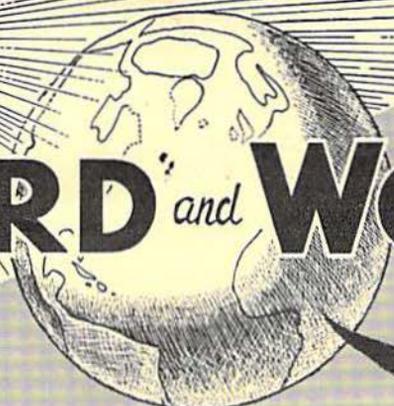


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Talking Things Over

G. R. L.

"My father, my father, the chariot of Israel and its horsemen!" These words of Elisha (2 Ki. 2:12) had been running through my mind for about two weeks when news came of the home-going of our brother Stanford Chambers. Thinking on this event—the departure of Bro. Chambers, and what it would mean to the churches with which he was associated—cast new light on the scripture. What was Elisha saying?

Israel was in a state of moral and spiritual decline. Opposition to the wicked Jezebel was systematically stamped out. Civic leaders were made her pawns. Yes, God had His 7,000 faithful saints . . . *underground*. There seemed to be no lack of accredited prophet schools; and yet they never produced a prophet that caused Ahab any trouble. Only one voice spoke out for God—Elijah the Tishbite—but one man and God make a majority. Through the faithful preaching of one man, God was able to restrain the tide of evil and so delay the day of national judgment. Not the armies of Israel's king (now Ahaziah), but the righteousness of faithful Elijah—"the chariot of Israel, and its horsemen"—was the real security of the nation. Hence the exclamation of Elisha as Elijah was caught up to heaven.

Now we don't want to over-do the comparison between those times and ours, or between Elijah and Bro. Chambers; still, I feel compelled to draw certain parallels. Not long ago a TV news commentator noted the dearth of outstanding figures in international politics, men like Churchill and Roosevelt—or even Hitler and Mussolini—who stood tall above their fellows. To that commentator, such lack of strong leadership is a calamity of world-wide proportions. It appears to me that something of the kind is developing in the little circle of churches that Bro. Chambers leaves behind. No Elisha stands ready to take his place. There may be men of this caliber among us; I am fairly certain that there are. However, they will never be recognized if they never step forward.

We live in an age of mediocrity. The ideal is to be just average. One mustn't go to extremes. Yet Paul said, "We are fools for

Christ's sake." I believe that no man can reach any stature, spiritually speaking, without being willing to "go out on a limb" for the Lord. The one who always polls the brethren to get the consensus of opinion before expressing himself will never be anything more than a cheap politician. A preacher who tailors his sermons to the desires of his audience will not generate much true respect—much less receive the approval of the Lord. The walk with the Lord Jesus is, in many respects, a lonely one. To have His fellowship, one must be willing to lose all else; even fellow-believers will sometimes misunderstand or perhaps oppose. Yet God's man, like Elijah (1 Ki. 17:1), stands in His presence, conscious of His mandate and His approval alone.

I believe that Bro. Chambers was such a man. He didn't always say the most popular thing. He didn't refrain from rebuking widely-accepted practices for fear of what the brethren would think. Apparently he wasn't afraid of "losing his influence." He had never become infected with the modern disease of "positivitis"—that affliction that keeps men from *standing against* some things. Such qualities were not conferred upon him by a "prophet school," nor will they be so bestowed upon those who survive him.

If the vacancies left by Chambers, Jorgenson, Boll, et al. are filled, it will not be by men who merely try to be duplicates of them. There must be that yearning after Elijah's God that caused Elisha to cry, "Oh, that I might receive a double portion of thy spirit!" God is pleased to hear such prayers; He always fills the empty vessels we bring to Him (2 Ki. 3:17; 4:6). And such filling will have its fruit not in making us to be little replicas of a Chambers or a Boll, but men with a sense of a personal call and commission, who stand in the presence of God, fitted by Him to meet the needs of this generation. May He find among us such empty vessels!



Whenever you find a Christian who is not leading men and women to Christ, something is wrong. He may still be a baby. I do not mean that he does not know a lot of doctrine and is not well informed through hearing good preaching. I know many people who can argue the pre-, the post-, and the amillennial position and who know much about dispensations, but are still immature. Paul said of some such in Corinth, "And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual (or mature), but as unto carnal, even as unto babes . . ." (1 Cor. 3:1).

Because they were babes, they were immature, incapable of spiritual reproduction; in other words, they could not help people to be born again.

—Dawson Trotman, in *Born to Reproduce*



Truth Advance Section

Stanford Chambers

You have made it imperative that every Christian be a missionary; should not school teachers volunteer to do that work as others volunteer to enter their field? And should not they, like other missionaries, serve for such support as may be afforded, just as, e. g., our Philippine missionaries do?

Yes. Which is not to justify the meager support given those engaged. The writer taught school for years, employed by the church, but never set a price. Many Christians have never wakened to a realization of their responsibility toward getting the Lord's word to those in need of it. Goers and stayers are alike responsible, and there is no way of meeting the responsibility except by going and by giving. Stayers as well as goers are to trust their Lord: preachers, teachers, personal workers, tent makers, servants of whatever sort.

The body that shall be.

"A body hast thou prepared"—this word has direct application in the Lord Jesus with reference to the body prepared for Him and which He sacrificed on Calvary but it has another glorious aspect since through Jesus we await glorious bodies fashioned like unto His glorious resurrected body. "Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called children of God; and such we are. For this cause the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. Beloved, now are we children of God, and it is not yet made manifest what we shall be. We know that, if he shall be manifested, we shall be like him; for we shall see him even as he is" (1 Jn. 3:1,2). "For our citizenship is in heaven; whence also we wait for a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: who shall fashion anew the body of our humiliation, that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, according to the working whereby he is able even to subject all things unto himself" (Phil. 3:20,21). Another plain reference is Col. 3:1-4, but we revert now to Rom. 8:29-30: "For whom he foreknew, he also foreordained to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren: and whom he foreordained, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified, and whom he justified, them he also glorified." "And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified with him. For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which

shall be revealed to us-ward. For the earnest expectation of the creation waiteth for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to vanity, not of its own will, but by reason of him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the liberty of the glory of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now, and not only so, but ourselves also, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for our adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body. For in hope were we saved: but hope that is seen is not hope: for who hopeth for that which he seeth? But if we hope for that which we see not, then do we with patience wait for it" (Rom. 8:17-25).

Choice—best—but

"Who is on the Lord's side always true,
On the right or wrong side where stand you?"

