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"This know also that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, truce breakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away." (2 Timothy 3:1-5.)

One of the dangers of the days in which we are now living is the fact that people can get so accustomed to surrounding conditions as to lose sight of their significance, if not careful. As has been said to this effect, you can be around something that is wrong until you get hardened to it, and it won't appear so bad as at first. So it is in regard to prophecy fulfillment. In these last days so many things have transpired—new inventions brought forth, changes in governmental affairs, wars, pestilences, famine conditions, earthquakes, the great change for the worse in the morals and temperament of the people, etc., that as time has gone on since these things have come about, the world, and possibly many of the children of God, have become so accustomed to many of the now prevailing conditions as to have lost sight of the real importance of such. But nevertheless, such conditions are just as important fulfillment of the Bible today—speaking out the same fearful warning of the closing of the age, as well as also being a joyous herald of the yet soon coming of the Son of man, as in days gone by.

Concerning the thought above, "Perilous Times," a condition is prevalent in the world today, and has been in evidence for some time, which is only the fulfillment of that which Paul writes to Timothy in the above scripture. And as mentioned above, doubtless the condition of this world today, in the light of this scripture, does not appeal to many in the serious import that it should, due to the fact that people have grown accustomed to such conditions to the point they are more or less hardened to such, hence, they are liable to lose sight of the real importance of existing conditions—their relation to the soon coming of Jesus—that they are signs of the end. So beloved, let's be careful, and give full credit to Bible prophecy today, realizing that all things pointing to the coming of the Lord are just as important and full of meaning at this time—though some may have been in progress long enough until we have gotten used to them—as they were back in those days when our souls were first illuminated with the thought and joy of His coming. Let us be careful that the day of His coming not catch us unawares, for as a snare, is it going to come on all that dwell upon the face of the whole earth. (Luke 21:34, 35.)

Now for a thought concerning the scripture above, to see how it points out the very day in which we are now living, and what conditions it takes to constitute perilous times, let us first note how that Paul says in the first verse, "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come"—thus speaking a warning to us; and then in the second verse begins telling us how, or why, it is to be perilous times—"FOR men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy," etc. So if this condition—all the things that are mentioned in the scripture lesson above—are not in plain evidence today, and have been for some time, for that matter, just WHAT condition would we look for as fulfillment of such? Amen. "LOVERS OF THEIR OWN SELVES"

To begin with, let us note how he spake of men being "lovers of their own selves," in the last days. Who can deny that this condition now exists? Think of how people today—speaking on the whole—are more concerned about their own selfish interest than they are about the welfare of others. And sad to say, but nevertheless it's so, you need not leave the ranks of the holiness faith to find this very condition existing! Amen.

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There are those among US (we'll talk about "home!" who, by their actions, do not seem to care very much whether the Gospel goes forth or not. They are not careful to help support God's cause. They will gather in big loads of grain and feed stuffs in those years wherein God does, in His mercy, bless their land with a crop; they will sell their produce, fat calves, cows, and hogs; or, maybe draw a salary check, etc., and does God get the tenth of such, or even a generous free-will offering out of such—let some of the preachers and lay members judge in this matter! And possibly if they do tithe, some may be little enough to deduct production expense before giving the Lord the tenth; or, maybe if in debt, not tithe at all, claiming that which they earn is not their's but their creditor's (but does their creditor actually get what is otherwise the Lord's tenth; or is it just "lived up," and God nor the creditor, neither, get the tithe portion of their income!)

The spirit of "covetousness" has it's grip on multitudes today. The accumulation of wealth being the first objective in the lives of many. Possibly more millionaires during, and following, the great World War, than the world has ever seen.

Men are "boastful" today. God is left out of many of their under takings. They exhalt themselves in their achievements. With many, science and philosophy has practically taken the place of God. We remember of the sad occurance of several years ago, wherein God had to come on the scene, and let the world know that men were but men—and that was in the sinking of the great Titanic, wherein hun-

dreds went to a watery grave. It happened on it's maiden voyage across the Atlantic, and as it was within some 200 miles of land as it approached the shores of North America, it's objective. It had almost attained it's goal. Sin and revelry held sway on board. The builders had proclaimed the great ship as being unsinkable—they had boasted; so God had to arise and assert Himself. To build an unsinkable ship, would be for man to arise above God in supremacy. This can't be done. But man has to sometimes pay a terrible price to be convinced that the nations are but men! Man can construct magnificent buildings—make them as solid and secure as he can—yet God, in one stroke with the cyclone or tornado, can bring them to utter destruction as easily as the fragile toy is crushed in the hands of the little child. The great Empire building in New York city—standing about a quarter of a mile high—the tallest building in the world—stands today under a boast of it's stability. As we have said, we would hate to live within the shadow of it! Just one earthquake, or cyclone, of the proper intensity, would be sufficient to level it with the ground, making of such a calamity of horrible proportions, bringing death to those who do inhabit it (though, if we correctly understand, it has never as yet proved a successful financial venture) and those of surrounding buildings, should such catastrophe occur during office hours, like rats in, a trap! Then we heard the boast come in over the radio during the inaugural ceremonies of our present chief executive, that "this nation is going to stand!" We read in the Bible (Prov. 27:1.) where it says, "Boast not thyself of tomorrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth." Yet man is boastful—another sign that we are in the last days—perilous times!

"Proud!" Possibily the world has never seen a time wherein pride was more manifest in the lives of the great multitude than it is today. People are worshiping the goddess of fashions. Modesty—tht wonderful grace of purity in womanhood—has fallen before the advance of the spirit of modern pride. Women of today—from the ranks of the church member, the so-called "best" society, and on down to the everyday common class—the poor as well as the rest—have accepted as a general thing, and daily go forth in public, garbed in a manner in which a woman from the under-world would have one time been recognized by—their lurid facial makeup, etc. In the one matter of dress—the harlot from the red-light district would not have been permitted to have appeared publicly years ago, garbed in some of the indecent, and ungodly styles of dressing as has been so commonly worn, and generally accepted by the public, as everyday public attire of women and girls of these days. Beauty shops are on every hand, so-to-speak. Women from families possibly too poor to pay their debts, or to provide the best for their table, will manage in some way to get an occasional "permanent." If not able to reach a beauty shop job, home talent comes into play, and presently the poor little victim of the spirit of the day goes forth looking as if akin to the "smart set," at least. Some holiness folks who would not go in for a real "bob" and a beauty shop permanent, yet with a few "bobby" pins, a pan of water, comb, and a looking glass and a little time, come forth with

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Judge in yourselves: is it comely that a woman pray unto God uncovered? 1 Cor. 11:13.
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a "scalloped" effect, which is only evidence of a streak of pride in their lives, or trying to please some one; or else, maybe, just lacking in grace to face persecution from the world over plain appearance in the matter of hairdressing. Or, if not in hairdressing alone, the same spirit manifesting itself in other forms of outward adorning—a display of bows, ties, big ruffles, etc.—and last, but not least, a display of big, flashy but tons, which in cases are strung over the dress for no other purpose than that of an ornament! The Bible teaches us (those who will be taught) that a proud look is an abomination unto God. (Prov. 6: 16, 17, etc.)

