LITTLE love LETTER

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SNAKES AND SHAMROCK

"THERE BE THREE THINGS which are too wonderful (hard-full of wonder)for me--:" said "the getherer" in Proverbs. ONE:"the way of a serpent upon a rock". And today, Mar. 17, I don't know why Irish folks are so jubilant in celebrating snakes and shamrocks. I have heard that someone drove all the snakes out of Ireland; the shamrock seems to be a national emblem. BUT why all the fuss about it? I then began browsing around about it-in the concordance,in the bible,etc.

SHAMROCK APPARENTLY is not once used anywhereIN the Bible, either in old Testament or new Testament. THAT OLD SERPENT,CALLED THE DEVIL,and fiery serpents, and evil spirits have bitten & deceiced & bedraggled & caused the downfall of mankind throughout all time. It would be well with us here to BETTER LOOK on one.

"THAT OLD SERPENT"

"NOW THE SERPENT WAS MORE SUBTIL(deceitful,crafty, sly)than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made." "And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:-" "When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: FOR he is a liar, and the father of it." "And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels(messengers,agents)were cast out with him." "And the Lord God said unto the serpent,--And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel." "For as in Adam all die,even so in Christ shall all be made alive.But every man in his own order:Christ the first fruits,then at His coming those who belong to Christ." "This is my comfort in my affliction:-"

WHAT DO WE TELL OUR CHILDREN?

(Bro.J.B.Jared of Ohio)

The fact remains that we are depending on someone regardless of our age. Where there are people, we depend on each other. If by chance we should be isolated, upon whom would we depend for our food, clothing and well-being? Gen. ch.1-God created the earth.He created man-and breathed into his nostrils-a living soul. 1st. Tim.6:7-The things of this earth belong to God, and are here for our use. We brought nothing into this world, and take nothing with us when we leave. John 4:23,24-The word of God is his power, and who are we that we should doubt it? We find that the word of God is his power, strength,and authority. We find in Mat.28:18, where God turned this power & authority over to his son,Jesus Christ. What did Christ do to get this power? He earned it by being obedient to his Father,and obeying his commands, finally giving his life upon the cross.

Mat.4:1-10-Christ was tempted by satan and was offered the power of ruling over the kings of the nations of this earth. Christ told satan to depart from him, because he would do only the will of God.

Mat.26:39-When it came time for Christ to die upon the cross, he prayed to his father to let this death pass from him. Christ didn't want to die upon the cross. Neither would you or I. Then why did he die upon the cross? Christ wanted to do the will of his Father, for his prayer says, let this cup pass from me, not my will, but THINE BE DONE.

Why do little children pattern themselves after their parents? A small baby is dependent upon its mother to give it nourishment, bath, and clothing. The father is to provide the food and the shelter. When parents are depending upon God through Christ, they will not only supply the food, clothing, and shelter, but will also supply the spiritual needs of the child to grow upon. Do we tell our children not to do things we are guilty of? Let us examine ourselves and see if we are leading our children in the paths of rightness, so they may trust our authority and judgment. Let us not give them reason to doubt our love toward God through Christ by being disobedient unto his authority. If we do? It then can be said about us: Do as they say and not as they do: or, You will be a follower of satan instead of Christ. If we show compassion upon our children and brethren, they

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NOTICE OF DEATH OF SISTER DANIELS
(By Bro.Geo.Vanderpool)

Dear Bro. Hunt, March 4,1971.

Will try to write you a few lines to let you know we are still getting the Little Paper. It's sp good to hear from the brethren from abroad. Hope all are well out your way. Will try to write more next time.

THIS LEAVES US WITH BROKEN HEARTS. Our Sister Daniels of Stilwell, Oklahoma, departed this life at Fayetteville Arkansas Hospital March First. Her funeral was held here at Bohannon Church of Christ. Brother Jamie Bollin spoke words of comfort to all. Sister Daniels was 74 years old, the wife of Brother W. E. Daniels. Burial was atOzark,Ark. She was loved by all who knew her and we surely will miss her. But we find in Psalms 116:15 "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints."

How is the church coming along out there? We still hold forth here. Some have moved away, some have quit trying to help Lead,and my health has been poor all winter. But I have missed only one Lord's Day, for which I am thankful. Your Bro. in Christ,

George Vanderpool

(LETTER FROM BRO. PAUL FERGUSON)

Dear Bro. Hunt, Glad to get the "Little Love Letter". The Church at Goshen, Ark. is doing very well. There is some outside interest now.

Sister Daniels passed away 1st. March. Her funeral was March 3rd at Bohannon Church. Brother Sonny Boen conducted the services.

I plan going to Vanburen, Ark. to get a Seven Day Advent to sign a proposition-for Discussion- as he challenged- on sabbath keeping.

Wishing you and yours well,and the Church there.

Your Bro. in Christ, Paul Ferguson

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will love us, as we love God, and as He had compassion for us through his son Jesus Christ. Our children need an education to survive in this world and they also need a spiritual education to get into God's world to come. Note- Refer to chapter and verse references as for the substance thereof.

(E.H.H.NOTE:We are sad with all the bereaved ones altho we never met. We thank all for letters & MILES.)

HERE AND THERE

Brother and Sister J. D. Logan and Brother and Sister Gene McKenney came down from the Stockton and Brentwood areas respectively, on March 14th, but in one car. Brother Logan came to visit his brother who was recently in a serious car accident, but is now off the critical list. Bro. Logan preached for the Bellflower Congregation, and Bro. McKenney helped in other parts of the worship.All were glad to see them.

Sister Alice Dodson of Texas is here visiting with her son and family-the Bro. & Sis. Al Dodson.

Sister Lula Way, now of Modesto, has been back for several weeks visiting at Bellflower and with Bro. Al Way, her son and the family.

Brother Bill Taylors visited in Lakeside Sunday March 7, but missed the Brother J.D.Johnsons. Their son Charles is home for awhile from army service, so the family at that time were in Yuma helping Brother Charles catch up on visiting before he goes back.

Brother and Sister Clyde Couchman, Reydon, Okla. surprised us at Bellflower March 21, since many ofus hadn't seen them for several years. They are visiting relatives in Oxnard,but he has promised to speak to the congregation Sunday the 28th. We wish them well.

Sister Jewel Cadwell-here from Modesto-is with relatives in Santa Ana awhile before returning home.

Sister Glady Stringham was transferred from the Whittier Hospital to the La Habra Convalescent Home. She is doing much better & enjoys having visitors.

The Springfield, Oregon, Church folks are talking about a wedding soon. Brother Ronald Johnston,son of Ray and Ada Johnston of Redmond,Wash. and Sister Debra McDonald are to be married April 10th at the home of her parents. Debie was baptized at Springfield on Dec.6. She is a student at the U. of O.

Brother and Sister Dick Taylor were visiting at Bellflower Sunday March 21 from El Cajon, Calif. It was a short visit, but all were glad they could come.

MEETINGS COMING UP

SPRING SPRUNG-SUMMER SOON-"Speaking Series" are beginning to blosson and dates developed.SOME ARE:

AT MODESTO, April 4 to 11, 7:30 each evening, with Brother Harry Dye of Yuma, Arizona as speaker.

AT YAKIMA, April 11 to 18, with Brother Jerry Perigen of Bellflower, Calif. as the speaker.

AT BELLFLOWER, August 22 to 29, with Brother Tom Broadway of Grants Pass, Oreg. as the speaker.