

of that blessed One to vile, worthless, wretched beings like us! While yet in weakness and yet exposed to the powers of darkness, and a pilgrim here on earth, passing through this vale of tears, how important that I should be able to go without fear to him, the good and gracious, and ever generous Partner, the Lord Jesus Christ, who is infinitely rich and wise, and who loves me with an eternal and unchangeable love.

KNOWING CHRIST INTIMATELY

But some may say, "All this is precious, but how may I attain it?" Of course, in the first place, we must have passed sentence on ourselves, must have condemned ourselves, and put our trust in the Lord Jesus Christ for the salvation of our souls. Without this, there can be no such thing as attaining to this intimate knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. This is absolutely needful. But as I stated at the beginning, it appears to me there is referred to here a higher degree of acquaintance with the Lord Jesus Christ, more than that which is necessary for the salvation of our souls, in order that we may glorify God, live as becomes the children of God, and bear fruit abundantly, sixtyfold, and a hundredfold.

I just mention here, and have my beloved brethren and sisters in Christ ever thought of it, that we are not to be satisfied with bearing fruit thirtyfold, but actually fortyfold, forty-fivefold, fiftyfold; to press on; yea, if it might be, to attain to bearing sixty-fivefold, and if any of us have attained this, then to aim at attaining seventyfold, seventy-fivefold, eightyfold; yea, to be satisfied short of nothing than to aim at one hundredfold.

When the blessed Lord Jesus Christ brings this statement before us, he means what he says, that some bear in one and some in another degree. And why should we not advance to bear the higher and more glorious degrees, till the glorious consummation of one-hundredfold? We should never lose sight of the fact that the salvation of our soul is not the ultimate object that God has, but the glory of his name is intimately connected with our bearing fruit.

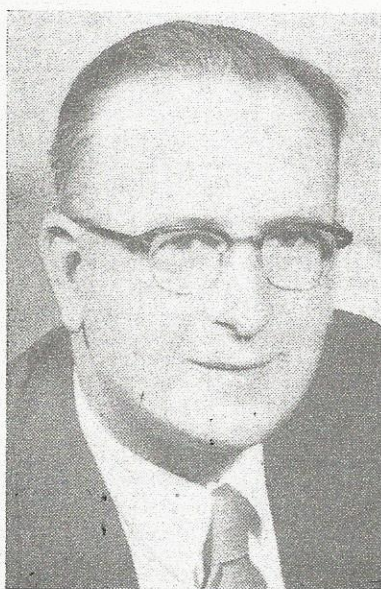
Let us not think, that because we have now for a few years in some little measure left the world—that we may take our ease, and now go on more quietly; but rather—to press on, to press on, to press on, and to set before us nothing short of the

prize, the bearing a hundredfold.

Let us take the text in its connection. How may I attain to this intimate knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ? In Philippians 3:8, 10 we read, "And I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord. . . . that I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings." Everything Paul desired to put aside and renounce, in order that he might know Him, and that increasingly he might become acquainted with him.

Therefore, beloved friends, the

pleasures of this world are to be put aside—the fashion of this world to be laid down at the feet of Jesus, the riches of this world, the honor of this world, and all that the natural mind craves after, desires, finds gratification in—all to be laid down at the feet of Jesus, in order that we may be able to say with the apostle, "Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus." So that we have for the remainder of our life but one single object. Not six, not five, not three, not two, but one single object—to live for God!



JACK LASHBROOK
1912-1960

Rev. J. W. Lashbrook was called to his heavenly reward on September 22. Many *ADVOCATE* readers will remember the Lashbrooks, for they served for the past five years as missionaries in Caribbean Pilgrim College, on Barbados, West Indies.

Brother and Sister Lashbrook, with their fine family of boys, had been in the States on furlough only five weeks when Brother Lashbrook was taken in death by a sudden heart attack. He was buried in Wilmore, Kentucky.

The funeral, held in the Wilmore Methodist Church, was conducted by Rev. Roland Mitchell, of Eastern Pilgrim College, a longtime friend of the Lashbrook family. Rev. Melvin H. Snyder, General Superintendent, and the writ-

er were in attendance. Pilgrims and friends drove in from distant towns and cities to attend the service. The local Methodist pastor assisted with the funeral service, and the Methodist people of Wilmore were very gracious.

He was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, November 12, 1912. Brought up in a Christian home he turned to God early in life and was saved at the age of 15. Late he entered into the experience of entire sanctification. His whole Christian life was marked by a deep devotion to the Lord he loved.

He attended Kingswood College, God's Bible School, and Colorado Springs Bible College. He held an A.B. from the University of Toronto. He was ordained to ministry in 1938.

The Lashbrooks served well on the mission field. Brother Lashbrook was making plans to enter the University of Kentucky to complete work for a degree during the year at home on furlough, and was under appointment by the General Board to return to Caribbean Pilgrim College in the summer of 1961. But God planned otherwise and called him to his reward.

Mrs. Lashbrook and the four sons, and his mother, need your prayers. Friends and Pilgrims in many states and in the West Indies mourn his home going. The Department of Foreign Missions suffers the loss of a splendid missionary.

Mrs. Lashbrook, with the boys, is making her home in Wilmore.

E. L. WILSON

Secretary of Foreign Missions