The idea was that if you took the right side morally and spiritually, that assured your safety and security and you hoped to be found faithful in the end. All of which is important but it passes up regeneration. It passes up the deep inner workings of the Spirit in the man to be saved. Once again, "Christ the hope of glory." Open the door and let Him in, giving Him free range. "Behold, I stand at the door and knock." His working must be allowed to strike bottom. Every rootlet must come out. The necessary scraping and scouring must be done by Him, the indwelling One. The spiritual attainment, which of course includes the moral, is important provided it is not made the foundation. "For me to live is Christ" if "to die is gain;" "we live and move and have our being in him," which means He lives and moves and has His being in us. A one-sided situation will fail of its purpose. Have you let Him in? It is a fearful mistake any other attempt. Get it once and for all.

A letter read at the dedication of the new buildings at Portland Christian School:

Beloved Overseers, Assistants, Building Committee, and All who co-operated in the construction of the buildings, together with the contributors to free-will offerings from the first dollar to the last:

Congratulations! These buildings will stand as a monument to liberality as the Lord only knows—a monument to faithful stewardship. The money has been an investment of our Lord's money. It has not been invested without consultation with the great Steward of all. "It is required of the steward that he be found faithful." Happy are they who have the joy of being in this assembly. Disabled physically I am in the spirit and with you.

My deep concern is that P.C.S. may ever be Christ-centered. I have confidence that in the faculty it is so; with the great portion of

our student body it must also be so, else our stewardship is contradicted. True education is for spirit, soul and body. Regeneration must never be passed up while we are giving due attention to outward things. It must not be forgotten as there is both the outward man and the inward man. Our Lord so made us and when we meet Him we must be able to present the fulness unneglected, spirit, soul and body. Here presents itself a grave responsibility of teachers, to say nothing of parents and others. The work upon the spirit must be done by the Holy Spirit, which fact must not be forgotten. His work reaches the lowest depths of the human soul, indwelt by Him; the cleansing must be by Him from bottom to top. He must be let in. "Open the door and I will come in." He comes in to stay unless put out by unbelief. What we do for the inward man must be contributed to by all we do for the outward man. Ten years from now we want these buildings to stand as a monument of a Christ-centered school. Every pupil a "habitation of God in the Spirit" (Eph. 2:22).

May our fervent prayers be unceasingly enlisted to this end.

Most sincerely and humbly your fellow worker,

—Stanford Chambers

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Paul called Timothy "my true child in the faith." In a somewhat parallel sense, Carl Vogt Wilson feels himself to be one of Brother Chambers' many "Children in the faith." Certainly he was largely used of the Lord as an instrument in landing me in the Portland pulpit some nine months after brother Boll's home-going in 1956. Certainly he was greatly used of the Lord (like Moses on Mt. Horeb, while Joshua fought Amalek in the vale below) in sustaining me in the Portland work during the last 12 years.

Many a time, perplexed and troubled, I betook myself to his hospitable home for prayer and discussion of the problems that overwhelmed me. He always listened attentively and prayed such matters thru with me. Often a letter would reach me several days later giving his matured judgment as a result of guidance from above.

Many a time over the past 12 years I would come back to pick up my Bible after bidding the congregation farewell at the door. There on the pulpit I would find a brotherly little note from my "Paul." Sometimes it contained a word of suggestion about a sermon or some course of action needing attention. Often it enlightened me—constructively—about some point in a recent message. Always it was cheerful and encouraging—a real source of strength and gladness.

I'll be missing that familiar and beloved figure in the "Amen corner" but rejoice that he is at home with his Lord, Whom he loved so well and served so faithfully. —Carl Vogt Wilson

Hoosier Schoolmaster—in Kentucky

Brother Chambers' life was one of many aspects; preacher, writer, church and mission organizer, singer, school teacher and administrator, and Christian example. He set a pattern of Christ-likeness before many young people, over a long span of time, and with eternal fruitage.

Surely his most effective ministry was in the classroom. For years, the 7th and 8th grades were his full task, and he made the subjects to live, whether Bible, music, mathematics, history, English or geography. His keen insight, broad experience and deep interest in learning combined with a true love for people, and made him a "teacher of teachers." All who were privileged to sit at his feet at Portland remember him as one of wisdom, ability, humor and discipline.

To Brother Chambers, the school work was a missionary effort on the home front, and he implanted this concept in the faculty and the elders of the Portland congregation. He hesitated to refuse entry to any who wanted to attend, and was thus behind every move toward expansion. In the early years, there was always room for one or two more desks, if students desired to come.

As with many others, I had the privilege to be baptized by him during those early years. His writings, messages, and counsel were a strength, even until now. Repeating a tribute that Brother Albert von Allmen gave years ago, he was a true "Christian gentleman." We thank God for keeping him so active for so long. —Robert Heid



The tribute I pay to Bro. Chambers is best expressed by my wife who first introduced me to the "real" Bro. Chambers. You see, my wife's father died when she was less than two. I asked Lorraine to write her tribute.

"As I look back over the years I know of no one who has meant more to me. In 1924 when P.C.H.S. had its first year of High School Bro. Chambers was Principal and teacher—but, as time moved on, he became like a father to me, adviser, comforter, and yes ready to rebuke when needed. It was he who led my final steps to Christ Jesus as my Savior and buried me in baptism. It was he who taught me to look on death as a step to Life. That this body is "just the house we live in here" and to leave it is to go to be with the Lord. It was he who united my husband and I in sacred matrimony and has been an inspiration to us both—an example of faith, love and patience. He will always be remembered and loved."
—H. E. Schreiner



Note the passing of Bro. Chambers. Surely a great man of God has gone on to his reward. —A. L. Hawley

Brother Chambers was a leader in evangelism, Bible exposition, Christian education, and in the production and propagation of Christian literature. He fervently preached the gospel of grace, opened up the writings of the Prophets, and proclaimed the return of Jesus according to the Scriptures. The impact upon the churches of his labors was felt in the areas of Indiana, Louisiana, and Kentucky where his work was concentrated. As a teacher he was thorough, and excellent in school discipline. The Portland Christian School will ever call to memory the institution he began as a "work of faith, and a labor of love." That day the Lord called him home was without doubt to declare unto him these commendable words: "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." —Claude Neal



We will miss Brother Chambers. I intend to keep up with his writings. I knew him first in Indiana in 1906 or 1907.

My father married him and Sister Chambers, then sixty years later, the three ate at the same table here in Louisiana. It is nice to think of their being together again. —Luke S. Elston



When as a child and teenager, I knew and loved Bro. and Sis. Chambers, I never dreamed that by God's favor I would one day be teaching under Bro. Chambers' direction at Portland Christian School. Often I sought counsel at his desk after school in the old chapel building. Once I stood there and wept, and he, knowing I was beyond help with words, picked up my hand and kissed it.

