. McBain and J. Smith continued with Gospel meetings—some have professed faith in Christ.

**Marion, Iowa**—Bre. Dobson and Elliott had five weeks here, two professed to be saved and God seemed to be working in restoration somewhat. They had hoped to get a site for tent work but the city of Cedar Rapids refused them. Bro. Elliott mentions that they have another place in mind.

**Jackson, Mich.**—Wm. Ferguson paid a short visit here. Bro. McBain came home from Iowa and was not feeling too well. He had hoped to join J. Smith at E. Aurora, N. Y. Bro. Norman Crawford has labored faithfully in Clyde, Ohio, doing the building of the hall, with some help of the brethren there as able, and giving help in the preaching also.

**Santa Monica, Calif.**—Saints had an appreciated visit from Geo. McKinley. He went on to Culver City.

**Laurium, Mich.**—The assembly here goes along nicely. Work goes on in the country around Alston and Pelkie. They have had a few visitors during the Summer. We enjoyed many years of work in this North Mining country.

**West Union, Iowa** — Bre. Hamilton and Mick had seven weeks here in the Gospel, two professed.

**Fayette, Iowa** — 4th of July meeting good and very well attended. Several of the Lord's servants gave help in ministry and the Gospel. One baptized in the morning.

**Marion, Iowa** — Bre. Dobson and Elliott expected to commence tent meetings here July 10th.

**Lonaconing, Md.** — One professed and another was restored to the Lord in recent meetings of bre. Baldwin and Klabunda. Saints here welcome servants walking in the "old paths."

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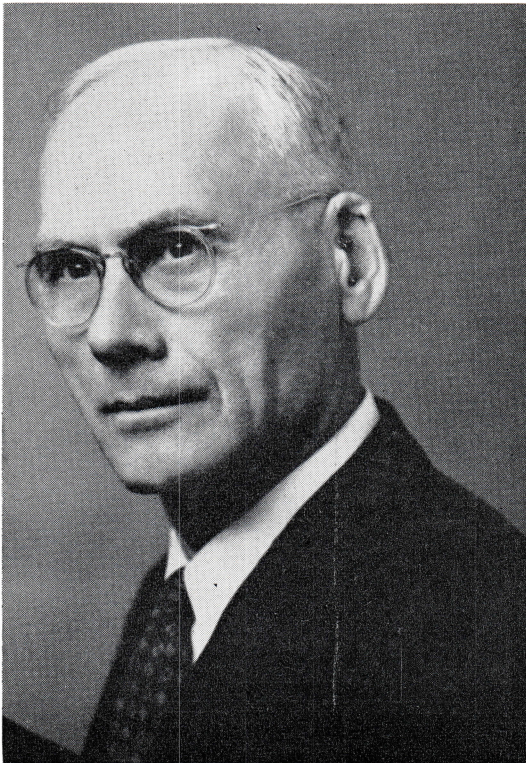
## Memorial of a Faithful Life

OLIVER G. SMITH

BORN - - - - - February 6th, 1883

BORN AGAIN - - - January 31st, 1913

FELL ASLEEP IN CHRIST - - May 31st, 1960



## MY CONVERSION TO GOD

**T**HE writer of this tract has, I trust, had it laid upon his heart by God to tell how he found that he was helpless, hopeless, blind and lost, as a sinner for nearly thirty years of his life.

I was brought up in a home that was supposed to be a Christian home but have learned since that the Scriptures, Romans 5:6, Eph. 2:12, 2 Corinthians 4:4, described exactly the condition of our home before God. When a very young man I had a fear of meeting God and felt an unfitness for His Holy Presence. I was taught that if I were good I would go to heaven, with nothing much said about hell where all unsaved are going. So, from my earliest teaching, I was misled, first by a deceitful heart as in Jeremiah 17:9, then by parents who had their own way which "seemed right" but would end in eternal death, and then further was I misled by blind leaders of the blind, as in Matthew 15:14.

I was led to join a church when in my tender years, with no knowledge whatever of the new birth, apart from which the Lord says none shall see the Kingdom of God, John 3:3. Like many others I tried to live up to my profession of being a Christian, but it was never known to me whether I were a real Christian or not. It was a comfort to me to think that no one was perfect and therefore I would have a chance with the others who were trying to be good. Becoming discouraged at being what some would call a hypocrite, I quit going to church meetings and took up the self-gratifying life. I went in for the pleasures of the world that can never satisfy the heart of man who must die and meet God. These pleasures only added to my convictions of meeting God unprepared.

Finding a life companion, we began somewhat of a new life, as married people often do, by quitting many of the pleasures of our youth. My wife, like myself, had drifted from her religious life that once she had sought to live up to.

After the Lord had given us three nice children, whom we loved, to bless our home, we both were exercised to bring them up in the fear of doing right or the fear of God. I decided to try again to be a Christian after hearing the late Billy Sunday's booze sermon, as they called it.

I joined the church of which my wife was a member. When I asked to join them I was not asked whether I were born again, or if I were saved or a child of God. It seems to me now that they were looking for church members and not for real Christians who knew their sins forgiven and were sure of heaven. About the same time I joined that

church a dear saint of God moved near to me (Mr. Charles Herman) on the farm. He said that he was SAVED. This aroused my interest. How could one say that they were sure that they were saved? I would have given anything to know this, if possible.

Living neighbour to this dear child of God for two years convinced me that he was the most honest man I had ever known. I was made to believe that he really did know that he was saved or he would not say so, and I began to ask him questions. My main question was . . . "How do you know for sure that you are saved?" This caused him to show me in the Bible, chapter and verse, how one could know, and how it was God's way of salvation, and not man's. I was then led to go to a preacher, whom I see now was a blind leader. I asked him if anyone could know if they were saved, and he told me that no one knew for sure. This seemed to fall in with what I thought, so I had peace for a little while. But I was led to the Word of God and there I found it said in 1 John 5:13 . . . "These things have I written unto you that believe on the Name of the Son of God, that ye may KNOW that ye have eternal life." This gave me my final conviction that one could, and should know, here and now that he has eternal life, as all truly born again ones have.

My heart was made to cry to God to reveal His Son in me so that I would say truthfully before God and man that Jesus is mine. On the date mentioned below I was made to give up before God and own that I had never really believed on Jesus, for if I had I would have everlasting life as Jesus said in John 6:47 . . . "He that believeth on Me HATH everlasting life."

