our beloved brother met his fate. That
is all right—all right so far as he is con-
cerned. As has been said, it is of very
little account to many of us whether our
lives be long or short on this earth, but
it is a very grave consideration whether
these lives are spent in the service of God
or not. Those who have done like Brother
Gibbs and Brother Berry, his fellow mar-
tyr, brought many to a knowledge of
the truth, shall shine like the sun in
the kingdom of their Father. Therefore,
being the friends of God, God is their
friend. Paul, in reflecting upon these
principles said: “I have fought a good
fight, I have finished my course, I have
kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid
up for me a crown of righteousness.” And
who else? “Not to me only, but unto all
them also that love” the appearing of our
Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Brothers
Gibbs and Berry have gone to those souls
that Brother Cannon read about in your
hearing—souls that are beneath the al-
tar. They cried out, “How long, O Lord,
holy and true, dost thou not judge and
avenge our blood on them that dwell on
the earth?” That was uttered years and
years ago, when John the Revelator was
banished as a slave to the Isle of Patmos
for the testimony of Jesus and the word
of God, the same testimony that has
been delivered by these our brethren,
and for which they have suffered. It was
said of John, that he was dipped into a
caldron of boiling oil, but they did not
take his life, for God was with him, and
God sustained him, as He did the three
Hebrew children when they were cast
into the fiery furnace, and the lambent
flames that played around them ceased
to have power to burn. So John was pre-
served. But he, under the inspiration of
the Almighty, and filled with the light
and intelligence of heaven, could gaze
upon the position of things in the eternal
worlds, and saw the souls of those
who had been slain for the testimony of
Jesus, and the word of God, etc. They
were told that they should rest yet for a
little season, until their fellow servants
also and their brethren that should be
killed as they were, should be fulfilled.
God is manipulating things in His own
way. His purposes are rolling forth. He
is moving in a mysterious way His won-
ders to perform. His servants who have
been called to lay down their lives, will
come forth with crowns upon their heads
and reign upon the earth. Jesus said,
“Blessed are the meek: for they shall in-
herit the earth.” When the wickedness
and corruptions of men shall have pro-
voked the anger of the Almighty in these
latter days as they did in the days be-
fore the flood, the Lord will come out of
His hiding place to vex the nations of the
earth, and then there will be a time of
trouble, a time of sorrow such as has not
been from the beginning of the world,
and we are told, never shall be again.
Men may think they can trample upon
human rights and upon correct prin-
ciples, and do things which are contrary
to the law and order of God, and to the
principles of truth, integrity, equity, jus-
tice, and righteousness; but they cannot
do this with impunity, for the Lord has
said that He will smite the wicked, and
with the breath of His nostrils He will
slay them. The earth shall be emptied of
the wicked, and a place prepared, in the
due time of the Lord, for those who fear
Him, as He has designed from before the
foundation of the world.
And in regard to these matters, I
feel sorry for this sister, the wife of
the deceased. I feel sorry for her.