

# A QUIVER OF ARROWS

## Illustrations for Christian Workers

A little girl was heard to finish her prayer with these words: "And I saw a little girl in need, but it's none of my business—is it, God?"

We starve each other for love's caress;  
We take, but we do not give;  
It seems so easy some soul to bless,  
But we dole the love grudgingly, less and less,  
Till 'tis bitter and hard to live.

—Andrew Lang.

It is not by constraint or by painful effort that we make real progress. On the contrary, it is simply a question of yielding up our will, of going from day to day whithersoever God may lead us, discouraged by nothing, satisfied with the present moment, thankful to let him do all who has made all, and to leave our own will immovable within his will.—*Fenelon.*

This is our Father's world. He loves us and is watching over our lives. This is the world in which Christ died to save us. Only our own hands can defeat the blessed purpose of God's love. Only our unbelief can turn the divine good into evil for us. We need never be defeated; we need never fail. Whatever our sorrow, our discouragement, our defeat, our failure, there is no day when we may not look into the face of Christ and say, "It is well."—*Selected.*

### YOUR BROTHER.

An explosion occurred in a mine in England. Many came and worked with a will. The crowd of bystanders expressed sincere sympathy with the ill-fated miners. Among them was a young man who seemed to be very sincere, and free in his expression of sympathy, but who had not offered to "lend a hand" to remove the earth. "Young man, your brother is down there," cried a bystander. This suddenly changed the attitude of the young man, and hastily pulling off his coat, he began to work with a will. So Peter, when he had been convinced by the vision that "God is no respecter of persons," threw aside his garment of selfishness, and preached unto them whom he had before considered unclean.—*Traits of Character.*

### THE WORD MADE LIFE.

The true way to understand the spiritual import of these words of Jesus is to seek personal communion with him as the Giver of the Bread of Life. The nurture of the spiritual life requires time for meditation, rest and prayer. It is impossible that we should know the sustaining power of Christ unless we shall dwell frequently among his words of life as found in God's Book. Then, besides these exercises, it is only when we seek to serve him actively in helping the world unto him that we find ourselves growing and gaining new strength in him. We need ever to remember two things: first the emptiness and poverty of our own natures and, then, the fullness of the rich nature

of Jesus, our Lord, which is available for our needs.

"Give us this day our daily bread, we pray,  
And give us, likewise, Lord, our daily thought,  
That our poor souls may strengthen as they ought,  
And starve not on the husks of yesterday."

### "I'VE DONE REFUSIN."

These were the words of an aged Christian, who had been unexpectedly asked by his pastor to lead the special meeting for the evening. In commencing the services, he stated that he had not expected to take charge of the meeting, and so was unprepared to make remarks on the topic before them. "But," said he, "I have made up my mind that when 'I am asked to do anything in Christian work by one whom I have confidence in, if he thinks that it is my duty, even if I do not feel prepared, I will try to do it. I've done refusin'." No better opening for the prayer meeting that night was needed. What better keynote could be found? What a difference would be seen at once in our social meetings, and in every branch of church work, if only each professing Christian could say, "I've done refusin'."!—*Congregationalist.*

### ACQUAINTED WITH GOD.

There was an old woman in Leicester, England, whose custom it was to carry flowers to the hospital, and talk about their souls to patients, nurses, and even doctors. One of the doctors, standing in the doorway one day, remarked: "Do you believe God will he answer prayer? I'm hard up. If I asked Him, would He send me five pounds?" The old lady answered: "If you were introduced to the Prince of Wales, would you put your hand in his pocket at once?" "No," he said, "not till I knew him better." "You will need to be a great deal better acquainted with God before you can expect such an answer to your wish." But we may be so well acquainted with God that it will be perfectly natural to bring to Him, as our nearest and best Friend, every need of our souls.—*Selected.*

### COUNTERFEIT.

The history of a counterfeit bill has its lesson. This bill did much good—it paid a widow's rent, bought food for the hungry, squared up three or four bad accounts that had caused a deal of worry, made a church treasurer glad when he found it on the plate, and made the sexton still happier when it paid part of his long overdue salary; but when in due course of time it came to the bank whose name it bore, the teller threw it out.

"It's counterfeit," he told the astonished depositor. Its good deeds did not make it pass the bank where its real character was discovered.