I then was made to own that I was an unbeliever, and then and there, at 3 a.m., January 31st, 1913, God by His Word and through His Holy Spirit revealed to me the gift of all gifts . . . His own blessed Son dying for me on that cross. Now I can say like the dear apostle . . . "HE LOVED ME AND GAVE HIMSELF FOR ME." Oh! dear reader be wise and search the Word of God and have God's way, and do not be further deceived by the traditions of our fathers, as in 1 Peter 1:18, or by blind leaders of the blind, as in Matthew 15:14.

Oliver G. Smith.

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None sink so far into hell as those that come nearest Heaven, because they fall from the greatest height.

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Men are more unwilling to part with their righteousness, than with their sins.

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# Memorial of Oliver G. Smith

“HE THAT WINNETH SOULS IS WISE.”

The homecall of our beloved brother Oliver G. Smith on May 31st, came as a shock to many, though we could see him failing over a period of time. The Christians in Iowa and surrounding countryside felt the separation keenly and they will miss him as the days go by. His place is hard to fill. Always in his field of labor, visiting, preaching, reaching out into any place where he thought there was an opening for the Word of the Gospel, he went on faithfully and well and “finished well.” Perhaps this was much his secret of success in the Lord’s work, that is, he stuck to his field of labor, knew what the Lord had for him to do and did it with his might. We could not, in space at hand, give anything like an account of his labors and perhaps it is better to leave this for the future, but suffice to say that he is greatly missed and his memory blessed to many. Doubtless there will be a large number in the glory who will thank God that they ever met Oliver Smith. He had a way with him of personal dealing with souls which could get him into many homes and families and he had a true love for Christ and this urged him on in his service. His cheery smile, his warm preaching, his touching experiences which he often recounted, we shall all remember.

He was born near Waterloo, Iowa, Feb. 6th, 1883 and on January 31st, 1913, he was “born again”—thus the most important event in his life took place. He was awakened through the godly life and testimony of his farmer neighbour, Mr. Charles Herman. Mr. Herman was saved through the testimony of Mr. Charles Hoehler (whom we knew personally and with whom we have preached on one occasion). Thus the faithfulness of dear brother Hoehler is reflected, even though many did not personally know him. He was a faithful man of God. Mr. Smith used to say that Mr. Charles Herman was the most consistent Christian he ever knew, “the most honest man I ever met.”

## A HUMBLE MAN

Brother Smith was content to be just what the Lord had made him. While not very deep in the Scriptures, he ever encouraged those whom he thought would be a help and blessing amongst the ones he had seen led to Christ and he loved to hear Christ well spoken of and the saints admonished in the simple path. His last letter to us, telling of God’s hand being seen with him in a number of souls being led to Christ, had the following sentence in it . . .

“Perhaps you can come out, later as God leads, with a little food for these young believers.” This was ever his desire, the welfare of God’s people and their going on in the right ways of the Lord.

He was buried in Waterloo, Iowa, Friday, June 3rd, 1960. Our brother William Warke, who often labored with him, was to have taken his funeral service but a few days before he was stricken with appendicitis and was in the hospital at the time. Two of his children in the faith, Leonard DeBuhr and Paul Elliott, took part in the service—a faithful word in the Gospel was spoken. About seven hundred came to the service. Twelve of the Lord’s servants were present to show their respects to the memory of their fellow laborer, we were privileged to be amongst them.

The Conferences in Iowa and Wisconsin will miss him greatly, as he was at all of them through the years and many a home will miss his friendly greeting and warm hearted fellowship. May God raise up others of the same caliber.

We have thought it wise to give a few extracts from letters we have received from fellow laborers and let such speak for the feelings of our brethren.

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#### FROM THE STOUT ASSEMBLY:

The Lord’s people feel deeply the loss of our beloved brother Oliver Smith who will be greatly missed among the people of God at Stout. In 1922 he came here (we believe he went out fully in the Lord’s work about this year). He pitched a tent by the railroad tracks and preached the Gospel for about a year. He saw many led to Christ. Soon after this an Assembly was formed which continues to this day. He spoke to everyone he came in contact with about their soul and many will be in heaven as a result of his labors. The main object of his life was to see souls saved and the Lord’s people encouraged to go on. His life was dedicated to the Lord. We can say with David . . . “There is a prince and a great man fallen this day.” 2 Samuel 3:38.

#### FROM SAMUEL HAMILTON:

I have known our dear brother Smith for about 42 years. I have never found anyone who could visit like him and keep at it all day. I believe his great success as a soul winner was largely because of this. He had a great love for sinners. He told me before he was out entirely in the work (for brother Smith farmed and preached some years before he started out entirely in the Gospel—Editor), that many a time when following the team working in the fields, he would weep as he thought of poor sinners going to Hell, and he would stop the team. Many a time, when hearing him at a Conference, I could feel the drawing in his preaching as he presented the Gospel in all simplicity. Many in Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin, will bless the Lord that they ever had the privilege of hearing him tell of a Saviour’s love.

May the Lord of the harvest raise up others with passion and love for souls and with care in his heart and sympathy for the lambs and sheep of the flock. Another mighty soul winner has fallen—the eternal glories gleam afar and nerve our faint endeavour.

## LEONARD DEBUHR:

I count it a privilege to express briefly a few of my feelings about so dear a brother whom I consider my father in the faith. He was a faithful witness of Christ to me before my own conversion. Since then, as we have laboured together in many gospel series, he has been an inspiration to me by his untiring efforts to seek the lost and perishing, thus manifesting his great love to Christ. The whole motive of his life was, without question, to give Christ first place and to walk humbly before God. This was rewarded by the power of God being with him. He was dearly beloved in the Lord and I personally feel it a great loss to myself to no longer have these happy and instructive times together . . . It is only 'till He come.'

## PAUL ELLIOTT:

I was saved under the faithful preaching of Oliver Smith, whom I heard more than any other of the Lord's servants. He didn't like long prayers, or much time spent in singing before a Gospel meeting, and would say . . . "Let's get at the preaching." Another frequent remark was . . . "If we can only speak with love in our hearts for souls." The chief feature of his life in preaching was his love for precious souls and his greatest gift seemed to be a God-given wisdom in approaching people and talking to them about their souls. He was a powerful preacher at street meetings and loved it. He was a tireless worker, "sowing bountifully" and "reaping bountifully." "The memory of the just is blessed." "Whose faith follow."

## LOUIS BRANDT, GARNAVILLO:

"The harvest is great, and the labourers are few." Our departed brother was a real "labourer." He had a real love for souls and how often, at a conference, we would see him talking to some unsaved sinner, seeking to point them to the Saviour. His departing is a real loss, not only to the saints, but also to the unsaved.

(Brother Oliver Smith came first, in this district, to Clayton, Iowa, then to Garnavillo, where God used him much in the early days when the assembly was planted. Others have come along, later, and have been much used of God and the work continues well—Editor).