Perhaps his chapel talks were the greatest of all personal blessings. Teachers and first graders and all those between were spurred to action and to a continual rededication to God. He often led forth in a song such as "To the Work, To the Work, There is Labor for All." In more recent years when he visited chapel, he usually talked along the line of "How Great Thou Art" stressing the galaxies of the galaxies and man's present and future place in all the marvels of God's plan. I often left chapel so thrilled that it seemed I could not immediately switch to mathematics. I often reviewed his talk briefly with my next class.

Bro. Chambers had the gift of saying things so that you couldn't forget them. I felt rebuked at my own unbelief when, after he had far exceeded fourscore years, he stood and testified, "I have *never* doubted my precious Lord, Thank God!" At Portland Avenue one Sunday morning he said, "If the table of our Lord was not spread here today, I would not be here."

I loved him and needed the assurance of his love which he generously gave by word and action. I humbly thank God for this "Hoosier Schoolmaster" so much like the "Master Teacher." —Lois McReynolds

Missionary Messenger

"Greater things for God"

SISTER BESS RHODES IS CALLED HOME

Motoyuki Nomura, Tokyo, Japan, Nov. 18.

It is with great sorrow that I report the departure of Sister Bess Rhodes, the wife of Bro. E. A. Rhodes, to be with the Lord on high forever. She left us on Thursday, November 13, 6:45 p.m. JST (3:45 a.m. US CST), after suffering from a long illness due to her age. She was born on Dec. 8, 1887, a daughter of W. H. Wheeler and Mary E. Litsey.

She married Bro. Rhodes and they came to Japan in 1919, 50 years ago. Since then, they have established several congregations and kindergartens which are still growing here and there. Among those whom Bro. Rhodes baptized, there are still many active workers of the Lord in Japan, bearing fruit of Gospel. Not many have completed so much work of service and so long as the Rhodeses did. Many missionaries have come to Japan and left, leaving little fruit, but the Rhodeses served much and long for the Lord.

Everyone here in Japan agrees that Bro. Rhodes is a man of great love and spiritual power, always reserved and hidden, a man who withstood firmly and yet lovingly during the postwar missionary frictions and feuds that involved almost all church of Christ missionaries in Japan, simply because of his spiritual power and love for the Lord and His people here.

I came to know Bro. and Sis. Rhodes personally after coming to Kentucky Bible College (now S.C.C.) in 1954. Upon completing my work at KBC, I went to Los Angeles to obtain further instruction from him at the Westside church of Christ, a Japanese-speaking congregation there. There it was my personal privilege to come to know him and respect him as if he were my father.

My prayer request at this time is for Bro. Rhodes who needs the prayers of God's people for his physical strength. He is old and naturally not strong. He lives with one of his sons at Zushi, a city about an hour's train ride from Tokyo. He may not be able to answer every letter you write him, but I am sure any word of encouragement will uplift him at this time of sorrow. I am so happy that the Lord granted me such a teacher as Bro. Rhodes, and his smiling wife who went to be with the Lord.

Thomas W. Hartle, Cape Province, South Africa, Nov. 14.

The Woodstock congregation, with which I am obligated as a preacher are soon planning for a series of special gospel meetings, to be convened during the month of November Lord willing, with a guest speaker, the dates of which, have not yet been decided.

The greatest news of all is that one of the patients of the City Chest hospital (where I conduct regular services), and who along with her husband and family has been taught by homestudies, attended a cottage meeting Tuesday evening, after which she expressed her desire to surrender her life to Christ. Thus to the glory of God I was privileged to baptize her on request this morning.

Let us now pray that our Sister Hendricks might be the means of leading her husband and children to the Lord. It was hard for her to tell her husband about her decision for Christ. Praise the Lord for her determination.

Dennis and Betty Allen, Hong Kong, October 11.

This is October, the nicest month of the year in Hong Kong. The children are all settled into their new schools and Dennis and I up to our necks in teaching, etc. I find the relationship with my 200 tenth graders very rewarding, and still have contact with the students I taught last year as well.

In order to teach a course on Public Affairs I have had to study up on the local government. This has been a revelation to me. In this city of 4 million there are only ten elected representatives and their powers are very limited. The Government is often accused of being out of touch with the public, and there are complaints of corruption, etc. Although Gov't. is launching many big projects there seems to be something lacking in personal relations. A lot is said about HK's freedom to criticize the government, but in actual fact criticism is deeply resented and many practical improvements stubbornly resisted. A friend of mine has "left the church" to go into politics because she felt she could accomplish more. But the more I see of present world governments, the more it seems obvious that nothing less than the return of the King Himself can straighten out the tangles. We need to be praying for those in positions of leadership.

Meanwhile, we look forward eagerly to the time for our return to the U.S., which will be D.V. June of next year. A group of missionaries is arranging a low-fare charter flight through Europe and we are inquiring into this.

Shichiro Nakahara, Shizuoka City, Japan, Nov. 4.

We have some major problems that demand our close attention with regard to our leaving the present work. The situation is such that it is rather difficult for us to move completely away from here.

We are not too sure of the best solution to the problems. The majority of the members are being discouraged, demanding of our stay, and some have already left us. There are less than twenty members who are faithful enough to continue their fellowship and church activities willingly, yet with no preacher they are down-hearted also. It seems that we cannot leave them as they are. So right now I just don't know what the Lord does want me to do with these immediate problems. We do ask you to pray about the difficult situations we are in now. We must be directed right-fully as to our making of decisions to leave or not to leave. If we can ever start the kindergarten here in Shizuoka, all these problems will be worked out fine. To our human eyes with the limited budget it is impossible for us to even purchase the land we need, but we still trust in the Lord for a possibility by faith.

Teruko is making some improvement a little by little, but she is not sure how long it will take her before her complete recovery. We want you to remember her, also, in your prayers, if you will. She is doing things just as usual, but she easily gets tired and must rest once a day, but she often misses it because different ones visit us from time to time. But otherwise everything is going well with us. The children are all fine.

Another beloved brother in Christ, Stanford Chambers has departed to be with his Lord.

My thoughts go back to the time when I first knew him. It was the meeting at Portland when I heard the decision to bring the *Word and Work* from New Orleans to Louisville. To know and associate with Brother Chambers was to be strengthened and encouraged to live more devoted Christian lives. It was through his efforts in company with the late Brother Homer Hinton that this congregation in Brandon, Fla. was established.

He was sincerely loved by those who knew him best, and was highly esteemed for his faithful labors in the Lord's Work. Through his able teaching, preaching and writing many souls have been brought close to their Lord, with greater determination to follow where the Lord leads.

He was much loved for his work's sake, an untiring servant of the Lord, an instructor in God's Word, in literature, or vocal music, all to the glory of God. He was thorough in all he did "as unto the Lord."