Many people pass for genuine Christians who will not stand the last great accounting. They may have done much good; they seemed all right; sat in the pew like saints; scattered

their money like dew for the church; but they had not the secret mark of discipleship. God does not dwell in their hearts. Their lives are an acted lie. They are an abomination to their Lord and Master. For such is the final casting out—the eternal burning.—*Sophie Bronson Titterington.*

### SABBATH AND THE BIBLE.

In a retired valley of Joshu, in India, there is a little hamlet of charcoal burners. A few years ago their little manner of life was the rudest possible. There seemed no glimmer of hope for better things.

A missionary, in passing through the valley, spoke to the people. Two men became interested and purchased copies of the New Testament. Their employers soon noticed a change in the grade of charcoal from these two men—it was more carefully burned, was better packed, and free from stones and grass. This charcoal was looked upon as a special brand, and brought a special price. On Sunday work was suspended, and these men, with their families, gathered for religious worship and the study of the Bible.

Shortly after, they began to reclaim the mountain land about them, to plant wheat and garden stuff, and recently one has become forehanded enough to build a neat frame house in place of his old hut. His employers say he is the most efficient and trustworthy man in the mountain. He himself says he owes his new vigor to his weekly day of rest, and that without it and his Testament he could not do his work.—*Selected.*

### "ARISE AND GO."

The Holy Spirit will always lead us in the right way if we will be but sensitive to his teaching and submissive to his guidance and will. A minister was walking down the streets of a certain city in Illinois one afternoon with another pastor, when suddenly he stopped and said: "I think I ought to go and see a certain man this afternoon, for I have had him in mind all day, but then," he added with a smile, "I don't see why I should go; the man never comes to church, and seems very indifferent." They walked on a few more blocks when the minister stopped again and said: "Can't get that man's face out of my mind; what would you do about it?" His friend told him that when God said "go" it is dangerous to delay or neglect. "Well," said the minister, "I guess I'll go." When he reached the man's house, passing through the man's gate, the latter saw him coming, met him at the door, and with tears flowing down his cheeks said: "Doctor, I'm so glad you have come; I could not sleep at all last night, and today I have been afraid to leave the house for fear you might come and I should miss you. I want you to tell me how I might be saved." They went into the house and with the minister on one side and his wife on the other, as they bowed in prayer, the man was converted. Friends, when God says "go," though it should be at midnight, you would better go, for if he moves you to speak to a soul, he has doubtless moved that soul to welcome your approach.—*S. S. Journal.*

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Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were a present far too small,  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

#### OBJECTIONAL FEATURES.

Yes, they will always be on hand. We should seek in every way known to us to discourage mere animal excitement and purely fleshy manifestations of idiosyncrasy and such like. They will assert themselves more or less as long as people are in a raw, undeveloped state, but the church as a whole is in a hundred fold more danger of being frozen out than of being burned out. Fanaticism has slain its dozens while formalism has slain its thousands. It is truly pathetic to see how a cold church dreads fanaticism; while greater evils are hugged complacently to their breast. Mr. Wesley, after having witnessed one great revival, prayed the Lord to send another minus the faults of the first one, but he closed his prayer by asking for another with faults and all rather than not to have any, and to this we add a hearty Amen. The man who stands off at a distance and coldly criticises the irregularities and mistakes cropping out of the great religious upheaval is like the man

who stands off and finds fault with the maneuvers of the heroic firemen as they are trying to save life and property from devouring flames. The Lord needs a great revival. Infidelity will skulk back to its kennel in the face of supernatural demonstrations. Worldliness will be swept away by the floodtides of this mighty Spirit, Christ as rightful ruler again be enthroned in the heart, and the church will come forth from such a thorough purging "clear as the sun, fair as the moon, and terrible as an army with banners."

Can we have such revivals? Yes, the need of such is the most crying urgency of the times. Appalling evils of every kind are lifting their hydra heads in our midst. "Satan is going up and down the earth as a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour." Multitudes are being engulfed in the sea of iniquity, and, saddest of all, we who wear the name of Christ seem to have less and less power to stem this awful tide. Whether or not we have a revival depends largely upon us. Hear the word of the Lord: 2 Chron. 7:4: "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

His wonderful salvation is enough to satisfy the deepest yearnings of the soul.

He was born of the Virgin Mary, grew here as a little child, grew to manhood, made sin for us, reconciled the world to God, and has ascended to the right hand of God, where He liveth to make intercession for us. Praise His name!

