IT IS W ITTEN

"Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."—MATTHEW 4:4.

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SET THY HOUSE IN ORDER

By J. W. Bedingfield

In II Kings, 20:1-6, we find the word of God coming to Hezekaih, a just man, telling him to "Set thine house in order; for thou shalt die, and not live." Now, Hezekiah was a righteous man, one who walked before God in truth, and with a perfect heart, and done that which was good in the sight of God. (see verse 3.) Yet at this news, we find that he turned his face to the wall and wept sore.

How is it with you today, my friends. Is your house in order? Think carefully, friends, for we are all under sentence of death. "It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment." Heb. 9:27. It is true that none of us like to think of the day, when we shall depart this life, and go to give an account of our deeds, done in the flesh here below, but to those who have made preparations against that day, it holds no fear, such as it should to those who have not set their house in order. Hezekiah wept at the news, even though it is evident that he had been serving God. Hear him in verse 3, "I beseech Thee oh Lord, remember now how that I have walked before Thee." Notice Hezekiah was inviting God to look upon his past life, and to review the deeds that he had done, and remember them. How is it with us today? Most of us would not care to do this. Most of us would not care to have God look into our past and "REMEMBER" how we have walked. Most of us had rather that God not look too closely at our lives, and rather that He "forgot," instead of "remember." That be as it may, the testimony is sure that, "We must ALL appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad." II Cor. 5:10. When Hezekiah heard this news it caused him to weep and pray to God. How should we then receive the news? "Thou shalt die, and not live." We should be anxious to "Set our house in order," should we not?

If our lives, today, are not such that we could say, "Remember now how I have walked before Thee in truth and with perfect

heart, and have done that which is right in Thy sight," then our house is not in order, and we are not prepared to stand in judgment. So, what about those deeds that we have done, that were not right in the sight of God? Christ can take those sins away my friend. God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. Think of it, my friends. "That we might have everlasting life." God loves us. We are His creation. He is not willing that we should perish, but that we all come to repentance. He loved us so much, that while we were still in our sins, that He sent His own Son to earth to die for the ungodly. Christ suffered the death of the cross, to bear the iniquity of us all. Christ died bearing the sins of the whole world, that you and I might die without any sins. In this great plan of redemption, God had a great part to perform, and a great sacrifice to make. That of sending his dearly beloved Son to earth to be tortured, betrayed, and slain. God has done His part, and now the question: Have you done your part? That your sins might be remitted, and that you might stand pure and whole in the sight of God. Have you let the sinlessness of Christ cover the sin in your life? God's plan for all people, who were in sin, is that they obey the gospel of Christ, to receive pardon, and here let me offer a few passages of scripture that should help you to *see* the necessity of your obeying that gospel. Rom. 3:9 "We have before proved both Jew and Gentile, that they are all under sin." Rom. 3:19 "What things soever the law sayeth, it sayeth to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God." Rom. 3:23 "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." So we see that unless Christ has taken our sins away, then we are guilty before God. Our house is not in order. We are not prepared for death, or for the Judgment. So notice carefully as Jesus' own words tell us what we must do, to have our sins taken away. John 8:24 "If ye believe not that I am He, ye shall die in your sins." Luke 13:3 "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." Matt. 10:32 "Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in Heaven." Mark 16: 16 "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved."

Today, many are living in the last days of their lives upon this earth, and their house is not in order. Their lives are not right in the sight of God. They are not ready to meet Him, who will judge the dead out of the things which are written in the books, every man according to his works. Now is the time to set your house in order. Now is the time to get right in the sight of God, for all shall soon stand before God, whether their house is in order or mi. Too late then to weep, too late then to pray, too late then to obey the gospel of Christ.

In closing, a few words to those who have set their house in order. You know it is just as important that we KEEP our

house in order, as it is that the sinner SET his in order. Some times we become poor housekeepers and allow things to come into our lives that are not acceptable in the sight of the Lord. Eph. 4:29-32, "Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers. And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: and be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you."

Is your house in order, today? Look about you, and see if you can invite the Lord to look upon the deeds you have done, and if you can ask Him to remember now, how you have walked before Him in truth.

