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They Reigned a Thousand Years.

IT has been suggested that a short article in these columns on the reign of Christ and His church, in contrast with the harvest period of the Gospel Age when the faithful members are gathered to the heavenly inheritance, would be of general benefit at this time. A short quotation from an able writer on the Scriptures is as follows:—"Messiah's Kingdom repeatedly referred to throughout the Old Testament was the centre of all Jewish hopes. But the fact that it will last a thousand years was not mentioned; it was merely Messiah's Day. The holy spirit by the Apostle Peter first declared, 'A day with the Lord is as a thousand years.' The Apostle Paul did not mention the thousand years, but merely proclaimed Messiah's Kingdom, and that He would reign victoriously until He shall have put down all opposition to God's will. (1 Cor. 15:25.) It is in the book of Revelation that we have the clear statements that Messiah will reign for a thousand years; that His faithful Bride will reign with Him a Royal Priesthood'; that during that thousand years Satan will be bound and the whole world will be granted a judgment or trial, the result of which will be life-eternal or death-eternal."

The above statement that "Messiah will reign for a thousand years, and that His faithful Bride will reign with Him," is important and fully attested in such Scriptures as Revelation 20:4,— "And they (faithful overcomers) lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years"; also in 2 Tim. 2:11, 12 and Rom. 8:17,— "For if we be dead with Him, we shall also live with Him; If we suffer, we shall also reign with Him . . . If children, then heirs, heirs of God, and joint- heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with Him, that we may be also glorified together." Also in Rev. 3:21 we read, "To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in His throne."

It will be noted that the reference to the faithful Bride reigning with Christ points to the time when there really will be a Bride—at the close of the harvest of this Gospel Age when "the marriage of the Lamb is come, and His wife hath made herself ready." (See Rev. 19:6-8.) It seems very clear, then, that the reign of Christ could not commence until the full gathering in of the members of His Body, and this Home-gathering or harvest of the faithful church takes place during "the days of the Son of Man"—the days of His presence (Matt. 24:31, 37-42)*—and also described by the prophet as "the day of his preparation." (Nahum 2:3, 4.)

The above thought respecting the Bride of Christ is clearly presented in Vol. 3 of Scripture Studies, page 230, as follows:—"Then 'God will help her, at the dawning of (her) morning' (Psa. 46:5, Leeser's translation)—not the morning which is to dawn on the world at the brightness of her rising with her Lord

as the sun of righteousness, but at the dawning of her morning, in which she is to be changed to the nature and likeness of her Lord. Her morning is to precede the Millennial morning.”

It is of much interest to students of God’s Word to find that our Lord, by His own words and through the Apostles, clearly presented the truth that His second advent would be accomplished in progressive stages. The Greek word “parousia”, meaning presence, is used in respect of the earliest stage of the second advent, while the words “epiphania”, meaning bright shining or manifestation, and “apokalupsis”, meaning revelation, uncovering, unveiling (as of a thing previously present but hidden), relate to the same advent later;—not that epiphania and apokalupsis relate to another or a third advent, but merely to a later feature of the second advent.

A full list of the Scriptures where the word “parousia” is found, is given in the booklet “The Manner of Christ’s Return and Appearing”, and the passages where the words “epiphania” and apokalupsis” are used are also enlightening, especially in relation to the subject of the reign of Christ and His church.

The Greek word “epiphania”, rendered “appearing” and “brightness” occurs in five Scriptures, and we quote as an example 2 Tim. 4:1— “I charge thee, therefore, before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his ‘appearing’ and his kingdom.” It will be noted that the “quick” (the saints—Eph. 2:1), are judged at the “epiphania”, while the “dead” (the world of mankind) are judged at the time of His Kingdom—following the exaltation of the Bride class, at which time “the saints shall judge the world” with Christ (I Cor. 6:2), reigning with Him in Kingdom power and glory,

Another passage in which the word “epiphania” is used is Tit. 2:13—”Looking for that blessed hope and the glorious ‘appearing’ of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ.” This shows that while the Apostle and the Lord’s people generally earnestly desired the second advent of Christ, it is the epiphania stage of the Lord’s presence that would complete their “blessed hope”—the union with Christ of the full number of the Bride of the Lamb. The three other passages in which “epiphania” appears are—1 Tim. 6:14, 15; 2 Tim. 4:8 and 2 Thes. 2:8.