## E. B. JAMISON:

Brother Oliver leaves behind many unsaved he spoke to and prayed for. Many are his children in the faith that mourn his homecall. He was a beloved brother of all. His testimony, zeal and labor leaves us with great responsibilities. The same grace that was his, is ours. It is His untiring labors and zeal for the salvation of the lost have been only a "little while." Maranatha!

## LORNE E. McBAIN:

When I think of brother Oliver Smith's life, I am reminded of the words of Paul in Phil. 2:17 . . . "Yea, and if I be offered upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I joy and rejoice with you all." signally owned of God in a rich harvest for his Lord and Master, and great will be his crown of rejoicing when many will rise up to call him blessed in that day when Jesus comes and He rewards His servants.

## HERBERT DOBSON:

My first impressions of our beloved brother Smith confirmed the fact that he lived to make Christ known to all men. With him, preaching was not merely a nightly exercise. Every contact with the unsaved was an opportunity to speak for Christ. He not only grasped the opportunities but was most adept in creating them. Zeal, abounding energy, and enthusiasm, put him in a class by himself. He was one of whom it could be truly said . . . "The lamp of my life burned out for Thee."



## WILLIAM WARKE:

Oliver Smith was a man raised up and fitted of God for a special work amongst the farmers of Iowa. In this work he was mightily blessed of God and many souls were saved, also a number of assemblies gathered "unto the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ" which continue to this day in humble, scriptural fashion.

He was a man of tremendous zeal, untiring energy and had a passion for souls. These qualities far outweighed anything he may have lacked in the way of ability or eloquence. He was at his best in personal work. It was not uncommon to see him start out at seven in the morning to visit people and preach the Gospel to them in their homes, barns or fields wherever found. He had a way of approaching people that disarmed them and gained their confidence. They then came to hear him preach.

His passing is keenly felt by the saints in Iowa and the unsaved there have lost a true ambassador for Christ, who besought them with love and tenderness to be reconciled to God. His race is run and his reward will be great.

We have mentioned above that brother Oliver Smith farmed and preached before he started out entirely in the Lord's work. Our former Editor, the late Samuel C. Keller, had much to do with encouraging him to spend his time fully in the Gospel. Brother Smith had an accident to his hand in a corn machine of some kind . . . Brother Keller said to him . . . "The next time you may lose your life. God can find anybody to plant corn, but He cannot find many to preach Christ . . . go out into the work of the Lord." Brother Smith took this advice.

We should remember in prayer our dear sister Mrs. Smith, also the four daughters.

Wm. H. Ferguson, Editor.

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### A FAREWELL LETTER

The following letter, or extracts from it, we print. It was read to brother Smith as he was lying in the hospital and he requested that it be printed in Words In Season. We are happy to print a good part of it.

Dear brother Oliver:

We want to tell you one more time, how much all of us love you in the Lord. It is our heart's desire and prayer for you that you should not suffer from such great pain. It is not ours to ask God . . . "Why, Oh why this must be" but only to accept His wise and unerring decision whatever it may be. What a blessed thought that you may soon see Jesus, our wonderful, wonderful Jesus. How envious we are of this! Oh! to see Him face to face and be with Him forever.

Many a tear is falling when we think of your leaving our midst. It is hard to lift our eyes above this scene. Your very countenance shines with Christ. How pleased our God must be this day to see you lying there, knowing

that you have kept the faith, you have fought the good fight, you have been faithful to warn all whom you have met of the danger to come if they die without Christ. How pleased our God must be to look down upon His blood bought ones, seeing tears flow from their eyes because of a man whom He chose to serve Him and who so faithfully told the story far and wide, of His precious Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. When the greatest moment of my life came, when I came into the presence of God for the first time the moment I was taken into the fold and secured there, that moment that Jesus become mine, all mine! . . . "You were there, helping to point me in the direction of the Cross." At this moment, we of God's people, desire that the love He has put in our hearts flow out to you and that you may be able to find a little rest and comfort in this.

We mentioned, in our reminiscencing, how your two greatest virtues, among your many that we considered, were your humbleness and love for the saved and unsaved. We are grateful to God that He gave us the privilege of knowing you and the opportunity of learning from you.

Our petition before God, last night, was that from here on we go on more for God, telling of Jesus to those around us, seeking not to fail so many times as we have done in the past.

And now, as I close, I say . . . "God be with you till we met again." I beseech you, to pray for all of us Christians everywhere, one last prayer that we may take up in a greater way and carry on faithfully the work you have been careful to set before us, that we might ever be faithful to our loved ones and those around us. With much love in His Name:—

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(A sister in Christ wrote our dear brother this letter which we have had occasion to abbreviate—it expressed her feelings and that of her family, and many others—Editor).

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A little bread with God's blessing, may make a meal for a multitude.

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If your eye is on the object, and Christ that object, and your heart affected by your eye, you will *not* be endeavoring to see how much of this world you can carry, but how far you can strip yourself to run the race. Christ will be practical sanctification to you, and sanctification is SEPARATION, separation to God. It is only as we have this spirit that we shall even realize what is a weight. (1882)

**THE WORK OF THE LORD****1 Corinthians 16:10**

Wm. H. Ferguson

“HIS work is honourable and glorious.” In this issue we record the passing away of some of the Lord’s worthy ones. They have left a record of faithful living and a good testimony, and such record is on high. Such men and women are a valuable asset to the work of the Lord and their places are vacant. Their example should emulate us to follow their path and should stimulate to more living for God.

**LABORERS IN THE HARVEST FIELD**

The need for laborers is ever present. Our Lord told His disciples to pray about this—Matt. 9:36, 38. They were not to pray for preachers merely, but for “laborers” to be “thrust forth.” There are plenty of preachers today but few laborers. Many are constantly seeking entrance into assemblies and ever on the lookout for invitations, or seeking such, but the whole country lies right at hand and few indeed are willing to try any “new” work. Some men not too long out in the Lord’s work would be greatly embarrassed if asked to point out the places where they had done some real pioneer work—perhaps there are some who could not point to any such work in many years. Assembly to assembly preaching is not doing “the work of an evangelist.” And if God does give one to see a little work done, that does not mean that one should rest on their “laurels” for the rest of life. There is much to be done on every hand—whole districts lying idle. Halls could be rented, schoolhouses could be found in the country backwoods, farm homes could be opened for the Gospel and laborers can find many ways to make known the Gospel. This is the great need of today, not preaching but “laboring.” Men who have not pioneered lack something in their ministry and while they can lead others to surmise that they have done this work, their ministry shows it and the lack of it will catch up with them in days to come if we are left here. The true evangelist, with a love for souls, goes out into untrodden paths and seeks such. We honor all such and the Lord’s people should be acquainted with them. Some of their names are not to the fore, as are others, but they are working in needy and backward districts, often away from assembly fellowship where they do not get the support and practical fellowship of the saints in a regular way. They have their opposition and discouragements. Satan seeks to hinder all such but they go on year by year doing “the work of the Lord” in His way. They know the testing times, but they also have the joy of the Lord as compensation and they enjoy the confidence of godly ones. Such do

not write letters with exaggerated reports, nor do they seek to play on the sympathies of the saints with their 'supposed' trials to obtain fellowship in a practical way. This is something which the godly laborer will shun as he would the plague. The men of God we have known would rather break stones by the roadside, as men say, than make their needs known or the needs of their families. God knows, and that is enough for them. We honor all such. We know such men.