#### "A STRADDLER."

Deliver us from those folks who want to continually sit on the fence; these "would be neutral fellows," who refuse to take sides when great moral issues are at stake. Their convictions are of such a light type that they can join in with most any kind of error that comes along. We should have a broad, generous mind and a clear conscience concerning our own character, but if we amount to much in the world, we must believe something and believe it enough that we are willing to stand in the breach for our convictions. The men who have thus said are the ones to whom the Lord is most indebted. Len G. Broughton, in his book entitled "The Revival of a Dead Church," says:

A man who don't believe the Bible has no Bible grounds to expect power. And this is one reason why the pulpit and pew have lost power. Nothing is fixed.

The other day a man went to President McKinley, wanting a job. He was asked:

"Are you a Republican?"

"No, sir."

"A Democrat?"

"No, sir."

"A Populist?"

"No, sir."

"Well, what are you then?"

"Well, sir, they says at home I is a 'straddler.'"

That's it, we've too many straddlers. We want men who believe what they pretend to teach. Not because some little "ology" says so, but because God says it.

The most powerful man, in most respects, I ever saw, is an old preacher in North Carolina. He's very ignorant, but, oh, how he believes in his Bible, and when he gets up everybody soon finds it out. He can go into any pulpit in this country and lead more souls to Christ than a hundred "straddlers."

Yes, we want people who believe and believe tremendously. For the right kind of belief produces the right kind of action. The Psalmist says: "I believe therefore have I spoken." The age needs men of rugged rock-ribbed, granite-like convictions. Men who are not tossed about by every wind and wave of doctrine; men who have been clothed with Jehovah; men who drank the deep of the Water of Life and men who walk with God.

#### LOVE THE INTERPRETER.

The Rev. J. R. Miller tells of a young lady who purchased a book and read a few pages, but was not interested in it. Some months afterward she met the author, and a tender friendship sprang up, ripening into love and betrothal. Then the book was dull no longer. Every sentence had a charm for her heart. Love was the interpreter. So when we learn to know Christ and to love Him, the Divine Book becomes interesting, and the deeper our love for Him becomes, the more do the sacred pages glow with beauty and light.—*Selected.*

## Editorial Comment

#### "NONE LIKE HIM."

Joseph Parker says:

"There is evidently something most remarkable about Jesus. No one that ever appeared on the earth has been the subject of so much thought and so much talk. Books have been written about Him without end. And men seem to be writing about Him at present more eagerly than ever. He filled the whole country of His birth with excitement during His life; and since His death, He has kept the world at large in a ferment. His name and religion seem likely to engage the thoughts and employ the tongues and pens of mankind to the end of time. The most magnificent structures have been raised to His honor and the highest art has done homage to His name. The society which He formed is the wonder of the world. Its peculiar constitution and wonderful history are valuable services rendered to mankind, and the multiplied efforts which it is still making for the regeneration and salvation of the world, fill one's mind with amazement. His friends are numberless, and they are the best and most beneficent men and women upon earth. He has, at this moment, a name above every name. He stands at the head of all great worthies that have ever adorned or blessed our race. The next in honor on the roll of fame are His faithful followers. And the least among His followers rank higher than the highest of the world's celebrities.

How could it be otherwise? For the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us and we beheld His Glory as the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. Where else should we look for the greatest of all personalities, the most beautiful of all characters, the wisest and best of all men but in the Son of man who also was the Son of God.

#### "THE LATTER DAY DELUSIONS."

There are sins that crawl, and there are sins that fly. One goes over the earth in all of its violence undisguised, the other comes in like an angel of light. One of the latter day delusions that the devil is palming off on a back-slidden church and an idolatrous world, is that of Christian Science, "falsely so called." As a sample of the damnable stuff which is being served over the counter of this new cult, we insert the following from "The Ladies Home Journal," written by Mrs. Eddy, under the following caption, "What Christmas is to Me." The first paragraph reads as follows:

"To me Christmas involves an open secret, understood by few—or by none—and unutterable except in Christian Science. Christ was not born of the flesh. Christ is the Truth and Life, born of God—born of the spirit, and not of matter. Jesus, the Galilean prophet, was born of the virgin Mary's spiritual thoughts, or Life and its manifestations."