The Greek word “apokalupsis”, meaning uncovering or unveiling, is rendered revealed, revelation, appearing, coming and manifestation in various Scriptures. The name of the last book of the Bible is from the same root— Apocalypse or Revelation. As an example of the use of this word we quote Rom. 8:19—”For the earnest expectation of the creature (mankind) waiteth for the ‘manifestation’ (apocalypsis-revealing) of the sons of God (the Church).” It will be the manifesting or revealing to the world of mankind that the sons of God, the Church, are exalted and reigning with Christ that will fulfil the earnest expectations or desires of all races, which at the present time they are unable to accomplish by their own imperfect and selfish governments. This manifestation of the “new heavens” (2 Pet. 3:13) cannot take place, of course, until the Bride of Christ is complete, and following the great leveling process which will thoroughly humble mankind, as expressed by the prophet—”For thus saith the Lord of hosts . . . I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come.” (Haggai 2:6,7.)

The passage in Isa. 52:7 also refers to the Lord’s reign. The apostle Paul in Rom. 10:15 applies the main part of this verse to the Gospel Age—”How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things.” Yes, indeed, how beautiful, what a privilege to run with the Lord’s message during this Gospel Age, including the harvest; and will it not also be “How beautiful are the feet of them that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace” when the Kingdom is established? Surely it will, and this statement in Isa. 52:7 seems to refer to that very time, when the ancient prophets, as princes in all the earth, will proclaim the message of good tidings; they will indeed publish peace, and declare unto Zion, natural Israel, “Thy God reigneth” and eventually to whosoever will then own the Lord as their God. The following verses in Isa. 52 are in agreement. Verse 10 reads—”The Lord hath made bare His holy arm in the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.”

It would seem clearly established from God's Word that during the harvest of this Gospel Age, during the gathering in of the first fruits unto God (James 1:18), our Lord is still the sacrificing High Priest, while being present as the Chief Reaper of the harvest. (Rev. 14:13-16.) However, with the completion of the "fulness from the Gentiles" (Rom. 11:25), and the passing of the present "heavens and earth" (2 Pet. 3:10), the time will be due for the reign of Christ and His Church to commence—and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. ‘

(Further information respecting the reign of Christ and His Church, as revealed in the tabernacle types, is contained in the "Peoples Paper" of October, 1951. The articles "The Offerings for sin," and "Harvest, Winter, Sabbath," take up this subject in some detail. Copies of this "Peoples Paper" are gladly supplied upon request.)

Practical Prayer.

Two little girls were hurrying in the direction of their school. As they passed the town clock they noticed that it lacked only two minutes of nine, and they still had quite a distance to go.

"We shall be late," the smaller girl said anxiously. Let's kneel down right here and ask God to help us get there in time."

"No," said the older girl, quickening her pace, "let's run our best and pray as we run."

"Ask and ye shall receive" does not mean that you shall request God to help you attain some coveted goal, then sit with folded hands until your' prayer is miraculously granted.

"Heaven helps those who help themselves."

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The General Work of the Institute.

ANOTHER year's work of the Berean Bible Institute has been completed, and looking back over the past twelve months our first thoughts are of gratitude and praise to our Heavenly Father for His blessings and over-ruling providence in connection with the efforts in serving His cause of truth together with a number of brethren who have voluntarily and lovingly cooperated and to whom sincere appreciation is also expressed at this time. It is lovely to feel assured that all the assistance by our brethren in the use of various talents possessed has 'been cheerfully rendered to the Lord Himself. There is no higher honour on this earth than to be invited of the Lord to serve His cause of truth—of "holding forth the word of life," or assisting others to do so. The words of our Lord at the first advent seem also most applicable now, during the harvest of this Gospel Age—"I sent you to reap that whereon ye bestowed no labour; other men laboured, and ye are entered into their labours. And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal; that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together." (John 4:38, 36.)

Through the production of our monthly "Peoples Paper and Herald of Christ's Kingdom," now in its 35th year of publication, regular contact is provided with a goodly number of brethren and friends throughout this land and other countries overseas. Appreciation of the contents of the "Paper" is continually being expressed, especially by those who are rejoicing in the harvest truths which are truly the means; by the Lord's spirit, of deepening and maturing the spiritual life of all followers of the Master. To those brethren who have assisted with contributions to the columns of the "Peoples Paper" sincere appreciation is expressed, and other friends are invited to forward along any articles which they feel would be helpful for publication.