Many younger men are travelling thousands of miles in automobiles, wearing out rubber and cars (which is expensive work indeed) when they ought to be sticking at some good and honest labor for the Lord in a steady way. The Lord's people are "footing the bill" for many thousands of needless miles of travelling while the country lies unevangelized in between and the sad part of all is that saints think, at times, this is the work of the Lord when it is merely of man. Conference after conference is not good for younger men and those who take in one after another, merely because the Lord's people are kind and thoughtful and sympathetic to laborers, are doing the work an injury and lowering the standard of true evangelistic work. If one had work at hand, they would not be able to pick up and leave it at will—the work would detain them. If there is no work at hand, probably there is no labor involved. We remember that David left his sheep with a keeper when he went down to his brothers, 1 Samuel 17:20, and when his elder brother asked sarcastically . . . "With whom hast thou left these few sheep in the wilderness?" David did not need to justify himself and tell him about the keeper he had left with them, but he put the pointed question to Eliab . . . "Is there not a cause?" We should always be able to give such an answer as to our presence anywhere. There is far too much endless running here and there. Some will be on the East coast one week and the next week or two you hear of them being on the West coast with thousands of miles intervening. One will hear it said . . . "I didn't intend to be here" etc., again . . . "I got a chance of a ride" etc., but is that sufficient excuse for such tremendous jumps from place to place? Surely the saints should have more sincere exercise as to the character of those whom they encourage that the work of the Lord may not suffer. We believe this sort of thing is neither "honorable" nor is it necessary. The work lies at hand, "the laborers are few." When we think of some sticking to their work through thick and thin, through good report and bad report, and then think of the endless and needless "running to and fro" we would surely seek to stir up our hearts to more definite work for God. If there is not more exercise regarding this, the Lord's work will

suffer, the ministry amongst the saints will become spineless and mere sermonizing, and a form of clerisy will develop which will be harmful to all. A "letter of commendation" seems to be a badge to give one the right to go anywhere preaching, but this is not its purpose. A man's work should be his commendation as the years go by, not merely his "letter of commendation." We believe it is scriptural for such letters to be given to all going forth in the Gospel, but, in themselves, they are not the proof. That lies ahead and should be demanded by the saints. Men should be able to show some good and definite work for the Lord through the years and where it is lacking, there is something wrong. There has seldom been a time when there is more money in circulation and less work being done of a truly pioneer character. Years ago it was different, but laborers are scarce today. The fault lies, not with younger men alone, but with those who encourage such.

#### HONORABLE AND GLORIOUS

Leaving this side of things, let us consider further the work of the Lord. To be engaged in it is the highest form of service, after worship. True overseers, shepherds, evangelists, teachers etc., have no higher work, nor any that is more worthy and the time is short. Let us keep at it for it is necessary and He cannot fail. Many are seeking to undermine testimony to the Name of the Lord today. This is Satan's work and we need to stand together, shoulder to shoulder, against all who would thus seek by compromise, or open enmity, to hinder the work at hand. It is better to have fewer in true fellowship than to have some who are not satisfied and hankering after "half way houses" or denominational ties. The one leads to the other without fail. You cannot stop the "slide" when it begins. The history of the church has proved that beyond question. God alone can raise up men and women who will take a stand for God. They cannot be "driven" nor can they be "enticed" by plausible arguments. Only God can put true conviction as to the truth of God into the heart or soul of any Christian. Thank God for all who have such convictions. There are numbers throughout the world who have such implanted in their souls. We ought to encourage all such by prayer and intercession for them continually, by word of mouth and by the written ministry. Let all such seek to be at the assembly meetings regularly. Those who stay away for a period of time are largely lost to the testimony. The devil gets the victory, perhaps they get a television set in the home, then they are truly lost to the assembly and they will seek out some place where they can have this and other kindred worldly associations where nothing will be said against it. "God

gave them their request, but sent leanness into their souls." Shepherds should warn against such inroads at the beginning of things. When the world is established in the home, it is too late, unless God grants a real repentance.

#### LET US GO ON

Life is short and as we stand by the earthly tabernacle of loved ones, men and women, who have served faithfully and finished well, think well of the course. It will not matter much then whether we received the world's plaudits or not, or seeming applause of men who know not our God. His work is honourable and glorious. Let there be no going back on the former profession. Some eminent men whom we have known, on their deathbed, men whom we have known through the years, expressed their regret as they stood on the borderland of eternity that they had not continued as they commenced as to assembly testimony. The path which they chose, later in life, and of a more 'open' character, they found to be on a faulty foundation and it failed them in the hour of death, although the Lord was with them. He did not forsake but sad to think of wasted years which might have been spent "strengthening the things that remain"—Rev. 3:2. May the Lord preserve us for Himself and for His truth.

THINK not thy niche too small:  
 For God that gives to all  
 The needful gift of grace and strength,  
 Will help us through the length  
 And breadth of devious ways:  
     And cause, at last, our souls to praise  
     The One Who only can apprise  
     His glorious work, so vast, so small,  
     That, in it, He takes note of all.  
 And never will He miss a smile,  
 A word of cheer, a dreary mile!  
     Yea! E'en a cup of water, cold!  
 His record soon shall all unfold.  
 And then, when all the story's told,  
     We'll praise Him for the rest He gives,  
     Our Living Lord, He ever lives!  
 And we, with Him, shall share at last,  
 The glorious work of days gone past.

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Hast thou heaven in hope? It is more than if thou hadst the whole world in hand. The greatest monarch on earth would be glad, at a dying hour, to change his crown for thy helmet, which is "the hope of salvation." His crown will not procure him thy helmet; but thy helmet will procure thee a "crown of glory that fadeth not away."

