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I often think I can't thank God enough for what he did for me just there. Since that time he has kept me, although I have passed through fiery trials. But I made-that promise so honestly at that time and that is what has helped to keep me until now, that I am yet what I am. I want to keep on hoping and trusting in God as long as I live. I won't break my first promises. I know Jesus will help me if I trust and obey.

I often make mistakes but I am so glad that God shows them all to me. O we have such a good Father: He is always willing to forgive if we only come in the right way. I feel I am getting older and I need a friend that is closer than a brother. I am so glad I can say, I love Jesus and he is always willing to forgive if we only make that promise those who leave father and mother for his sake he will not cast away. O Jesus is so precious to me. So glad that God shows them all to me. O we have such a good Father.' I am getting older and I need a friend that is closer than a brother. I am so glad I can say, I love Jesus and he is always willing to forgive if we only make that promise those who leave father and mother for his sake he will not cast away. O Jesus is so precious to me. So glad that God shows them all to me. O we have such a good Father.'
Brought to their hearts as they meditated upon "the little while." But the tarry. What joy it must have when they read the message, "He that comfort it must have been to them and enduring substance. What a unknown to us; they took joyfully the words were written by God's Spirit quickly."

"Even so, come, Lord coming cannot be far away. Peter's says that in the last days scoffers shall begin to shake? Are there fore-

Oh! the happy knowledge that the Coming One is our own blessed Lord, of whom each believing sinner can truthfully say, "He loved Me; He gave Himself for Me." The Coming One is He who has in all things the pre-eminence, the upholder of all things, the heir of God in whose hands the universe rests. He will come in a little while to complete redemption's story, to crown His own redeemed ones with glory; yea, to have at last His great loving heart's desire—all His loved ones sharing His own glory. He will come to take us home—home—home forever with Him. Have you suffering, dear reader? Is the future dark, are the things on which your heart has leaned beginning to shake? Are there forebodings of evil about loss as many of God's people seem to have it? What does it matter? What does it concern thee, oh heir of Glory? He will tarry! A little while! He will come! Praise the Lord for your losses and your sufferings. Let us rejoice in everything which robs us of the unreal things which the god of this age has made so attractive, for it will but lead us into a realization of the abiding things and the coming glory.

Are you suffering in any other way? Is the great "religious world" treating you as an outcast, have you some of the reproaches of Christ upon you, some fellowship of the sufferings of Christ? A little while—He will come. Let us covet the reproach of Christ and we shall have it if we are using the last minutes of our days in being faithful and devoted to Him. Are you a servant of Christ? And we are all servants and have a service in the body. Let us serve. Let us each do the work entrusted to him by our great Head. Serve on, toil on a little while longer.

Oh, beloved readers! This message "a little while" "He will not tar-
ry" "He will come"—take it with you. Have it before your hearts and eyes each day. May everything you do, your service, yea, your very thoughts be controlled by it.

"Even so, come Lord Jesus." In England praying bands have recently been organized to pray daily for His speedy coming. We doubt not this is very timely and pleases our Lord. Before these praying circles originated, several years ago, we wrote in our pages the following words: "This great prayer is for our times. Let us pray it with a heart full of devotion to our gracious Lord. What a grand thing it would be if the faithful remnant of God's people would unite in these days to pray daily "even so, come Lord Jesus." How it would please Him, if daily from all continents, from the islands of the sea, from those who travel across the oceans or the deserts, there came unitedly the longing cry, "even so, come Lord Jesus." It seems as if He then could tarry no more, but speedily come as the "bright and morning star."

Dear readers of Our Hope, shall we not daily, morning and evening, pray together this great last prayer of the Bible, "Come Lord Jesus?" We shall do so and a year of blessing will have dawned for us and our loved ones; and for all we know this may be the year when this prayer will be answered.

"A little while"—the Lord shall come, And we shall wander here no more; He'll take us to His Father's home, Where He for us is gone before—To dwell with Him, to see His face, And sing the glories of His grace.