COMING MEETINGS

The West Side Church of Christ at Nocona, Texas will be gin a meeting on May 26 to continue through June 2, with J. W. Bedingfield doing the preaching. All are invited to attend these services.

Vacation time will soon be here. Pehaps some will be able to attend some of these services while on vacation. After closing at Nocona, I will go to New Castle, Texas for a meeting with the California Creek congregation, which is five miles west of New Castle. This meeting will begin on June 2 and continue through June 9. Come and be with us, in these meetings.

WHAT THINK YOU OF JESUS?

This month, we are very happy to present to the readers of "**IT** IS WRITTEN," a new writer, who I am sure you will all appreciate and enjoy. The following article is by Brother Bert Weakley of 413 Rowland Ave., Modesto, Calif. Thanks Bert. We will look for more such articles in the future.—J.W.B.

By Bert Weakley

What think you of Jesus? You have to think something of Him. He is here now just as much as He was nineteen centuries ago. We couldn't get Him out of our minds and our lives no matter how hard we might try.

What shall you do then with Jesus- You have to do something, for you cannot ignore Him. Since this is true, the sensible thing to do is to think of Him in the way He has taught us to think. See Him as the Son of God and our Saviour, accept Him in our every day life, live with Him, for He is the fullness of Him that filleth all in all and most certainly will give us in return, fullness of life. Perhaps not a life full of matetrial increases and joy (for He is no respecter of persons) but an everlasting life that will know no pain or sorrows ,only joy and peace. Regardless of whether we scorn Him or crucify Him afresh, we will never forget Him.

Perhaps I can better explain to you what **I** mean when **I** say, what think you of Christ? By telling you what I think of Him and why I think so.

We think perhaps we are living in the most troublesome and

wicked of times. There is evil everywhere. A persecution where ever possible of the righteous, even to the death in some parts of the world. People are being forbidden to worship God and some of them by doing so anyway, are spending a lifetime in bondage. At the time Jesus was born in Bethlehem, there was as much organized hate and evil power abroad in the world as there is today. You may say no to this, but read in your Bible of that period and you will find an order issued by a king or ruler, Herod, who, upon hearing of the birth of Jesus schemed to have Him killed. But through God, Himself, this scheme was thwarted, then Herod had all the male children in Bethlehem under two years of age put to death. An infant pitted against a king, a lowly carpenter's son pitted against a Caesar. It seemed such an unequal contest, yet what of Caesar's might today? His armies are history, his empire has crumbled, the greatest thing remembered about him today is not his influence, but his cruelty and infamy. But the words of this lowly carpenter's son and His deeds are recorded in a book called the New Testament, which is the greatest seller and is read more than all other books combined. Why? Because the hope that Jesus brought in the world is stronger and will outlast any hope of man or material things. So let's look at Jesus and say, "Look what has come into the world," not "what the world has come to."

Any great achievement has a humble beginning. We must begin with the thing at hand. Then as our Lord and Saviour said, "what so ever thy hands find to do, do it with all thy might," therefore what you think of Christ must have it beginning through His recorded life, and as you try to understand what you think of Jesus, your Faith and Hope will increase and will grow in knowledge and the stature of Him.

Your position in life may not be as lowly as were some of His disciples, for they were fishermen. Nor may you ever be raised as high as they were. Yet you have their example for they were just common men, perhaps undistinguishable f r o m men around them until their faith in Jesus went out to turn the world upside down. Perhaps your faith may not influence the world in its af airs, yet the capacities are there, the powers within you beyond your comprehension might by your faith bring wisdom and understanding unheard of before, for no man knows the mind of man except the God who gave it. Therefore let us go on with a full assurance, knowing that Jesus is all powerful. He is the same yesterday, today and forever.

There is a fascination about Him we find in no other person who has ever lived. When He walked on earth, men were awed by His presence—at His birth—Men that were unknown to His father or mother, came great distances to pay homage to Him. As a boy, people marvelled at Him and were drawn to Him by an indescribable power. He was winsome and gracious, little children yearned to be near Him, yet He was so manly, strong men stepped aside to let Him pass, or

ran from the temple when He accused them of making it a den of thieves.