## THE DEVIL

**T**HE devil would like more people to consider his existence as imaginary, something conjured up in the mind of some dreamer and later propagated as fact. The plain teaching of God's Word and the abundant testimony of men gives the lie to this. This fiendish enemy of God and man is surely pleased that many should doubt his existence. He can then work more freely.

All his history is certainly not given in the Scriptures, but we find sufficient to enable us to understand that he was created at some date prior to the time when God made the chaotic earth into a place fit for the habitation of man, and placed Adam and his descendants over that scene. Not only did he exist prior to that date, but he had evidently headed a revolt of spirit beings against the very throne of God. (Ezek. 28:11-19). He was a fallen creature, an enemy of God, when he entered Eden to tempt our first parents.

Some of those angels who shared in his rebellion, as we read in Jude 6, are held in chains until final judgment. Not so Satan himself, since he has been allowed by an infinitely wise God to move about the earth (Job 1:7), and even to appear in the presence of God, (Rev. 12:10). In these two spheres he is still much more active than most people believe. His dual occupation is in deceiving the whole world," (v. 9), and in "accusing the saints," (v. 10). Thank God, the believer has a Defense Attorney (the man Christ Jesus), who pleads for him on the basis of the blood He shed at Calvary.

But not only does Satan accuse the saints before God in heaven, he also tempts them and seeks to ensnare their feet as they travel this dangerous scene. He dared to tempt our Lord Jesus in the wilderness, and he will dare to tempt you and me. Though he knows that he can never drag a child of God down to hell, he is so opposed to all that is of God that he never wearies in his efforts to trip us up and spoil our testimony for God. He must know that his cause is lost, that he can never overthrow the throne of God, but he will do all in his power to harass those who have started on pilgrimage to the heavenly city. This he seldom does in open combat, because he knows that some of them can wield the two-edged sword of God's Word, but he more often uses tricks and devices to ensnare the feet of the unwary. Let us never boast that we are able, in our own strength, to avoid those snares. He is never more successful than when we are boastful.

Yet he will at times straddle the path before us and challenge us to battle. Should we flee? No. If we do, his

fiery darts will pierce our unarmoured backs. God's armour is for those who face the foe (Eph. 6:13-18). Must we fight him with our bare fists? God has given us an effective weapon. Our blessed Lord answered the devil: "It is written." That worthy sword of the Spirit has served many a Christian in his spiritual battles. Like Goliath's (1 Sam. 21:9), there is none like that.

Young or older child of God, if you are tempted not to yield to Satan's temptations, by the grace of God, then carry the Sword of the Spirit unsheathed and ready for conflict. You ask, "What do you mean?" Learn the Scriptures through constant reading and meditation. Commit them to memory. Keep your sword sharpened daily. Then stand, not as a braggart, but courageously prepared to "resist the devil . . . he will flee from you." (James 4:7). But remember, he will be back! Concerning the future of Satan, we learn from Rev. 12 that he will be cast out of heaven and allowed to operate only upon the earth for a period, but when our blessed Lord comes to set up His millennium reign here, Satan will be cast into the bottomless pit, until those thousand years are finished. After a short term of freedom, in which he rages in his enmity against God and His people, he is caught leading an innumerable host of earth's inhabitants in rebellion against God. His activities are then ended. He is cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, (Rev. 20:10), to be tormented forever and forever.

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### "ONE THING"

"One thing is NEEDFUL." Luke 10:42

John 9:25

I know not much, dear Lord; I am not wise,  
 Only a foolish soul that clings to Thee;  
 But since Thy hand was laid upon mine eyes,  
 One thing I know . . . though I was blind, I see.

Phil. 3:13

There is not much, dear Lord, that I can do,  
 I am so weak, and all the way so dark;  
 But yet, forgetting past and present too,  
 One thing I do . . . I press toward the mark.

Psalm 27:4

I have so much, dear Lord, and yet ask more!  
 For I the beauty of my Lord would see;  
 And that I may behold Him evermore,  
 One thing have I desired . . . to dwell with Thee.  
Anon.



## SOLOMON'S SONG

## Chapter 4:8

(Written in the 1860's)

**J**OHN had well learned to appreciate the Church's heritage in its risen Head. He had learned too, to prove and to appreciate the place of the Church's retired and humble service in the earth. He had not forgotten the admonition, "Feed my sheep, feed my lambs." He had walked as a shepherd in the midst of the family of faith, exhorting them to abide in the truth and in the love of Christ.

Yet it was John who was appointed in Patmos to behold other sights, and to become conversant with far different scenes. Glory was indeed revealed to him there,—bright Heavenly glory; but it was glory brought into contrast and antagonism with the darkness and corruption of earth. He was taught to behold the earth as filled with, and held down beneath, the power of evil ripening for judgment. He was caused to walk, as it were, from mountain to mountain of gentile power,—to behold their evil greatness, to view the course and end of their blasphemies, and to record their doom. He left for a season "the bleating of the sheepfolds" to hear the roar of the lion and leopard amidst the mountains and dens of their savage greatness, where that greatness is, for the present, permitted to strengthen and establish itself, and to mar and destroy the earth.

There are many worshippers of human progress, as it is called, who look to these seats of gentile power, as if they were the appointed rectifiers of the earth. Their hope is in these lions' dens and mountains of leopards, as if they were the earth's appointed deliverers. They think not of the condition of Immanuel's land; appreciating not the nature and cause of its present woe; and regarding not its destined glory in "the age to come." They have no knowledge of the time when the true Solomon, the Prince of Peace, shall reign, and "the mountains (i.e. the greater seats of authority in the earth) and "the little hills" (the lesser seats of authority) "shall bring peace to the peoples by means of righteousness." Psa. 72:3. They have never contrasted that coming period with the present hour of the Lordship of unregenerate man. They know nothing of that storm of judgment and fiery indignation that is to introduce the long-promised morning of blessing. Necessarily, they call evil good; put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter; say peace when there is no peace; and glory in the very things which are to bring down the righteous inflictions of divine vengeance. Let the people of Christ beware of these apostles of human progress. Let them

hear the invitation of their Lord, and view as by His side, these mountains of gentile glory, and look forth from them on the troubled world over which they dominate; and they will be taught a holy fear. They will shrink from the scene around them, and their hope will be alone in the arm of Him who has promised in His own appointed time to work deliverance in the earth, by abasing these "mountains of prey," and establishing instead, the zion of God — the mountain of holiness and truth.

