IT IS WRITTEN

CAVE JUNCTION OREGON, OCTOBER 15, 1948.

"CHURCH ACTIVITIES".

SEPT. 13, 1948: DEAR BROTHER BEDINGFIELD:-
JUST A FEW LINES TO LET YOU KNOW THAT MY ADDRESS HAS BEEN CHANGED TO

800 AIR DEPOT DRIVE, MID WEST CITY OKLAHOMA. I MOVED THE DISTANCE OF ABOUT ONE MILE TO A HOUSE, AND THE WHOLE ADDRESS CHANGED FROM OKLAHOMA CITY TO MID WEST CITY. THAT IS O SMALL TOWN TO THE EAST OF THE CITY.
HOW ARE YOU AND FAMILY? HOW DID THE DISCUSSION COME OUT ABOUT THE BREAD QUESTION? IT IS SO PLAIN TO ME, I JUST CANNOT SEE FOR MY LIFE HOW ANY ONE MAN, OR GROUP OF MEN CAN MISUNDERSTAND THE QUESTION.
I WAS WITH THE CHURCH AT ELK CITY OKLAHOMA THE FIRST SUNDAY OF THIS MONTH. FOUND EVERYONE THERE IN FINE SPIRITS. BROTHER FRANCIS WAS THERE IN A MEETING. GOOD CROWDS EACH NIGHT, AND I AM SURE MUCH GOOD WAS DONE THERE. I UNDERSTAND ANOTHER EFFORT IS BEING THOUGHT OF AT CARLSBAD NEW MEXICO.

YOUR BROTHER, COY GARRISON.

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305 SOUTH OLIVE, CARLSBAD NEW MEXICO; SEPTEMBER 23, 1948.
DEAR BROTHER AND SISTER BEDINGFIELD;-

WE ARE INDEED THANKFUL THAT BROTHER AND SISTER EARL ATCHLEY HAS COME HERE TO HELP US IN THE WORK OF THE LORD. WE MET LAST LORD'S DAY IN THE CARPENTER'S HALL, AND THE LORD WILLING, EXPECT TO CONTINUE TO MEET THERE FOR SOME TIME. ANY BRETHREN WHO MIGHT BE PASSING THROUGH ARE INVITED TO STOP AND WORSHIP WITH US. WE WERE ALSO BLESSED IN HAVING BROTHER FOY E. WILLIS AND FAMILY OF ALAMOGORDO, NEW MEXICO, WITH US. WE ARE INCLOSING $2.00 TO HELP WITH "IT IS WRITTEN". WE HOPE IT WILL HELP A LITTLE FOR WE KNOW IT IS A TASK TO DO YOUR WORK AND GET THE PAPER OUT TOO.

YOURS FOR THE TRUTH, MR AND MRS PAUL R. BRUCE.

WE ALL TAKE COURAGE AND THANK THE LORD FOR THE ABOVE NEWS. J.S.B.

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GREETINGS TO THE BRETHREN;-

I WILL START MY WRITINGS WITH MARK 16:15; "GO YE INTO ALL THE WORLD AND PREACH THE GOSPEL TO EVERY CREATURE". AND BRETHREN, HERE IS ANOTHER PASSAGE OF SCRIPTURE; "HOW SHALL THEY PREACH EXCEPT THEY BE SENT". ROM. 10:15. I WANT TO SAY, A MEN, TO BROTHER LLOYD TREAT'S QUESTION; WHY CANT THE CHURCHES GIVE ENOUGH EACH MONTH TO SEND OUT A GOOD LOYAL PREACHER? WHY? THERE IS SO MUCH FALSE DOCTRINE BEING BROUGHT INTO THE CHURCH, WE NEED A LOYAL PREACHER IN THE FIELD, THAT WILL AND C