The idea of such "bosh" as this finding credence for one moment among intelligent people, and yet it is only an evidence of how ready people are to be deluded. The Apostle John said "Every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already it is in the world." Why people will prefer such absurdities as the delusions of this old woman, said to have been copied largely from a certain Dr. Quimby, we cannot understand. Why should we tamper with such falsehoods? Christ and

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Yes, they will always be on hand. We should seek in ever way known to us to discourage mere animal excitement and purely fleshy manifestations of idiosyncrasy and such like. They will assert themselves more or less as long as people are in a raw, undeveloped state, but the church as a whole is in a hundred fold more danger of being frozen out than of being burned out. Fanaticism has slain its dozens while formalism has slain its thousands. It is truly pathetic to see how a cold church dreads fanaticism; while greater evils are hugged complacently to their breast. Mr. Wesley, after having witnessed one great revival, prayed the Lord to send another minus the faults of the first one, but he closed his prayer by asking for another with faults and all rather than not to have any, and to this we add a hearty Amen. The man who stands off at a distance and coldly criticises the irregularities and mistakes cropping out of the great religious upheaval is like the man

who stands off and finds fault with the maneuvers of the heroic firemen as they are trying to save life and property from devouring flames. The Lord needs a great revival. Infidelity will skulk back to its kennel in the face of supernatural demonstrations. Worldliness will be swept away by the floodtides of this mighty Spirit, Christ as rightful ruler again be enthroned in the heart, and the church will come forth from such a thorough purging "clear as the sun, fair as the moon, and terrible as an army with banners."

Can we have such revivals? Yes, the need of such is the most crying urgency of the times. Appalling evils of every kind are lifting their hydra heads in our midst. "Satan is going up and down the earth as a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour." Multitudes are being engulfed in the sea of iniquity, and, saddest of all, we who wear the name of Christ seem to have less and less power to stem this awful tide. Whether or not we have a revival depends largely upon us. Hear the word of the Lord: 2 Chron. 7:4: "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

His wonderful salvation is enough to ease the deepest yearnings of the soul.

He was born of the Virgin Mary, grew here as a little child, grew to manhood, made sin for us, reconciled the world to God and has ascended to the right hand of God, where He liveth to make intercession for us. Praise His name!

## "A STRADDLER."

"Deliver us from those folks who want to continually sit on the fence; these "would be neutral fellows," who refuse to take sides when great moral issues are at stake. Their convictions are of such a light type that they can join in with most any kind of error that comes along. We should have a broad, generous mind and a clear conscience concerning our own character, but if we amount to much in the world, we must believe something and believe it enough that we are willing to stand in the breach for our convictions. The men who have thus said are the ones to whom the Lord is most indebted. Len G. Broughton, in his book entitled "The Revival of a Dead Church," says:

A man who don't believe the Bible has no Bible grounds to expect power. And this is one reason why the pulpit and pew have lost power. Nothing is fixed.

The other day a man went to President McKinley, wanting a job. He was asked:

"Are you a Republican?"

"No, sir."

"A Democrat?"

"No, sir."

"A Populist?"

"No, sir."

"Well, what are you then?"

"Well, sir, they says at home I is a 'straddler.'"

That's it, we've too many straddlers. We want men who believe what they pretend to teach. Not because some little "ology" says so, but because God says it.

The most powerful man, in most respects, I ever saw, is an old preacher in North Carolina. He's very ignorant, but, oh, how he believes in his Bible, and when he gets up everybody soon finds it out. He can go into any pulpit in this country and lead more souls to Christ than a hundred "straddlers."

Yes, we want people who believe and believe tremendously. For the right kind of belief produces the right kind of action. The Psalmist says: "I believe therefore have I spoken." The age needs men of rugged rock-ribbed, granite-like convictions. Men who are not tossed about by every wind and wave of doctrine; men who have been closetted with Jehovah; men who drank the deep of the Water of Life and men who walk with God.