Submitted by Robt. Isherwood, England

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### THE SHUT DOOR

There are times in our lives when we seem hedged in with difficulties. Help fails us, props give way, and we are brought to a great extremity. Look at the Israelites in their flight from Egypt, fenced in by walls of rock, their enemies close behind, and the dread waters of the Red Sea in front; how can they escape? "The wilderness hath shut them in!" was Pharaoh's proud boast. But no! God had shut them in. God had shut them up to faith, Gal. 3:23. There was no other way. And thus God became God to them!

So with Noah, "God shut him in", and there was no other way out until God opened the door.

"Shut up to faith!" So God trains His children to "Wait only upon Him." He shuts out every other hope that we may be brought at length into contact with a "God who quickeneth the dead."

Oh, let us not fear to be shut up to faith! Let us not fear when the last spark of hope is quenched! "Have faith in the operation of God," and believe that "They cannot be any small or ordinary things that shall be done for thee, when the Lord shall show in thee what a God can do." "O my soul, it is the highest honor thou canst put upon thy Lord, to believe against difficulties."

Look at 2 Kings 4:33, "He shut the door upon them twain." The last spark is extinguished here. All human resources are shut out by death. No earthly power can avail. But the prophet knows God. He is shut up to faith. He "waits expectantly upon Jehovah." See how he "draws out his soul." How intensely in earnest he is, stretching himself upon the child. He "asks life," although it seems a thing impossible. And God hears! God answers! God breaks in upon that reign of death. Oh, what a model for our intercession!

Anon

### THE LIBERAL HEART

**WE** HAVE two instances recorded in the Gospels of the liberal heart. One in Mark 14:8, where the highest commendation perhaps ever given is bestowed by the Lord upon the woman who brought an alabaster box of ointment, very precious, and brake it and poured the contents upon His head. "She hath done what she could." How few of the Lord's servants reach this high standard, especially in their manifestation of love for Him.

The anticipation of His burial called forth this expression of her heart's devotion, which others stigmatized as wasteful expenditure. She had a glimpse of the wondrous value of that death of deaths which He was to accomplish; and she anointed with the costly perfume the Head which was to be crowned with thorns, and to be "marred more than any man's."

Oh! that we might follow her example, gathering from the contemplation of His sorrows on the tree, increase of our heart's affections; not counting our lives dear; but ready to spend and be spent in His service, "who made Himself poor that we through His poverty might be rich."

"Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all."

Another case of rich profusion in giving was that of the poor widow, Mark 12:41; Luke 21:1-4. The Lord Jesus was observing how the people cast their offerings into the treasury; many that were rich cast in much. But the two mites, or one farthing of a certain poor widow, so arrested His attention, that He called to His disciples to mark this great gift.

It was all that she had; all her living; and she gave it to God. Did she expect it would add much to the beauty of the house? Or would go far towards some costly ceremonial? No; when the sums were counted over by the treasurer at the close of the day, this farthing was scarcely worth recording in the list of donations.

Men like to head subscription lists with large sums. And the churl is often counted liberal. God looks at the HEART, the costly thing in His eyes—"the HEART'S adoration." The widow in her gift proved her unbounded confidence in God Himself as the giver. She thus expressed to Him her faith—"precious faith," which the Lord Jesus valued; for He had humbled Himself so as to be altogether dependent upon His Father. He was going to enrich God's treasury by giving up Himself, His life, His all, in order to please Him.

H. W. Soltau

### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

**QUESTION:** Would the teaching in 1 Tim. 2:9 on "broided hair" and that of 1 Peter 3:3 on "plaiting the hair" forbid a sister to braid or pleat her hair? We have heard some say there is no difference between this and "cutting" the hair.

**ANSWER:** First, there is a decided difference between braiding or pleating the hair and "cutting" the hair. The sister still has her long hair, as the Scripture enjoins. This is just an excuse of some who probably already have been disobedient in the matter of cutting the hair.

The word used (in the original) in 1 Tim. 2:9 signifies "anything twined or plaited." It is used of the "twisting tendril of the vine" and in the plural is used of wreaths or chaplets. It would seem to infer an absolutely unnecessary building up of the hair of the head into such wreaths or chaplets, as to make it conspicuous. This is spoken against in the verses mentioned. In 1 Peter 3:3 the word rather gives the thought of "an inweaving of the hair." This would suggest the weaving into it of such ornaments, or gold or stones, precious or otherwise. This is also spoken against.

It would seem that the simple "putting up of the hair" by pleats or in a simple fashion is not the question here, but something over and above this, resulting in a conspicuous ornamentation of the head. This would draw attention to the head of the woman and would be contrary to the spirit of 1 Cor. 11:10 where she is to have the "covering" on it as a sign of subjection to the Lordship of Christ in the Assembly. It would also deny the fact of 1 Cor. 11:15 where "her hair is given her for a covering" or "a veil of womanly modesty"—this latter suggests the humility attendant upon the godly sister's appearance and is the very opposite of outward adornment. Certainly the braiding of the hair and intertwining of decorations is entirely out of the mind of the Spirit of God in the passages mentioned. There is nothing so beautiful as nature when attended with cleanliness, simplicity and becoming modesty. There will be no complaint when this is seen in our sisters.

**QUESTION:** In view of 1 Tim. 2:9 most Christian women in the better instructed assemblies submit to the Word of God as far as wearing pearls or chains around the neck. Would you say that the principle of the Word is ignored by the wearing of sparkling diamond dotted combs (real or otherwise) in the hair?

**ANSWER:** This question which comes from a part of the continent far removed from the writer of the first question, finds its answer in the question and answer above. This would be the very thing which the Word of God expressly speaks against. Any sensible Christian woman knows where to draw the line in that which is merely to make herself comfortable and becoming, and the "added" decorations which attract attention to themselves in an unnecessary manner. Good grooming is often very simple and far more becoming than the "cheap" attempts to copy the rich and worldly. We have noticed recently at some funerals where many Christians come, of varying spiritual character, that you can always "spot" the true believer in contrast to the carnal and worldly minded who have their adornments, pearls (usually imitation), earrings, chains, etc., painted and fixed up to look like any worldling. What a travesty of true Christianity.

The Christian woman is an adornment to the assembly when arrayed properly. Neatness, cleanliness and becoming apparel characterize such. There is no virtue in being slovenly and careless of person or manner. We are going in to sit before the Lord and that should govern all our deportment, brethren or sisters. We have had several questions recently regarding the wearing of the "gold ring" or "signet ring" by brethren. This is an unnecessary adjunct and should be laid aside.

QUESTION: Is it scriptural for Christians in assembly fellowship to take part in Boy Scout and Girl Scout activities?