Greatly increased costs of printing have been met throughout the year, and it will be seen by the General Tract Fund that a deficiency in the production costs of "Peoples Paper" has again been covered from the General Fund, but as mentioned last year, as quantities of the "Paper" are provided free to those interested in spiritual things, it is felt that this expense on the General Fund is wisely and well spent in the service of the truth. The assistance of some of our friends in checking proofs, and folding, wrapping and despatching of the papers month after month is of great service and much appreciated. Additional subscriptions to "Peoples Paper" are welcomed and our brethren who assist in this way are doing good work; sample copies of the "Paper" are gladly provided free to all who can use them to advantage where there may be ears to hear the glad message of the Kingdom.

Considerable quantities of books and booklets have been despatched to our brethren and interested friends throughout the year. Apart from the witnessing of the glad tidings of the kingdom by means of the radio (reference to which is made separately in this issue of the "Peoples Paper") various ways of preaching the Word have been undertaken and in which loyal servants of the Lord delight to engage. Supplies of tracts and Kingdom Cards have been provided for distribution by those who are active in commending to others the glad message that has been such a blessing to themselves; especially are these tracts and cards useful outside the range of the message over the air, and other friends are invited to keep a supply on hand for judicial use, as they seek to serve "instant in season, out of season." The Consolation Cards, for use amongst the bereaved, have also been used to good advantage throughout the past year. It is surely a privilege to be able to comfort those who mourn in bereavement, as well as those who mourn in Zion, and all who have the spirit of the Lord upon them will be found alert and active in this ministry of comfort. These Consolation Cards, as well as the tracts and Kingdom Cards, are supplied free to all who wish to co-operate in this work, as unto the Lord.

A series of public lectures were held throughout the year on subjects which appealed more than usual to thinking people, and the average attendances were encouraging. As a result, a number of new friends are

continuing in appreciation of the truth and reading the literature with interest. The Lord knows those who are worthy of receiving the truth fully, that they may be free indeed in Him, and we are glad that He will give the increase in the hearts of all who are "Israelites indeed" in this harvest time. What a favour it is to be used of the Lord of the Harvest in any way, and our brethren in other centers should feel that any and all efforts to communicate the Lord's truths to others should not be neglected while the opportunities are still with us. These co-operative efforts of the brethren are often so blessed of the Lord that it is evident that He is rewarding the zeal and earnestness of His people, and they are thus promoting their own welfare by the efforts on behalf of others.

The General Tract Fund reveals the financial part of the work (excluding the radio) and all the assistance thus voluntarily contributed represents much love and sacrifice on the part of those who feel led to use their talents in this way, as unto the Lord. The expenses covered are those which it is felt would have the Lord's approval, and it will be seen that a credit of over £ 8 is carried forward in the General Fund for the work ahead.

Our brethren and friends generally no doubt realise that apart from the Lord's guidance and blessing any work would be in vain, and apart from earnest prayer and waiting on the Lord no one is fitted to serve in holy things. Would our dear brethren join with us in prayer for the Lord's blessing upon His people, and the work undertaken in spirit and truth, that His cause may prosper in the way and to the degree well pleasing in His sight in the remaining days of this harvest time. That we are living in momentous times is very evident; the dark clouds of trouble encircle the globe, and another great spasm in earth's travail cannot long be delayed. However, the glad morning of the Kingdom succeeds the dark night, and it is to this glorious time that all the Lord's people look forward, rejoicing in the fact that by proving faithful in the little things of the present, they shall then be associated with Christ in the great things of the future, in Kingdom glory, by His grace. It is to these faithful servants that Paul's words apply—"For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have showed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister." (Heb. 6:10.)

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The Radio Work.