Men do not hesitate to blaspheme today. Think of even a whole nation, as Russia, radically turning against God; and then the thousands in other nations who are possessed of that same spirit—Communism! Then there are these who do not hesitate to make impious remarks concerning the weather, or seasons, something over which, God only, has control. This is surely close akin to blasphemy. Then again, think of the insulting, and irreverent remarks made concerning the true saints of God, because of their worship, and their experience in salvation.

Disobedience by children to ward their parents, is one of the noticeable things of today. And in this, parents are often guilty of contributing to this condition by their own slackness, or mismanagement in dealing with their children. Just turn them loose to run with your neighbor's children, so to speak, and the kind of child-

ren your neighbour is raising will, to a greater or lesser degree, determine the kind of children yours will eventually turn out to be. Now, what kind of associates does your children have? And there are some, possibly, who are making a failure in properly raising their children, and who attribute such to the statement above, that they WOULD be disobedient in the last days. This is a mistake on parents' part. We admit—we know—by virtue of the Bible statement, that this condition does exist—that such spirit is in the world today; but, are parents to just give up, accepting such as an unavoidable condition? We say, No! But what are they to do, then? Why, in the light of reason, do the thing required—Where the task is greater, just put forth the greater effort! Amen. IF it be impossible to have your children under subjection in these days, then where are you going to look for Bible elders, if you believe such should be men of families? And further, please note that this same verse also said that men would be "unholy" in the last days. So are we to just sit down, stop fighting sin, quit preaching holiness, and not try to live holy lives, because of the fact that it is herein states that men would be unholy? NO! But let us rightly divide the Word. Let us realize the substance of these statements—that they are not pointing to the conditions of true Christianity in these days, but to the general worldly conditions of today. The statement that men would be "unholy" in the last days, gives light to the truth and reality of the doctrine of holiness to have first been right. Why, the very statement itself lets us realize the fact that the first prevailing con-
dition must have been that of holiness, else why the assertion, "unholy"? There must always be a genuine before there is a counterfeit. And could you UNtie a horse that had NEVER been tied? Hope you get the thought. Then, if we are to continue to believe in holiness, realizing that people can, and that thousands are, living holy in these last days—that it is, in substance, the doctrine of the Bible, and that this statement under consideration is referring only to worldly conditions in general, and the manner in which the world is fighting holiness today being an evidence also of their unholy condition—then why can't we realize that parents can, if they will, have due control over their children, if they use the same general rule in bringing them up, as is observed in living a holy life—and that is, take the Bible route in the matter, and then stay on the job until the work is done! Amen. No wonder some children are like they are—it's because of the carelessness and insincerity of the parents. Then if those parents should try to hide behind a wrested scripture—well, For Shame!

It is also stated here that men would be unthankful in the last days. This is true, as in other conditions—generally speaking. So many people do more murmuring and complaining over conditions, than they do showing a spirit of appreciation for things—that they are, in reality, no worse than they be. If God should send a period of normal prosperity—good jobs for the labouring class, and bountiful crops for the farmer, etc.—just how much would such be appreciated in a godly manner? Can't you vision, judging from past, and even by present condi-

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But if a woman have long hair, it is a glory to her: for her hair is given her for a covering. —1 Cor. 11:15.
SR. ELIZABETH TAYLOR

Sarah Elizabeth Turner was born near Huston, in Texas county, Missouri, on May 5, 1873; and departed this life at the family home, near Anderson, in McDonald county, Missouri, at 2:20, on the morning of March 3, 1936, at the age of 62 years, 9 months, and 28 days.

At the age of thirteen, she removed with her parents to McDonald county.

On September 17, 1890, at the age of seventeen, she was united in marriage to W. L. Taylor, to which union there was born seven children—two sons, and five daughters, all of whom survive except the eldest, a daughter (Della), who passed away in infancy. Those who remain, and who were with her during her last illness, are: Floyd L., and W. A. Taylor, of near Anderson, Missouri; Mrs. Nellie Rosson, of Afton, Oklahoma; Mrs. Ethel Pendergraft, of near Anderson, Missouri; Mrs. Beulah Buckles, of Drumright, Oklahoma; and Inez Taylor, of the home.

Besides her husband and children, she leaves to mourn her passing, two sisters: Mrs. D. C. Cruzan, of Pomona, California, and Mrs. Rose Underwood, of Afton, Oklahoma; five half-brothers and three half sisters: James and John Turner, of Lawrence, Kansas, and Chester, Jesse, and Ivan Turner, of Tiff City, Missouri; Mrs. Alice Hartshorn, of Seneca, Missouri; Mrs Agnes Hogan, of Turkey Ford, Oklahoma; and Mrs. Ruth Keenan, of Tiff City, Missouri, together with their mother, Mrs. Emma Turner, of Tiff City, Missouri; eleven grandchildren, and one great-grandchild, besides a host of other relatives and friends.

She was converted at an early age, and put forth good efforts at living a Christian life in the light of the Gospel she had at the time. Later, as the full Gospel of the Latter Rain was preached, she accepted the same, and received the Holy Ghost some eighteen years ago, her interest being stronger in the cause as her call began to near; and we feel the final end found her ready and waiting. And as she bade us Good Night here, it was, Good Morning, over Yonder.

Funeral services were conducted at the home, in the presence of a large crowd who had come to pay their last respects, on the afternoon of Wednesday, March 4, by Sr. Birdie Hair, of near Silwell, Oklahoma, followed by another service in the Chapel cemetery, near Tiff City, Missouri, for the benefit of friends who had gathered there, and where the remains were laid to rest.

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Again we express to the grief-stricken ones of this family, our sympathy in this, their hour of sorrow. May God, according to His will, comfort them with only such comfort as Heaven can give, in this, their great loss. Known among many of the saints are especially, Sr. Beulah Buckles, of Drumright, Oklahoma, and Sr. Inez Taylor, of the home, who will be remembered by their religious work in song. —Editor.

The man who will take the pulpit, and there preach a sinning religion to the people, is doing so under some authority other than that from Heaven. God would not call the individual to preach something contrary to the Bible. —---

Blessed is every one that feareth the Lord; that walketh in his ways. —Psalms 128:1.
SR. ANNA CASTEEL

Anna Catharine Armstrong, daughter of M. E. and Siniah Armstrong, was born in McDonald county, Missouri, on July 6, 1883; passed from this life at the family home, near Anderson, Missouri, on Tuesday, March 24, 1936, at 7:45 A.M. Age, 52 years, 8 months, and 18 days.