AND CAN, MEET ALL THIS AND CONDEMN IT WITH THE ETERNAL WORD OF GOD. BEFORE I GO ANY FURTHER IN MY WRITINGS, BRETHREN, I AM STILL LOYAL AS I WAS WHEN SOME OF YOU HEARD ME PREACH LAST. STILL YOUR FAITHFUL SERVANT IN THE FAITH OF OUR LORD; FIGHTING AGAINST SUNDAY SCHOOL AND MUSIC IN THE CHURCH; AND STILL AGAINST BREAD PINCHING IN THE COMMUNION SERVICE AND CUPS.
AND NOW JUST A LITTLE ABOUT THIS NEW DOCTRINE ABOUT BAPTISM.
ABOUT TWO MONTHS AGO, A BREAD PINCHER CHURCH OF CHRIST PREACHER, RE-BAPTIZED ONE OF THE LEADERS IN THE CHURCH FOR SEVERAL YEARS. WHEN HE WAS BAPTIZED, HE WAS BAPTIZED ACCORDING TO MATTH. 28:19-20; AND NOW, THE SECCOND BAPTISM IS ACCORDING TO ACTS 2:38. THEY LEARNED SOME WAY THAT MATTH. 28:19 WAS FOR THE APOSTLES ONLY; AND ACTS 2:38; IS FOR THE PEOPLE NOW-A-DAYS THAT OBEY THE GOSPEL.
I HOPE AND PRAY THE LOYAL BROTHERHOOD CAN NOW SEE WHY WE NEED A LOYAL PREACHER OUT IN THE FIELD. BRETHREN, THINK, AND THINK SERIOUSLY ABOUT THIS MATTER-- EPH. 4:5; --ONE BAPTISM--.

AS EVER, A BROTHER IN CHRIST
BEN F. ROLLINS
LINDSAY CALIFORNIA.

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"CHURCH ACTIVITIES" CONTINUED.

OZONE ARKANSAS.

DEAR BRETHREN:- WE ARE STILL TRYING NOT TO FORSAKE THE ASSEMBLING OF OURSELVES ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK.BEING ONLY A SMALL CONGREGATION OF US TO SHOW FORTH THE LORD'S DEATH TILL HE COMES AGAIN;AND MEETING IN OUR HOME,VERY FEW OUTSIDERS BECOME INTERESTED. BUT WE STILL HOPE THAT WE CAN AND WILL, DO SOME GOOD FOR THE CAUSE OF THE LORD.

YOUR'S IN CHRIST,

W.E.DANIELS.

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MANGUM OKLAHOMA. OCTOBER #,")%(.

DEAR BROTHER BEDINGFIELD:-

SINCE LAST REPORT I HAVE DONE THE PREACHING IN THREE FINE MEETINGS:ONE AT GILLILAND TEXAS;ONE AT ELK CITY OKLAHOMA;AND ONE AT FURNISH COLORADO FOR THE BRETHREN THAT MEETS IN THAT PLACE,SOME 15 MILES NORTH OF KENTON OKLAHOMA.

THERE WERE TWO BAPTISMS AT GILLILAND,ONE AT FURNISH AND ONE RESTORATION THERE. WHILE WE HAD NO ADDITIONS AT ELK CITY,THE CHURCH IS STRONGER AND ALL ARE IN POSITION FOR BETTER WORK AND HARMONY IN THE TRUE NEW TEST-AMENT WAY.ALL OF THESE PLACES ASK ME TO RETURN FOR MEETINGS NEXT YEAR.

I AM TO PREACH AT REYDON OKLAHOMA TOMORROW,AND AM LOOKING FOWARD TO A GREAT TIME THERE.THE ABOVE MEETINGS CLOSE MY MEETING WORK FOR THE PRES-ENT,I ONLY HOPE THE GREAT CAUSE FOR WHICH OUR SAVIOUR DIED MAY PRESS FORWARD WITH NEW ZEAL AND TRUE WORK AND KNOWLEDGE. I STILL LOOK FOR-WARD FOR THE PUBLICATION,"IT IS WRITTEN" EACH MONTH;AND MAY THE LORD BL BLESS YOU AND ALL OTHER TRUE CHRISTIANSIN THE GREAT FIGHT ,TO WIN A CLAIM IN HEAVEN IS MY PRAYER.PRAY FOR US TOO AND TELL ALL,I AM READY AS MUCH AS IN ME IS,TO HELP THE CAUSE BY PREACHING THE PURE GOSPEL ANYWHERE I MAY.

YOUR BROTHER

W.H.FRANCIS.