After all these centuries, Jesus is still the most disturbing, fascinating and impressive of men. Some men have an appeal to more than one class or race of people. But Jesus appeals to all races and classes. The only time Jesus ever wrote anything, He wrote it on the ground, and it is not recorded that he ever wrote another line, yet His teachings, His sayings, have exerted a greater influence upon the thoughts and life of our world than all other teachers combined. Even our calendar is dated backward and forward from Him.

His influence over people is most amazing. In His lifetime, some people only gazed on Him and believed, others heard Him and believed, but as He told one of His disciples, "blessed are you for you have seen and believed, but more blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe."

More people would die for Him than any other person. We consider right or wrong, depending on whether it is Christian conduct. Nowhere is His influence better summed up than in this statement, "all the armies that ever marched, all the navies that were ever built and all the parliaments that ever sat and all the rulers that ever reigned put together have not affected the life of mankind on this earth as powerfully as has this one solitary life which had its beginning in a manger in Bethlehem. With His pierced hands He has lifted empires off their hinges and turned the stream of centuries out of its channel, and still governs the ages. There was something so magnetic about His person that when He said "follow me" people followed Him. Today, People still do the same, forsaking father, mother, houses and lands for Him.

There was no wrong in His person or was one over done by Him. He did no sin neither was guile found in His mouth. All virtue was in Him. He was humble and forgiving even pleading for His betrayers and killers. Father forgive them for they know not what they do and as the centurion said as he gazed on Him on the cross, "surely this was a righteous man."

Yes, there is more than perfection to make Christ's person fascinating. He made stupendous claims about Himself and proved them all. He was both human and divine, and through all the ages since, mankind has not been able to disprove one claim that He made.

He fascinated men by His very presence for once when officers were sent to arrest Him. They paused to listen to His words of beauty and hope and when they returned without Him, their only excuse was "never man spoke like this man."

Then there is His work. He was here to do the will of His Father. He fed the hungry, healed the sick, urged the sinful to sin no more, always asking the people not to tell who He was, always saying "by the will of my Father its done." He came to seek and save the lost ,to minis-

ter to and not to be ministered unto and then gave His life as a ransom for all.

His teaching was simple, powerful, and so attractive that the most learned of men marvelled at this lowly carpenter's son. His teachings simply told men and women about God and eternal life. He taught humility and forgiveness and then enforced them by His own example. The words of the greatest of teachers grow obsolete with time, but the words of Jesus are just as fresh today as they were when he was a mere child of twelve years of age.

Finally, there is His presence, the first Christians knew that death had not ended things for Him. He had risen and was alive with them.

Whether we like it or not, He is always here and we would not get rid of Him, if we could. That is why you have the answer personally, "what think you of Jesus?"

The most impressive saying of Christ, to me, that contains love, humility, and forgiveness was what He said when the adulterous woman was brought to Him and He said to her "neither I condemn thee. Go thy way and sin no more." By His love, humility and forgivenes, He has changed kingdoms, brought righteousness and brought us eternal life. His saying, "let the one among you without sin, cast the first stone" changed the course of religious thinking to me.

This is what I think of Christ, and I hope that perhaps when you study His works it will cause you to realize what you think of Christ.

WATCH

By J. S. Bedingfield

"Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit ye like men, be strong." I Cor. 16:13. In this verse, we have four thoughts forcibly expressed. First, "Watch ye," second "Stand fast in the faith," third, "Quit ye like men," and fourth, "Be strong." These four thoughts cover so much ground that I will not try to cover all of them. Only 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 Mk. 13:33: "Take ye heed and WATCH and pray; for ye know not when the time is." Then in the 34th 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 individuals, "Porters." Nevertheless, in the next verse He says, "Watch ye therefore for ye know not when the Master cometh." Then in the 37th verse, He makes the command general, "What I say unto you, I say unto all, Watch." Hence we can see that 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 for the Elders of the Church at Ephesus. In verses 18-21 He recapitulates His labors with them. In verses 22-25, He tells 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 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. I Peter 4:2 shows that those who have the rule over us "Watch" for our souls. This is sufficient for this special "Watching" by this special class of individuals in the Church, known as Elders, Bishops, or Overseers.