She was united in marriage to William Thomas Casteel, on January 17, 1904, to which union was born six children, four of whom survive—the two eldest having passed away in early childhood. Remaining are: Mrs. Sam Fry, of near Anderson, Missouri; Emily, Barton, and Wilma, of the home.

Besides her husband and children, Sr. Casteel leaves to mourn her departure from this life, one granddaughter, little Betty Lorene Fry; her aged mother, Mrs. Siniah Armstrong, of near Anderson, Missouri; three brothers: Joseph R., William T., and Francis A. Armstrong, all of near Anderson, Missouri; two half-brothers: James Gleason, of Eaton, Colorado, and Charles A. Gleason, of Borger, Texas; two sisters: Mrs. Mary Clark, of Everett, Missouri, and Mrs. Lucy Armstrong, of near Anderson, Missouri; one half-sister: Mrs. Ethel Hamsard, of Blackburn, Oklahoma; several nephews and nieces, and other relatives, many friends, and brothers and sisters in the Lord.

Sr. Casteel was converted in the holiness movement, of the Apostolic faith, twenty years ago, receiving the old time blessings of justification, sanctification, and the baptism of the Holy Ghost, living a true life until Jesus called her Home. She was faithful in the cause of the Lord, trusting Him to the end.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday afternoon, March 25, in the Lone Star school house, by the editor, assisted by Bro. S. Crutchfield, now of Lead Hill, Arkansas, with the song service by Sr. Woody Murray, her two sons and daughter, of Mulberry, Kansas, with burial in the Mitchell cemetery, west of Anderson, Missouri, beside her two children who had gone on before.

The double rooms of the school house, where Sr. Casteel, for so many years had assembled with her immediate family, other saints, and the invited public, to worship the Lord, and the walls of which had reverberated so many times with the sound of her voice in prayer and testimony, were thrown open, and a large crowd was present in sympathy with the family, and to pay their last respects.

We had known Bro. and Sr. Casteel and family for a number of years. Their home has practically been headquarters in that section for the way of holiness for years past. Time was when Sunday School was conducted in their home. Many has been the steps Bro. Casteel has taken in his badly crippled condition—having suffered the loss of a leg many years ago—in going the half-mile distance to and from the school house, and efforts put forth to keep the work going there, as well as the sacrifice made in behalf of some outings places in days gone by. And now that God in His tender love and mercy, has seen fit to call from his side, and his home, his faithful and devoted wife, and dutiful and loving mother of his children, we surely extend to them, and the other relatives, our sym-

pathy, as far as we are able to comprehend their great loss, in this, their sad hour. May God bless and comfort them with the comfort that only Heaven can give. Sr. Anna is going to be missed by many. To those of us who so often have found a welcome in that home, and a haven of rest for the Gospel worker—it will never seem natural any more—there's a vacancy there. In their loss, it seems to us that Bro. Tom and all the children are the more nearer to us. —Editor.

CONFERENCE REPORT

The conference meeting announced for March 12, 13, 14, last, at White Oak church, north of Subiaco, Ark., was brought to a close the first day, it seeming that there was nothing further to be considered at the close of the first day's session.

The attendance was small. The day was spent in giving in reports, etc., with the chief discussion being centered around the advisability of a board of controlling elders for the movement, but which it was not deemed the proper thing to do, or that is, go farther into, at this time—conditions as they are.

The general services that night was surely blest of the Lord. A large crowd, especially of young people was present. Various ministers spoke. There was a spirit of conviction present, and conditions pointed, it seems, to a chance for a further work to be built up there. Bro. Ira E. Rice, Route 1, Scranton, Ark., is their pastor.

Sr. Vergie Wesson, Cecil, Ark., was formerly ordained to the ministry the following morning before the brethren departed. The Lord came on the scene, and did wonderfully bless in this, the real closing

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Righteous art thou, O LORD, and upright are thy judgments. —Psalms 119:137.
Doctrines

We preach Christ, His birth, baptism, works, teachings, crucifixion, death, burial, resurrection, ascension, and His soon coming. We teach the personality of the threefold Godhead; and contend that the very human side of Jesus in its purity and fulness as was delivered by Paul, and the other apostles, to the early church, is the only Gospel for us today.


SANCTIFICATION—Sanctification is that act of God's grace which makes us holy. It is a second, definite work wrought in the heart with the Blood of Jesus [Heb. 10:12], by the Holy Ghost [Romans 15:16], through faith. Heb. 2:11; 18:12. 1 Thess. 4:3. John 7:15, 17; 1 John 1:7. 1 Peter 1:2.

BAPTISM OF THE HOLY GHOST—The baptism of the Holy Ghost is the gift of power upon a clear and sanctified life. Luke 24:49; Matthew 3:11; John 7:38, 39; 14:15, 16, 17, 26. Acts 1:5, 8. And when we receive the experience, we also receive the sign, or Bible evidence, as did the disciples on the day of Pentecost [Acts 2:4], at the household of Cornelius [Acts 10:46], and at Ephesus [Acts 19:6]—that of speaking in other tongues (or languages), as the Holy Spirit gives utterance. Note also Mark 16:17; 1 Cor. 14:21, 22.


THE SECOND COMING OF JESUS—The return of Jesus will be just as literal as was His going away. Acts 1:9-11. John 14:33. Preparation for His return was the message He stressed to His disciples, Matthew 24:44; and such event was that which Paul looked forward to, and points us to. 1 Cor. 15:51-53. 1 Thess. 4:15-18.

WATER BAPTISM—Water baptism by immersion [single], in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, being performed as the answering of a good conscience toward God, is unmistakably the form set forth in the Bible. The word “baptize,” is taken from a Greek word meaning, “to dip.” Jesus was baptized of John in Jordan, Matt. 3:16-17; 28:19, 10. Acts 10:47, 48. Mark 16:16. 1 Peter 3:21.


WASHING THE DISCIPLES FEET—Jesus said, “If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet.” For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you.” John 13:14, 15. Teaching us humility.

THE TRIBULATION—Jesus prophesied a great tribulation period, such as was not from the beginning of the world. Matt. 24:21, 22, 29. Rev. 13th. and 16th. chapters. Also note Daniel 7:15-25; 8:15-25; 9:20-27; 11:20-45, and 12:1; Isaiah 26:20, 21.

Upon authority of Matt. 24:6-8, by virtue of the earthly pact, and now current events, the world has already entered into the “beginning of sorrows,” or the great tribulation period, which is to be climaxed by the three-and-six months reign of the beast power prophesied to us in Rev. 13.