423 WEST TYLER,MANGUM OKLAHOMA.

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BROTHER TREAT WRITES ME THAT THERE IS NOT MUCH TO REPORT IN HIS VACINITY EXCEPT A MEETING BEING HELD BY BROTHER FRANCIS(WHICH IS REPORTED ELSE-WHERE)AND THE GENERAL GROWTH OF THE CAUSE OF THE LORD,AND HIS REGULAR WORK. HE ALSO SENT ME THE ADDRESSES OF TWO OTHER CONGREGATIONS TO WHOM I MAY SEND "IT IS WRITTEN". MANY THANKS BROTHER TREAT.

BROTHER JOHN H.KING OF IDABEL OKLAHOMA WRITES ME HE HAD FILLED HIS AP-POINTMENT AT BROKEN BOW OKLAHOMA;AND WOULD PREACH THE NEXT LORD'S DAY AT AT BEAR DEN SPRINGS OKLAHOMA.TBROTHER KING AND BROTHER R.C.CLEMENTS ARE AMONG THE GOOD SOLDIERS OF CHRIST JESUS IN THE BROKEN BOW DISTRICT.

A LETTER FROM BROTHER CAVIN OF 414 PERSING DRIVE WHITTIER CALIFORNIA STATED ALL WAS WELL IN THAT DISTRICT WITH A FAVORABLE CHANCE FOR ANOTHER INVESTIGATION WITH THOSE WHO THINK THE ONE SERVING AT THE TABLE IN THE COMMUNION SERVICE MUST BREAK OFF A PORTION AND EATC IT BEFORE PASSIN IT OUT TO THE AUDIENCE.

I ALSO HAD A LETTER FROM BROTHER F.H.STRINGHAM STATING THAT HE WOULD BEGIN HIS EVANGELISTIC MEETING AT BIGGS CALIFORNIA OCTOBER THE 3 RD,1948.THIS MEET ING IS TO CONTINUE OVER THE MOST OF THE MONTH IF POSIBLE.

BRETHREN LETS ALL TAKE NEW COURAGE AND REJOICE IN ALL THESE GOOD RE-PORTS FROM OUR PREACHING BRETHREN.

WE WILL PASS THIS WAY BUT ONCE SO LET US ALL BE UP AND DOING THAT WE MAY NOT BE ASHAMED OF THE PART WE PLAYED IN CARRYING THE GOSPEL TO LOST AND RUINED HUMANITY.

MAY THE LORD HELP EACH AND EVERYONE TO SEE THAT IS AS MUCH OUR DUTY TO SEND THE GOSPEL TO THE WORLD AS IT IS FOR US TO REPENT AND BE BAPTIZED. REMEMBER THE LORD SAID "GO" AND GO WE MUST IF WE FULFILL HIS WILL. IF YOU CANNOT PREACH PUBLICALLY;YOU CAN PREACH PRIVATELY AND FELLOWSHIP THOSE WITH YOUR MEANS THAT CAN PREACH.

J.S.B.

I WILL PRINT 600 COPIES THIS ISSUE.MOST OF WHICH WILL BE MAILED OUT AT ONCE.YES,"IT IS WRITTEN" IS GRADUALLY GROWING.

"WATCH"

"WATCH YE, STAND FAST IN THE FAITH, QUIT YOU LIKE MEN, BE STRONG". 1 COR. 16: 13. IN THIS VERSE WE HAVE FOUR THOUGHTS FORCEABLE EXPRESSED. FIRST, "WATCH YE". SECCOND--"STAND FAST IN THE FAITH"; THIRD--"QUIT YOU LIKE MEN"; AND FOURTH--"BE STRONG". THESE FOUR THOUGHTS COVER SO MUCH GROUND I WILL NOT TRY TO COVER ALL OF THEM; BUT THE FIRST-"WATCH YE".

WHILE I SHALL SHOW THAT "WATCH" IS A SPECIAL COMMAND GIVEN TO A CERTAIN GROUP OF MEMBERS IN THE BODY-THE CHURCH; YET, IN THIS EXPRESSION IT IS GENERAL AND INCLUDES US ALL, AS CAN BE SEEN BY THE CONTEXT.

