

LETTERS FROM FRIENDS

FEELINGS OF GRATITUDE TO GOD

DEAR BRETHREN:

Greetings in the Lord. Individually, as prospective members in the body of Christ, and unitedly, as an ecclesia of Bible Students, we desire to express to you our feelings of gratitude to God and to the Lord Jesus for your faithful, devoted ministry on behalf of his saints.

We have derived much blessing, comfort, and encouragement through the helpful and timely exhortations and admonitions contained in *THE WATCH TOWER* during the last few months; and we wish to take this opportunity to convey to you our appreciation and our love for you in the Lord, with the earnest prayer that God will continue to bless you very much in his service.

It is our desire to emulate your example, and by God's grace to maintain that same spirit of devotion, faithfulness and loyalty to the Lord, to the truth, and also to the *spirit* of the truth as you show. We thank you for the help you have given us and we daily remember at the throne of heavenly grace "the dear co-laborers at the Brooklyn Bethel, and everywhere," that God's work may indeed prosper in the hands of his servants.

Unitedly we desire also to express our gratefulness to the Lord at the complete liberation of the eight dear brethren, over whom the unjust indictment had so long hung. In his due time God has lifted this veil, and in his great wisdom is causing it to prove to be another of the all things which work together for good to those who love him.

With the increased opportunities for service which this free condition affords, we trust that the Lord will grant you the wisdom which cometh from above, that you may direct the work yet to be accomplished by God's little ones this side the veil.

Assuring you of our faithful cooperation and prayers on behalf of the dear Lord's work everywhere, we remain, with much Christian love,

Your brethren in Christ,

MELBOURNE ECCLESIA, Vic., Aus.

APPRECIATING THE LIGHT

DEAR FRIENDS IN THE LORD:

I have just received the latest *WATCH TOWER* [Zg] from some Brother, I think. I find that flowers tell us of God's wisdom and power, but his Word tells us of his plans and purposes and love. I am an old man and seeking, as the virgins in the parable, for more oil. I have the lamp—"Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet"—but the oil is the spirit of the truth. I want oil.

WILLIAM PAXTON, Tex.

DISCOVERED A GOLD MINE

DEAR FRIENDS:

I have received the *WATCH TOWERS* and the most wonderful books. I must say they have done more good for me than any others I have read. I discovered the first book by being employed as chauffeur in a paper-stock house where they buy second-hand books, and after reading a few pages I felt as if I had discovered a gold mine; and now I have the complete set and intend to obtain all others like them.

I find it hard to believe that such knowledge has been present for so long a time without my knowing of it before, but now I thank God that there is a right road to go and I seem to be at last on the right trail and I hope that you will continue sending me these helpful works. They are so interesting that I cannot study them fast enough and I am only wishing that some day I may be of help to the Lord and his good works. Thanking you I remain, yours respectfully,

WILLIAM ROBERTS, N. Y.

AT THE MOUNTAIN TOP

PRECIOUS JEWELS OF THE LORD:

Greetings in the dear name of Jesus. Just a line to let you know I am happy in the Lord and rejoicing in the service of the Master. I have been at the mountain-top of joy and rejoicing, and am enjoying the Zg and colporteur work as never before. One of the reasons, dear brethren, is that you have been feeding me and all the dear saints with feasts of fat things in the *WATCH TOWER* articles. No wonder I love to work in our Father's vineyard when such rich food is given us through the channel of the Lord . . . All of the articles lift me up to things above. Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Surely his goodness and mercy are following me all the days of my life. My cup runneth over.

Some one asked me the other day: Suppose you should be here in 1925 what would you do? I said, I believe I will be home in the Pleinades before then; but if it is the Lord's providence that I be here I will rejoice in the Lord and do with my might what my hands find to do in the Master's service, not only then but throughout all eternity.

The Lord has done and is doing great things for me; what shall I render unto him for all his benefits to me? I will gladly do his will to all eternity; it surely is a joy. Be assured, beloved ones, that I appreciate the food which the Father is dispensing through you, and I pray for you and long for the day when we shall see our precious Father, our dear Lord Jesus, and dear Brother Russell and all the saints face to face.

Your servant in Christ,

GREGORY SAKATOS, Colp.

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