IT is a pleasure to report another year of encouragement with the witness of the truth by means of the radio, and it is evident that the Lord's blessing has gone with the message, giving light and hope to many over a wide area. We thank the Lord for His blessings bestowed on these efforts also, and consider it a great privilege to be granted this opportunity of announcing the glad tidings of the Kingdom in this way, in these days,

This particular feature of the work is now well into the 10th year, and of the great number of responses received from this witness it is a joy that a number have made the truth their own, by the Lord's grace. Radio stations 3GL Geelong and 2KY Sydney have continued with our sessions in Victoria and N. S. Wales, and the continued interest in the messages over these two stations has been encouraging. Not only new friends, but our brethren also find these broadcasts refreshing. The truth in its simple form never grows old, but is ever fresh and stimulating to all sincere children of God. If ever one feels that he or she has advanced beyond the plain, simple truths of the Plan of God, in the sense that these are considered out-of-date, from that time such an one may mark their retrogression in the Christian way, for all who gain a true appreciation of the deep things of God must surely also hold very dearly the simpler truths of the Gospel.

The friends in Perth have also continued with the broadcasts over 6KY throughout the year past and there are apparently some appreciative listeners there also, though the numbers are fewer. Commencing on June 8th last these Frank and Ernest Dialogues began for the first time in Brisbane, Queensland, over 4KQ at 9 a.m. Quite a number of good responses came from the June sessions in that area, and there are hopes of much good being done amongst these sincere listeners. As with all the Lord's work, His spirit only can

give the increase to the labours of His servants.

Considerable quantities of the printed Dialogues are distributed free, being provided from the Radio Fund, and in quite a number of cases the first interest has been through reading these copies. Advertising slips for making the sessions known have been used also, and friends who feel a desire to assist others to hear the message over the air should apply for these. Advertising in any appropriate way is always in order, and those who are active in commending the radio sessions to others will find that their efforts are certainly not in vain.

On the financial side of this work there has been marked increases in radio fees, as in all other commercial activities. Our friends will realise, of course, that the time secured on the stations is on a commercial basis, and the fact that some stations pay double time for their operators for Sunday work adds to our costs. However, the voluntary contributions to the Radio Fund, in addition to the General Fund, representing much sacrifice of the good things of the present time, have been most encouraging, and by the Lord's overruling providence have enabled this work to continue. With all expenses met over the year past the credit of over £ 64 is in hand towards the work of broadcasting the truth in the new year. Once again it is requested that the brethren join in prayer for God's continued blessing upon His message over the air, that it may find those who are really hungering and thirsting for the comfort which His truth alone can give. The words of our Lord, applicable to Himself at the first advent, seem also most appropriate to His followers today.—"I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day; the night cometh, when no man can work."—John 9:4.

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How to Proclaim the Truth.

“Speaking the Truth in love . . . grow up unto Him in all things, which is the Head, even Christ.”—Eph. 4:15.

THE truth is always to be spoken humbly, but fearlessly. The Christian is not at liberty to speak anything but the truth. The great Apostle declared that he counted all things but loss and dross that he might win Christ and “be found in Him”—that he might gain a place in the everlasting Kingdom of Messiah. So then the speaking of the truth is quite essential to the life of a Christian. The truth of God’s Word is to be enshrined above all else in the heart of a child of God, and he should esteem it a blessed privilege to speak it.

Our power of speech of communicating our thoughts to others is the greatest power we possess—the most far-reaching. It is a potent factor for good or evil, for either truth or error. The opportunity to confess Christ before men either publicly or privately is a great privilege. In order to be pleasing to the Lord and to be used effectively, we must speak the truth in love. When one has just entered the family of God, less might be expected of him than of one who has been longer therein. We, as God’s dear children, are to grow up into the likeness of our dear Elder Brother, our Pattern, our Head. We are to grow up into Him in all things, and recognise that He is the Head of the Church, that if we are to be members of His body in glory we must be developed. We are to bear the fruitage of the holy spirit that we may be qualified to share in the future that glorious kingdom which is to bless the world.

We are to exercise our function of ambassadorship and show forth the praises of Him who has called us out of the darkness into His marvellous light. And in telling the message of His grace we shall grow spiritually. “He that watereth shall himself also be watered.” As we proclaim the truth from an honest, earnest, loving heart, we shall become more and more filled with it ourselves. “There is that scattereth and yet increaseth, and there is that withholdeth and it tendeth to poverty,” to leanness of soul. As we give out to others our own store of blessing is increased. We are to develop day by day this quality of love. Why is this? Because it will make us like God, and that is one thing to be desired, the one thing necessary.