JESUS SAYS, IN MARK 13:33, "TAKE YE HEED, 'WATCH' AND PRAY; FOR YE KNOW NOT WHEN THE TIME IS". THEN IN THE 34 TH VERSE HE GIVES THEM A SHORT PARABLE, WINDING UP WITH THE THOUGHT, "AND HE COMMANDED THE PORTER TO WATCH". IN THIS THOUGHT JESUS SHOWS A SPECIAL COMMAND TO A CERTAIN CLASS OF INDIVADUALS--"PORTERS". NEVERTHELESS IN THE NEXT VERSE HE SAYS, "WATCH YE THEREFORE, FOR YE KNOW NOT WHEN THE MASTER COMETH". THEN, IN THE 37 TH VERSE HE MAKES THE COMMAND GENERAL; "WHAT I SAY UNTO YOU I SAY UNTO ALL, WATCH". HENCE WE CAN SEE WE ARE ALL TO WATCH; BUT WE SHOULD NOT CONFUSE OUR "WATCHING" WITH THE "WATCHING" OF GOD'S OVERSEERS-(THOSE WHO WATCH OVER GOD'S FLOCK). IN ACTS 20:17; PAUL SENT AFTER THE ELDERS OF THE CHURCH AT EPHESUS. IN VERSES 18-21 HE RECAPITULATES HIS LABORS WITH THEM. IN VERSES 22-25 HE FORETOLD THEM SOME THINGS THAT WERE TO BEFALL HIM. IN VERSES 26-27 HE DEFENDS HIS FORMER ACTIONS AMONG THEM AND SHOWS HE IS PURE OF THE BLOOD OF ALL MEN. IN VERSE 28 HE TELLS THEM, "TAKE HEED UNTO YOURSELVES"-THAT IS, "WATCH" YOURSELVES; "AND ALL THE FLOCK OVER WHICH THE HOLY GHOST HAS MADE YOU OVERSEERS, TO FEED THE CHURCH OF GOD WHICH HE PURCHASED WITH HIS OWN BLOOD". NOTICE THE ELDERS WERE THE "OVERSEERS" OR THOSE WHO WATCHED OVER GOD'S FLOCK. 1 PETER 4:2, SHOWS THAT THE ELDERS TAKE THE "OVERSIGHT". ALSO HEB. 13:17, SHOWS THAT THOSE WHO HAVE THE RULE OVER US "WATCH" FOR OUR SOULS.

THIS IS SUFFICIANT FOR THIS SPECIAL "WATCHING" OF THIS SPECIAL CLASS OF INDIVIDUALS IN THE CHURCH OF GOD KNOWN AS ELDERS, BISHOPS, OR OVERSEERS.

WE NOW TURN TO THIS "WATCHING" WHICH WE ALL DO. "WHAT I SAY UNTO YOU I SAY UNTO ALL, WATCH". MARK 13:37.

IN EZEK. 3:17-21, WE HAVE A VERY MINUTE PICTURE OF A WATCHMAN AND HIS RESPONSIBILITIES. EZEK. 3:17 SHOWS THAT EZEKIEL IS MADE A WATCHMAN UNTO ISTAEL; HE WAS TO HEAR THE WORDS AT THE MOUTH OF THE LORD AND WARN ISRAEL. EZEK. 3:18 SHOWS WHEN THE WATCHMAN FAILS TO WARN THE WICKED, AND THE WICKED DIES IN HIS SINS; HIS BLOOD WILL BE REQUIRED AT THE WATCHMANS HAND. VERSE 19, SHOWS, IF THE WATCHMAN WARNS THE WICKED, AND YET HE TURNS NOT FROM HIS WICKED WAY, BUT DIES IN HIS SINS; HIS BLOOD WILL BE UPON HIS OWN HEAD. BUT THE WATCHMAN HAS DELIVERED HIS SOUL.