THE MILLENNIUM—The Bible teaches a 1,000 years peaceful reign with Jesus upon earth. During this time Satan will be bound. Rev. 20:1-6. This will truly be a day of rest for God’s people. Hebrews 4:11. Note Isaiah 11:1-12; 65:17-25; Hosea 2:18; Zech. 14:9, 20; Isaiah 2:1-5.

THE GREAT WHITE THRONE JUDGMENT—All nations shall be gathered before the great white throne on Judgment Day. Rev. 20:11-15. Here both small and great among men will be judged according to their works, Daniel 12:2. Matthew 25:31-46. Rev. 20:11-15.

NEW HEAVENS AND A NEW EARTH—The Bible teaches that this earth, which is polluted with sin, shall pass away, and that there shall be new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness. 2 Peter 3:12, 13. Rev. 20:11; 21:1-3.


Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee. 1 Timothy 4:16.
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tions, about how the money would be spent—in revelry, and riotous living—ungodliness? How many homes are there, do you suppose, where sincere thanks are offered unto God before meals; or where a word of prayer goes up from thankful hearts at the close of day, for all of God's goodness toward the individual, or the home? The daily increase of sin and ungodliness in these days bespeak the fact that the world is unthankful before God.

People today, as a whole, have not the affection for each other as they once had. There isn't that spirit of neighboring existing that was once evident. In cities, especially, people may live for weeks, or months, or even longer, next door to each other without knowing one another's names. "Circle" friendship, and cold formality, has replaced much of the spirit of neighborly friendship of days gone by.

In the question of truce breakers, one needs but take a look at world conditions—the affairs between nations—to see this condition in effect today. What are peace treaties between nations worth any more? They seem to be only mere scraps of paper, to be cast aside at will. Look at the attitude, especially of Germany and Italy toward other nations since the World war—defying the whole world, you might say. Then in the lives of private individuals of today, is a condition manifested which is possibly prompted by that same spirit of truce breaking—and that is that spirit of dishonesty, or unreliability. On the whole, just what is a man's word worth today, compared to that of year's ago? Time was when the individual esteemed his reputation as something worth guarding. He was careful to make his word good. Such things as notes and mortgages—binding securities—were hardly known. You could rely upon the individual's promise. But today, the general rule is, the person can sometimes get credit if he can put up security, and pay the interest! Amen. And then maybe the creditor will have to sue if he ever collects.

People will become such an instrument in the hands of Satan as to falsely accuse. Many a lie has been made and told on the saints of God. People will go on the witness stand, and there swear away the lives of their fellow men.

The low moral standard of today—the great problem of sex relationship, is because of that incontinent spirit—lustfulness—that predominates the lives of millions today. It is even causing people to commit horrible crimes. Maybe the rapist murdering his victim. Even reports of where the father attacking, or making advances toward his own daughter! Robbing millions of young boys and girls of their virtue. Destroying the sanctity of the marriage state, and helping to legalize adultery. And possibly going so far as causing the moral pervert to finally stoop so low as to become guilty—both men and women, respectively—of Romans 2:26, 27.

Fierce! Yes, mankind is fierce today. Human life is valued cheaply. Murder, robbery, etc., are common events any more. In the rising of dictators and political overlords, can be seen this spirit manifested. Why, in even their photographs, they seem to be trying, and are, showing forth a look of fierceness—a regular "bull dog" expression, so-to-speak!

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also in Luke 23:50, it states that Joseph, a counsellor, and the man that begged the body of Jesus, and who buried it in his own new tomb—that "he was a good man, and a just." Some preacher may take the pulpit today, and there attempt to doctrinally declare that YOUR mother was not a good woman, by virtue of his "theology" that "none are good;" but then let HIS own mother be laid a corpse, then YOU step up and declare she was not a good woman—then note a possible reaction on his part! People will not only oppose the fact that there are good people today, but go so far as to despise them that are such. To despise means to look down upon with contempt; to scorn; to disdain: to have a low opinion of, says Webster. Such is the estimation in which real Christians are held today, by those fulfilling this part of the Bible. The world hated Jesus without a cause, and so will the saints of God be hated.

Men are traitors today. To be a traitor, means for one to not only violate their allegiance to their country—to betray it into the hands of the enemy—to be guilty of treason, etc.; but one can also betray the trust placed in them by their fellowman—their business associates, etc. Possibly many an individual has gotten away with sums of money, or property, which had been intrusted to their care—may be as a guardian, a business partner, or one whom the individual had reposed confidence in, giving over their means to such party, trusting that they would wisely invest the same for them—maybe the poor victim being a widow. Possibly many a bank has "gone broke" right while holding the confidence of it's depositors—possibly receiving deposits in apparently good faith today, so-to-speak, well knowing it would close its doors tomorrow! or, "go broke full-handed." You know what we mean. And not only are men martial and business traitors, but speaking of the days of the coming of the Son of man, Jesus, Himself, tells us in Matthew 24:10—"And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another," etc. And in Luke 21:16, the Saviour again speaks concerning the signs of His coming: "And ye shall be betrayed both by parents, and brethren, and kinsfolk, and friends; and some of you shall cause to be put to death." These things He is speaking to His disciples; and as it is for us to be living in the days of His soon coming, we are the ones who shall experience many of the fulfillments of prophecy relating to His coming. So as the same spirit that crucified the Lord is now abroad in the world, only being held in check in most of the nations by fear of the law of the land, true Christians can only expect to be, sooner or later, pointed cut to the persecuting powers that be betrayed—as, "That's one of them!" and as a result, have to suffer for the Lord, even as Jesus was pointed out—betrayed—by Judas, the traitor, and suffered the ignominious death on the cross.

It also speaks here that men will be "heady" in the last days. This is true of these days People are wilful, rash, hasty, un governable, etc., as defined, in part, by Webster as pertaining to the word "Headstrong," as we might term it—often can't tell them anything, you might say. This very spirit sometimes manifests itself in the life of some Christian—they have their idea about certain parts of the Gospel, and a message sent under the very anointing from Heaven will hardly move them. They are of the class who will pick the message apart, taking the portion that suits them. This is also a spirit that prompts young people to go their own way, giving no heed to parental advice.