We now turn to this "Watching" which we are all to do. "What I say unto you, I say unto all" Mk. 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 Israel. He was to hear the words at the mouth of the Lord, and warn Israel. Verse 18 shows that when the watchman fails to warn the wicked, and the wicked dies in his sins; his blood will be required at the watchman's 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, becasue the watchman failed to warn him; his blood is required at the watchman's hand. In verse 21 we are shown that if the watchman warns the righteous man, that has turned from his righteousnese, and he turns from his sins, he has delivered his soul, and the watchman has also delivered his soul.

Paul shows that same principle holds true 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 council of God." Acts 20:26-27. Besides, all the direct commands to us to "Watch," Brother are you really watching as the Lord requires of you? Too often, the Lord's watchmen are not doing 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 voices together, as described in Is. 52:8. This is exactly what the Apostle Paul was doing, 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. Also 3:11. No excuses if you please.

God has given us the Gospel, God's warnings and commandments to the wicked, and God's commandments 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 "Watching." II 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."

Luke 21:36 "Watch ye therefore and pray always that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things, that shall come to pass, and stand before the Son of man." Matt. 25:13 "Watch ye therefore for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of Man cometh." Eph. 6:19 "Praying always with all prayers and supplications in the spirit, and watching thereunto, with all perseverance and supplications for all the saints." Col. 4:2 "Continue in prayer and watch in the same, with thanksgiving." Matt. 24:42-43, "Watch ye therefore for ye know not the hour your Lord doth come, but know this; that if the good man of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched and not have suffered his house to be broken up." I Thess. 5:6 "Therefore let us not sleep as do others, but let us watch and be sober." Rev. 3:2-3. "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 has received and heard, and hold fast and repent. If thou therefore shall not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shall not know at what hour I shall come." Rev. 16-15 "Behold, I come as a thief, blessed is he that watcheth and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked and they see his shame." II Tim. 4:5 "But watch thou in all things." I Peter 4:7 "But the end of all things is at hand. Be ye therefore sober and watch, unto prayer." I Cor. 10: 12 "Wherefore let him that thinketh that he standeth, take heed lest he fall." To "take heed" to ourselves, we must "Watch" ourselves. I Tim. 4:16 "Take heed unto thyself, and to the doctrine, continue in them; for in so doing thou shall both save thyself, and them that hear thee." Take heed unto thyself. Watch thyself. Your salvation, and the salvation of others depend on you. "Look diligently, lest any man fail of the grace of God." Heb. 12:15. Yes you might fail, or some else might fail. You are to look diligently, lest "Any man" fail of the grace of God. May our loving Heavenly Father help each and every one of us, to really and truly become a Watchman in its strictest sense, is my prayer. Yours in Christ.—J.S.B.

EVANGELISTIC WORK

Elsewhere in this issue, is a report from Bro. Paul Bruce, concerning the finances for evangelistic work, but I wish to make this statement to all the brotherhood, concerning the work. It now appears that we are assured of about $200.00 per month for this work, of establishing new congregations, and holding meetings for small groups who are not able to finance their own meetings. We feel that many such small groups can be strengthened and increased, by personal work and preaching. Now Brethren, I am at your service. If any of you know of a place where you think that this time and money would be spent wisely, write in and tell us about it, and it will be looked into. We feel

that this program has unlimited possibilities, and we have enough finances to make a good start, and with the congregations that are able to do so, financing their own meetings, we should be able to have others in the field full time, in the near future.

Now is the time to get together, and make a united and determined effort for the truth. We need the cooperation of all in carrying this out. If you are a member of the Church, and do not have a place to worship, as the New Testament directs, please send in your name and address. If you are a member of a small congregation, and need the help of an evangelist, in building up, let us hear from you. If you are a member of a congregation, that is able and willing to support the truth, and spread the gospel, please contact Bro. Bruce, and help send the light. At this time, we have three prospective locations for mission meetings, but we want to hear from you concerning other likely locations, where work needs to be done, in order that the work may be planned carefully and economically, in advance.

We promise each of you, that each new congregation established under this program will be established as the Bible directs, and that the worship will be conducted as we read it in the New Testament, and that steps will be taken to be sure that it continues that way. So Brethren let us all work TODAY, for soon cometh the night, when no man can work.

