"Our Future Lies in the Past"

"Whatsoever thy hand findeth
to do, do it with thy might; for
there is no work, nor device, nor
knowledge, nor wisdom, in the
grave, whither thou goest."
—Ecclesiastes 9:10.

We do not know who coined the
above phrase; but it seems to car-
ry a foundation thought for a few
remarks we would like to voice at
this time, the Lord willing, and by
His help.

To begin with, we would have
you to understand that, though
our subject head may sound al-
together discouraging, yet we hope
that nothing herein contained will
tend to dishearten any from strict
observance of our Biblical text
above; but the rather that the
tenure of this brief message will
stir us up to more of a zeal for
God, and His good cause, as we
more fully realize the short-
ness of the time before us—that
our day for labour in the Gospel
work has just about closed—that,
truly, "Our future lies in the past."

Now, for your better under-
standing, perhaps we had best
explain just a bit concerning the
deeper meaning of the expression,
"Our future lies in the past."
(And in a nutshell, so-to-speak,
this explanation will practically
suffice for all this message; yet we
feel like going into a few details.)
In substance, it means just this:
that so far as accomplishing many
things as we would like to; so far
as golden opportunities along lines
longer awaiting us—that all such
are gone—that any chance to do
the things we should have done,
those days are now in so many
instances, past and gone—that the
day we may have one time looked
forward to—a future—has come—
has gone! and now, for sure, "lies
in the past!"—lost to us; unbe-
necessary, except it serve (and our
intention, in part, for this short
article) in some way as a warning,
and an incentive, to spur us on to
yet do our best for God in the
present—at least hold that which
we have—our own soul's welfare,
and those who are under our care,
or within our jurisdiction, for we
are sure that we haven't a single
soul to lose, or whom we would
want to give up from among us—
no, not from the best preacher
(if there be a "best"), to the
weakest lay-member, for they all
are precious in His sight. No, we
haven't a church, nor a band of
saints anywhere, that we want to
see go down; but wherever this
good Gospel has been planted, we
want to see it bring forth fruit for
God! "Those that be planted in
the house of the Lord shall flourish
in the courts of God." (Ps. 92:13.)

But—
Truly, the day is almost spent—
the shadows of the evening are
stretched out—yes, darkness is be-
ginning to cover the land, and
gross darkness the people, as
teaches the Word of God; by far
the greater part of prophecy has
either become history, or now cur-
rent events; and more dangerous
yet, the real spirit of old-time
Holy Ghost conviction is being
rapidly lifted from the Gentile
world, as God forwarned us in
Gen. 6:3—the kind of conviction
for sin that one time brought
men and women, sobbing, to the
old altar bench, where in true re-
pentance, they wept and cried
their way through to victory. at
the foot of the Cross, then joyous-
ly arose new creatures in Christ,
and then went forth, bearing fruit
for Him—their hearts having been
touched, and their lives really
transformed—and, like Zacheus
of old, if they had wronged their

THANKSGIVING DAY

As the Season draws near
for the annual day of Thank-
siving as observed by our
Nation for so many years,
though the world is so torn
by the most brutal war of all
time, and so many homes are
broken, and hearts saddened,
yet we have MUCH to be
Thankful for, especially when
we think of those who are in
the war-stricken zones—just
what they are suffering; and
above all, for our salvation,
and the good promises of
God, which can never fail.
So—
WE THANK THEE, LORD!

God's Proclamation
"In every thing give
thanks: for this is the
will of God in Christ
Jesus concerning you."
fellow man, willing and glad to make the thing right—something we don’t hear so much about these days—not even from the pulpit. Amen.

So—

If we have been putting off something in God’s good cause—if we have felt impressed with an effort along some line toward the furtherance of the Gospel—if there be an opening left, we had better haste, and arise to the work, whatever it may be—the time is short!