Another great and powerful influence for good has gone from us, and will be greatly missed. His love for God's Word, both the written and the WORD that became flesh, was fully proven by his years of prayerful study, and earnest teaching and faithful devotion to his deepening and ever growing understanding of that Word, continued from his early life unto the very end. His life has truly been a great blessing to many. His counsel and advice will continue on through life for many of us. —J. Scott Greer

Brother Stanford Chambers was indeed a spiritual giant—in his knowledge of the Word of God, in his ability to present it, and in his spirit of dedication to the task. He never ceased to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ; yet his continuing appreciation for the deeper things of God, and his ability to grasp and teach these truths, never caused him to discount the value of the simple New Testament pattern of work and worship! Indeed, he fought the good fight, finished the course, kept the faith, and loved the appearing of Jesus Christ! —Robert B. Boyd

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Nearly four decades have passed since I first came under the influence of Bro. Stanford Chambers and other godly instructors at Portland Christian School. That experience and subsequent teaching by this truly dedicated servant of Christ had a profound effect on my life.

In reflecting on the long and fruitful ministry of our beloved preceptor, two passages of scripture seem particularly appropriate:

“. . . For bodily exercise is profitable for a little; but godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life which now is, and of that which is to come.”

“. . . Adding on your part all diligence, in your faith supply virtue; and in your virtue knowledge; and in your knowledge self-control; and in your self-control patience; and in your patience godliness; and in your godliness brotherly kindness; and in your brotherly kindness love. For if these things are yours and abound, they make you to be not idle nor unfruitful unto the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

How grateful we are for the privilege of knowing this humble man whose sole purpose was to glorify his Heavenly Father . . . “in the church and in Christ Jesus.”

We saw in Bro. Chambers abundant evidence of the Spirit. Any who may be inclined toward the externals and attracted by the display of certain proclaimers in the land would do well to weigh this man's example and emulate his manner of life. He was free of ostentation and totally committed to the task of declaring the “whole counsel of God.” It was never difficult to ascertain where he stood on any subject worthy of serious consideration. We are keenly aware now of the fact that a strong and stabilizing influence has been removed from our ranks.

In this day of conciliation and compromise may we consider anew our “calling” and “contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints.” The memory of Stanford Chambers and other notables who preceded him to that Home above will remain to encourage and inspire. —Demus H. Friend

Precious Reprints

Ye Who Hear and Do Not

Stanford Chambers
Editorial - 1914

Jesus asks, "Why call ye me Lord and do not the things I say?" His very last words were, "Ye shall be witnesses of me." "Go teach all nations." "Go preach the gospel to every creature." We recently pressed this matter as our very gravest and present responsibility.

If the effect produced is to be measured by the number of donations sent to this office for the Lord's missionaries at home or away, the results are very disappointing. True, there is slight increase, and we are glad to note from other sources good reports of liberal giving, but so far, the bulk of the church remains unmoved and untouched by any and all appeals, while thousands of hungry souls are actually crying out for the bread of life and dying without the knowledge of Christ.

Let me repeat that no moment will be so critical with us as the time for the accounting of our stewardship in trust with the soul-saving gospel, if we have been unfaithful stewards, neglecting to carry or send it to others.

Brethren, an unmissionary church is a dead church. If it is not a light-bearing church its candlestick will be removed, perhaps has been already. If you, as a member are unmissionary—if you do not seek the salvation of the lost, the light which is in you will become darkness, and how great that darkness!

HOW MEET THE RESPONSIBILITY?

Use the Word given you in trust. Speak it, teach it, preach it. Go to the lost with it as far as you can.

Pray the Lord to send laborers. Pray for those who have been sent. Pray for the lost to whom they have gone. Pray that souls may be born again.

Give as the Lord has prospered you. Sacrifice to support the gospel and to win souls to the Lord. Consecrate yourself and all you have or hope to be to Jesus Christ and let Him use you as you have never yet allowed Him to do.

The individual, by doing this meets his own responsibility, and so likewise the church. See that you do not fall short in this matter, but that you have rich fruit to abound to your account. More of the Spirit of Christ means more missionary zeal. "And if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his." Oh, Lord, arouse thy people!

A WALK IN THE PARK

Early in the year 1920 it was my pleasure to be overtaken as I walked through a park in New Orleans, Louisiana—overtaken, that is, by a man of “Good News” sermons I had heard a couple of times. We were both en route to the business section of New Orleans.

My residence in that great city had been brief. “The preacher” had probably seen me twice—in a far back seat—at the Seventh and Camp Streets Church. Yes, twice, but hardly two Sundays in a row. I was not then in Christ. Yet, that man recognized me and caught up with me. I was pleased. Our conversation was pleasant as we strolled along. His conversation was MOST INSTRUCTIVE.

It seems that the man had a “system” of office visitations. He had a certain route through a specific set of offices he would visit one day of each month. Upon completion—5 days a week, he soap-box preached at a busy corner on Saturday nights. Then he would renew the cycle. Another month of office visitations.

Soon we arrived at my office. It was a large room, 16 desks at a corner and on the ground floor. It was there that his first day of his new monthly cycle began. My desk was nearest the entrance. With a friendly smile, a warm hand shake, the passing of a tract he was off; off to make his rounds. The man at the next desk was already upon his feet, his hand was outstretched, a smile beamed upon the minister and words of greeting—“Good to see you again, Brother Chambers,” “And,” said the minister, “it is good to see you, too, Mr. Jones.”

So it went. From desk to desk. ALL 16 DESKS. Without exception, each man and the one woman so greeted him and he so greeted them. They were all glad to see him—“they gladly received him” (see Luke 8:40). Sixteen friendly greetings, sixteen tracts put into circulation, sixteen hearts made momentarily glad on what COULD have been a dreary day. An Atheist, a Christian Science Reader, a Baptist Sunday School Superintendent, a Methodist, a woman reputed to be the concubine of the Atheist, others (including this writer), “Nothings”—ALL GLADLY RECEIVED HIM. Then on he went—to complete his afternoon of walking and talking for God. I have often wondered if the same things occurred in the perhaps hundred or more visitations of that afternoon. I feel sure they were all substantially the same.

But the big puzzle to me is why Seventh and Camp Streets Church building was never in need of more pews. However, when I think deeply enough, it seems there was but one answer. To me the answer is this: They were not blessed, as was I, by a walk through a park with Stanford Chambers. For MY walk did cause one seat to be filled for the remainder of my residence in New Orleans.

To tell all I know about Brother Stanford Chambers would take several issues of Word and Work. And all would be GOOD and to the glory of God. —Frank Lyman

Brother Stanford Chambers was "unknown by face" to me. Somehow I missed meeting him in my only visit to Louisville in 1954; but thirty five years of reading his articles and hearing the testimony of others regarding him has made me feel that I knew him well enough to eulogize even his manner of life which he lived from his youth, in love, in faith, in purity. But such homage I gladly leave to those who know him best and personally.