Our God has other glorious attributes besides Love, but this attribute is the especially predominating, overruling quality of His character. God’s justice co-operates with His love, and His wisdom would not attempt to carry out any plans that His love would not approve. So as we grow, this quality of love should be more manifest. We are to see that our words are loving, kind and gentle. We are to curb any tendency to self-glorification in telling of God’s great plan to others. Let us keep out of sight that the beauty of the truth may be seen. Our manner of presenting the truth has much to do with its effectiveness. Speaking the truth in love, we shall not only be doing much more for others, but the message will also be more impressed upon our own minds.

Whoever appreciates these things of God, and then speaks forth in love and sincerity will receive a blessing in his own heart and mind, and the truth will become clearer and sweeter. In helping others he will be helping himself. Thus the various features of the plan of God become more firmly engraved on his mind. It is God’s plan, not ours, therefore we should try to present it in meekness, gentleness, brotherly kindness and love.

Take my life and may it be
Lord, acceptable to Thee ;
Take my will and make it Thine
It shall be no longer mine ;
Take myself—I wish to be
Ever, only, all for Thee.

The Blessed Life

(Matt. 5:1-16.)

IN this lesson our Lord, the Great Teacher, presents to our minds the importance of attaining to the perfect character or disposition which we all must attain in heart and mind, in order to be counted worthy to be associated with Him in His Kingdom.

We see what an important matter this is. Our Lord made it the topic of one of His principal discourses. It behoves us as disciples, learners of Christ, to study this matter very carefully, and seek to trace out the lessons, so that we may imbibe them into the very fabric of our being.

In order to present the perfect character the more distinctly to our minds the Lord divides it into different sections, giving us a view of each particular part.

The first character-picture which our Lord presents may be regarded, in some respects at least, as most important. It is humility. "Blessed are the poor in spirit (the humble-minded), for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven." Humility is a primary element in the disposition or mind of Christ.

The Kingdom is "theirs", in 'the sense that it is possible for this Class to accept the terms and to attain to the honours and blessings, while all of a different attitude of mind—the proud, the haughty, the self-conceited—are hindered from any possibility of attaining the Kingdom so long as they remain in a haughty, proud condition of heart. We must be of humble mind and teachable spirit in order to receive the wisdom that cometh from above. (See Matt. 18:1-4; Luke 22:24-27; Matt. 23:10-12; Rom. 12:3; Phil. 2:3-5; 1 Pet. 5:5-6.)

"Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted." Here the thought seems to be, Blessed are ye that mourn now; to whom present earthly conditions are not entirely satisfactory and happifying, who are not blind to the difficulties and trials through which the human family is passing—sin and sickness, pain and trouble, dying and crying. Blessed are those who have sympathy of heart under present conditions.

Those who ate sympathetic of heart toward others, are the ones who are in the proper heart condition to be comforted of the Lord through His Word. (2 Cor. 1:3-7.) Just as we can cultivate humility of mind, so we can cultivate also -the sympathetic spirit. We should think frequently of the trials and difficulties of others, and •enter into these as though they were our own. Let us cultivate this disposition of sympathetic understanding of the trials and difficulties of others, especially of our brethren in Christ. (Gal. 6:1-2, ,10; 1 Pet. 3:8.) (Convention Address)

"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth." Webster's Dictionary defines "meekness" to be—"Submission to the divine will: patience and gentleness from moral and religious motives." Meekness is that quality which enables us to receive injuries in a patient and forbearing manner. (1 Pet. 2:19-23.) "They shall inherit the earth" or "the land", meaning the blessings suggested by Canaan. This expression "inherit the earth" or "the land", was used among the Jews as a proverbial expression to denote any great blessing, perhaps as the sum of all blessings. (Psa. 37:22, 34; Isa. 60:21.) Our Lord probably used it in this sense, and meant to say that the meek should possess peculiar blessings. (2 Tim. 2:24, 25.)

"Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness; for they shall be filled." Hunger and thirst are expressive of strong desire. The Lord would have us cultivate in our hearts that earnest longing for righteousness, truth, holiness, which the feelings of hunger and thirst convey to our minds. Just as a hungry and thirsty man ardently desires food and drink, so we should ardently desire and strive after righteousness. The Golden Rule should be our guide. Let us, like Paul, strive to have a conscience void of

offence toward God and men. (Psa. 42:1-2; 63:1.) Those who hunger and thirst after righteousness shall be filled — satisfied. (John 7:37; Psa. 17:15.)