While it is of no material benefit to mention such now, saving to help make impressive the thought under consideration, and possibly serve as an incentive (as mentioned above) to spur us on to some last minute action for the Lord, yet we think of the time lost among us, and the territory that we have failed to cover, back yonder in the days when we could freely travel—go as far as we like; stay as long as we wish; yes, when they were actually calling for help from distant states—but what has been our response to the “Macedonian calls”—have we responded as Paul of old—go, facing hardships, stay with a new work until it was thoroughly established? NO! Possibly a preacher or so dash out for a little while to some distant place, maybe help a few souls on to God, or a little further on with the Lord, leaving them open to some erroneous teaching which is always ready, and overly anxious, to come it and take possession, and they, themselves, rush back—back to the “old haunts” here in the converging corners of the four-state area, where preachers, and professed preachers, are almost tramping on each other’s heels, so-to-speak; where there are possibly ten—yes, maybe a hundred!—messages preached to set-in-their-ways Christians, or to the otherwise Gospel hardened—where many almost know what the preacher is going to say next— to ONE message to those who have heard but little, if any, of the full Gospel in its purity! Yes, our scope of territory, and our activities in these regions mentioned above, only remind us of rabbit paths in a briar patch!—some well beaten out trails from one well-known community, to another! Truly, beloved, this seems far from the command of Jesus, “Go ye into all the world.” Here, again, we are faced with the sad reality—“Our Future Lies In The Past.” Not even have many of our dollars gone to help those of other faiths who have gone! Let us think—had it not been for some with whose doctrine we did not concur, how would the teaching of repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ—yes, just the name of Jesus—how would such have ever reached the little jungle natives in heathen lands, had it not been for some faithful missionaries? A few times in the past have we made a proposal, or gesture, along these lines—both home and foreign expansion of the work; but the response has never been voiced with acceptance. So when we come to the ultimate close of Day, and the shades of night have fallen upon the sea, the hills, the plains, I wonder if we will hear the distant echo of some faint, and dying cry, “Come over and help us”—coming from whence we knew they needed help, and had aforetime heard the cry, but we had never lent a hand!—I wonder how we would feel? Let’s be not too boastful, beloved, but humbly remember how the Bible warns: “If the righteous scarcely be saved!” So let us do our best for the present; yes, “Whatsoever thou hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest.” YES—it had better be done NOW, for, so far as there being golden opportunities afforded us as one time in the past—wide open doors for the Gospel; deep conviction upon the people; comfortable ways of travel—practically all the freedom we could ask for; all the material we needed, to build all the church houses we wanted to—all these, and many more—but now, it surely appears that, “Our future lies in the past!”—the dispensation is about over and gone! Amen.

MISSOURI CONFERENCE MEETING

Following up a program launched at last summer’s Conference at Camp Meeting, to divide the Movement into Districts, with a Leader from each District to be selected to oversee business matters, and spiritual oversight as well, in such District, thus simplifying matters, and a general aid to our Leader and Conference Chairman, Bro. P. A. Henegar, the first of a series of these conferences was held at Mt. View church, about 14 miles east of Cassville, Mo. (Hy. 86.), on Saturday, Nov. 7, with Bro. Henegar presiding, and Bro. J. F. Atchley, assistant to the General Chairman, and for some years back, by action of General Conference, leader, or overseer, for the state of Arkansas, was also present. The general attendance was not large, but the time seemed to have been profitably spent, though the principal discussions for the day were more along the line of past failures, and short comings, concerning business activities of the past; failure in promoting the proper expansion of the good cause of the Lord, etc. A good spirit prevailed; and at the close of this part of the service, Bro. L. L. Wheeler, of Route 2, Anderson, Mo., was unanimously chosen to be the leader, or overseer, for the state of Missouri, as it was decided to establish the territory by states, instead of districts, as previously planned. A portion of the work of these leaders will be to ordain ministers, deacons and elders, and setting churches in order, etc., but with them, themselves, to always be in subjection to the General Chairman of the Movement, and the action of Conference.