His elegantly concise style of writing—which I admit sometimes challenged momentarily my ability to comprehend—permitted him to bring together an amazing array of thought in a very brief article. This coupled with his great knowledge and wisdom in the scriptures has made his "questions asked of us" department in *Word and Work* of inestimable value.

The outstanding characteristic evidenced in all his writings has been his total commitment to the scripture as the inspired word of God. To him God's word was the *last word*. No issue was to be settled on any other basis than a thorough investigation of what the Bible said about it. He was not ashamed to quote scripture as *proof* regarding any matter of consideration. He delighted to weave into his own expressions phrases, and whole verses of scripture, and this he accomplished with a dexterity and appropriateness unexcelled by any.

May it please God to send us more of his kind! —Leroy Yowell

For many years my family and I have been personally acquainted with Bro. Chambers and his family. It was a pleasure for us to have him and Sister Chambers with us in our home when they visited churches in the Louisiana field. We hold these visits in sacred memory of them.

Bro. Chambers' plain forceful manner of presenting the word of God impressed his audiences with his deep spiritual grasp of the scriptures. At the age of 92 years he gave an impressive and beautiful lesson on, "Our Gathering Together to Meet the Lord in the Air." (2 Thes. 2:1; 1 Thes. 4:13-17). Until the end of his life he had an earnest desire to preach the word, urging people to follow the pattern of worship and service given to us in the New Testament scriptures, and to look for the appearing of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ (2 Tim. 4:1,8). So having fought the good fight, having kept the faith, and having finished his course, we feel that he is in line for the crown of righteousness which Christ Jesus will give when He comes to reward His servants. —W. J. Johnson

The other day I was reading an article in the 1952 *Word and Work*. I keep these old copies handy on my Book Shelf. They are really fine. Just as I finished the last word, the Postman came with my new *Word and Work* announcing that dear Bro. Chambers had gone to be with the Lord. What was I reading? "Cut It Down" by Brother Chambers. Fruitbearing was Brother Chambers' way of life. What an example! —Marie A. Rehorn

Your latest number just arrived brings the news of Bro. Chambers' homegoing. His departure to be with the Lord is a personal loss to me in this world. Stanford Chambers was one of God's noblemen and taught me more about the meaning of the grace of God and freedom in Christ than any other man. I met him first at Brandon, Florida, in 1952 as I, a young preacher, was just beginning my ministry at nearby Plant City. He loved me greatly and through the years his cards and letters have brought wisdom and a continued love to me. Only recently at a prayer meeting here in Abilene, I called his name as one of my great teachers. Through God's grace I hope to see him again at the Master's side "when the mists have cleared away." My sympathy goes out to his family and to the brethren of the *Word and Work*. —Forrest M. McCann.

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The passing of Brother Chambers would be a sore loss indeed to many were it not for the fact that the good he has done will live on. The blessing of his life will be perpetuated, by the grace of God, through those who received it. He stands in my memory like a stalwart oak in the garden of God—unswayed by the storms of falsehood and unbelief; not yielding an inch of the ground of truth on which he stood, yet casting the shade of love over all who came under his influence. His was a good example of the kind of love that "rejoices in the truth" (1 Cor. 13:6). He was one of the few strong men I have known (there may be many whom I have had no opportunity to know) who could love without any compromise of the "faith once for all delivered to the saints." I am thankful that my children (their parents, too, for that matter) came under his influence when they did.

Moreover, God gradually loosened his hold on things of this life till for him, as for the apostle Paul, it was very far better to depart and be with Christ, and therefore easier for his loved ones to let him go. Nevertheless, he was useful to the very last, bringing forth fruit in old age (Ps. 92:12-15). His last written article is yet to be published—perhaps in this issue. —Mrs. Paul J. Knecht

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On November 3rd 1969 a great reunion took place in the presence of our blessed Lord Jesus Christ. Brother Stanford Chambers joined the many saints in God's lovely flower garden, around the magnificent Throne of God, where everything is perfectly arranged and healthy. Sin has marred our beautiful earth; but when our blessed Redeemer returns, then we will all be together where all things will be made new. There we will meet with many of our loved ones and many of the saints of God who were great teachers, gone on, but awaiting our arrival; among them men like Claud Reader, R. H. Boll, H. L. Olmstead, E. L. Jorgenson, J. R. Clark and our beloved brother Chambers. I owe Jesus eternal praise and glory because these men knew Him and by the Holy Spirit helped me to know Him.

Therefore let us also, seeing we are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and perfecter of our faith, . . . Heb. 12: 1, 2a. —Jesse Bibb



Viewing The News

THE GIANTS ARE PASSING. With his passing from this stage of life to be with the Lord, Bro. Chambers should again remind us of the great need of our utter dependence upon the Lord. With Brethren Boll, Jorgenson, Clark, and now Chambers gone on, many will be inclined to feel that the glory has passed from our churches. Those men meant a great deal to me, every one of them—and so did James, Olmstead and many others. They can never be replaced, but the God who empowered them is the same today as when they were all here. The Lord used Bro. Chambers to encourage me in the writing of this column three times when He knew that I needed it, and I will personally miss him a great deal, as I have these others I mentioned, most of whom were too close to me for me to want to write concerning them, especially when so many others did it so much better. But if they could, every one of these would remind us that if these churches die, it will not be because they left us but because we failed to keep the faith that they strove so hard to pass on to us. If we feel that human beings are the supports of the church, then the real support, our Lord and God, will not put Himself into the breach. But if we look confidently to Him, He will still be "all and in all." So let us continue to see that "in all things He might have the pre-eminence."

CHURCHES OF CHRIST are by no means as free of "liberalism" as many like to believe. Take, for ex-

ample, this quotation from the editor of a Church of Christ paper: "It is the thesis of this essay that while none of those religions is God's chosen religion, as we believe Judaism was and Christianity is, God has nonetheless chosen to pursue man, whom he has always loved and always wanted for himself, within the framework of all these religions" —speaking here of Hinduism, Buddhism, etc., and using the small letters when writing "he" and "himself" of God. In another issue he stated in several pages that he believed that God has spoken through the prophets and through Jesus Christ but that He also has spoken and continues to speak through the philosophers. I personally like Paul's opinion of philosophy much better: "Take heed lest there shall be any one that maketh spoil of you through his philosophy and vain deceit" (Col. 2:8). Men may call it philosophy and consider it wisdom, but Paul says it is actually "vain deceit" and by "vain" he means it is "empty, devoid of truth, futile, fruitless, without effect." Many seminaries turn out philosophers for the pulpits, though many simply turn out infidels. I would prefer them to be honest and stay out of the pulpits. All this in spite of the fact that the editor in question is a believer in the Deity of Christ. I can't reconcile that fact and his other beliefs, but I suppose that he can.