"A little while"—tw'll soon be past, Why should we shun the promised cross? O let us in His footsteps haste, Counting for Him all else but loss; For how should we know His breast, If He convince us it was the suff'ring of this "little while."

"A little while"—come, Savior, come! For Thee Thy bride has tarried long: Take Thy trusty waiting pilgrims home, To sing the new eternal song. To see Thy glory, and to be In ev'ry thing conformed to Thee.

The following items of the meetings at Bethel M. H., North Dickenson, Kans., came to hand just as we were preparing to go to press. The meetings came to a close on the evening of January 5, after having continued three weeks. The meeting in its commencement and progress was somewhat peculiar. It is believed it was born of prayer. Some of the saints had had a special burden of prayer for some time previous to the meeting, and prayed specially that God himself should order the meeting, feeling that something out of the ordinary was needed. The committee failed to get the brother whom they had in view to conduct the meeting so it was decided that the home brethren carry on the meeting. The elder, M. O. Engle, was then engaged in the Clay county meeting and could not attend and so advised the home brethren to go on with the meeting, which they did, continuing for nearly a week when Ira Eisenhower, of Ramona, Kans., came to attend the meetings. There being only a few people present that evening the brethren invited him to read something from the word, which he did, and it seemed evident that he had a burden for the meeting, and he was given further privilege. He spoke with power, and conviction fell on the unsaved, and souls came to the altar. The conviction increased and in a few evenings there were fourteen souls at the altar. Young brethren and sisters also came forward for sanctification and some found out they were not even saved. A number of the converts were young men and women ranging in age from 17 to 30 years, also a number of young boys and girls. The work seemed to go deep and some were slain by the power of God until they would say, Yes, to God, when they would get to praising God. "So quite a large number of souls are now praising God, some for salvation, others for entire sanctification." When Elder Engle came he saw that God was working, so Bro. Eisenhower continued to preach evening after evening as long as the meeting continued. He convinced the people that it was not "circumcision nor uncircumcision," neither was Mount Gerizim nor Jerusalem the place to worship; but to worship God in the Spirit is to get his Spirit into them; also that it is not joining the church, but that the great need is to know that we are born into or baptized into the Body by his Spirit. It is desired that God receive all the glory and that the souls may be kept by the power of God.

The following letter came from Sister Mary J. Long as we were preparing to go to press:

"Now another year is gone and we have entered upon the New Year. O that we may all realize, as never before, our privileges in Christ Jesus! As the old year was passing out my constant prayer to God was that there was anything in, or about, me that was a hindrance to the cause, be it ever so small, I would die out, more and more to self, and sink deeper into the great ocean of God's love. I have of late felt by God's help to be more careful of my work and speak evil of no one, for many times, no doubt, the Spirit is grieved in this way. I am glad to be able to say that my entire will is given over into God's will. O, how he has so many times answered my prayer, when I did not know which way to go even in small things. O he is everything to me. My prayer to God is that he would help me to show forth my thankfulness in and through my life. At present I am in the Orphans' Home to help care for the sick, as there is more sickness in the Home this Winter than there had been for some time. Only colds so far, with the exception of an aged lady, 79 years old, who is now very low with pneumonia— a sad case indeed. She lived so many years and only once did I hear her speak of God. Of course her reason is well nigh gone. The Lord willing, I expect to go to Chapman, Kans., as soon as I can be left off here to do house to house visiting among the Methodist people by request of brother Haus. If I would look at my own self I would shrink, but we need to get away from self and look to the Christ. I crave a special interest in the prayers of God's children.

Hillsboro, Kans., will be my address."
NEWS OF CHURCH ACTIVITY
IN THE
HOME AND FOREIGN FIELDS

Our City Missions.

Philadelphia, 3423 N. Second street, in charge of Brother Peter Stover and Sister Stover.


Chicago Mission, 5009 Peoria street, in charge of Sister Sarah Ber, B. R. L. Brubaker and Sister Nancy Shirk.