Following the business session, the remainder of the day was given to all present, who had not previously taken part, to express themselves concerning, this, the first conference meeting for most of them. Favourable and appreciative comments we made by (Con’t. on page 8---last page.)
TO THE UNWILLING

In these evil days and trying times, with the war clouds hanging so low over the entire world; with the winds of adversity blowing around the very soul of man; seemingly, the sun has begun to hide its face—in every move and action, we see the signs of our soon coming King—and yet men are unwilling to take God's holy Word as the way to victory.

We talk much about victory, but there is only one way to everlasting victory, and that is in and through the precious shed Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. And yet we find so many Christians, even, who seem unwilling to take God's way.

Dear friends, don't you know that God will hold us responsible in the day of Judgment for not having obeyed His Word? In what way do we expect to get by? We know there is victory in prayer—the right kind of prayer. God says, "Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not." (Jer. 33:3.) "And it shall come to pass, before they call, (God's people) I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear." (Isa. 65:24.) Elisha was a man subject to like passions as we are (James 5:17.), and he earnestly prayed until the victory was his. Had he been unwilling to pray, what would have been the outcome with him? In 2 Chron. 7:14, we read: "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

Dear ones, these promises are all for us. Then why are we so unwilling to believe and obey God? I know its only natural that we have troubled hearts while so many of our loved ones are taken away. Let's make sure it will never shake our faith in God; nor the foundation upon which we stand, for remember, all other foundations will crumble beneath the storms of this life; and, O, how great will be the fall!

We see so many failures in the churches. The services dry, cold, or bound. Such shallow experiences. Why? People are unwilling to come down before God. We've preached it too high to suit them! They have stiffened their necks, hardened their hearts, and gone in the ways of the world.

Oh, may God help us today, to lay aside every weight, and the sin that does so easily beset. There are weights a plenty, we know; but God says for us to lay them off. So let's try to do as He says; and then run the race with patience—be willing to let God have His way, no matter how rugged the path may seem. Let's not follow the ways of the world. Let us seek out the old paths, and walk in them. These "old paths" just suit me. Let's live good, clean, holy lives, then we can face the Judgment with an assurance of hope, can't we?

I'll never forget when I first began to realize there were deeper depths and higher heights for God's people to attain unto. It happened like this: They called on me to lead the praise service in a little cottage prayer meeting one night not long after I was saved. I picked up the Bible and began to read a passage of Scripture, as was the custom, before going on with the service. Suddenly, I felt condemnation sweep over my soul. You see my hair was cut very short, and with lots of "kinks" in it; my dress had not the sign of a sleeve! I had never heard any preaching against such things. But God showed me it was wrong. Then I began to take notice, and to study the Bible. I put sleeves in my dresses; let my hair grow out; left off my lip-stick, rouge, and jewelry; quit going to pie-soppers, picnics, shows, carnivals, and such like; and, Praise the Lord, I am yet sanctified today! This, together with all the rest of God's will, is just what it will take for you to receive, and to keep, the good blessing of sanctification.

And something else—I had to do much straightening up of my past life—make restitution. If more things along this line were practiced today—really live the life—we would see some old time meetings, with the power of the Holy Ghost more in evidence, and souls possibly falling into the altar, and praying through to victory.

I know the real way is made a mock these days; but thanks be unto God, its the right way, just the same. Another thing—-it will give you a desire to read clean literature; and also, to give up anything else that is unclean before God. This we will have to do, before the Holy Ghost will come in.

Well, I hope none have become tired at this; but this I do know—had I been unwilling to have given up these things as God revealed them to me, I would have completely lost out with Him. So dear saints, it's going to mean much to be able to stand in that great Day, which surely isn't too far out yonder in the future. Let's therefore stay willing to do God's good will; let's keep saved, sanctified, and filled with the precious Holy Ghost, ready and willing to do even the little things for God, and we are sure He will help us in our attempts in the rest. Praise His good name forever. I am glad that I became willing to go all the way with my precious Saviour. Bless Him good name.