WYCLIFFE BIBLE TRANSLATORS is an organization that has done a great deal of good work in reducing spoken languages to written

ones and giving people the Bible. Recently they received much criticism in some quarters because they went, by invitation, into parts of Russia to reduce dialects there to writing. The Soviet authorities had other reasons for inviting them, not for preparing their people to read the Bible, but the fact remains that the Bible can now be put into their languages. Let's not judge the Lord's servants and not even judge their works when we are not acquainted with what they are really doing.

HO CHI MINH was a top Communist agent all his adult life. He tried to destroy all that pertained to Viet Nam's past civilization and presided over the violent death of thousands. He is the major reason we are fighting in Viet Nam. Yet, when he died, some of this country's "liberal" papers tried to whitewash him. The Cleveland Plain Dealer, for example, on September 14, said that he was "the George Washington of Vietnam and a revered father image, the essence of Viet nationalism . . . a great man." How disgusting can newspapers become? As disgusting as fallen human nature, I presume. Read about it in Romans 1 and 3.

UNESCO, the "cultural" wing of the UN, is presently singing the praises of Lenin, the Communist butcher who took Marx's doctrines, combined them with the revolutionary catechism by Nechayev or some other Communist and hatched the horrible abomination that has butchered millions and enslaved billions. Apparently, to them, that is a very humanitarian aim—to enslave everyone or get rid of them. The statement that "God gave them up" used three times in Romans 1 is probably the best explanation why supposedly intelligent men believe such foolishness. Incidentally, the most conservative estimates of the people "liquidated" by the Communists is 70 million, but most unbiased observers believe the correct number is over 100 million.

THE NCC AND ST. LOUIS U. were hosts to American and Russian religious leaders for a conference Oct. 3-7 on "The Christian Concern for Arms Limitation." The invitation to the Soviet churchmen was made jointly by Dr. Robert Bilheimer, depart-

ment of international affairs, National Council of Churches, and Msgr. Marvin Bordelon, Division of World Justice and Peace, U. S. Catholic Conference. The 10-man Soviet delegation naturally had to have approval of the atheists who run Russia and some, if not all of the ten, are members of the secret police. Their part in the conference should have been labeled "The Concern for Communists to Disarm the rest of the World."

NORTHEASTERN CHRISTIAN COLLEGE, a rather liberal junior college connected with the "mainline" Churches of Christ, stole an idea from the political world last month. The school had a \$100-a-plate dinner with Jim Bill McInnteer as master of ceremonies and Pat Boone as one to be honored and taking part in the musical program. Boone's gift of the proceeds of his best seller book, "Twixt Twelve and Twenty," gave the college a great financial boost during its early years. He has been a member of the board of trustees since the school began ten years ago.

DUKE ELLINGTON is now one of the "sacred music" specialists of the liberal churches. During September, for example, he gave a "New Sacred Concert" in a Denver church using his orchestra, soloist, and dancers as well as another choir. General admission was \$6. He is composing music for such performances, believe it or not.

GOVERNMENT COSTS—"If our nation's millionaires were taxed 100 per cent of their incomes each year, the revenue would run the federal government only 29 hours. If all the income from individuals making over \$25,000 per year was taken as tax, it would run the government for less than three days. In fact, if all personal income over \$10,000 were confiscated, it would run the government only 18.5 days."—Rep. Ed Foreman from New Mexico. Now you know who pays for the high cost of government!

JUST IN CASE you thought college campus agitators were idealists, you might ponder over this quotation from a president of a western university student body: "But that's just a minor part of it. We must start up fifty more Vietnams. The major thing student activists can do while all this is going on is to completely demoralize and castrate America."

HAIPHONG HARBOR, NORTH VIET NAM on September 15, 1969, had 22 ships from Soviet-block nations unloading materials for war. Does this explain why so many military experts say we could end the war by blocking or bombing that harbor?

Dr. JOSEPH HARRISON JACKSON, of Chicago, president of the largest Negro church group, the National Baptist Convention, is one of those with a clear view of what is going on in our country. I have read resumes of many of his speeches. If the black population of our country listens to him instead of to the radicals they will continue to make progress with our

country. I wish there were space to quote more, but read this paragraph from him in a speech in Philadelphia last month: "The great struggle in America today is not civil rights, but America's rights. There is no hope for America unless America comes back to her principles of her federal Constitution. You can not save this nation by burning it down."

Thank you for your news items and questions. Continue to pray for the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ, for our country, and for a world-wide revival. Send your items and questions to:

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MEMORIA IN AETERNA

"It is appointed unto man once to die," and Stanford Chambers kept his appointment, Monday, November 3, 1969. There are a few men who when they keep this appointment should make us pause for a long, last look in that in our lifetime we may never see the likes of such again. Stanford Chambers is one of these men! Very seldom in our lifetime are we permitted to know and to speak concerning a life so beautiful in its unfolding and so unique to behold in its everyday living. And let none doubt that we all have been highly favored and blessed of God who gave us such a man as Brother Chambers for 92 years.

For at least 2,000 years, man has been trying to figure out ways of producing good teachers, and has discussed for an equal number of years the qualities of a good teacher. Although there is not a set definition for the make-up of a master teacher, few, if any, would challenge the words of Daniel Gilman, first president of Johns Hopkins University and a great figure in the history of American education when he said,

"The success of the higher work (teaching) depends upon the intellectual and moral qualities of the professors. No amount of material property is of value unless the dominant authorities are able to discover, secure, and retain as teachers men of rare gifts, resolute will, superior training, and an indomitable love for learning."

Brother Chambers possessed these qualities and herein lies one of the reasons for his outstanding success as a teacher. Furthermore, we think of a great teacher as one who must *hunger for truth and hate error, is a dedicated teacher, has a real interest in students, and can inspire his students to greater accomplishments.* Again, Brother Chambers possessed these characteristics.

In addition to these material assets, three spiritual qualities characterize Brother Chambers' life, a realization of which is essential to any proper understanding of the man, his life, his work, and why he can say with Paul "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith."

The first spiritual quality is *The Adequate Life*. The word "adequate" carries with it such thoughts as *competent, full, satisfactory, sufficient*. The adequate life which Brother Chambers knew and lived was a life which had been called into a *Divine Center*, a new and absolute orientation in God, a Center where he lived with God and out of which he saw all of life through new and radiant vision, tinged with new sorrows and pangs, new joys unspeakable and full of glory. Brother Chambers knew the depths of the Divine Presence, the peace and creative power that comes through such a relationship. Few can resist feeling the power of the current that is in this stream! Brother Chambers' life is in truth a testament of devotion. Such consecration of life is amazing. Is it any wonder that men return again and again to this man who has mastered the spiritual secret, whose life is hid with Christ in God?