“Blessed are the merciful; for they shall obtain mercy.” The Lord would have us cultivate mercy, compassion, and forgiveness toward the shortcomings of others. The Lord lays great stress upon this quality of mercy, declaring that whatever else may be our attainments of knowledge or of grace, if we have not this one we can never be acceptable to Him; if we do not have mercy upon others neither will our Heavenly Father have mercy upon us. (Matt. 6:14-15. Manna Text, Dec. 14, and Comment. Matt. 18:21-35).

“Blessed are the pure in heart; for they shall see God.” Pure in heart means pure in motive, pure in intention, pure in the sense of sincerity. Blessed are the honest-hearted. Purity of heart does not signify absolute perfection of all our words and deeds and thoughts, but it does signify perfection of intention as respects all of these. Our desire and effort must be for perfection, in thought, word and deed.

To the “pure in heart” the promise is that “they shall see God.” If we are sincere and pure hearted, we will have ever clearer visions of the attributes of God’s character. God will reveal Himself to us. How we must strive to “keep our

hearts with all diligence”—to keep our hearts pure; and to keep our thoughts along the right lines. (Phil. 4:8; Heb. 12:14; Psa. 17:15; 1 John 3:2-3.)

“Blessed are the peacemakers; for they shall be called sons of God.” We should strive to be peacemakers, not strife breeders. (See Rom. 12:18; Mark 9:50; 2 Cor. 13:11; Heb. 12:14; Rom. 14:19.)

God is the God of peace, and those who seek to promote peace are in that respect like God—His sons. This does not mean peace at any price. (See Jas. 3:17, 18.)

‘Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness’ sake; for their’s is the Kingdom of Heaven; Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for My sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in Heaven.’ These words of our Lord are spoken to

encourage His followers to faithfully and patiently endure the difficulties and oppositions which He knew would come to them. A good strong faith is necessary so that we do not grow weary in well doing. Only those who patiently endure to the end shall be saved, and have the fulness of blessing by gaining the character-likeness to Christ, and receiving an abundant entrance into His Kingdom in due time.

A Convincing Argument.

Travelling through a part of New Guinea, where the natives had been converted from cannibalism, a white trader was surprised to see a native reading his Bible under a tree.

The white man looked down upon him disdainfully, with a cynical sneer curling his lips. Then pushing his helmet to the back of his head, he asked the man what he was doing.

“Why, reading the Bible,” was the reply.

“Oh,” said the trader, “you had better give that up. I did long ago. It has done me no good; and it certainly can do you none.”

“What!” said the native. “Not done you any good?”

“No, of course not,” replied the trader.

“Ah, I am not so sure of that,” said the native. “If it had not been for the Bible, you would have been killed and eaten long ago.”

There are many people who fail to realise that they owe all—their very lives—to the Bible and Christianity.

“I cannot do it alone:
I change with the changing sky:

To-day, so glad and bright,
To-morrow, too weak to try:

But He never gives in,
So we two shall win, Jesus and I.”

Correspondence.

New Zealand.

Dear Brother in Christ—I enclose herewith a Money Order as a subscription to the “Peoples Paper” and use the small remainder as you see fit. I should be glad to receive three copies of the booklet, “The Lord is My Shepherd.”

The articles in the “Peoples Paper” are very helpful and inspiring—well chosen for these difficult days. Kind regards and dear Christian love to you and yours. Your Brother by His grace.

New South Wales.

Dear Brother—I thank you very much for “Peoples Papers” and other literature received this month for May and June and trust you will kindly continue sending to my address.

I enclose Money Order for 15/- to pay for another year for “Peoples Paper” and the balance to go to help to pay for the radio broadcasts which are a real help and blessing both to my wife and myself. Greetings to the brethren in the truth in Melbourne. Ever your Brother in the love of Christ.

Dear Frank and Ernest—Thank you so much for the papers you send along from time to time and which I enjoy.

Your Talks over 2KY Sunday mornings too are most illuminating and of great interest I hope, to all who listen. I always look forward to them and pray that many listeners will be given much food for thought and enlightenment. Enclosed is a small subscription which will at least pay for postage. Very sincerely yours.