Des Moines, 800 S. 7th street, in charge of Miss Elizabeth Stone, Evangelical Church.

Jubakor Orphan Home, Thomas, Okla., in charge of Bro. and Sister A. L. Eisenhower.

Addresses of Missionaries.

Africa.

H. P. and Grace Steigerwald, Abbie Bert, Elizabeth Engle, Matopoe Mission, Bulawayo, South Africa.


H. J. and Emma Frew, Mtsahbezi Mission; Levi and Sallie Doner, Maria Hessat Mission, Gwanda, Rhodesia, South Africa, care of Blanket Mine. We thought it best after all, just think for us, how we gladdened the hearts of the people.

Visitors to this place.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Cassel, San Marcos, Texas, who are interested in the work here and we pray God’s blessing on every one of you. They are good; they gave a large covered wagon to take the children to Sunday-school and children are what good we can do if we let ourselves be used of the Lord. If you have things you can spare you can gladden our hearts and we can gladden these dear poor souls’ hearts by giving them something to keep them warm, or give them something to keep them from starving. O, let us obey the Lord when he impresses us to do something. The Lord blesses us wonderfully when we give to the poor. We also received potatoes from A. J. M. and blankets from the people. We gave to a family that had had no potatoes for weeks and were very glad for them. Their father is dead and there are quite a few children in the family. They are glad for them, and if they are small we prize and thank the Lord for them. Just think, we think it is not right meal without potatoes, and to think they had none for weeks; they certainly were glad even for small ones. God loves a cheerful givers.

The soldier is still encouraged and there are others coming in. They raise their hands for prayer; for which we thank the Lord.

Our hearts’ desires is that they may get to the knowledge of salvation and be saved from sin. O glorious bald-headed, bald-headed man who was saved from us sin. Praise his holy name forever and ever. Amen.

Pray for us. Yours for lost souls,

AGABRAM LANDIS AND WIFE.

309 West Norris St.

Jubakor Orphan Home.—We report receipts as follows during November and December: Bro. Elias, $3.00; Mrs. R. B. M. Sasser, $2; California saints, per N. T. Franklin, $6; a sister, dry goods, $14.50; a friend, 50¢; 1 lb. apple vinegar by an unsaved man and wife, but who were saved in our meeting since. A box of bedding, clothing and dried fruit from the saints in Brown county, Kans. Our own town people gave the children so many things, we will only mention these: a Catholic man and his sister gave a go-cart for the little cripple baby, some dress goods, and of course, much candy and other sundry articles.

We are in a sense sorry to report a death, but it is one of the "all things," and so we let it rest with the Lord.

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eleven for a two-seated open spring wagon and we have three and one-fourth miles to church. This sister saw our need. A little boy gave twenty-five cents and a stranger from Missouri $1. We received two little saints who will gladly help us to buy this wagon. We received two little dresses in the mail and fifty cents dropped to those who felt moved to help we want to say, send it so we will receive it by February 1, 1908. Remember us in your prayers.

ANNA B. EISENHOWER, Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, PA.—To all who were interested in the donation that came to the Philadelphia Mission before Christmas.

Truly many hearts were made glad, and I want to write a few words of encouragement since I have been to see one of the poor families where the Master has worked. The husband and wife have opened their door to the missionary, and we found them and the Lord will be glad to enjoy the wagon with the children.

It is hard to make some of the children stay at home if they love to go to church. To those who have moved to help we want to say, send it so we will receive it by February 1, 1908. Remember us in your prayers.

J. W. NIEESLEY.

BUFFALO, N. Y.—We certainly feel thankful, for our needs have been abundantly supplied during the past month and especially during the holiday season.

The personal needs of the workers, as well as the general need of the Mission have been supplied. We have not felt justified in itemizing every detail for publication, knowing that those who give do it from a pure motive and we receive it in the same spirit. “Remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said it is more blessed to give than to receive.” (Acts 20:35.)