The second spiritual quality is *The Light Within*. The light within Brother Chambers was reflected as a powerful light without, and as students under his influence we were soon brought to the realization that deep within us all there is an amazing inner sanctuary of the soul, a holy place, a *Divine Center*, a speaking Voice, to which we may continuously return. Brother Chambers would often say in so many words that we should *yield* ourselves to this Voice from within, *gladly commit* ourselves in body and soul, utterly and completely, to the *Light Within*, which is the beginning of true life. He taught us that there is a way of ordering our mental life on more than one level at once. On one level we may be thinking, discussing, seeing, calculating, meeting all the demands of external affairs. But deep within, behind the scenes, at a more profound level, we may also be in prayer and adoration, song and worship and a gentle receptiveness to divine breathings. The secular world of today values and cultivates only the first level, assured that *there* is where the real business of mankind is done, and scorns, or smiles in tolerant amusement, at the cultivation of the second level. But in a deeply religious man such as Brother Chambers, we came to know that the deep level of prayer and of divine attendance is the most important thing in the world. It is at this deep level that the real business of life is determined. Between the two levels is fruitful interplay, and the religious man is forever bringing all the affairs of the first level down and examining them in the Light of the second level. But ever the accent must be upon the deeper level, where the soul ever dwells in the presence of God.

The third spiritual quality which characterized Brother Chambers' life is *Holy Obedience*. There are plenty to follow our Lord half-

way, but not the other half. They will give up possessions, friends, and honors, but it touches them too closely to disown themselves. In Brother Chambers we saw a man who was willing to follow God the other half, a life which was willing to sincerely disown itself, a life which yielded *complete* obedience, without *any* reservations. The fruits of holy obedience are many, but permit me to mention two in passing which are so closely linked together that they can scarcely be separated. They are the passion for personal holiness and the sense of utter humility. Another fruit of holy obedience is the *simplicity* of the children of God. And only absolutes satisfy the soul committed to holy obedience, absolute honesty, absolute gentleness, absolute self-control, unwearied patience and thoughtfulness in the midst of the raveling friction of home, office, school, and shop.

But my picture of Brother Chambers needs at least one more finishing touch, namely, that he who walks in obedience, following God the second half, living the life of inner prayer of submission and exultation, and on whom God's holiness takes hold as a mastering passion of life would be among the first to cry out in abysmal sincerity, "I am the blackest of all the sinners of the earth. I am a man of unclean lips, for mine eyes have seen the King, Jehovah of Hosts." Humility and holiness are twins in the astonishing birth of obedience in the heart of us all. So God draws unworthy us, in loving tenderness, up into fellowship with His glorious self.

To know Brother Chambers was to love him, and to know of his many contributions as administrator, author, educator, minister, student, teacher, and friend was to appreciate him. "So when a great man dies, for years beyond our ken, the light he leaves behind him lies upon the paths of men." And the light of the sweet Christian life that has departed has illuminated the hearts and lives of many, and will continue to illumine the hearts and lives of us all through his immortal writings until the coming of our Lord. The memory of Stanford Chambers cannot die.

Well might this epitaph be inscribed on his relenting stone:

"I have sinned; I have repented; I have trusted; I have loved; I have served; I rest; I shall rise. And through the grace of Christ, I shall reign."

—K. William Rinne



"Take my advice—always pray *aloud!* It is very difficult to concentrate for long in silence. The mind is accustomed to having thoughts communicated to it audibly so that it feels lost without some such aid, and saunters off on romantic excursions of its own."

—Aubrey Price

NEWS AND NOTES

"They rehearsed all that God had done with them . . ."

Christian Literature and Tape Service

In recent years I have come across some very good spiritual literature which has been a blessing to me and others with whom I have shared it. In order to give this literature a wider circulation I have established the **Christian Literature & Tape Service**, 15537 Mainbocher, Channelview, Tex. 77530. Write for a complete list of literature available. Also see list in this issue of W & W.

There will also be many excellent messages and Bible Studies on tape available around the first of the year. Details of the tape service will appear in a later issue of the Word and Work. —Harold R. Preston

Alexandria, La.: The church of Christ on MacArthur Drive continues to press on toward the high calling which we have in Christ Jesus. Activities are planned to develop closer relationship of the members and to encourage greater things for God. Victor Broadus will be with the church in November in a series of gospel meetings.

In October I spent a few days with the brethren in the Bayou Jacque and Palmetto Communities. It was a pleasure to visit with them again. I had the opportunity to speak three evenings at their services. Brother Stan Broussard is doing a commendable work among them. His wife's father and mother have moved there to live among them. A homecoming day is under consideration. It will be some time after the first of the year, probably. —W. J. Johnson

Louisville, Ky.: A bit of news that missed getting in for Portland was the baptism of John Knecht (age nine) in August. He had previously made the good confession in Thailand but made it again here. Brother Wilson graciously stepped aside allowing Johnny's grandfather Knecht to do the baptizing. Johnny and his mother were in the Sates on a brief visit to both hers and Paul's parents at the time. —Mrs. Paul J. Knecht

Boothville Church Destroyed

As you probably know by now, the church of Christ in Boothville and Venice, La., has been totally destroyed. The church house along with my home and that of every other member has been totally wiped out. About half are attending 7th & Camp St. church in New Orleans for the time being. Hurricane Camille wiped out also the community of Triumph and $\frac{3}{4}$ of Buras, La. This area is completely devastated. The future of the church in this place is in the hands of the Lord. Hurricane "Betsy" just about cleaned us out in 1965. And now just as repairs of her damage were near completion, less than four years later, this new disaster is a bit hard to take. Most members are not planning to build there again. Personally, I am ready to go back and start all over if the Lord so wills and opens the way . . . The Lord has been so very good to us.

All records of this work were lost in the storm together with my books and studies—records of over nineteen years of meeting as the Lord's body.

Years ago Cora Boon, with her brother, sister and parents drifted down the Mississippi River on a raft. They came from a church of Christ in Nebraska. Later, after she had married Leon Buras she met Brother Stanford Chambers, then preaching at 7th & Camp Sts. Through her invitation he was the first "Protestant" minister to preach the word in Boothville. The Burases were baptized in 1915 and 1917, he having come from the Catholics at the later date. Most of their children with some neighbors and friends obeyed the Lord.

Brethren O. C. Nicks, Edward Coon, Sr., and Mason Sitman from 7th & Camp held cottage meetings in the homes of Leon Buras, Joseph H. Buras, and in Garquet's dance hall for a few years, then for a time the work seemed forgotten till Eldon, son of

Cora and Leon, was killed in World War II. When the body was brought home from the South Pacific, Brother N.B. Wright preached the funeral.