Your unworthy sister in Christ,

Mrs. B. A. Pierce,
Bradleyville, Mo.

Satan Hates The Doctrine

Satan hates the doctrine of entire sanctification above all other doctrines in the Bible—and no wonder—he can imitate all other experiences quite well; but the blessing of old time holiness, which gives victory and freedom within over Sin and the world—something that destroys the body of sin in one's life (Rom. 6:6.)—naturally, he would hate such! And not only does he merely hate the experience,
ABOMINATION BEFORE GOD

One of the outstanding abominations before God, and which is a daily sight on our streets, and other public places today, is that of so many female beings (hardly worthy the good name, Woman!) ingloriously parading around in slacks, with their finger nails grown out and manicured to resemble bird claws, and painted in true heathenish fashion, smoking cigarettes—indeed appearance and mannerism, just about the limit in brazen boldness, and gross ungodliness! It is sad to think that our own nation has sank to the low degree of sin that is so flagrantly displayed, in so many forms, as we see today; and in the very face of such public abominations, and even licensed vice and ungodliness, even followers, or endorsees of such, have the audacity to join in singing, "God Bless America!" No doubt but the prayers of, comparatively speaking, a faithful few scattered here and yonder, so-to-speak, is all that is holding this old world together now. And some day, ere long, that prayer is going to change, and there will go up a universal cry from the hearts and lips of God's people, for Jesus to come! When this time arrives—and it is now surely on the way—the coming of the Lord will be nigh at hand, in reality.

We reprint the following from "Gospel Gleaners," a Youth publication of the Assemblies of God movement:

Comments of a Movie Producer

One frequently hears criticism from the pulpit of the dress and make-up of modern women, but it is quite unusual to have such criticism come from a movie producer. However, the well-known producer Cecil B. De Mille comments as follows:

"A man with any romance in his soul will turn his head the other way when he sees a woman wearing high-heeled shoes and trousers—her mouth painted as if a ripe tomato had hit her in the face, and with fingernails dripping as though she had come from a slaughter-house. She is just as repulsive as a man would be wearing a pink ribbon, a corset cover, a ballet skirt and satin slippers.

"Femininity is what men have bartered empires for. Nations have waged war for it. It is the greatest power in the world, and history proves it. But unless women look before they leap, chaos is ahead of them now.

"In my lifetime as a producer, I've watched women wield this God-given power and sway audiences to tears as a child pulls a toy train; but they are losing that hold because they are trying to be men instead of women. I shudder to think what may happen if they don't stop quickly!"

"The true art of make-up for a woman is to approach nature, not artificiality. Painted faces like those of clowns have nothing to do with beauty.

"Women will find they are again in power over men and the world at large when they become truly women again. I hope it isn't too late."

This from a movie producer—just what do you suppose is the record in Heaven! Read Proverbs 6:16-17. Then don't fall out with preachers for declaring against things that lead up to just such as this. All sin is sin; but some things become abominable before God. Amen.

PRAYER LIST

(The following is a list of dear young men among us, who are now in camps, over seas, or otherwise taken from our midst, and whose names have been sent us by relatives, or very special friends. Please remember them daily, in prayer.)

(In this column we will be glad to print the names of your loved one—father, son, brother, husband, or special friend, as explained above. Just give us their name, and state whether in home land, or over seas; and whether saved, or unsaved. No other particulars; but sign YOUR name, and relationship. We hope many of the saints will take this prayer list upon their hearts, to form a praying band for a most needy and worthy cause. The Lord bless you. —The Editor.)
MEMBERS ONE OF ANOTHER

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devoted to the interests of the Church of God, of the Apostolic faith.

"Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with the

all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, both their's and ours." — 1 Cor. 1:2.