Paul also said to the church at Corinth, “We are laborers together with God; ye are God’s husbandry.” “We are God’s building!”

Praise the Lord!

We are learning to recognize more and more that the work is his. We together may give, labor, weep, preach and pray, which Jesus did more than we all, and yet more. went all the way to Calvary that we might be saved and filled with the blessed Holy Ghost. “What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, and ye are not your own. For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit which are God’s.”

Pray for us that during the coming year we may walk obediently before him. Your brother and sister in Christ,

GE. E. and EFFIE WHEELER.

MANSFIELD, OHIO.—The Brethren of Richland and Ashland, Ohio, held a series of meetings, beginning November 16, 1907, at the Pleasant Grove M. H., conducted by Elder J. N. Hoover from West Milton, Ohio. The brother came with the Spirit of Christ for the lost of earth, by the power of God through his word, to the condemnation of sin through the Holy Ghost, for the demonstration of the truth to convicting of sin in every form; and as intended by God in his word, it searched the hearts of both saint and sinner. Quite a number of the former, realizing that they had not the victory, and were not in touch with the victory, and did not enjoy the full liberty, as God intended by his mercies, they becamesearched for the full victory over sin (including the ministerial staff as well as lay members) which was some what a barrier to the progress of the meetings. But the convicting Spirit did its work among us, and the sinners expressed their desires to be saved, and asked to be prayed for. The meetings were closed on December 5, at the Pleasant Grove M. H., and were commenced at the Chestnut Grove M. H. on the evening of December 7, the results being about the same as at Pleasant Grove, closing December 20.

There were quite a few young members from Southern Ohio came to take part in the work, showing forth a spirit of earnestness, and a desire for souls to be saved. Among the outstanding missions-aries, Bro. Jesse Wenger and wife, and Mary E. Hisey, Orvie Herr, elected lately to the ministry, and wife, and Effie Linkey, from Clark county, Harvey Rohrer, Elia Hoke, Anna Cassel and Effie Rohrer from Montgomery and Miamia counties and John Rohrer from Sturk county.

John H. and Catie Ann Myers were with us the last few weeks of the meetings, taking an earnest part in the work. May the Lord bless the seed that was sown that it may bring forth fruit in due season. May God’s Spirit be poured out on a soul to labor and to pray for themselves and be willing to take their place as God sees them, confessing their evil deeds and become a power for God that his work may progress.

B. F. HERSHEY.

GORMLEY, ONT.—On December 1, 1907, a series of meetings was commenced at the Heise Hill M. H. Our dear Bro. Givin Beards, of Ridgeway, Ontario, came and labored during the effort. He surely came in the fulness of the blessing of Christ, not shunning to declare the whole counsel of God. So marked was God’s presence that already on the first evening some were brought into the fold.

We wish for all our dear brother Godspeed as he goes forth to other fields of labor, and pray that he may remain very humble, and where God can use him to his glory.

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MACA MISSION.—Dear readers: “Grace be to you, and peace from God the Father, and from our Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father, To whom be glory for ever and ever.”

Our God is worthy to be praised for the abundant grace he so freely bestows upon us, his children. May God’s past blessings, and still we see him waiting and willing to give unto us greater things. He came “that we might have life, and that we might have it more abundantly.” (John 10:10.)

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OUR CONTRIBUTORS.

The Christian's Bank.

I have a never failing Bank,
A more than earthly store,
My Father's name is Jehovah;
In God's bank there is no more;
I'll draw on him to-morrow.

Sometimes my Father smiles and says,
"Why don't you oftener come?
And when you draw a little note
Sometimes I felt a little proud,
And never was rejected;
The leper had a little note,
I'm glad to hasten to my Bank

And when I draw a little note
I've been a thousand times before
You Bank contains a-plenty,
Though thousands often say
All forged notes will be refused,
I'll manage things so clever;
I have a never failing Bank,
That God has not accepted.
There is not one for me.