Dear Frank and Ernest—Having heard your very interesting conversation over the air this morning, I would be glad to receive a copy of same, or two copies if convenient to you. I would keep one by me and lend the other out to two or three friends who may be interested and who I don't think listen in. I would be pleased also to receive all future copies and one or two previous ones if you have any on hand. I am very interested in the new and close dispensation. Yours in the Master's service.

Dear Frank and Ernest—I have listened to many of your very interesting Dialogues and enjoyed them very much, and thank you very much for them.

I thank you for the “Peoples Papers” and the Dialogues which come from time to time. May God bless you in your work for Him and make it very fruitful. Please find enclosed small donation for your work. Yours in Christ.

Frank and Ernest, Dear Sirs—Would you please forward to me a copy of your last broadcast from 3GL. The subject was “The Return of Christ.” I am very interested in this subject and I believe I can obtain some help from your notes Yours faithfully.

Dear Frank and Ernest—My husband and I are very interested in your radio programme; would you please send us a copy of this morning's broadcast. I hope I'm not asking too much, but if possible we would also like one of last Sunday's.

Thank you for your Sunday morning Talks; I think you are doing a fine Christian work in helping people to understand the Bible in these troublesome times. Yours sincerely.

Dear Frank and Ernest, Dear Sirs—Having listened to your broadcast on Sunday I would like to receive literature regarding the subject, as I was immensely interested in same. Hoping to hear favourably from you at your earliest convenience. Yours sincerely.

Frank and Ernest, Dear Sirs—Would you kindly forward to the above address a copy of each broadcast as from 8/6/52. We have listened to each broadcast and are very interested in same. May God bless your every effort in proclaiming the truth of His Word, and I, like you have said, believe that God will reward those who strive to do His will and obey His commandments. I take the Bible as my guide in the walk of life. Would it be possible for you to forward each future broadcast? Thanking you kindly.

(Copies of all broadcasts are gladly supplied to all friends who desire them regularly.—Frank and Ernest, B.B. Institute.)

Frank and Ernest, Dear Sirs—Re your Broadcast on Sunday mornings, I was taken by that of the 15th inst., and as it was the first time I had heard you I thought I would like to have further information as promised.

Would you please forward your booklet, or whatever it is you have for distribution on the views as set forth by you. Thanking you in anticipation. Yours sincerely.

Dear Frank and Ernest—I have been enjoying your radio Talks on a Sunday morning, 4KQ, 9 o'clock, and would very much like to have copies of these Talks so that I can further study them with the Bible and then pass them on to my friends in England. Wishing you great success in your good work. Yours sincerely.

Frank and Ernest, Dear Sirs—Would you please send copy and leaflets of your Talks over the wireless given at 9 a.m., Sundays. They are very interesting and I always tune in, but I would like to pass copy on to my friends; any expenses

I will forward on. Thanking you; yours faithfully.

To Frank and Ernest, Dear Sirs—I have just listened to your discussion on “Where are the Dead?” from 4KQ and would like a copy of the Talk, also the booklet “Hope Beyond the Grave.” I shall look forward to other Talks and say, Thank you and God bless every effort to enlighten the people on the points of Scripture which are hard to understand.

I am, yours faithfully.

Frank and Ernest, Dear Sirs—I was rather interested in your broadcast from station 4KQ this morning on the fate of our dead. I shall esteem it a favour therefore if you will post me any literature you may have available on this absorbing subject. With best wishes for the future of your work. I remain yours faithfully.

Messrs. Frank and Ernest, Dear Sirs—I happened to tune into station 4KQ Brisbane this morning and heard your discussion—thank you. May God richly bless you in your Christian labours.

I noted with interest that next week you are to speak on the subject “Where are the Dead?” It is one of others, too, about which I would seek light. Your kind offer to forward copy; would you please post me

one on this subject. Thanking you.

Frank and Ernest, Dear Sirs—I was interested in the Talk given over radio station 4KQ in Brisbane last Sunday morning and thought I would write for a copy of the Talk and booklet mentioned therein. I intend to listen to all further Talks in this Series and will be glad of any further information you can give me. Thanking you in anticipation. Yours sincerely.

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