SELECTED FROM THE MAIL

From Broter and Sister Ray Bishop of New Castle, Texas— "Two of our members will graduate from high school this year. All eight of our children and their families were here yesterday a week ago, also Ray's mother from Apache, Okla., who is 84 years old. The little Church was full. We all went to Ft. Belknap for dinner after Church. It was Ray's 65th birthday dinder. There were 84 relatives and friends attended."

Many happy returns of the day, Bro. Bishop. This must have been a happy occasion for all of you, and with that Church house full, what singing there must have been! That little Church must still be ringing with those Gospel songs, that they sing so well.

From Bro. J. D. Johnson of Lakeside, Calif. — "We are all well. Bro. Dye is here at Lakeside with us, and is getting along just fine. We are hearing a lot about the good work that you are doing for the Lord, and we will be praying for you and all the good Brethren who are preaching and teaching the true Gospel of Christ, and may God bless you all. We were very glad to hear about the meeting at Eunice and that it turned out so good, and also at the other places. I am sending $10.00 to help with the paper, from the Church here."

Brother Johnson also sent $20 to help with the evangelistic work that is being done. Thank you and God bless you. It is the

loyal support and cooperation of faithful Brothers and Sisters like the Johnsons that make this work of saving souls possible. For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of, but thank God for the kindness and the generosity of my Brethren in the Lord.

From a Sister in Christ of Lorenzo, Texas—"I have never felt more like I was with God's children, than I do now. These good people are not only workers, but they are such a united group of Christians. We haven't gained any new members in these last months, but we have gained the love and fellowship of each and every one. And there is always that great feeling that we are truly in the House of God, even if the number is few. Brother Jack White gave us a wonferful lesson on our 'Status' in this life, and Brother Jimmie Loftis, Brother Howe, and Brother Studer selected some beautiful old songs. In closing, I would like to say that we are looking forward to having you with us again soon, also Brother Francis and Brother Howell. May God bless you in every effort to further the cause of Christ."

Thank you very much for this good letter. I always have a warm spot in my heart for that congregation as Lorenzo, and always enjoy the work with them. When we find this unity and love in a congregation, then we know that their prayers are the greatest influence in the world today. Every gospel preacher knows this, so we earnestly beseech you to keep praying for us.

AT REST

The following report of the passing of Sister Nelson was sent in by Brother W. R. Farrar, of the Elk City congregation of the Church of Christ, who adds, "Those who had the privilege of knowing her will always remember her, as one of great character."

So, as another one of our beloved departs to await that great reunion beyond the skies, we can only say, "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord, for From henceforth, Yea sayeth the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors, but their works do live after them."

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Sister Ella May Nelson was born in Neosho County, Kansas, Jan. 16, 1866, and died March 14, 1957 in Elk City, Okla. having passed the age of 91 years. She was seriously ill for about six *weks,* due to high blood pressure, and paralytic strokes, but was conscious and of sound mind, until the last day of her life.

Her father and mother, Jacob and Margaret Ann Dorran, both died when she was a small child, leaving her and an older brother and sister to live among friends and relatives. She came to Elk City, Okla., Oct. 11, 1901 and for several years worked as a housekeeper and nursemaid in the homes of numerous citizens.

On March 31, 1918, she was married to Brother J. T. Nelson of Elk City, a widower, whom she helped convert, through her association with him, and who only lived a few more years, passing away in 1926.

Sister Nelson was baptized

into Christ at the age of 21 years, and has been a loyal and faithful servant throughout the long period of 70 years, as a Child of God. Her works abounded in giving of her means for the cause of Christ, and to those whom she saw in need. She also made provisions for the time when she would have to be laid away, by making most of the arrangements for her funeral in advance, as she had no children of her own, only a step son and some nieces and nephews, but many friends and neighbors and Brothers and Sisters in the Lord.

Funeral was conducted Sunday evening, with Brother J. C. Spurlin of Reydon preaching, assisted by Brethern A. H. Howell and Ray Francis with reading and prayer. Song service was conducted by Brother and Sister Ray Francis, Brother A. H. Howell, Brother Walter Spurlin, and Brother W. R. Farrar. Pall bearers were other members and young men of the congregation with whom she had worshipped for more than thirty years. She will be missed, but remembered for a long time to come.

