LITTLE LETTER

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VALENTINE INVOLVEMENT

HERE IT'S TIME FOR ME TO BEGIN browsing around for an item or two to fix for March first. This little letter is intended for bringing all the good it may produce and bear to the Brotherhood everywhere (1 Pet.2:17); to those that are in Christ Jesus: "elect", "chosen", "sanctified", and "obedient". For your next reading, please read 1 Pet. 1 + 2. "But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar (purchased) people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light-" — "Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son." ("the Son of his love."). "Unto you therefore which believe he is PRECIOUS:" "Wherefore comfort one another with these words." "Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another,-".

I SAT DOWN HERE TO BEGIN THIS ON FEB.14-Valentine Day. Special holidays do not amount to anything in religion and worship (Gal.4:10). I this morning did a little research to see about Valentine-what, why, etc. and even now know little. Yet, in all my school teaching, the KIDS want to exchange them; I have oodles that were given to me. (I worry, and I pray for forgiveness for many things done in school & OUT.). However, this day sorta sticks as a habit; I will confess:

FIFTY-FOUR YEARS AGO TODAY I ASKED LOUISE to be mine. We began to give each a valentine on the day-and still do. Notwithstanding all the IFS, ANDS, and WRONGS, we are very thankful that we are still together. God is so good to us. So you can see why my mind and research, and this writing, sorta sticks and spills over to tell you some about it. THUS this item (p.1) is finished; we hope for good & comfort to many. "Unto HIM be glory in the church by Christ Jesus-"HUSBANDS, love your wives; Christ loved the church.

LIVE IN CHRIST

LIVING IN CHRIST IS NOT TO HURT OR HARM, and we pray daily for forgiveness of any and all things we do wrong. There are so many of them. Many a little makes a mickle. Apostle Paul's list in Gal.5:19 to 21 gives 17, then adds on "and such like";=etc. et cetera, and others, and the rest. If we escape around one we fall into another; "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;"- "O wretched-who shall deliver-from this body of death? I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord." Jesus saith, - "I am the way, the truth, and the life: NO MAN cometh unto the Father, but by me." "For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father." So, as in the title above, to live in Christ certainly is not to hurt or harm. God deliver us, in Christ, from all sin;and help us to be profitable servants.

"Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted. Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ."

"MANY A LITTLE MAKES A MICKLE" was in LLL Oct.1, 1969:

"Behold, how great a wood a little fire kindleth."
"Unto one - little ones a cup of cold water - ".
"Little drops of water, little grains of sand, make the mighty ocean, and the pleasant land." } LITTLE THINGS COUNT.
"A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump."
"Behold-ships-so great-driven of fierce winds,-
yet are - turned about with a very small helm,"
"Do not squander time for that is what life is made of."

THERE ARE THOSE WHO TRY ADVANTAGE over your MEEK WAYS. But "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove,rebuke,exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine." Every second(3600 rate per hour)let's live IN CHRIST.

WALK IN CHRIST

FIRST OFF, GET INTO HIM: "For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ"Ro.6+Gal.3:28. Obey the Gospel,the Truth,Word,Christ.Ro.6:17+1Pet.1:22-23. The Holy Spirit guided the Apostles;the New Testament's for us. "For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body,-" "the Holy Spirit,whom God hath given to them that obey him" But-"Fromthat time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him" "I AM the way,the truth,&the life: NO MAN cometh unto the Father,but by me." -"like as Christ ("dead, buried, raised")-WE-walk in NEWNESS OF LIFE."

NEW NEWS NOW

POUL OLSON, our brother-in-law, and Brother in Christ, of Redwood City, passed on to the great beyond on Jan. 31. He fought a heroic fight against lung cancer,but had to go. The burial was on Monday. He would have been 60 on Feb. 5.

Louise and I left Oceanside for Redwood City on Jan.31 and returned on Feb.5. That Sunday we went to San Pablo Church. Going up through Salinas we stopped to see cousins.

At the San Pablo Worship we met,besides those who live there, some of the younger Brockman Family from Chico, and heard of others of Chico. Brother C. M. Brockman's family back in early 1920s lived in Santa Rosa. There in 1920 his brother-in-law, Bro. Max Langpaap, tied us 2 in matrimony.