We stand for, and endorse, the threefold plan of salvation—that is, Justification by faith; Sanctification through the Blood (a second, definite, work of grace); and the baptism of the Holy Ghost and fire, with the Bible evidence of speaking in other tongues, as the Spirit gives utterance. Teaching for doctrine, those principles taught by the people of the Apostolic faith since the outpouring of the Spirit in the beginning of the latter rain dispensation (Topeka, Kans., 1901; Los Angeles, Calif., 1906).

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but he has men and women in the pulpit who are stout against the doctrine as being an instantaneous work of grace. But none who have gone on and attained unto the genuine baptism of the Holy Ghost in their lives, are going to remain "hard fighters" against the experience very long, for somewhere between their conversion, and the Baptism, they of necessity, had to make that deep consecration—their will yielded up to God—before the Holy Ghost would come in; hence, they are not so hard against the blessing, for they have it in their lives, though it has never been Biblically explained to them.

No, Satan can't very well imitate true holiness, because of his own make up—he hates it!

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"WILL A MAN ROB GOD?"

"Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. (Mal. 3:8.)

Notice that God answered the question as to how He had been robbed. Yet, if some of us hear a real man of God preach a sermon on tithing, we will probably go home, and say, "I'm not going back and hear him any more. He preaches on tithes too much."

May the Lord forgive us for such attitude, for possibly right then we haven't paid the part that belongs to God for months! We may say, "We can't afford it this time." That will neither help us, nor that man or woman who has possibly sacrificed their home life—their all, so-to-speak—to bring the Gospel to you and I.

Let us stop and think for just a moment about the condition of our country—what a state of trouble it is now in; and then let's ask ourselves, What has caused it to be this way? It is, in part, no doubt, because people have failed God. In Prov. 14:34, we read: "Righteous exhalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people." We may say, "What does that have to do with paying tithes?" It has this much to do—that "Robbing God" is surely wrong—with humanity, we'd call it sin!

Then think how we sometimes suffer otherwise in peace times. Let us note verses 9 to 12, of this same scripture:

"Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation.

"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

"And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the Lord of hosts."

"And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightful some land, saith the Lord of hosts."

So, all told, it is no wonder we are in trouble as we are. God is not mocked. Let us remember how that Jesus said: "Render therefore unto Caesar the things which be Caesar's, and unto God the things which be God's." Not long ago our nation started a campaign, asking that all working people, and possibly all employers as well, pledge themselves to lend one tenth of their earnings to the government. Why? Might it not be, since nations rob God—refuse to give unto HIM the tenth—that they may have to give up the tenth after all?

Let us bring our first fruit unto God, as the Bible teaches. Some may say, "My income is cut so short after my insurance, income tax, social security, etc., is taken out." But I want to say that God is not responsible for that, either. Amen.

So in conclusion, let's not forget that how we have to pay for the way we live—our attitude toward God, and His cause.

"Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

"For he that soweth to his flesh shall of his flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting."

"And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."

So even the way seems rough at times, let us obey God—for remember—the things God has promised, that will He do.

Pray much for wife and myself.
A brother in Christ,
Arlis Hendrickson,
411 Windler,
Tracy, California.

The time has come now when many of our younger saints—men and boys of draft age—are going to the more fully realize how that it pays (or would have paid) to have lived a really careful life before God, that they might be prepared, spiritually; to meet the tests now coming—that they might have wisdom to always know just what steps to take; and have grace in their hearts for each trying hour. The day in which we are now living, hasn't altogether come upon the world unannounced—dangers of the last days, and the approach of the same, has long been preached to the people, but we fear many—both young and old—have received the message with too little concern. May God bless and keep everyone honest and sincere soul in the trying days to come.

Good For Preachers?

Preacher, did you ever, after having done what you felt like was a little preaching—that God had helped you in a message—have some one say to you after services were over, "Well, brother, I liked your talk tonight." Poor old preacher—thought he had been preaching! O, any way, such might be a good preventative of exhaltation!
JUST COLD---OR FROZEN?