Highminded In one sense, as is commonly termed, this means having the "big head," proud; assuming an undue degree of importance, etc. This condition has possibly caused what should have been an humble servant in God's cause—a preacher—to lose power with God, in that they be come lifted up with pride. It is the opposite to humbleness, or being of a lowly mind. The Bible says in Romans 11:20: "Be not highminded, but fear." Lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God. This is a prevailing condition, easily to be seen, in these days. Millions will go farther, and sacrifice more, for picnics, outings, sports, shows, and entertainments in general, than they will for God's cause, or to be in services. People will go to the show, ball game, swimming pool, or some other form of worldly entertainment, and enjoy themselves for hours, possibly—throughout the period of entertainment, at least; but church services must be cut to the minimum, so to-speak, lest the people be wearied, and as a result, church attendance drop off. And to keep a spirit of interest (?), churches are now sponsoring ball teams, and introducing comedy plays, etc. In a certain big city church here in Oklahoma, we notice the Woman's Missionary Society was to

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sponsored a comedy play, "A Womanless Wedding," to be put on in the community hall of the church. For comedy sake, all the characters were to be men. A more appropriate title to such would have been, "A Christless Activity!" When churches turn to theatricals, etc., for "diversion," it is an evident fact they haven't that satisfying portion in their hearts and lives that comes from God.

And last—Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

There are hundreds in the pulpits, and thousands among the lay-members in the ranks of the Protestant faith, today, who are doing this very thing—having a form of godliness—they build fine church buildings, meet for services, sing, pray, and preach; but they, by word and deed, deny the power of godliness. To begin with, the majority of them do not believe in a genuine, heartfelt religion—a real born again experience in salvation. They do not believe in the power of a sinless life, or, that is, a life made free from sin. Some may approach this far in a weak defense, that they are against sin—they will contend the nevertheless worldly things they indulge in is not sin. You seldom, if ever, hear of them preaching, or practicing restitution. Their services are but cold, formal affairs. They will not stand for the power of the Spirit in their midst. If one would get blessed, and begin to leap and shout, and to praise the Lord in the good old fashioned way, it would surely upset the dignity of the majority; and as a result, they would possibly be politely informed that such would no longer be tolerated in their midst. Their preachers are now, more or less, accepted according to their literary qualifications—the college bred preacher being held first in preference. Old time men and women who preached the Cross, the genuine saving grace of God, and also warned of the dangers of sin—pointing out to the people what sin really was—and who preached the realities of eternal damnation for the wicked—the lake burning with fire and brimstone, which is the second death—such old pioneers of the good old way have been cast aside, and a more fashionable sort are now found in the pulpits, who, virtually, as has been said, "tell how people may live as they list, and go to Heaven at last."

So beloved, to sum up ALL the different conditions mentioned as would transpire in the last days—consider the attitude of humanity in general affected by the various principles herein related, and what else could one expect but Perilous Times to be existent? It's no wonder the land is full of crime, that we are having wars, labour trouble, unemployment, a dire problem in modesty and morals among the people, famine, disease, and pestilence. When people fail God, they can only expect to reap as they have sown. The last days are upon us. Every indication bears this out to be a fact. Out-and-out sin is getting worse, and genuine hypocrisy growing more rank, and the genuine experiences in real salvation becoming less. But thank God, there's going to be a few, comparatively speaking, who are going to go through—who are going to pay the price, and go all they way; who are going to reach the end, and come forth with garments white as snow, washed in the blood of the Lamb Hal-lelujah! Amen. They are going to be those who have not loved their lives unto death; and who have not been swept aside by the allurements of the world, not sold out to the dictates of fashion, folly, nor pride; but who have followed in the footsteps of Him who left us an example: who did no sin, neither was guile found in His mouth.

Reader, are you ready for the call?

LEADING SOMEWHERE

When the time has come in our own country that the labouring man can't get a job on public improvements except he be on relief, or possibly belong to a union, if in line of skilled labour, and then maybe checked in through a relief agency, it looks, at least, as if such procedure might be leading somewhere. Of course, some will maintain that the relief program will not continue as it is—that people will be dropped from the rolls—but whether or no, people even throughout the whole world, are being "whipped into line," or being made ready to receive the beast power. The great change is on. We are assuredly now passing from the old order to the new. And as the beast power will control religious affairs, as well as things political and commercial, the great spirit of compromise is now at work as other things are taking shape, that will eventually bring Protestantism and Catholicism into one body, and you can guess which "body" that will be! It might be hard for some to realize, but the time is possibly not too far away, when it is going to mean something to stand for God in reality.
Bro. F. A. Westmoreland

Some of our readers will be saddened to learn of the passing away of Bro. F. A. Westmoreland, whose death occurred Saturday, April 18, 1936, with funeral services at Wagoner, Oklahoma, on the following day. We do not know the particulars.

Bro. Andy, as he was so familiarly known, had been in failing health for some time. Some years ago, he was an active minister in the faith, and whose preaching and pleasing personality was a blessing to many, who can now hold in pleasant memory, only, the association of days gone by.

Besides those remaining of his father’s household, he leaves to mourn his passing, a loving and devoted wife, his friends, and saints of God. May God accordingly bless each sorrowing heart.

Bro. Felix Pennel

Also we have learned of the passing of Bro. Felix Pennel, one of brethren of the Gray’s Point band of saints, near Morrow, Arkansas. Bro. Pennel’s death occurred only a very few weeks ago. His illness was possibly, a dropsical condition. He had lived in that community for a number of years, and had professed the full blessings of salvation for several years.

Bro. Pennel will be missed by the saints of his home band. He had worshiped there for several years.

He leaves his devoted wife, and children, his friends and saints of God, to mourn his passing away.

Funeral services were conducted by Bro. John Phillips, formerly of Stilwell, Oklahoma, but now of Tablequah, but who has ministered much to the church at Gray’s Point in years past.

May God bless and comfort the bereaved in the passing of Bro. Pennel.

OFFICE NOTES

A good article by Sr. Bell, of Sapulpa, Okla., (whose testimony appears elsewhere in this issue), dealing with our bearing reproach, and suffering persecution for the Lord, will appear in next issue, D. V. And incidently, it is in line, in part. with a thought we feel we possibly have upon our heart for next issue, the Lord willing, and which we hope all the saints will carefully and prayerfully consider—both articles. —Ed.

Bro. S. Crutchfield, formerly with the Oakridge saints, east of Cassville, Mo., is now with the saints at Lead Hill, Ark.

Bro. J. F. Atchley and family, who spent last summer and winter in Colorado, are back in the White Oak community, Route 4, Harrison, Ark.

Bro. B. R. Moon, pastor at Coweta, Okla., is at this date (May 16) with the saints at Lone Star, near Anderson Mo.—or, that is, he begun there last Saturday night (May 10), with plans to be there throughout this week.

Bro. Wheeler, pastor at Webb City, Okla. (accompanied by his family), and Bro. Henegar, pastor near Ramona, were recently in a week’s service near Haskell. The weather was too cool for open air services, and the private home too small, so they decided to wait until later in the summer for the meeting. Bro. Wheeler reports that God met and blessed them there.

Sr. Birdie Hair, of the Spade Mountain band, of near Stilwell, Okla., reports under date of May 5, of meeting at Watts chapel, near Sallisaw. Pretty good meeting; one had been saved; seven or eight in altar night before. Expected she would remain there until following Saturday night.