SISTER HATTIE BROCKMAN, beloved wife of Brother C. M. Brockman, of Cottonwood, Calif. passed away on November 6, and was buried in Porterville, Calif. on November 10, 1973. Brother Brockman wrote from Chico February 9 and we received it last Wednesday: "Having sold my home at Cottonwood, I have moved back to Chico to be near my children and the Church. A sixty mile drive each way each Sunday was quite a drive, when one is only one step this side of the fourscore mark and now alone. So my address is 520 W. 4th Ave. Chico, Calif. 95926. - Brotherly, C. M. Brockman." (We wish you, Dear Bro.,good work and much love in Christ.)

While at the San Pablo Church I inquired about Sister Lackey and the daughter that lives in Chico. Sister Lola Lackey, for years at Springfield, Colorado, has moved to Chico, now living near the Church. Her address there is 1408 Spruce Ave. Chico, Calif. 95926. When we arrived home, Tues. 5th, a big-surprise letter from her was here waiting.

Brother J. H. Lackey was a great man in Christ; and he wrote extensively. I tried to write beautifully about him, and of his death May 5. (Memorial Day writing of May 31,'71) I've had several of his articles in the Little Love Letter. The Christian Courier, Nov. and Dec. and other issues, have used Bro. Lackey's writings, too, and promise more to come.

Much thought has come to me for several years howGREAT if someone could edit all of the good writer's writings of the Contemporary Church and the many present-day problems. There are many articles of our deceased Brothers that will soon be <u>lost</u> unless some concerted effort - get all in one book, perhaps. God must have <u>directed</u> writers in timesPAST. I'm thinking of Bro. Lackey, Bro. Bob Musgraves, Bro. J. S. Bedingfield, Bro. G. Earl McCay, Bro. Fred Stringham;&<u>WHOM</u>? Relatives, still living, perhaps have oodles of documents. Many of us older ones have kept pieces too valuableTO LOSE.

NEWS (CONTINUED)

LETTER ABOUT YUMA MEETING:

"Our two weeks meeting starts Sunday, March 31st. The first week we plan to have guest speakers. The second week (April 6 thru 14) Brother Sammy Boen has agreed to speak. That's our plans, the Lord willing, but remember we meet at 29th St. (City) and Ave. "B" (County) Yuma, Arizona. All are welcome. Harry Dye, P. O. Box 695, Parker, Az. 85344".

OTHER MEETINGS SCHEDULED:

Modesto, Calif. Apr. 7-14, Speaker Bro. Al Way from Bellflower Congregation.

Baron, Okla. June 16-23, Speaker Bro. Jack Morris from Peoria Congregation. ****

A visitor from Washington at last year's Yuma Meeting came regularly with Sister Prinke. Sister Glady Cox says that Mr. Cox is failing fast, sleeps much, eating is low. Their new address is 811 S.226 Place, Des Moines, Wash. 98188. Sister Nora Prinke lives now right next door to the new Yuma church house. Sister Hunter, formerly in Somerton, lives next door to Sister Prinke. They enjoy it all very much. 'Tis a gesture of Christian work for the Yuma Church. Sister Pearl Harris of Cottage Grove, Oregon, still gets to Springfield Church Services; Brother and Sister Dale Roberts of Creswell provide her transportation. Her whip-lash neck is painful, head to shoulder. Hope all are better there now.

At Lakeside it seems much smaller at present. Brother Kenneth Morrison, soon as out of the Navy, left for Portalis, New Mex. home. The congregation had a dinner for him. (Sorry we missed, Bro. Ken., and especially that lesson you gave). Bro. Dallas Mickey's younger Brother Tim is in San Francisco just now. Bros. Dick Taylor and John Lyons and families were in Bellflower Sunday, Feb. 17. A baby shower was given Sister Donna Lyons last Week. Bro. & Sis. Olan Taylor were visiting in El Cajon and Lakeside recently. We heard Sunday that some of the Church up Washington way plan to be at the Yuma, Ariz. meeting. Last Sunday Feb. 17 Bro. Bill Taylor gave us a good lesson. Next Sunday Feb. 24 Bro. Wayne Orendorff is scheduled speaker for Lakeside. But last Sunday he was down with a cold and a "basket-ball" knee cap.

APPARENTLY THAT'S THE SUM TOTAL FOR NOW - the time for printer is here; it's a shorter month, too.- so I quits.

Closing thought for all of us: (Rev. 14:12) "-here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus." "As I live, saith the Lord, <u>every knee shall</u> bow to me," "every knee <u>should BOW</u>"