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TREASURER'S OFFICE

Dear Brother King:-

You have doubtless heard of the passing of my beloved companion to be with the Lord on Christmas Eve about 9 pm. She had been in the hospital just three weeks Christmas Day. I had parted with her about 5 pm, since outside there was a thick fog and she thought as I did that I had better get home while there was still a little light. Her last thought of me was for my safety and welfare. What more could any man desire in a companion than that? We had read the Bible together and prayed and I left her feeling that she would be comfortable and that I would see her the next morning. She had her early supper, sitting up in a chair alongside the bed, then I helped her back into bed and then we parted. Of course I did not foresee that she would so suddenly leave me, but at ten pm when I was already in bed and asleep, the telephone rang; and the message that I dreaded came from the hospital, urging me to hurry, for Mrs Stebbins was very ill. Driving through that terrible fog, the Lord kept me but on my arrival they immediately told me that she had gone. She had gradually gone down hill and weighed only 124 lbs. but the heart specialist, himself, assured me that she was past the danger point and that by the following Wednesday he told her she might expect to go home, which she so much hoped for. The Lord took her to our future and real home, how wonderful for her. The tributes paid to her at the large funeral brot such comfort to my sad heart.

Of course I know that as from now my income will be smaller and I write to enquire just what the amount will be? I suppose it will be one half of what we had been receiving. From the Social Security I receive three times Mrs Stebbins regular check, \$42.00 or \$126.00. Its all right whatever you may be able to do for me at this time. I didn't have any burial insurance or coverage but to God be all the glory our young church helped me so that the entire bill which is over \$900.00 is all paid, isn't that just like the Lord? How I thank Him for meeting me at this time and for the real love shown me by this young church. It was just so wonderful right at the funeral that our church treasurer received a check for

\$500.00 for Missions from a man and his wife who had spent about six months in our church having come from Greensburg, Pa. to continue his work with Westinghouse. When he came he had still not united with an Alliance church and had a feeling he did not wish membership. It wasn't long after he came with us that he changed his mind and his whole family joined up with us and he was always faithful with a 25.00 dollar weekly offering so long as he was here. We ~~we~~ were sorry when he moved to Somerville and is now a member of our Middlesex, N. J. Alliance church. He and his wife loved Mrs Stebbins so much. Our pledge you see jumped to \$1571.00 for this new year and already \$899.00 has been paid in, praise the Lord.

My problem now is that of income. The church are urgent in their hope that I remain with them, and so I do not have any plan for the present to leave this work. We do have a splendid group of folk and the work shows every sign of going forward, in fact we ~~are~~ hope very very soon to purchase land. We have two thousand dollars, just about, toward the purchase. Please pray with us.

Since coming here we have taken no salary, and I talked with the Social Security concerning what I have and they approved of all that I have done since my coming here. Our church provided my parsonage, for its regular cleaning and for the ironing and laundry, also a car allowance.

The Committee has already approached me concerning my future income and plainly state that they will make up to me, my loss of income and they want me to remain in my present apartment. Isn't that a providential leading?

Miss Hester Stebbins, my sister who lives in Florida flew up to spend a few weeks with me so I am not alone, thank the Lord. The church paid for her round trip fare, which made it possible.

I thought you would like to know just how the Lord takes care of me. My health seems fair, tho I do have to be careful, so I would appreciate your help by prayer, just at this time until I can adjust fully to an entirely new kind of life. The Blue Cross and Blue Shield covers everything for Mrs Stebbins hospitalization and I so much appreciate our Societies love and care for us.

Cordially yours in Christ,

*J. H. Stebbins*