Sr. Phyrne Hulsey, pastor in Boyd Dist., near Oakgrove, in Carroll county, Ark., is reported to begin a revival at Webb City, Okla., May 16—this date.

We were recently permitted to be in about a week’s series of services with the church at Mulberry, Kans. Hope to visit them again before so very long, the Lord willing. Also was with the saints at Lone Star, near Anderson, Mo., on our way up, and back. Then wife and Sr. Mae Taylor enjoyed the following week end in a visit, and attending services, with saints and relatives of Lone Star—this being Sr. Mae’s home; and much like home to wife and myself.

Saints, don’t forget to continue praying for Bro. Buckles. He reports that he has been able to move his afflicted foot in a manner not heretofore able. If this is a natural movement, it sure is fine; and let us all be thankful. He has surely borne his affliction since in last August with a patience that has been wonderful, indeed. And his faith is yet in God, and his soul anchored in Jesus. We wish ALL the saints understood—maybe more would be more careful in their remembrance in a financial way. His address:

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Fancy a holiness preacher wearing his wrist watch, and then at the same time preaching against the women folk wearing bracelets! Possibly this is enough at present!

The church, or band of saints, who will just drift along, wanting a shout in the camp more than anything else, carrying those along with them who are not coming clean before God—adultery, etc., will some day wake up to find themselves judged by God against them. People can go just so far in a thing, and then God calls a halt. They can’t always ignore certain preaching of the Word. To Israel, He one time said, “neither will I be with you any more, except ye destroy the accursed from among you.”

One thing for sure, beloved, the professed saint of God who is now living in error before the Lord, will sooner or later come to the parting of the way—they will either come clean before God, or else they will fall by the wayside. Especially has this been the case with some who have unfortunately found themselves entangled in the adultery question—divorced, and married to another whilst the first companion yet lives. Some have come to the light, and have suitably measured their life to God’s standard, and thus went on, enjoying God’s blessings, and liberty and freedom in the Lord, and fellowship among the saints; while others coming to the same light, have failed God, refusing to pay the price, and consequently, have fallen by the wayside; or else, maybe not having given up, are just dragging along, spiritually bound, sooner or later to go one way or the other. God is merciful, and long suffering, but man MUST come the right way in all things, if he expects to go through.

THE SABBATH QUESTION

While the majority of Christian people, so-called, are against the Adventist’s doctrine of observing Saturday instead of Sunday as a sabbath day, yet, just what difference should it make, in one respect, to many of the Sunday observers(?), since they don’t keep either day! Amen.

You get the thought?

Professed saints of God can go on robbing Him in tithes and offerings if they want to, but watch out—sooner, or later, they are liable to see things go! We can’t do wrong and get by.

GOD’S CHOICE

There is most bound to be something spiritually wrong with the professed saint of God who has a “pick” among the preachers. If God sends the message, it should make no difference to the laity through which of the messengers it comes. In Jeremiah 3:15, we read: “And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding.” So in this we see that God didn’t intend to consult Israel concerning their “choice” of a pastor, but He would send them pastors, or shepherds, according to HIS own heart—pastors who would feed them with “knowledge and understanding.” He knew what was best for them—they had no choice in the matter. But as it possibly was in those days among Israel, there are those today who seem to have more or less of a “choice” in the matter—they are not pleased with the pastor whom God sends. Possibly for various reasons the God-sent pastor doesn’t seem to “fit in.” But we are sure God knows best. In selecting a king for Israel to replace Saul, if God would have selected as people chose, David would not have been selected. So God knows the best for His people, and the people should be content with His choice. He knows the message, or line of preaching, that is needed, so He can send the preacher accordingly.

Some will possibly pray, “Lord, send us a preacher.” Then when the preacher comes, and the message possibly doesn’t suit them—some don’t like certain kind of preaching—they will virtually say, “Lord, we wanted a preacher, but not this one!” So just suppose, beloved, that earthly parents would

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Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown. — Rev. 3:11.
God's Choice

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let their little children have their own way in the matter of what they eat, or in their little activities in life—what might they sooner or later come to? As is most natural with them, by way of appetite, they might choose most all sweets, which might in turn prove very detrimental to their own health. Just so it is sometimes with saints of God—some of them—they pre fer the “sweets” of the Gospel—they want a continual feast, and a shout in the camp, so to speak, when, as a matter of fact, what they really NEED, is a line of preaching, or teaching, that will lead them into a much needed deeper spiritual experience, or a closer relationship with God. It is fine to see people who have that zeal for God that they want to see others get through to God—but what about they, themselves—God wants them to go on to the full experiences in store for them, and to grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. So while we might have our hearts set on a certain line of preaching, yet God sees we need something else—a line that will lead us to where we should be, spiritually. Some of the best lessons that we learn from God, are learned down in the valley, under the chastening rod, or maybe at the altar of consecration. And “self” is sometimes the worst position we have to contend with. We remember how father, in his life time, once expressed himself. He said to this effect: "It's no wonder that Moses was always having trouble with the children of Israel—it's like it is this day and time, people will pray that prayer (Thy will be done), and then if the Lord sends a little too much rain, they will grumble about it!"

So in closing, beloved, let us call your attention to the above portion of God's Word again—this verse, in it's place—is of as much worth as any other part of the Bible, and we had better respect it as such. Let us try and get the substance of it—how that He would give them pastors "according to His heart," or pastors who were suitable to Him for the occasion; and that these pastors would feed them with "knowledge and understanding"—things that they needed, and which are still needed among God's people today.

SAPULPA, OKLA.,
March 16, 1936.

Dear Bro. and Sr. Bond, and saints everywhere:

I have been thinking of writing again to the little paper. My soul has been feeding today on the good things I have read in it.

I am praising God for old time salvation—just like I received it twenty years ago, when I was a young girl going about seeking pleasure, and finding but little, and all the while there was a yearning for something I didn't have. Finally, I gave up and sought the Lord. On February 22, of that year, God wonderfully spoke peace to my soul—pardoned my sins—made me a child of Him. The next night He sanctified me, and the blessing is real in my life tonight. It means something to get sanctified, and then another thing to keep the blessing. We are willing to give up all to get the blessing, but do we keep all on the altar? If not, we lose power with God, and God is not pleased with us until we put ALL back on the altar.

Then on the 12th. of March, following, I was baptized with the Holy Ghost, and spake in other tongues, as the Spirit gave utterance. Thank God for what a wonderful change that was brought about in my life.

