LITTLE LOVE LETTER

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GOOD MORNING

GOODY MORNING TO EACH OF YOU. God bless every one, this morning and always, here and hereafter.

God, "hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly things in Christ:" so did each one? get up this morning in the happiness of having been baptized into Christ and ready to enjoy all the big spiritual blessings in Him-- and the little things TOO.

"Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled." It's O.K. to fast, too; and "the days will come, when the bridegroom shall be taken from them, and then shall they fast." But do you get up with a sad countenance in the morning and feeling "blue"; or do you "anoint your head, and wash your face"-and smile just a wee little mite? Isn't it the little things that make big?

"MANY A LITTLE MAKES A MICKLE".

"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."

"A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump."

"Behold-ships-so great-driven of fierce winds,-yet are they turned about with a very small helm,-"

"Do not scuander time for that is what life is made of."

"For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise. For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry."

COME AND GO REPORT

RIGHT OFF, I SHOULD perhaps give this annual report of the "come and go",financially. Some ask thereon; and I wish again and again to express very sincere thanks to all who have helped. I feel shame to take it; but thusly all had a hand;comes handily.

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ONE LOST SHEEP

THAT'S THE WAY TO DO IT. We get up each morning in the happiness of being, and go out to look after the sheep--maybe even just one who got lost in it all.

Here and there, we hear or, if present, we see some are coming back into the fold; some baptized. May God grant it to someday be that not one will be lost, or even to stray. REJOICE in that you found him and helped him. Christ Jesus our Lord said, "I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine-"(NOT NINE)"just persons, which need no repentance."

"WELL, AT LEAST I SURVIVED"

NO ONE CAN TELL HOW FAR he can go; he only knows how far he has already come. In a recent magazine is about a thirteen-year-old boy. When he was seven mo. old a skilled pediatric team had pronounced him as with no guarantee to ever stand, walk or talk as he suffered from a form of cerebral palsy. Thanks be to God, to his sister who helped, to some of the family psychiatrists who listened and acted,is the story. At the age of thirteen he gave a graduation speech. He started from some words in Genesis 49: "Jacob gathered his sons together and told each one what his life would be like,-according to what it had been like in the past. But no one has told me what my life will be like, but I have hopes of a life of many

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achievements, of many contributions."(ReadersDI.p120) Among many thoughts one hit me forcefully from that story: As he finished his speech, and he and his dad came down the steps, he whispered "Well, at least I survived".

HAVE YOU AND I REALLY TRIED, that hard? May my day not go by today without a little good done. Isn't it the little things that make for big things? Maybe not big things for me, but it may be that I, trying to do the little duties, can survive. "And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." "Pure religion and undefiled-"."CROSSDAILY"

SINCE SEPT. PAPER

OUR SISTER ARMESA SMITH, Aztec,N.Mex. passed away, Sunday, Aug. 31, after a brief illness. She was at her daughter's, Sister Roy Dabbs, of Aztec. The funeral was conducted by Bro. Jack Morris at Farmington, N. Mex. on Sept. 3. Sister Smith leaves in bereavement many children, grand-children, great grand-children, and friends.

OUR BROTHER KENNETH WILCHER is still in the Riverside Community Hospital at Arlington, Calif. and is undergoing treatments for the tumor on his brain, and is,as I write this, taking it very well. His wife, Sister Laveta, and their children have been over from Videl as much as possible. His father and a brother and two sisters have also visited him. Other visitors from Yuma, Lakeside, and Garden Grove have helped. Beginning Sept. 8 new treatment was due.

FIFTY YEARS AGO two brothers married two of the Conder girls; on August 17 my wife and I went up to Modesto to their double GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY. It was a big thing at the Club House in Empire. Those two tall wedding cakes--I doubt if WE will see again ever anything like. The many relatives, and friends, and much love, filled all that building. Brother Roy Brown & Sister Rosa Conder, and Brother Ira Brown & Sister Annis Conder--well, that was a quite some time ago, 50 years; and time marches on. It was a wonderful anniversary. May God bless them.

AUGUST 24, THE NEXT SUNDAY, I had happiness

in the opportunity to give a lesson at Lakeside once again. (I had preached at Modesto the evening of 17.) We enjoyed being with both the congregations at the worship. They are few at Lakeside, and at both places there is always a hearty welcome to visitors.

AT THE AUGUST 31 ASSEMBLY of the La Habra Church I preached to them, and we enjoyed the worship. That evening I talked at Bellflower. All were glad to see Brother Claude Perigen and Sister Eunice back. He had held a meeting at Furnish Canyon recently, and then they went on to Missouri to see his mother.

BROTHER ROY SNODERLY is back from his trip to Missouri, and reports a nice vacation. He flew there and back in his airplane. His wife is now taking her vacation, and plans to stay longer than Roy could spare from work. Lately Bro. Roy came over from La Habra to give a very good lesson on Thursday night. He is to teach three nights per week this term in Fullerton High Vocational Classes. (Pardon--Thatabove "came over" was to Bellflower.) We there were all edified by his good lesson. He is doing a good work helping at La Habra at present. Brother Jerry Perigen preached at La Habra Sept.13,then at Bellflower,P.M.

BROTHER KENNETH WILCHER, AND Sister Laveta,AND sons Jerry & Mike, certainly surprised everyone at La Habra Sunday Sept.13.-From Arlington for worship.

BROTHER DAYTON CLOUSE gave word that morning that Sister Clouse is in the hospital for tests and check-up. Hope she will soon be better, but at this writing we have not heard of results of the tests.

BROTHER CLAUDE PERIGEN is in the Long Beach Com. Hospital. Doctors report gallstone, and his stomach, and it may require surgery. Bro. Claude was sick on his recent trip (and before). Hope much better soon. I wanted to report more about the Furnish CanyonMEET. Sister Millye Francis was in the hospital all during the meeting. Hope better by now.- Brother & Sister Clyde Couchman of Carlsbad and Brother & Sister J.H. Lackey of Springfield, Colo. attended the meeting some. We hope much good will result from all of it. The Perigens on their trip also visited the Brother & Sister Earl Atchleys and with them attended,A.M.,the congregation at Baron, Okla.THEN at Goshen, that evening Bro. Claud preached; and among many, they got to visit with the Fergusons & Auslams. NICE TRIP.

BUT HERE IS FINIS;"these 3 remain:F.H. & L.-"

P.S.9/19,Bro.Claud,surgery Wed.gallstone&hiatal hern.