Yes! twenty thousand, ten times told
To what you Father has laid up;
Sometimes my Banker smiling, says
To get a little note.
And I without a groat,
Yes! twenty thousand, ten times told
Sometimes a little note
And never was rejected;
And when I draw a little note
Sometimes my Father smiles and says,
And when I draw a little note
And I without a groat,

Why live so niggardly and poor?
And when you draw a little note
Then asked for, or expected.
You Bank contains a-plenty,
I have a never failing Bank,
I have a never failing Bank,
I have a never failing Bank,
Sometimes my Banker gives me more

Why come and take a one-pound note
Why don't you oftener come?
And when you draw a little note
Sometimes my Banker gives me more
But ah! before the day was gone
I have no cause to borrow;
I have a never failing Bank,
I have a never failing Bank,

And when you draw a little note
Sometimes my Father smiles and says
I have no cause to borrow;
I have a never failing Bank,
I have a never failing Bank,

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Sometimes my Father smiles and says
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Why come and take a one-pound note
Why live so niggardly and poor?
And when you draw a little note
I have a never failing Bank,
The Firm, "Three persons in one God,"

I'm glad to hasten to my Bank
I have a never failing Bank,
I have a never failing Bank,
I have a never failing Bank,
I have a never failing Bank,

The above beautiful poem was written over sixty years ago by an old minister in the Highlands of Scotland.

—Printed by request of John Wulffong.
if she would. How? By ballot.
Where? At the ballot-box—without sword or gun—without the shedding of blood. May the nation rise in the name of her Christ and do it.

All you who believe that I have told you the truth this morning, stand with me, and sing coronation to Jesus our Leader. (Apparently all stood and sang with enthusiasm.)

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How the Lord Dealt With Me.

(Concluded from last issue.)

Just let me say right here, that I was very much prejudiced, against what was called a second work. The Brethren had sent for a minister (Bro. J. B. Lehman) for our next revival meeting who, we had heard, claimed the experience of sanctification as a second work, and I just wondered what would now become of the church.

I thought, of course, you can't find second work in the Bible. And then we would see some who claimed the experience go out in pride, or get fanatical on the pork question, or some other side issue, that I was just sure it was a delusion. We had a few among us who were teaching it; and I would say to my companion, "we cannot find any fault with their lives," but we were just expecting at any time to see them fail. So when I would go to God with my burden I would say, "Lord, you know I must have help, but you know my heart; I am not asking for a second work, because I believe that is a delusion, but just give me what you have for me. Lord, just so I may have more power over the enemy, more victory in my life."

I commenced to examine myself to see if there was anything about me that might hinder my prayers being answered. I was conscientious in obeying the rules of the church, and in dressing myself and children, or in decorating my home so that I might not be a stumbling-block to others. But there was one thing that was quite a struggle for me to give up, and that was reading books and papers, and sometimes such that were not edifying. But as the struggle grew fiercer I said, "yes, Lord, I'll give up all those things, anything Lord, just so you'll satisfy my longing soul." Thus, unconsciously, I was consecrating myself. This was only a week or two before our meetings began.

I do not believe there was a more hungry soul in the house that first morning of the meeting, and yet I felt a little hurt when the first hymn that was sung was not out of the Brethren's hymn book. How sad it is that there is a possibility of our becoming so wrapped up in the form as to lose sight of the power! I do not remember anything in particular that the brother said that morning, but his sermon seemed so backed up by the power of God, and his soul so filled with glory, that my hunger grew more intense, and after services, in spite of my prejudice, I invited him to go home with us that evening, which he consented to do. While I write my heart is filled with praise to God. Truly, "he moves in a mysterious way his wonders to perform."