God has been good to me. He has brought me through many hard places, and tonight I'm so glad I feel I am gaining ground. Had sickness in our home last summer. I was afflicted. God was so real to me—taken me through with sweet victory in my soul; not a waver, but just determined to lean on the dear Lord. God wonderfully healed, and I'm giving Him all the praise. Our oldest boy was sick in February. We believed he had pneumonia. But God came in time and healed him, for which we praise Him.

Now I must close, as I have some scriptures and a few comments I am enclosing.

Remember us when you pray.

Really looking for Jesus' soon coming.

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CROSS BEARING

"If God sends thee a cross, take it up willingly and follow Him. Use it wisely, lest it be unprofitable. Bear it patiently, lest it be intolerable. If it be light, slight it not. If it be heavy, murmur not. After the cross is the crown."

—Sel.

No greater inheritance could the parent leave a child than the example and influence of a Christian life.

"As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him;"—Colossians 2:6.
Three Kinds Of Laughter

There are three kinds of laughter—holy laughter; that which we might call, ordinary laughter; and then, the "giggling" kind.

Holy laughter is a blessing from God. If not yourself, you have possibly seen others filled with holy laughter, a real spiritual rejoicing—a blessing from Heaven, thank God!

Of the ordinary kind, there are at least two brands of it—the wholesome, godly sort; and then the foolish, and vulgar kind. The vulgar kind is the brand that evidences mirth at the hearing of filthy, smooty stories, etc. This kind, for sure, should never be indulged in by children of God. If thrown in a position where one has to hear ungodliness in conversation, the thing to do is to just ignore the thing—not give over and laugh. To laugh at such, is too close to the resemblance of an endorsement. And of the foolish kind, we know how the Bible warns against foolishness. In Ephesians 5:4, foolish talking, and jesting, is condemned.

Then there is that "giggling" brand, which is also of the foolish type, of which we wish, the Lord willing, to here speak of more particularly.

Did you ever see people—especially among the younger—who, it seemed, was trying to see something funny in most everything that was going on? We are referring, of course, to conduct among the saints: and further, you understand what we mean. Such a spirit is not from God, and those given to such, are far from being sober minded, as the Bible teaches we should be. We have seen the band of saints where a spirit of foolishness just about predominated, the lives of the younger, it seemed. This ought not to be, and possibly would not be so, if the older ones were doing their duty. At any rate, the Bible speaks in Titus 2:4, concerning how for the aged women to teach the young women, among other things, to be sober minded. In this same chapter, in verses 2, and 6, both aged men, and young men, are exhorted to sober mindedness.

Now while it is nice for young saints to have the companionship, and enjoy the association of each other, yet they should respect the Spirit of God, the house of worship, and not grieve the Spirit, if they have such in their lives, by going on with a string of almost continual foolishness, giggling, etc., but instead, they should keep their minds on God, and godly things, and try and reach the Throne in prayer, that they might be a real spiritual blessing to the services, that their testimonies, and their singing, might be accompanied by the power of God, and that their daily life in general, be what a real Christian's should be—entirely separated from the world in it's foolishness, folly, pride, etc. It is wonderful, especially in these last evil days, when the world is holding out so many lurid inducements, and evil temptations to the youth of our land, to see young men and young women who are living clean, wholesome, consecrated lives for the Saviour. It surely is a picture of admiration to behold such. So may God bless the young saints among us—wherever such may be found, for that matter; and that none will take offense at these few remarks, but that you will surely agree with us, if you are sincere before the Lord, that such a spirit of frivolity is not of God, but is of the world. Amen.

Spiri\al...Temporal Which?

Paul's admonition to Timothy to "Drink no longer water, but use a little wine for thy stomach's sake and thine often infirmities" (1 Tim. 5:23.), is taken by some as referring to the spiritual, and by others as temporal, and others there are who are possibly unsettled in an understanding. For those who may be looking at it as referring to the spiritual—that is, as an admonition to Timothy to get away from just a justified experience, so-to-speak, and to go on into an experience of holiness, or sanctification, by virtue of the fact that "wine" is a type of the Blood that sanctifies, and water being a type of justification—let us notice the word "little," as used by Paul in referring to the wine. Note that he said "use a little wine." Now if we are going to assume that he has reference here to holiness, or sanctification in the use of the word "wine," then he is inferring that Timothy just get a "little" experience in holiness! Do you believe God would want us to have just a little experience; or would He rather that we have a FULL experience? Think!

Now, which does it sound the more like—a spiritual, or a temporal proposition? Amen.

It means much, beloved, for one to say they have did their best!

It is wrong for parents to allow their minor children to indulge in things which they surely know is contrary to the doctrine of holiness.

The Spirit of God will never lead into the paths of sin and unrighteousness.

For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. —Romans 8:14.
BRO. J. E. CABOT

Joseph Eloi Cabot was born in Gilly, Belguim, on December 25, 1874; and passed from this life at his home in Franklin, Kansas, on March 25, 1936. Age, 61 years, and 3 months.

On or about the 20th. of August, 1898, he was united in marriage to Miss Louise Marie Mitchell, in Belguim, and to this union was born three children — two sons and a daughter, of whom two remain: Henry Cabot, of Franklin, Kansas; and Mrs Julia Hallquist, of Kansas City, Kansas. One son passed away in infancy.

He with his wife and children first came to the United States about 29 years ago, but only remained a short time, returning back to his native country, Belguim. Then in 1910, they again emigrated to the United States, taking up permanent residence here, first coming to West Mineral, Kansas, where they lived for a short while, afterward moving to Fleming, Kansas, and after a short time from there to Franklin, Kansas, where they made their home until the time of his death.

Bro. Cabot had given his heart to God about ten years ago, and was also sanctified, and received the baptism of the Holy Ghost, and lived a devoted Christian life to the end. His trust was in God, and refused medical aid, being wholly resigned to God and His will.

Besides his heart-broken wife, and children, he leaves to mourn his passing, two brothers and two sisters in far away Belguim, and a sister in this country, Mrs. Thomas Leveque, of Kansas City, Missouri; four grandchildren; several nephews and nieces, his friends, and his brothers and sisters in the Lord.

Bro. Cabot told members of his family during his last hours, that he was going to see Jesus soon; told his good wife that Jesus was going to take him away.

Funeral services were conducted by the editor, assisted by Bro. S. Crutchfield, now of Lead Hill, Arkansas, in the Apostolic Faith Mission, in Mulberry, Kansas, on the afternoon of Sunday, March 29, in the presence of an enormous crowd who had come to pay their last respects. Burial was in the city cemetery at Mulberry.

To those who are left to mourn the passing away of this sainted little man of God, may God bless and comfort their bereaved hearts. It was our good pleasure to have known Bro. Cabot for some time — that is, our first acquaintance with him dated back some years ago. His life was a most devoted one to his Saviour whom he loved and served in sincerity. Just two weeks to the day, before his funeral service in the church at Mulberry, he had led the praise service in that place. — Editor.