## LOVE THE INTERPRETER.

The Rev. J. R. Miller tells of a young lady who purchased a book and read a few pages, but was not interested in it. Some months afterward she met the author, and a tender friendship sprang up, ripening into love and betrothal. Then the book was dull no longer. Every sentence had a charm for her heart. Love was the interpreter. So when we learn to know Christ and to love Him, the Divine Book becomes interesting, and the deeper our love for Him becomes, the more do the sacred pages glow with beauty and light.—*Selected.*

## Editorial Comment

## "NONE LIKE HIM."

Joseph Parker says:

"There is evidently something most remarkable about Jesus. No one that ever appeared on the earth has been the subject of so much thought and so much talk. Books have been written about Him without end. And men seem to be writing about Him at present more eagerly than ever. He filled the whole country of His birth with excitement during His life; and since His death, He has kept the world at large in a ferment. His name and religion seem likely to engage the thoughts and employ the tongues and pens of mankind to the end of time. The most magnificent structures have been raised to His honor and the highest art has done homage to His name. The society which He formed is the wonder of the world. Its peculiar constitution and wonderful history are valuable services rendered to mankind, and the multiplied efforts which it is still making for the regeneration and salvation of the world, fill one's mind with amazement. His friends are numberless, and they are the best and most beneficent men and women upon earth. He has, at this moment, a name above every name. He stands at the head of all great worthies that have ever adorned or blessed our race. The next in honor on the roll of fame are His faithful followers. And the least among His followers rank higher than the highest of the world's celebrities.

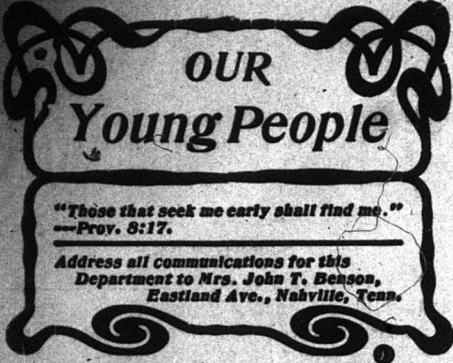
How could it be otherwise? For the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us and we beheld His Glory as the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. Where else should we look for the greatest of all personalities, the most beautiful of all characters, the wisest and best of all men but in the Son of man who also was the Son of God.

## "THE LATTER DAY DELUSIONS."

There are sins that crawl, and there are sins that fly. One goes over the earth in all of its violence undisguised, the other comes in like an angel of light. One of the latter day delusions that the devil is palming off on a back-slidden church and an idolatrous world, is that of Christian Science, "falsely so called." As a sample of the damnable stuff which is being served over the counter of this new cult, we insert the following from "The Ladies Home Journal," written by Mrs. Eddy, under the following caption, "What Christmas is to Me." The first paragraph reads as follows:

"To me Christmas involves an open secret, understood by few—or by none—and unutterable except in Christian Science. Christ was not born of the flesh. Christ is the Truth and Life, born of God—born of the spirit, and not of matter. Jesus, the Galilean prophet, was born of the virgin Mary's spiritual thoughts, or Life and its manifestations."

The idea of such "bosh" as this finding credence for one moment among intelligent people, and yet it is only an evidence of how ready people are to be deluded. The Apostle John said "Every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God; and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already it is in the world." Why people will prefer such absurdities as the delusions of this old woman, said to have been copied largely from a certain Dr. Quimby, we cannot understand. Why should we tamper with such falsehoods? Christ and



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calls me home. God bless you and make you a blessing to many..  
 Yours in the love of His appearing,  
 F. LIVINGSTON.

And we feel it is a great privilege to have this cousin's name on our list. She seems to think that Jesus has work for a woman 79. I want to feel that way if I reach her age. It pains me to see our old people fold their hands and think their usefulness has passed by forever. O, there is work for these dear ones. God help them to find it, that the fuller harvest may be gathered in for our Lord.

Lynn Camp, Ky., March 28, 1909.

Dear Cousin Eva: Here comes a little girl to join your happy band. My papa and mama are all Christians. I will be 15 the 6th day of January, who has my birthday. My mama takes the LIVING WATER, and I enjoy reading the children's letters. I have six sisters and four brothers. I want all the little cousins to pray for me that I may meet them in that better world above. With the best wishes to Cousin Eva and all the little cousins,  
 Your little cousin,  
 ETTA HODGE.

It is a blessed thing to be a Christian, Etta. It is a privilege an angel might covet. Yet people must be begged and urged to come to Jesus and get eternal life. And many of us who have come are not very thankful about it. We complain over little trials and fancied hardships. It is a good thing that our God is long-suffering and very patient with us. I hope you will "keep faith" in your Savior to the very end of life. Don't stray away from Him Etta. It pays to keep true to Jesus.

Lynn Camp, Ky., March 28, 1909.