VERSE 20, SHOWS THAT IF A RIGHTEOUS MAN TURNS FROM HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS AND SINS, AND DIES IN HIS SINS BECAUSE THE "WATCHMAN FAILED TO WARN HIM; HIS BLOOD IS REQUIRED AT THE WATCHMANS HANDS. IN THE 21 ST VERSE WE ARE SHOWN IF THE WATCHMAN WARNS THE RIGHTEOUS MAN THAT TURNS FROM HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS, AND HE TURNS FROM HIS SINS; HE HAS DELIVERED HIS SOUL. AND THE WATCHMAN HAS ABSO DELIVERED HIS SOUL. EZEK. 33:1-19, TEACHES THE SAME LESSON, VIZ; THE LORD REQUIRES OF THE WATCHMAN THAT HE WARN THE PEOPLE, OR THEIR BLOOD WILL BE REQUIRED OF THE WATCHMAN. PAUL SHOWS THAT THE SAME PRINCIPLE HOLDS GOOD IN THE NEW TESTAMENT WHEN HE SAYS; "WHEREFORE I TAKE YOU TO RECORD THIS DAY, THAT I AM PURE OF THE BLOOD OF ALL MEN. FOR I HAVE NOT SHUNNED TO DECLARE UNTO YOU ALL THE COUNSEL OF GOD". ACTS 20:26-27.

BESIDES ALL OF THE DIRECT COMMANDS TO US TO "WATCH". BROTHER, ARE YOU REALLY WATCHING AS THE LORD REQUIRES OF YOU? OR ARE YOU TOO LAZY, TOO BUSY, IN THE AFFAIRS OF THIS WORLD, TOO LINIENT FOR POLICIES SAKE, OR (TOOCOWARDLY) AFRAID YOU WILL HURT YOUR REPUTATION WITH THOSE WHO STAND HIGH IN THE CONGREGATION TO DO YOUR DUTY?

TOO OFTEN THE LORD'S WATCHMEN ARE THE "LAZY DUMB DOG" TYPE. TOO LAZY TO DO THEIR DUTY BUT LOOK FOR THE ADVANTAGE FROM THEIR OWN QUARTER. IS. 56: 10-11. WHEREAS THEY SHOULD "SEE EYE TO EYE" AND LIFT UP THEIR VOICE TOGATHER", AS DESCRIBED IN IS. 52:8.

