



## The Vine Line

**Q.** What was the "Samaritan Treatment" mentioned in the Big Book story, "A Flower of the South?"

**A.** It was a fashionable treatment modality for alcoholism not unlike the Towns Hospital approach which used gold salts, barbiturates, etc., and it may have had an aversion aspect to it which is still being used in some places on the west coast. It was also similar in kind to the so-called belladonna treatment Bill W. mentions on page 7.

**Q.** What is the L.I.M.?

**A.** It is a bimonthly bulletin called the "Loners-Internationalists Meeting," put out by the General Service Office as an AA meeting for those who cannot attend regular meetings.

**Q.** Why is the book *Alcoholics Anonymous* called the Big Book?

**A.** It was printed on thick paper to help convince purchasers that they were getting their money's worth. (See *AA Comes of Age*, page 170.)

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