and with power - gave their witness

Summary of ch. meeting - My father - We have no witness to share with world - Ch. dead. We pallbearers.

1. Thank you. First time in Midland.

2. Appec. courage. Hennessey.

3. Talk with you, not gossip about absentees.

4. Secret desire of many ch people - Exper. of God a bit more convincing.
   a. We sing - I ask no dream no prophet's ecstasy, no sudden . . . . .
   b. But would help if God more obvious.
      Our finest exper.'s we whisper to friends.

R. Contagion's search for the immediate experience

5. Most of us grew up in arms of God. Do not question validity, but it is under pressure.
   a. Pressure of exper.'s to contrary
      Exper's of absence of God + of gen'l tendency downhill. Ease of destroying, rate of weeds.
   b. Pressure of vivid exper.'s of them.
      (1) Love like ever Paul's description
      (2) Power to effect change - Stead.

6. Do there any such power at work in our world? Any witness with power to change?
   a. Nature poets say yes. Partially true. Will it change world?
   b. Look within say students of human nature.
      1. Moral - lie detector.
      2. Natural bent toward God.
      7. Thompson
      8. Ingersoll
      Woman at well.
   c. But too vague, unclear, private

7. Ask Luke who tells the vivid story - what is it - Church.
   a. Paul's exper. of Ch.

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b. Here is power – to recover, to renew.
Not quiet singers, evangelists.

c. Child at Columbia; Father's get well cards. "Draw your breath in pain ---"

8. So with Saul.

a. Like wounded animal.

b. "Brother Saul"

c. Ben Hooper.

1. Witnessed "together". Common Stand.
2 efforts at bldg. ch.

2. With sing.
No pressure in the 1st time
if fails to add to Lenten joy
Celebrate – Jesus spoke of joy,
D. Pendleton – Last time
what said today about God & Ch. today?
How did you say it?

b. + c. At top of page.