—By W. R. Farrar

On March 17, Brother Jack White and Brother and Sister Howard Studer of Lorenzo, Texas drove to Eunice, N. M., to meet with the new congregation there. Brother White gave a good lesson, which was enjoyed by all. Again on March 31, Brother Studer returned, and preached for them. The members at Eunice truly enjoyed both of these visits from these brethren, and invite them back at any time.

This month seems to be a month of sickness and misfortune to many of our members. Among the more serious are: Sister W. E. Daniels of Broken Bow, who underwent surgery at Idabel, Okla., but who is somewhat improved at this writing. Our prayers and best wishes are for you, Sister Daniels. Also Sister Maude Scott of Lorenzo, had a severe round with pneumonia, but is getting along better at this time.

Have just received word that Brother Rueben Rasco of Lorenzo is in the hospital for an operation. Sister Rasco has not been well either. Our prayers for these two faithful ones, also for the family in their anxiety and worry. May God bless and keep you all.

On my recent trip to California, I found Brother Stanley Neimczyk of Bellflower on crutches, having suffered a broken foot. However, he was able to attend Church, and at present is improving.

Brother R. C. Clement of Broken Bow has had a lot of sickness recently and writes that he may never be well again, but is determined to be faithful until the end, whenever that may be. Our prayers for all of you.

Sister Betty Thompson of Aztec, N. M., suffering from a heart attack, spent about 10 days in the hospital, but is back home again, but still unable to do her work. We hope that this finds all of you improving, and able to enjoy all the blessings, that are ours to enjoy in this life.

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FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance on hand, March 1, 1957 - - - - - - - - -	$ 45.10
Total received to April 1, 1957 - - - - - - - - -	102.00
Total - - - - - - - - - - - -	$147.10
Less March expenses -	97.50
Balance on hand, April 1, 1957 - - - - - -	$ 49.60

We wish to thank all of our loyal conrtibutors, for their support in this work. To save space, we have not listed each contribution separately, but we thank you each and every one.J.W.B.

As most of our readers know, several of our loyal congregations have united their efforts, and are supporting Brother Bedingfield in doing full time evangelistic work in the fields. This is a noble work, on the part of these congregations, and they are really making a sacrifice that the gospel might be preached in regions beyond. I know some of these congregations are going beyond their reasonable share, in supporting this effort, but they are making this sacrifice to keep the work going, until others come to their assistance. Brethren, we cannot expect these few faithful ones to bear all the burden. Let us all labor together in this. If you can not send finances, to help ease their burden, please let us have your prayers and fellowship in preaching the word. Following is a list of congregations, and their contributions for the period beginning March 18, and closing April 15.

Bellflower, Calif. - - - -	$ 75.00
Yuma, Arizona - - - - - -	50.00
Somerton, Arizona - - - -	50.00
Carlsbad, N. M. - - - - -	10.00
Lakeside, Calif. - - - - - -	20.00
Nocona Texas - - - - - - -	25.00
Total - - - - - - - - -	$230.00

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YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE

In the March issue we published a Church directory. We now have on hand some additional information for you in regard to the faithful congregations

1.—Eunice, N. M. services each Lord's Day at 10:30 a.m. at the Gainer Jewelry Building on Main street. For information write Marshall Spence, Box 874, Eunice, N. M.

2 — Modesto, Calif. Services each Lord's Day at 10 a.m. at the Moose Hall, 821 Fifth St., Modesto. For information, write J. D. Logan, 300 Glenn Ave., Modesto, or John H. Smith, 3624 S. Central, Ceres, Calif.

The other congregation, which I listed in Modesto meets at Glenn and Dallas streets in South Modesto, and Brother J. G. Conders' address is 1719 Spokane St., Modesto. All are welcome and invited to meet with either of these congregations.

3—Bryte, Calif., 105 Mikon, Bryte, Calif. For information contact Brother J. S. Bedingfield at 412 Sacramento Ave. in Bryte or write Box 767, Bryte. This is the same congregation that I listed as meeting in West Sacramento in the previous issue.