We have heard the story of the little boy that went to church, and who was either hard of hearing, or else not very attentive, as so many little boys often are. Any way, on returning home, his mother, who happened not to attend the service, asked him concerning the minister’s text, to which he replied: “Many are cold, and a few frozen.” The preacher’s text, of course, had been, as the story goes, “For many are called, but few are chosen!” However, the little boy’s understanding of the preacher’s words, figuratively speaking, was not far from descriptive of conditions sometimes found right amongst those of us who are professing the highest experience this side the Glory World! Let us say, AMEN—not because we are glad; but because of the truth!

When Christian people get to where they can’t pray—just can’t get hold of God for themselves, nor for any one else—such condition ought to bring a fear over them! There’s bound to be something wrong. God hasn’t retired us on a “pension!” Too many, no doubt, just accept such condition as a matter of course, and drift along, hoping the Lord will come along by and by, and shower the thing down upon them that they need. But we are afraid not. It didn’t happen that way with the five foolish virgins. And we are sure God is no respecter of persons. He loves all alike; He warns all alike; and lastly, He will reward all alike—when the Bridegroom comes, those who are ready, will go in to the marriage supper, and the door will be shut; and those who are not ready (possibly didn’t “feel” like praying!) will be forever barred out! They’ll “feel” like praying then—the Bible records in Matt. 25:11, that they did pray—when it was too late!

It is said that the sensation experienced by a person just before they freeze to death, is a drowsiness—a kind of stupor steals over them. Then, the individual out in the blizzard, and feeling this condition stealing over him, must needs to collect his senses—stir himself—exercise—get his blood to circulating—in some way pull out of it! if they expect to save their life. And just so it is—there is a worldwide “blizzard” abroad in the world—not many churches, not many homes, and that because not many individuals, are on fire for God any more. A terrible condition is existing in the world today (As we gather thoughts from one of our exchanges). The formation of the coming beast power (Rev. 13.), which is surely now taking shape through the activities of dictatorship, is casting a horrible influence over the world. No doubt but what Gospel activities have practically been stamped out in the major part of the world, and being dangerously threatened in other parts. In our own dear country, the wave of “big money”—highest wages, and easiest hours the working class has ever known, is having its effect upon the spiritual side of our Christian life. All together, the influence of evil forces is finding its way, directly or indirectly, to within the ranks of true Christianity, and causing there, a let-up, or loss of fervent zeal, with the

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WHERE IS MY PAPER?

Where, O, WHERE, did Bro. Bond go?
Gospel seed, does he no longer sow?
For my MESSENGER, I’ve waited in vain;
But tomorrow to the office, I’ll go again.

Even Will, a doeful note begins to sound;
Today saying, “What’s become of Bro. Bond?”
I shook my head—“I’ve wondered of late,
If we’ve been wiped clear off his slate!”

Maybe we have failed to do our part,
And Bro. Bond, the paper couldn’t start.
Maybe, too, he didn’t know,
That we would miss the paper SO.

I pass my paper all around,
Where ever a saint of God is found.
Only yesterday a sister, to me said:
“I believe its the best I’ve ever read.”

Mrs. Sophia Scaggs,
Seminole, Oklahoma.

(We surely appreciate the spirit of the above “unique” reminder of thelateness of the last issue of the little paper, and am taking the liberty of passing it on to YOU. The Lord bless Bro. and Sr. Scaggs. ---The Editor.)
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all. So with a song, and old-time handshake, the meeting came to a close, a good spirit prevailing to the end. And sorry that space will not permit us to go into details concerning the good Fellowship Meeting that followed the next day---of the good attendance; the good service; and the fine, bountiful dinner---free to all. May the dear Lord bless the good people at Mt. View---with us, naturally---we go there once a month!

The next of these series of conferences will be held on Nov. 28, (Saturday) at Mulberry, Kans., to select a leader, or overseer, to assume charge of the work in that state. This will also be followed by a Fellowship Meeting the next day, Sunday, Nov. 29. May the dear Lord bless, and give the saints at Mulberry a good meeting. We love them; and get to be with the church there occasionally.

