

Mailed
Sept. 6, 1955

"Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee
the desires of thine heart." Ps. 37:4

Hotel Taft, New York City.

Dear Mrs. Hines,

We felt the presence of the Lord with us last Monday as we met with Dr. Turner and Dr. Snead. It was a profitable time, and I believe ordered of the Lord. Thank you so much for praying.

When in Chicago with our Vision Inc. friends, on our way to New York, they found that the meeting was cancelled, and Mr. King the Area Secty. refused to see me. This on the grounds that I had made widespread distribution of Laura's letter to the Board. We had sent it to only a very few of our most intimate friends, but it had evidently caused quite a reaction.

We went to New York anyway, and

the Vision Inc. friends had several hours with Turner, Snead and King, on Monday morning. Finally, the first two said they would meet Laura and me in the afternoon, when we were able to unburden ourselves somewhat. They asked us over and over to apply for re-instatement, but I held off because we could not do this until we knew that they were going to make things right and clear our name first. So I said I would appeal for a hearing on this Thursday Sept. 8th, before the assembled Board of Managers, not to ask for re-instatement, but to hear our side of the question. If they are nice to us and will assure us of their full confidence and blessing, after removing the stigma on us, then we shall be glad to go out under them again. So will you please pray that only God's will may be done? I have prepared a long statement to read. We hope to get to work right after, either back with the CMA or under other auspices. We cannot go on longer like this in uncertainty.

Laura sends her love, and we surely thank you for your wonderful prayer help. I know God answered, for there was a lovely spirit in our meeting last Monday, and a genuine desire to clear the matter up.

Very cordially in Him,

Gordon W. Smith