SUNDAY SCHOOL QUESTIONS

In a certain chapter of Psalms are two verses reading exactly alike. Find them.

What man of God declared himself as hating every false way?

Who became angry and prayed?

Who were, in reality, the first to have to meet death, as recorded in the New Testament, because of Jesus?

(Answers on last page.)

O taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him. — Psalms 34:8.
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"AFTER THEIR KIND"

"Lo, this only have I found, that God hath made man upright; but they have sought out many inventions."—Ecclesiastes 7:29.

We have been accused of preaching from what we have seen (which after all, isn't such a bad accusation, since we find as the apostle Paul one time passed by, and beheld, or SEEN, the devotions of some, he there was moved of God to declare the truth unto them—Acts 17:22-31.). So possibly, the Lord willing, and by His help, we might have few thoughts for consideration this morning, upon a subject which we confess was brought to our attention through something we have SEEN: and though if not essential to salvation, yet it might serve a godly purpose in helping us to get an insight to a portion of God's great truths, which in turn always serves as food to the hungry soul.

Now beloved, be careful to take us seriously, in this beginning:

This morning, in returning from the cow pasture, we "seen" one of those very small, white, long haired dogs—in appearance, almost despisable—dirty — bedraggled—long hair hanging over its face (though to some, as well as other types of dogs, apparently more precious than a baby—practically an idol to many), and the thought is this: Is God responsible for did He create—ALL the various types—"breeds"—of the animals and fowls that we have in existence today? Or, are many of them the product of man's inventive process, wrought through cross-breeding, a thing which was one time, at least, forbidden man?

In the beginning, God created things "after their kind." In Gen. 1:25, we read: "And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and every living thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that it was good." (Please note here, that God seen the individual work of His creation, that "it WAS good").

Now in Leviticus 19:19, we see that it was contrary to the statutes of God for Israel to indulge in the cross breeding of cattle: "Thou shalt not let thy cattle gender with a diverse kind:" etc. Of course this was under the law; but the question is, was it ever God's will, or plan, for man to mix the products of His creation? If God, in the beginning, created all that was sufficient for man, don't you believe man would have been the better off to have kept his hands off, and been content with things as they were? Note above where in it stated, concerning His creation of animals, that He seen "it WAS good;" but man, the only disobedient thing of ALL of God's creation, seems prone to almost continually be trying to improve upon the original plan—except trying to improve, as he should, upon his own individual manner of living! Amen. Take for instance, man's efforts to continually produce, through cross breeding, a better type, or strain, of beef and dairy cattle; of better poultry; better hogs, sheep, horses, mules, etc. And men are lauded in this, their efforts, along the line. But why such efforts? Chiefest, the answer brings us back to that old Bible truth, "For the love of money is the root of all evil." (See 1 Tim 6:10.) So in order to get fowls and stock that are MORE productive, and that will command a higher price, do men indulge in trying to improve upon God's original plan. And of course, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, come in for their share of the reasons why the "fancy" breeds of today. And if these reasons be sin—then man go contrary to God's plan for such—what matters it to the world today? Take another look at the thought for a text above! Men that know, will tell you that the "fancy" strain of highly breed stock of today, are not the hardy type of the more rugged breeds of yesterday. But men isn't satisfied—he must try to mix a little of his "superior", knowledge with God's wisdom as he goes along. And should it be a known fact that to mix breeds was a sin, it would be impossible to now confine ourselves to the original pure strain, since man, by his "ingenuity," has crossed, and re-crossed, to produce the different types, until, in some instances, we may be far from the knowledge of the original; hence, God, in His justice, would not impute such to us.

Some may think a thought like this would look better it a farm journal; but though not conducive to salvation, yet it surely has it's proper place in the line of Bible thoughts. In one instance, the mule, from all indications, is not an animal created of God—it does not gender after it's kind. Other animals, and fowls, possibly, have been: brought into existence by the process of inter-breeding.

Now in closing—IF man has made some mistakes along the lines mentioned above, yet his WORST and BIGGEST mistake he is now making, is when he is trying to "mix" salvation and the world—trying to herein improve upon God's original plan, to give to the world a more refined, a more advanced form of Christianity! For Shame! But here is one instance where things won't mix—but everything after it's kind, thank

Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up. ...James 4:10.
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time of the gathering. Time and place for the next conference was left unannounced. May the dear Lord bless Bro. Rice, and the work at that place. Would be well for brethren to visit them occasionally, and give them a few services. Like other places, they need help. To write Bro. Rice, address him at Scranton, Ark., Route 1.

Bro. Henegar presided, and Bro. Wheeler kept a record of proceedings.

Correction: This is Oakgrove Church, and not White Oak, as referred to in beginning of this report. Our mistake—we apologize. — Editor.

EASTER SERVICES AT
MULBERRY, KANS.

The special services announced for Easter Sunday at the church in Mulberry, Kans., was surely blessed of the Lord. A fine attendance, saints coming for many miles from other states to be there. The day was spent in song, prayer, testimony, and preaching. At noon or past the noon hour, rather—a bountiful dinner of such good things to eat was spread on benches outside the church, and with food to spare. A fine spirit prevailed throughout the day's service, and saints went home feeling and realizing it was good to have been there. All were given a chance to testify, and each minister present an opportunity to speak.

The significance of such occasion surely gives rise to a wonderful thought—The power of an empty tomb! Much is said of the cross, which was necessary, and the glory of it shining throughout the world; but as Paul says, "And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins." So beloved, without that empty tomb, we would not have today the glory of the cross. Then, in reality, the greatest text ever announced to the world, was that spoken by the angel to those women who had gone in the early morning to visit the tomb: "He is risen!" On the reality of this, rests the assurance of our faith. Yes, beloved, just a little thought along the line, and we can fully realize that the empty tomb means much.

Of those gathered from other places that we know of, were one or more, each, from, White Oak, community of near Harrison, and from Boyd Dist., near Oakgrove, in Arkansas; Lone Star and Honey Lake Dists., near Anderson, Mo.; Webb City, Sand Springs, Tulsa, near Ramona, Hickory Grove community of near Fairland, Drum right, and Tahlequa, Oklahoma.

May the Lord bless the saints at Mulberry.

A TIME OF TROUBLE

The pages of the little paper are surely saddened this issue through the announcements of so many deaths. It seems to us that the past fall and winter, and on down into this spring, has surely been a troublesome time—so much sickness and many deaths. Seems in this respect to have been about the worst time since the great influenza epidemic of several years ago. It surely pays people to be living right, for we never know how soon, nor who may be, the next that is called to lay down this life, and go out to meet God. May the dear Lord bless the sorrowing of each broken home.

And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain. —1 Cor. 15:14.