Complete Minutes of combined series of these Conference Meetings will be printed following Okla. and Ark. decisions, D. V.

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result you can’t get people to seek God for vital experiences as they should. the spiritual “blizzard,” in its many forms, now raging over the world, has just about “bentumbed” their spiritual feelings; and except they forcibly arouse themselves---get that bloodstream of earnestness before God to circulating throughout their spiritual lives, thus warming-up those long dormant, and insensitive feelings, we are afraid their will eventually succumb to that stuper---the Call will come, and their light will have gone out! Of course we know such fate is not your intention neither was it the foolish virgins’ intentions; but it was their reward for, possibly, indifference, self-security, or such like!

When have you heard of much fasting and praying? Amen.

OFFICE NOTES
NOVEMBER 23, 1942.

Two issues within this month! and expecting, the Lord willing, to have the third one started, ere this reaches many of our readers, that we may get it out before Christmas, as we hope to spend the holiday season in Oklahoma, with double-staff, brief trips into Kansas, and Van Buren, Ark. But it’s taking much labour to accomplish this---often working well into the night, to reach our goal. Pray for us.

To start off our “Office Notes” this issue, we are going to lay in a complaint against ourselves! No, it doesn’t “burn us up,” no more than some say they were “scared to death”---but we do get worried at ourself for a simple thing—that of letting so many, even easy words, get by misspelled in the little paper. For instance, in a “thought” in column 3, page 6, of this issue, we let the word, “approach,” get by with the spelling, “awproach.” But mistakes like this are because of letters, in distributing type back into the cases after printing, being accidently, or through awkwardness, being dropped into the wrong compartment.

Then, in resetting the type, we reach into the right “box” for the type, alright, but a wrong letter is there, and we get it—all of which makes us think of how people—saints of God—get out of their place sometimes, and the results that often follow---holiness being badly “misspelled” in their lives! Yes, people are reading our lives, daily, who possibly scarcely, if ever, pick up the Bible. And that some are excellent “proof readers,” don’t forget!

We have received a “poster” Church Directory and Invitation to Services, from Bro. Brewer, pastor at Arkansas City, Kans. This was in the form of hand-bills, which we presume they are placing in homes, and elsewhere, inviting people out to church. A nice way of invitation. May good results follow their endeavour to get the people out, and that they may become acquainted with the old-time Gospel. Bro. Brewer said that the Lord was wonderfully blessing there. They have Prayer Meeting on Tues. nights; Young People’s Meeting on Friday night; Sunday School, and Services on Sunday A. M.; and Booster Band, and Services, Sunday night. The Mission is located at 1816 South G Street. (See Addition) Pastor’s address: Bro. E. T. Brewer, 1525 South H Street. Visit their services. Worthy Ministers Welcome.

A letter from Bro. S. Crutchfield, of near Tulsa, Okla. (R8 Box 197.), under heading, Marble City, Okla., and dated, Nov. 19, stated that he was in a meeting at that place. Seemed to be having a “battle,” however, could feel the touch from the Lord in giving out the Word. Only one had been saved; and some had given their hands for prayer. Personally, we have an idea that some around that place have been hearing a goodly portion of the old-time Gospel in its purity! May God bless Bro. Crutchfield, and family. We yet reccommend him to any pulpit, or community. Amen.

A card from Bro. and Sr. Granvel Wooten, dated, “Grants, New Mexico, Nov. 17,” stating they had been in a meeting at Freer, Texas, and had just returned home. They were yet striving to please God. While we haven’t known them---too long---but long enough to feel they are clean, sincere, and with an earnest zeal for God. A good thought we quote from their card, referring to per­secutions awaiting saints of God when tribulations have reached their height: “Lots of folks are wondering what we will do at the ‘chop-block’ but we’ll never get there until we stand the smaller trials first.” Had you ever thought upon it? The Lord bless Bro. and Sr. Wooten, who are yet to be classed among our Young People.