LITTLE love LETTER

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"FRUIT WITH PATIENCE"

YOU SHOULDA BEEN THERE;contrition&joy were,too. First,tho,(Hold your peace,please,withpatience) let's begin from the inception. It leads to the joy.

Announcement,although very too short, was in the last issue that Brother Dye was to preach at the Peoria (Phoenix) Church. Well, we went over to see. That was a marvellous meeting, beginning Wednesday and continuing up to late Sunday night. Brother Jack Morris preached the first night; and from the first assembly the little red building was fully filled. Brother Dye gave the other five lessons-all six of their sermons were from Gospel and well presented. Thanksgiving dinner was enjoyed at the home of our Brother and Sister Abe Lobato; Sunday dinner was at that new home of Brother and Sister Bob Shepherd; and in betweens were at all theirs-fully full up.

That rather new and as yet small Congregation at Peoria is growing-they "bring forth fruit with patience". Close by two lots are almost paid for, and needs and hopes for a new building are evident.

THE INDUBITABLE PENITENCE was manifest Sunday evening: our new Brother Melvin Shelton came up and confessed his faith that he believes "that Jesus Christ is the Son of God" He was baptized that night in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of his sins. He, and we too, rejoiced greatly in the Lord. His dear wife could not be present as she was in the hospital, possibly for surgery. We pray, as God's will may mercifully be, that she is better by now; and that they two may prosper much in Christ Jesus.

THAT MEETING, very too short, just goes toSHOW

that Brethren in Christ, working together in the Gospel, and in Love of God, and Loving as BRETHREN, can "bring forth fruit with patience". EVEN SO DO. Folks were present from at least eight places, that is if I count correctly and have not missed any one. Alphabetically: Aztec, Buckeye, Garden Grove, Peoria, Phoenix, Somerton, Tucson, Yuma. Ten (Missed two) -- Glendale and Lakeside. "Unto God be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages--".

TOO, LA HABRA TWICE

FIRST ONE-YOU SHOULDA BEEN THERE, that fourth week-end of November. Brother Paul Ferguson came, as via surprises to many, from Fayetteville, Arkansas, and delivered two very good sermons. (No, no, not from Arkansas--from the Gospel). I got in one on the Friday night. Brother Don Dabbs preached the one on Sunday evening. That La Habra Congregation has a big building-and it was (literally) "full" Sunday night. Bro. Don did a very good job, too, using an outline.

SECOND ONE-YOU SHOULDA BEEN THERE, morning of 7 December-Lord's Day worship. No one should ever miss "the assembly" "to eat the Lord's supper". This one was well attended, including many from other places. Brother and Sister Gene Edwards, and two children of theirs with two of Brother and Sister Wilcher, were over from Vidal. They were also visiting at the HOSP. in Arlington, where Betty has been helping with Bro. Wilcher. They came home with us for a short while. Present from Arkansas were Brother Paul Auslam and Brother James Vanderpool. Bro. Auslam gave a very good sermon on "Over What are People Divided?"

MANY OTHERS, ALSO

THE BELLFLOWER CONGREGATION shares their several speakers with other congregations. Brother Don Dabbs and family were at La Habra Sunday night, (as I write). I understand (while we were in Phoenix) that Brother Jerry Perigen and family went to San Pablo-and the Brother Bryant family are expected down thisway soon. The Bellflowers are now working toward DEC. 26, 27, 28.

THE SOMERTON CONGREGATION are now in their one-week meeting. We wish them well-hope for report SOON.

THE YAKIMA MEET is over (and Bro. Horace is home. And a good work was done. GLORY TO GOD.

A SAD SOMETHING

SEVERE SUFFERING AND DEATH in terminal cancer ended the life of our Brother Kenneth Wilcher the morning of December ninth at the Arlington Hospital. What a sad something, no cure, and so sure the end.