ANSWER: What next! We have said, for long, that it would be no time until recreation formed a major part of the activities of many so-called assemblies. This question comes from a source from which we should have expected something different. There is no question but this is entirely of the world, it is not a spiritual thing at all. All of our activities should have a spiritual approach and a desire for the spiritual welfare of the boys and girls, hoping to see them soon "born again"—partakers of the divine nature and "new creatures in Christ Jesus." How could anyone then think that they can train such for the world and tell them, if saved, that they must immediately discard all such activities as being worldly and not fit for a Christian to participate in?

We have no doubt that such are intended to form better character in a young person . . . to instil respect and kindness and self-reliance, in view of becoming better citizens . . . the citizens of tomorrow. However, this is the world and the world has enough of this on hand. It is the duty of Christians to abstain from all that is "of the world" and live a separated life unto Christ. One cannot serve Christ well, and the world as well. Our "conversation" is in heaven. Phil. 3:20 . . . the word here signifying "our citizenship" . . . "our community life" is in heaven. Leave worldly things to the world. If really saved, the prime object of any who really know Christ and His Word is to see sinners, young or older, saved out of the world and made fit for the Kingdom of God. To dabble in youth politics, or worldly ventures into better social life for all, is merely to deny the "Cross of Christ." The apostle puts it plainly in Gal. 6:14 . . . "But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by Whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world." You cannot go in for worldly ventures like the above and practise the truth of Gal. 6:14. "Choose ye this day whom ye will serve . . . but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord," Joshua 24:15.

QUESTION: Where will the saints be who are saved during this day of grace when Christ comes and sets up His Kingdom during the "thousand years?"

ANSWER: We shall be in the "Holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God." Rev. 21:10. After the "thousand years" we see that same "city" spoken of as "the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband." Rev. 21:2. Verse 3 states "Behold, the tabernacle of God (this is the same thing referred to in these other scriptures) is with men." This latter verse however, refers to the eternal state, after the "thousand years" and shows that the eternal state (The Day of God) heaven and earth shall entirely be at one and heavenly bodies and earthly bodies shall have that fellowship together which CANNOT be theirs even during the millennial state. During the "thousand years" the Church will be above the earth, evidently visible i.e. as to its light, Rev. 21:24 and "the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour "unto it." The word is not "into" but "unto." There will be no "nations" and "kings" during the eternal state, they are found in the reign of Christ where they retain their identity, although they conform to the rules and laws of His Kingdom. The Church, as the holy Jerusalem, shall have fellowship with Christ in the ruling of the earth from the vantage point of heaven, but we do not believe there will be a mingling together of "heavenly and resurrected bodies" with those of earth UNTIL the thousand years are ended and the eternal DAY OF GOD continues eternally. Then shall be seen the "new heavens and the new earth wherein dwelleth righteousness."

## EXTRACTS FROM LETTERS

**From Oregon**—May the Lord continue to bless and help in sending out the good work in the magazine. There is such a lack of good and practical ministry in many parts today. Some don't want it, and others don't want to give it out.

**From Bermuda**—May God continue to bless the Magazine to His honour and glory.

**From Detroit**—I like the expression in *Work & Workers* . . . "Work done for the Lord in accordance with His Word."

**From Oklahoma**—I enjoy the articles and poems. This evening I have been re-reading some old copies and enjoying them again.

**From Ireland**—May God continue to help in this faithful work of stirring us up by putting us in remembrance . . . 2 Peter 1:3. This is what we were taught from the platforms when we first trusted Christ.

**From Washington**—We do appreciate the sound ministry in W. I. S. and feel the necessity of keeping these things before the Lord's people in these last days.

**From Australia**—It is with joy that I look forward to each Words In Season as it arrives. It is indeed what its name implies. Surely we need today wholesome words from the Book of God. Often I find myself referring to back numbers which are just as fresh as the day they were written . . . "The entrance of Thy Words giveth light."

**From Ireland**—I find it difficult to find suitable words to express our deep gratitude for the words of warning, instruction and encouragement as found in W. I. S. The Question page is my first perusal when I get my copy each month, and the Gospel messages make good reading with my family around the fireside.

**From New Zealand**—The Magazine is much valued by some in this country for which we are thankful. Good, wholesome words are needed to preserve the saints, "Keep them through Thy Word. Thy Word is truth."

**From a saved soldier, saved in the service**—Your sound words have been such a help in times of spiritual depression. (From another) . . . I was saved right after leaving home in 1956 but later went back and lived with my parents for a few months. They do not know the Lord as Saviour and had a T.V. in the Living Room. It seemed that the devil himself was using that machine (he was!) and it had a terrible attraction and was very hard to get away from, once you sat down in front of it. I was convicted about it and soon left.

**From Michigan**—I wish to thank you for the article, especially, regarding Paul going up to Jerusalem, both as to its content and the spirit in which it was written. It was a model for us all to follow in dealing with controversial subjects.

**From Alaska**—We are so thankful to the Lord to again get Words In Season.

**From Ireland**—I take this opportunity of thanking God for you all in the ministry of sober and sound words through W. I. S.

## CANADA

**London, Ont.**—Saints of Pall Mall assembly had a short visit from bro. A. Stewart. Ministry enjoyed.

**Clinton, Ont.**—The small assembly here had a visit from brother Russell Harris which was enjoyed. J. Gray also gave them some meetings. They appreciate help.

**Arden, Ont.**—T. Kember and M. McLeod hoped to pitch their tent about 20 miles from here in a new field. Bro. G. P. Taylor hoped to spend a little while with them in the district, rendering what help he could.

**Portage La Prairie, Man.**—Bro. MacLeod stayed on here after the conference, which was good, with bro. Joyce. He hoped to go on to Pine Creek and Glen Ewen conferences. Bro. S. Rea went to Brandon for a visit. Bre. Norris and Alex Wilson hoped to have tent meetings in Sask.

**New Ontario**—The New Ontario conference here in which four of the assemblies of the district take part was very good. Not too many preachers present but the Lord gave help in ministry and the Gospel. Bro. Ed. Doherty, convalescing after his recent operation, stayed on for a week or so in the district. He is feeling much better and hopes to return to Cuba later d.v. Bro. Widdifield remained in the North for a while. Two professed as a result of the conference.

**Victoria Road, Ont.**—Recent conference here was reported very good, with helpful and practical ministry.

**Huntsville, Ont.**—Wm. Ferguson gave a call here on his way to New Ontario. Saints get quite an influx of summer visitors during the warmer months but we fear summer cottages are not conducive to the spirituality of those who spend the weekends on the road a good part of the time. The world does it constantly and we suggest that saints should have more exercise about this. If one can spend a little while quietly with their families it could be restful but this "endless running to and fro" is too like the restlessness of the world. We believe it is not good for body or soul. We mention this for consideration to all of us in U. S. A. and Canada. We shall soon be "home" . . . let us use the time here profitably for God.

