LITTLE love LETTER

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DEAR ONES IN CHRIST

IF TIME MAY CONTINUE, ten days from my starting this will be the date given above. So I must get at. We know full well that we must make a start, "not knowing the things that shall befall" early or late. If and when we shall have finished Little Love Letter and have addressed all your envelopes we hope that they will contain a full measure of helpfulness. So we may boldly say, "The Lord is my helper." Amen.

BRO. ENGLAND IN CITY OF HOPE

BROTHER L. C. ENGLAND OF LA HABRA entered the City of Hope National Medical Center in Duarte, Cal. on Wednesday, Sept. 9 and had extensive surgery on his right jaw the following Monday. I was there with him and quite a few have visited him since then.

He was moved from the intensive care ward back to his room Thursday. This afternoon (Monday 21, one week after surgery) Brother England was appearing much improved and was sleeping more. At his age of 86 he is doing remarkably well. And so say his nurses; and by the time he and his many friends in Christ get to read this we hope he will be back at his own home in Whittier. We pray the malignancy was completely arrested, but there will be heavy scars.

"STAND FAST IN THE FAITH"

"THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD;-He leadeth me-" "And the Lord, he it is that doth go before thee; he will be with thee, he will not fail thee, neither forsake thee; fear not, neither be dismayed." "Out of darkness the light shall shine." "We are perplexed, but not altogether without help;--not forsaken-".

"INCREASE OUR FAITH."

"LORD, I BELIEVE; HELP thou mine unbelief." This goes to show that there are possibilities that disciples, those taught, who have learned to believe, in Christ, need help to increase their faith;OR FALL. Even the twelve apostles:Peter? Judas Iscariot? But in the foretelling of Peter's denial, Christ told him "when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren."

Apostle Paul: "King Agrippa,-I know that thou believest." (The king had heard Paul and the kingALSO KNEW of those things "not done in a corner".)

"Then Agrippa said unto Paul, Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian." (But did he ever act?)

"Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead,".

"LIVE BY FAITH"

OH, THAT EACH AND EVERY ONE of us could have faith as a grain of mustard seed. "If--and nothing shall be impossible unto you." "For we walkBYFAITH,"

None of us would want it said that we do not have faith. It could be, moreso, that we are lazy; thas meaning "disinclined to action". Too many are too inclined to indolence, avoiding exertion, and it causes little or no pain. We have the truth, the truth makes us free; so a state of habitual idleness.

It may be there are ninety and nine just ones which need no repentance. But what of the one lost?? Apparently some of the ninety-nine need their faith increased ("in the wilderness"), and "go after that which is lost, until he find it." And "when he cometh home" he can cyclonically call, "Rejoice with me; for I have found my sheep which was lost." BUT cyclonically not there;nor is emphasis on Ist person.

"FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH"

"FEAR NONE OF THOSE THINGS which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation"(distress,affliction)"ten days:"(Rev.2: IO)."be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life." "Christ died for us."

"REJOICE IN HOPE"

"THEREFORE BEING JUSTIFIED BY FAITH, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: by whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God." "Watch ye, stand fast in the faith,-beSTRONG"

"MASTER,WHAT SHALL WE DO?"

THE WRITING ON THE WALL is there-plain, powerful and penetrating. The people of the world are steeped, soaked, saturated, smouldering in sin. The burning inwardly surely is smoking without flame, "before the great and the terrible day of the Lord come."

"And an highway shall be there,--" "-:for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat:" And there are that have come out, escaped, (exerama) that were washed; they turn again, even to wallow in the mire. "-one sheep--if it fall into a pit--lift it out?" "-,and one of them be gone astray--into the mountains--?" ONE sheep--lost--in the wilderness--??

"And thou,-O BELSHAZAR" (the Lord's leader)--"hast not humbled thine heart, though thou knewest all this; But hast lifted up thyself against the Lord of heaven;--"and the God in whose hand thy breath is, and whose are all thy ways, hast thou not glorified;-" Still the king had seen the fingersWRITE

"AWAKE THOU THAT SLEEPEST"

WE LITTLE MOLLY-GRUBS crawl from the mire upon a stem of green grass into the beautiful sunshine of joy, sleepily sit there, still dripping, fluffing our flying feathers. How many are aroused enough to-to reach out to help one about to, or one who already has, slipped back into the mud. There are feet that are slipping. "Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees; and make straight paths for your feet,-" Could it be in some cases as: "He that is ready to slip with his feet is as a lamp despised in the thought of him that is at ease." ??

"Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise:--"How long wilt thou sleep, Osluggard?"-- "While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept. AND at midnight--all arose,-" HALF of them were wise-they that were ready went in.

LORD OF LORDS,KING OF KINGS

"LORD,TO WHOM SHALL WE GO? thou hast the words of eternal life." "The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me." "-that great shepherd of the sheep-" "I am the good shepherd,and know my sheep, and am known of mine." ":the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep."

"FEED MY LAMBS"

"LET ALL THINGS BE DONE decently and in order." "Exhort yourselves (beseech, comfort, build) together, and edify one another,-" "-pastors and teachers;-" Greek word for pastor translated most times "shepherd", AND teacher is an instructon. Good things in FAITH and VERITY. ?? And are there any qualifications?

"Apt to teach", fitted, qualified. "Not a novice". "And the servant of the Lord must not quarrel. "He must be kind toward all, a good and patient teacher, who is gentle as he corrects his opponents. "IT MAYBE that God will give them the opportunity to repent and come to know the truth. "AND THEN they will return to their senses and escape from the trap of the Devil, who had caught them and made them obey his will." "Remember this: There will be difficult times in the last days." "Stay away from foolish and ignorant arguments; you know that they end up in quarrels." (mod TRA)

"AND IN ORDER"

FIRST: "THE MOST HIGH GOD". "There is--ONE GOD and Father of all, who is above all,-" CREATOR.

"THE SON OF GOD". "Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet." "For he must reign, till (death)

"THE HOLY SPIRIT." "And I will pray the Father, & he shall give you another Comforter- the Spirit of TRUTH."

"AND GOD HATH SET SOME IN THE CHURCH--apostles-prophets-teachers." "pastors and teachers". But the prophet Jeremiah: "Woe be-pastors- destroy and scatter the sheep-". "also they transgressed"-"brutish". "-LET EVERY MAN TAKE HEED HOW HE BUILDETH THEREUPON."

NOW OF NEWS

THIS TIME, MOSTLY BELLFLOWER: Bro. Al Ways visited at Pomona recently and Bro. Gordon Evans' returned it yesterday at Bellflower-good. Also Bro. Jerry Perigen family lately at La Habra; the Don Dabbs' yesterday. Elmer Hunt and Louise went to Lakeside one Sunday. The Gene McKenney's of Brentwood visited Bellflower, too. We heard last night at Bellflower that Bro. J.D. Logan, son-in-law & daughter, were visiting in La Habra for worship yesterday. Sister Fern has been sick and was unable to attend-is taking treatments; and we all hope she will soon feel much better. Brother Bill Taylor spoke last night at Bellflower on 2 Cor. 5. BRO. & SISTER ALTON DODSON ARE OUR NEW ONES IN CHRIST.