"BUT THE GIFT OF GOD IS ETERNAL LIFE THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD." "FOR AS MANY OF YOU"("ALL WHO")AS HAVE BEEN BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST HAVE PUT ON CHRIST." Several years ago our brother repented and was baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of his sins. God be thanked, that he had obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine--being then made free from sin, he became the servant of righteousness. "Blessed be the God and Father ofour Lord Jesus Christ, which according to His abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven-for us! The end of our faith, even the salvation ofOURSOULS.

A SAD SAD SEASON in heaviness for those left; but may they praise,honour,love God and Christ when they read all the verses in I Peter I:3-9, & others. Those left by Brother Wilcher include many; and we especially are thinking of Sister Lavetta and those six dear children, so young, 3 boys and 3 girls. Their daddy was very young, too--only about 4I yrs. And as I write this(Dec.I0)I know their bereavement as they are gathering with the many at Yuma, Ariz. for tomorrow(or Friday)when he will be laid to WAIT. (Telephone call and we went to Yuma Thur.for it all)

IN MEMORY OF,

BROTHER KENNETH J. WILCHER, born December I9, I928 at Stroud, Oklahoma, passed away December 9, I969, Riverside Hospital, Arlington, California. Funeral Service was Thursday, December IIth, 2 P. M. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel,Bro.Orendorff officiating, in Yuma, Arizona. Interment was at Desert Lawn Memorial Park in Yuma. He leaves in bereavement, his wife Lavetta, three sons and three daughters, his father, a brother and two sisters, all being present Thursday from Texas, Oregon, and California. Also present were many other relatives and friends. All is so sad in a death-but we confess we're"pilgrims".

HERE AND THERE

THE SOMERTON WEEK CLOSED Sunday night, Dec.14, and we returned home on Monday. Goodly interest and growing fellowship were manifestly present, and all enjoyed that wonderful singing that is always there--Brother Don Dabbs and children and Brothers J. D. & Charles Johnson drove by on their way to conduct the Revival Week at Aztec, New Mexico.-- Three families from up San Gabriel way attended often and are on vacation in Yuma. We enjoyed visiting them in their trailers, as well as the association at the meeting. These were our Brethren Chester Kellems, Parkers, & Robinsons. We visited everywhere possible in 4 days. --We were saddened to hear from our friend Lillian Montgomery that in November she lost her husband by cancer. Both Danny and Lillian have heard me speak on several occasions at Somerton and at Yuma.--Our Brother Hughes has been in the Yuma Hospital quite some time. Brother Oscar Goddard, his Bro. in-law, was visiting from Colton, Calif. and preached at A. M. Services Sunday at Yuma. We visited Bro. Hughes and found others doing so, too. He does need it all. --Brother Jack Renick is home now from Phoenix, and is doing much better; came with his esteemed family to the services several times. No surgery is planned at this time; all are pulling it may so continue.-- Brother Ralph Jones, as are others, are better now; many were with colds-and I'm sniffling some withal. --We enjoyed our many recent trips-God's grace to us and may grace and mercy be to those having sadness.

HERE AT HOME & TYPING, and much mail waiting, together with so many nice season's greetings. We do thank everyone, and we beg that this Little Love L. may suffice to show our profound LOVE to all-in our Lord Jesus Christ. MAY GOD LOVE & KEEP EACH OF YOU. Presently rushing this if perchance some of you may be able to attend Bellflower's week-end meeting of Dec.26to28-come if can-good close I969,IN HIS WORK. --So so soon,I969 "-as the flower of the grass-the flower thereof falleth-". "But the word of the Lord endureth for ever." AND,-"Their works do follow THEM. Oh,new I970? LET'S WORK HARDER,& MUCH MUCH MORE. P.S.(I forgot)Bro.&Sis.Claude Perigen went also to S. Pablo. AND Sacramento now in BRODERICK,5th&C STREET. P.S(LATE ADD)BRO.J.C.WHITLEY OF KENTON, OKLA. is in hospital,had heavy surgery-hope home O.K.but no news.