**Orillia, Ont.**—Bre. Pears and S. Simms were hoping to get started soon in tent work some where around Dunchurch district. Good for young men to have this exercise. Any who take advantage of summer to "enjoy self" should seriously consider the advisability of returning to useful employment. Time is too short.

**Cole Harbour, N. S.**—Bre. McIlwaine, Sr., and Robert have tent pitched here. A nice number attend the meetings, some troubled. J. McCracken had meetings in his Gospel trailer at Waldeck, hopes to move soon to Wolfville if the Lord will.

## OTHER LANDS

**Venezuela, S. A.**—Our brother Jas. Walmsley and his wife have sailed to join bro. Williams and the other workers here. He is from the Cregagh assembly in Belfast. They visited in Toronto, Sarnia and Midland Park, N. J. ere sailing.

Bro. Williams mentions that he "just came home yesterday after sixteen nights in Barquisimeto with John Frith and the new worker Hildebrando Gil. They both preached well and the meetings were the best we have seen in that assembly which John and I saw formed nine years ago. They have grown and there would now be over 70 in fellowship.

We met every morning with the young men at 6:30 a.m. for prayer and from 9 to 13 took part in that half hour, praying specially for the meetings, naming those we would like to see saved. Four men, five women and two girls professed. There are about 15 young men in the assembly, active and ready to learn. We also had the joy of seeing some restored."

## CONFERENCES

**Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.**—The annual joint Conference will be held here, their 44th, Sept. 3rd, 4th, and 5th, in the Technical School. Prayer Mtg., Sept. 2nd, at 7:30 p.m. in the Gospel Hall, Wellington and Spring Sts., D.S.T. No circulars. Corresp. S. H. West, 479 Albert St., E.

**Arlington, Wash.**—Annual Conference will begin d.v. with Prayer Mtg., evening of Sept. 2nd, continuing over Labor Day, Sept. 3, 4 and 5. Corresp. Arthur S. Colburn, 314 No. French St.

**Huntsville, Ont.** — Annual Conference d. v. will be held Sept. 9, 10 and 11, commencing with Prayer Mtg., Thurs. eve., Sept. 8th. Usual order of meetings. Brethren walking in the "old paths" welcome in ministry. Corresp. Geo. Cottrill, R. R. No. 2.

**Clementsvalle, N. S.** — Annual Conference will d. v. be held Sept. 4th and 5th, preceded by Prayer Mtg. on Sept. 3rd. Brethren feel the importance of emphasizing that only those "walking in the old paths" have their confidence in ministering, hence they welcome such only. Corresp. Ronnie Berry, Clementsport, Annapolis Co. N. S.

**Cleveland, Ohio** — Annual Conference d. v. will be held in the Monticello Gospel Hall, 4970 Monticello Blvd., commencing with Prayer Mtg., Fri., Sept. 2nd at 7:45 p.m., Sat. 2:30 and 7:30 p.m., Lord's Day 10 a.m., 2:30 and 7:30 and Labor Day 10:30, 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. Corresp. John H. Smith, 3141 Warrington Rd., Shaker Heights 20, Ohio.

**Orillia, Ont.** — Annual Conference d. v. will commence with Prayer Mtg., in the Dominion Gospel Hall, Sat. eve., Sept. 3rd at 7:30, continuing Lord's Day at 10 a.m., 2:30 and 7 and Labor Day 10 a.m., 2:30 and 7 p.m. Brethren walking in the old paths welcomed for ministry. Corresp. Cecil R. Clark, 121 Emily St.

**Hartford, Conn.** — Annual Conference d. v. Sept. 3rd, 4th, and 5th, commencing with Prayer Mtg. at 8 p.m., Sept. 2nd. All meetings in Gospel Hall, 49 Charter Oak ave. Brethren walking in the old paths welcomed for ministry. N. Vendetta, 176 Kenyon St.

**Hitesville, Iowa** — Annual Conference d.v. Sept. 17th and 18th, commencing with Prayer Mtg. Sept. 16th. Usual order of meetings. Corresp. Geo. L. Frey, Aplington, Iowa.

**Longport, N. J.** — Annual Conference d. v. will be held Sept. 17th and 18th, commencing with Prayer Mtg., Sept. 16th. All meetings in the Gospel Hall Auditorium, 29th and Atlantic Ave. Usual order of meetings. Saints expect godly men, walking in God's ways to minister the Word. Corresp. Wm. Moon.

**Midland Park, N. J.** — Annual Conference d. v. will be held Sept. 24th and 25th, commencing with Prayer Mtg. in the Gospel Hall, Sept. 23rd at 7:45 p.m. Usual order of meetings — visitors entertained freely. Corresp. L. C. Greene, E. 20 Glen Ave., Paramus, N. J.

#### FALLEN ASLEEP

**London, Ont.**—Our dear sister, Mrs. W. Mitchell of Pall Mall assembly, "went home" June 11th, aged 68. Her husband, two sons and a daughter survive. Remember them in prayer.

**Garnavillo, Iowa**—On June 8th, our dear sister Mrs. Arno Kregel went to be with the Lord. She was saved in January 1940 and has gone on steadily for the Lord and in the Assembly. She was 66. At the Lord's table the morning of the Garnavillo conference, "at home" Wednesday of the same week. Good to be ready. Prayer requested for her husband.

Also our beloved brother Alfred Wirkler was called home rather suddenly June 17th, after an operation, aged 77. He was a quiet and godly brother with a heart for the Lord's work and like our sister Mrs. Kregel, seldom missing at the assembly meetings. They will be missed. Bro. Wirkler was saved in October, 1938. He was a "lover of good men" and always ready to help in any way he could in the service of the Lord relative to the assembly.

**Cleveland, Ohio**—On July 4th, our beloved sister Mrs. Helen M. Froelich "went home" suddenly, aged 89. Saved May 10th, 1914 at meetings held by the late Thos. Dempsey and David Roy. Faithful to the assembly when able to be there and exercised as to her assembly responsibilities. She leaves four daughters and two sons.

**Stout, Iowa** — Our esteemed sister Mrs. Charles Stow "went home" June 1st. Saved in the early days of tent work here through preaching of Chas. Hoehler and Oliver Smith and has gone on very well and consistently. Much missed.

**Waterbury, Conn.** — We wish to record the passing of our sister Mrs. Bartholemew, April 21st. She was one of the oldest and one of the first in the assembly here, lovingly cared for by her family. Prayer requested for her sons.