In July 1950 Brother Richard Ramsey preached in the Buras home and I, a Presbyterian preacher, just resigned from the Boothville Presbyterian church, was invited by my wife's mother, Mrs. Joseph H. Buras, to go hear Bro. Ramsey preach. He preached what I wanted to preach, salvation through the blood of Christ and obedience to baptism for remission of sin. My wife and I were baptized July 11. The church of Christ was begun in Bro. Leon Buras' house in Boothville on July 16, less than a week later. It continued, except for two Lord's days in 1965 due to the advent of Hurricane Betsy, until Camille destroyed the work. The property was wiped out but the forty souls saved in that work will survive spiritually if they continue faithful. Twelve couples were married also in that work. The church house had been built in 1952. 7th and Camp stood prayerfully by, helping to finance the work through the years.

When the Lord descends for His church the faithful will meet Him in the air. As for another church building here, who knows the will of the Lord? As He leads by His Spirit we will try to follow. This is the only written history of the Boothville church. —F. Z. Holdeman

Henryville, Ind.: Henryville is ready to spread out into its additional space as soon as the floor covering is received and laid. Men of the congregation have been willing workers for much of the work. Brother Hobbs, his son Dale and Brother Coates led off in it, assisted by others.

Brother Wayne Hobbs brought the message of the morning Nov. 2, when Bro. Marsh was away at Gallatin with his Home family. His bus load of children were well received and the sermons they brought were listened to attentively and accepted as the word of God which indeed they were.

Walton-on-Thames, England: I am enclosing two dollar bills which will help to pay for a few Word and Works which I enjoy reading so much. . . I am still reading "Faith In God." (By Winston Allen). I find it very interesting and helpful. —Charles Wade

Louisville, Ky.: Jim Wilson is now preaching at East Jefferson. Pray for the Lord's guidance and blessing in that work. . . The Jeffersontown and Fisherville Churches are in search of ministers. —Ernest E. Lyon

Channelview, Texas: I never feel really well. . . My throat stays sore all the time and I can only speak a while without getting too hoarse to talk. It's a big hindrance to our work since a neighbor and I are having a children's Bible class for our neighborhood once a week and I have to put most of the load on her. I can't even teach a S. S. class although they don't specially need me for that. Two of my neighbors and I have a weekly Bible class together. On Tuesday nights we have class in Revelation. The Lord has raised up plenty of teachers for our small group (30 or more). We are still meeting in Mr. Fontenot's garage but hope to start building soon. The lot is already paid for. We hope to construct something simple but adequate for our needs. —Verna Preston

DAVID BROWN FURLOUGH

The Highland Church of Christ, which now sponsors the David Brown family in Rhodesia, has asked David to bring his family home for a visit among the churches and for a short rest in the States. David had inquired of us if we thought it wise for him to come at this time since it will be five years on December 2nd since they left for their useful work in the Lord's service in Rhodesia. Both David and his father, W. L. Brown, do not think it wise for David to make a lengthy visit at this time.

Any churches that wish to have David visit with them while he is here please contact the Missionary Office, 4020 Alton Road, Louisville, Ky. 40207 and we will let you know David's schedule as soon as he is able to make the arrangements.

If any individuals or churches wish to have part in the travel fund please send your checks to the Missionary Office and mark them "D. Brown Travel Fund." His support will need to continue as usual, of course.

We are always very thankful to all those who have had part in prayer and financial support of the Browns and we solicit your continued help. —Ernest E. Lyon

BAKHT SINGH IN U. S.

Bakht Singh's visit to Channelview Oct. 10-13 was a real season of refreshing from the Lord. His messages were truly from the Word of God, delivered in the power of the Holy Spirit. Our eyes were opened to many glorious truths. He taught us much about prayer. In his book, "Bakht Singh of India," Dan Smith said, "All who know him will bear testimony of the life and nature and quality of his prayers. Never does he grow weary in prayer. Never have I known him at any time to be cold, dull, or dead in prayer. Oh, what a man of prayer! Oh what prayers!" To this we can say, "Amen." To kneel with him before the throne of grace is a glorious experience. What a blessing it was to have him in our home for those few days! Unto God be all the glory and praise! —Harold R. Preston

From Channelview, Bakht Singh came to Louisville for a scant two days. He spoke three times at Portland Avenue and twice in other locations. Those who heard him were impressed by his use of the Word and by the power with which he preached. He didn't have to rely on psychological gimmicks or funny stories to "get his point across." The Holy Spirit took care of that. I appreciated the opportunity to get to meet this man of God

and talk with him about the state of the churches in the USA. —G. R. L.

JAKE SELLERS

We experienced the loss of a valued friend and a fellow-servant in the recent death of Bro. Jake Sellers. He was apparently killed by a hitchhiking Marine as he was on a return trip from Lubbock on Wednesday, Nov. 5. His body was finally discovered last Sunday several miles north of Snyder, and funeral services were held at Elliott's Chapel on Monday. The writer brought the funeral message and was assisted by Bro. J. W. Treat of the Language Dept. of A.C.C. a brother-in-law to Bro. Sellers. Mr. Jack Belsky also had a statement of appreciation from the Jewish people of the city.

Bro. Sellers was a good man, an inspiring Christian, and a very faithful worker in the church. He had become quite close to many of us. His homegoing leaves us with a loss far greater than just another empty seat, but we rejoice in the promises of God and in the glories that are now his.

Our sympathy is extended to Sis. Sellers and to all the family in their loss and ours. —Carl Kitzmiller

Sao Paulo, Brazil: So glad I get W & W regularly now. O. S. Boyer

Mrs. Lillie Frazee

Mrs. Lewis Frazee, better known as "Miss Lillie," went to be with the Lord at 12:35, November 21. For her, the saying of the apostle Paul has proved true, that "To depart and be with Christ is very far better." She was a faithful servant of the Lord from her girlhood when she was Miss Lillie Yenowine, taking a neighbor's child to Sunday School. That child and his wife are faithful members now at Portland.

Born into Christ at a tender age, she had a warm-hearted friendliness for all of God's people. She used hospitality to all, taking special interest in the young. Many of the Portland congregation and some no longer there have fond memories of the manifestations of the love of God in her. This writer especially owes her a debt of gratitude for the blessing she was to her and her children.

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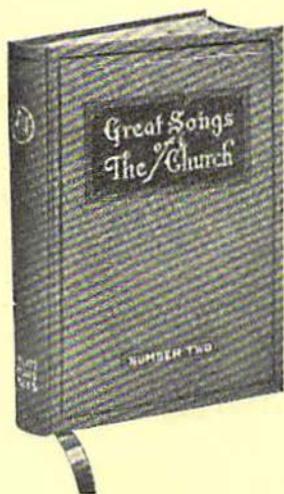
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