Dear Cousin Eva: I have been thinking of writing to you for some time. I will be 12 years old the 10th day of October. I am not a Christian, but I want to be one. I want you all to pray for me. I have a little sister named Lillie May. I have a pet kitty. Mama takes LIVING WATER and I enjoy its pages, so good bye.  
 PEARL HODGE.

I am sorry you are not a Christian, Pearl. I entered the straight and narrow path with the Lord Jesus when I was about your age. Only God knows what dangers He has guided me past; what pitfalls, unseen by me, lay on either hand. I think of this very often, when I see the sorrow which sin has wrought to man people I know. These things might have come to me except for His protecting care. Jesus is the Good Shepherd. If we will obey His voice, He keeps us safely. No real disgrace can come to the one who walks with Him.

White Springs, Fla., Jan. 13, 1909.

Dear Cousin Eva: Please use this where you think it is most needed. Pray for me. Sometime I feel so cold and indifferent, I can't pray.  
 W. N.

An old saint wrote: "There is needed *fidelity* in those *drynesses*, or *insensibilities*, or *irksomeness* in prayer by which God tries our love to Him; that there was the time for us to make good and effectual acts of *resignation*, whereof one alone would very often promote our spiritual advancement."

These words contain a great spiritual lesson, learned by one of the Lord's children long ago. They have been a great help to

me, opening up a new line of action when their times come, as they do. First of all I have settled it that nothing can separate me from the love of God. I mean the love He has for me. I do not think the Apostle was writing of our poor little flame of love for God, but of the splendid, boundless, free, unmerited love of God for us. Resting in His unchanging, inexhaustible, marvelous love, I do not allow the enemy to persuade me that insensibility, dryness, irksomeness in prayer has separated me from God. Praise the Lord He has said *nothing* shall be able to do that.

These times of coldness and indifference are not pleasant. But, as the old saint said, there is needed *fidelity*. I would add, and quiet trust in our Father, and great frankness in talking to Him. I tell Him all about it. I spread my heart out before His gaze, bidding Him look at its natural barrenness, its nakedness, its unloveliness. Then I tell Him that the One who has power to make the desert blossom as the rose, to make pools of water spring up in a dry and thirsty place, that He alone can do anything for me. But I know He will—nay that He is doing. I talk to Him about things He has already accomplished in me; thank Him for them, dwelling upon the wonders He has wrought, the changes brought about, the deliverances. Praise God for learning the value of

*Recognizing What the Lord Has Done.*

It makes Satan shrink away when you cast in his teeth some blessed victory the Lord has given you. It fills your own heart with confidence that He who *has done*, will do. You find yourself *encouraged in the Lord*.

Another valuable lesson is this: Do not be deluded with the idea that you must get yourself fixed up so that you will be more acceptable to Him. O, how many the Devil fools in this way. Why, God is the only one who can fix us. The leopard cannot change his spots, nor the Ethiopian his skin. I thank Him I ever learned this truth. This is why I say we need *frankness*. I don't try to hide my lack, my dearth, my deersert condition from Him. I want Him to see it all. I confer with Him about it, bless His name, and He never gets angry with me about it. He is interested and delights to take the matter in hand. I don't always feel this, but it is true, because He is this kind of a God and Father.

Last of all, don't quit praying. Here is where fidelity is needed. Read the Word, and talk to Him, who loves you with an unending, unchanging love, and who has undertaken to transform you with the themes of His glorious love.

Greensboro, N. C.

Mrs. John T. Benson: I read in the LIVING WATER of March 18th, of Alice Galloway, of China. She writes of a young man of 18 years. He says the Lord wants him to preach. Bro. Brooks wants to send him to school, and they are praying for the Lord to send in his support, and I send one dollar in this letter for the young 18 year boy's support. May the Lord hold him up. If all would obey the Lord who read Alice Galloway's letter, they would soon have enough for this young man's support. The trouble is with so many, they can not give much. The reason they do not give at all, and by giving a

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My Dear Cousin Eva: I consider it an honor to have my name on the list of cousins, and trust to meet you all in our Father's house some day. I am looking for Jesus to come every day, and trust it will be soon. I send you one dollar for birthday dues, as I shall be 79 years old the 19th day of this month. Pray for me that I may be kept true and faithful to Jesus and whatever work He gives me to do until He comes, or if He tarries, until He