AND THIS IS EXACTLY WHAT THE APOSTLE PAUL HAD DONE WHEN HE MADE THE STATEMENT IN ACTS 20:26-27.GOD COMMANDED EZEKIEL TO GO TO ISRAEL AND SAY,"THUS SAITH THE LORD WHETHER THEY WILL HEAR OR WHETHER THEY WILL FORBEAR".EZEK.2:4-5 AND 7;ALSO 3:11. NO EXCUSE IF YOU PLEASE.
GOD HAS GIVEN US THE GOSPEL;GOD'S WARNINGS AND COMMANDMENTS TO THE WICKED;AND GOD'S COMMANDS AND BLESSINGS TO THE RIGHTEOUS;AND HIS CONDEMNATION OF THE RIGHTEOUS IF THEY SIN AND DIE IN THEM.AS A WATCHMAN ON THE WALLS OF ZION,ARE YOU CARRYING OUT THE MESSAGE?AM I? AMONG THE THINGS THAT CONTINUOUSLY OCCUPIED THE APOSTLE PAUL WAS "WATCHINGS".2 COR.6:5; 11:27.
WE ARE COMMANDED IN MARK 13:33;"TAKE YE HEED,WATCH AND PRAY,FOR YE KNOW NOT WHEN THE TIME IS"."WATCH YE THEREFORE,AND PRAY ALWAYS THAT YE MAY BE ACCOUNTED WORTHY TO ESCAPE ALL THESE THINGS THAT SHALL COME TO PASS,AND STAND BFFORE THE SON OF MAN"-LUKE 21:36. "WATCH YR THEREFORE,FOR YE KNOW NEITHER THE DAY NOR THE HOUR WHEREIN THE SON OF MAN COMETH"-MATTH. 25:13. "PRAYING ALWAYS WITH ALL PRAYERS AND SUPPLICATION IN THE SPIRIT, AND WATCHING THEREUNTO WITH ALL PERSEVERANCE AND SUPPLICATION FOR ALL THE SAINTS"- EPH.6:18. "CONTINUE IN PRAYER,AND WATCH IN THE SAME WITH THANKSGIVING"--COL.4:2. "WATCH YE THEREFORE,FOR YE KNOW NOT THE HOUR YOUR LORD DOTH COME.BUT KNOW THIS,IF THE GOOD MAN OF THE HOUSE HAD KNOWN IN WHAT WATCH THE THIEF WOULD COME, HE WOULD HAVE WATCHED AND WOULD NOT HAVE SUFFERED HIS HOUSE TO BE BROKEN UP"--MATTH.24:42-43.
THEREFORE,LET US NOT SLEEP AS DO OTHERS;BUT LET US WATCH AND BE SOBER"-1 THES.5:6. "BE WATCHFUL, AND STRENGTHEN THE THINGS THAT REMAIN THAT ARE READY TO DIE;FOR I HAVE NOT FOUND THY WORKS PERFECT BEFORE GOD. REMEMBER THEREFORE,HOW THOU HAST RECIEVED AND HEARD,AND HOLD FAST,ANDREPENT.IF THOU THEREFORE SHALL NOT WATCH,I WILL COME ON THEE AS A THIEF, AND THOU SHALT NOT KNOW WHAT HOUR I SHALL COME UPON THEE"--REV.3:2-3. "BEHOLD I COME AS A THIEF,BLESSED IS HE THAT WATBHETH,AND KEEPETH HIS GARMENTS,LEST HE WALK NAKED,AND THEY SEE HIS SHAME"--REV.16:15. "BUT WATCH THOU IN ALL THINGS--"--2 TIM.4:5. "BUT THE END OF ALL THINGS IS AT HAND;BE YE THEREFORE SOBER, AND WATCH, UNTO PRAYER"--1 PET.4:7. "WHEREFORE,LET HIM THAT THINKETH THAT HE STANDETH,TAKE HEED LEST HE FALL" 1 COR.10:12.TO "TAKE HEED"TO OURSELVES;WE MUST "WATCH" OURSELVES. "TAKE HEED UNTO THYSELF AND TO THE DOCTRINE;CONTINUE IN THEM; FOR IN DOING THIS,THOU SHALT BOTH SAVE THYSELF AND THEM THAT HEAR THEE "--1 TIM. 4:16."TAKE HEED UNTO THYSELF"--"WATCH" THYSELF.
YOUR SALVATION AND THE SALVATION OFOTHERS DEPEND ON YOU "LOOKING DILIGENTLY LEST ANY MAN FAIL OF THE GRACE OF GOD"HEB.12:15.YES,YOU MIGHT FAIL, OR SOME ONE ELSE MIGHT FAIL:YOU ARE TO "LOOK DILIGENTLY LEST ANY MAN FAIL OF THE GRACE OF GOD"."LEST ANY ROOT OF BITTERNESS SPRINGING UP AND THEREBY MANY BE DEFILED"-HEB.12:15.YES, MY DUTY,YOUR DUTY,IS TO "LOOK DILIGENTLY LEST ANY ROOT OF BITTERNESS SPRINGING UP,TROUBLE YOU;AND THEREBY MANY BE DEFILED".
"LEST THERE BE ANY PROFANE PERSON,OR FORNICATOR,AS ESAU WHO FOR ONE MORSEL OF MEAT SOLD HIS BIRTHRIGHT"--HEB.12:16.
YES,YOU AND I HAVE BEEN BORN INTO THE FAMILY OF GOD AND HAVE A BIRTHRIGHT.WE CAN LIKE ESAU OF OLD,BARTER IT OFF VERY FOOLISHLY FOR INSIGNIFICENT THINGS.
WE CAN TO SATISFY THE LUSTS OF THE FLESH SELL OUR BIRTHRIGHT.
WE CAN FOR THE INDULGENCE INTHE DOCTRINES AND COMMANDMENTS OF MEN SELL OUR BIRTHRIGHT.SEECOL.2:20-23;MARK 7:7;HEB.12:15-16.
YOU CAN FOR THE GLITTERING ALLUREMENTS OF THIS WORLD SELL YOUR BIRTHRIGHT.
BRTHHREN,LET US TRUELY BE WATCHMEN ON THE WALLS OF ZION;AND TAKE WARNING OURSELVES;AND WARN EVERYONE AS GOD INTENDED WE SHOULD.
MAY OUR LOVING HEAVENLY FATHER,WHO LOVES US SO,HELP EACH AND EVERYONE OF US TO REALLY AND TRUELY BECOME A WATCHMAN IN ITS STRICTEST SENSE IS MY PRAYER.

YOURS IN CHRIST
J.S.BEDINGFIELD.