It was not long after we reached home until the brother knew my condition, and how I was hungering and thirsting for something I scarcely knew what. About the first thing he wanted to know, was whether the past was clear, to which I could say yes, without a doubt, and that I had done all that I could do, and that there was nothing that I would not be willing to do if God made it plain that it was his will. Then, as he quoted and explained the Scriptures, I saw that "this is the will of God even your (my) sanctification," and that our hearts are to be purified (Acts 15:9), and that we are to be "perfect even as our Father in heaven is perfect" (Matt. 5:48), and that this was not attained to by growth, as I believed, but by faith in the precious blood of Jesus, "Who, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate." (Heb. 13:12.)

Now that I was on the altar, had yielded myself entirely to him, for sacrifice or service, it yet remained for my faith to take hold of the promise, that the altar sanctified the gift. (Matt. 23:19), or "whatsoever toucheth the altar is holy." (Exo. 29:37.) Again my unworthiness came before me, but as I kept looking to God, doubts seemed to vanish one by one, and I was just about to grasp the promise when the thought came, "yes, but this is a second work and you know you don't believe in that." But one glimpse at the struggles of the past was enough, and I said, "Yes, Lord, second work, or whatever it is, I want it;" and the witness came. I cannot tell how, but "he that believeth hath the witness in himself." (I. Jno. 5:10.)

That night, after retiring, as I was meditating on what the Lord had done, a number of things came to my mind that now I would have to do since I was wholly the Lord's, which before would have seemed very hard, but such a calm, holy joy filled my soul and it was so easy to say, "Yes, Lord, yes, Lord."

But the best was yet to come. It seems he allowed my faith to be tested a little while. The next day was a busy one, and while my mind was continually on God, yet I had not yet taken time for secret prayer. In the afternoon the brother turned to me and said, "How is it, sister, does your faith still hold?" My answer was, "Yes, I know it is all right, but I want to go and talk to the Lord about it, so that no one can say I got it from Bro. Lehman instead of the Lord." I went out to the barn, and as I knelt in prayer it just seemed as if I could see clear to heaven, and, with such sweet confidence I could say, "My Father, I am your child." What more I said I do not know, but O, the glory that flooded my very being for several days after that can never be described. God so wonderfully poured out his Spirit upon me that had there been those about who were unbelievers, they would have said as they did of the apostles at Pentecost that they were filled with new wine. Bless God, it is better felt than told! I can truly say, "He hath put a new song in my mouth, even praises unto my God." O, beloved if there is a longing in your soul that is unsatisfied, go to God and whatever it is that you need he will make it plain, and lead you to it if you obey. You may not need to struggle as long as I did, but he knows best what those lessons we need to learn.

Soon after this my consecration was tested, and though I had to say good-bye to husband and children, and all those dearest to me, just as literally as though they were laid in the grave, it was very hard, yet there was no rebellion in my heart. And I have learned since that the blessed experience of sanctification does not exempt us from temptation. It seemed to me sometimes this Summer that God had hidden himself from me, and that Satan would come like a flood to try the weakest places. I realize that I lacked wisdom and judgment in many things, but it drove me to my knees and to God's promises, and how precious they became to me, especially I. Peter 1:5, 7. One day when in special need the Lord gave me the promise found in I. Peter 5:10: And I have this confidence that "he which hath begun a good work in you (me) will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ." (Phil. 1:6.) And my daily prayer is, Lord, have your way in my life: make of me what you will, so that your name may be honored and
glorified and precious souls may be saved.

Matrimony.

A sermon preached at the Bethany M. H., Thomas, Ohio, December 22, 1907, by Bro. T. A. Long.

This morning I take up a subject on which I have never before spoken. It is an important subject: one that should be more often spoken upon. Elder Jesse Engle, who has long since gone to his reward, used to frequently preach on it. My text you will find in the thirteenth chapter of Hebrews, the first clause in the fourth verse. "Marriage is honorable."

My subject is matrimony. Marriage is an ordinance of God. I am sorry to say that man has often desecrated this ordinance. It was instituted in the garden of Eden. "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him: male and female created he them." "Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh." "Wherefore therefore God hath joined together let not man put asunder."

In the beginning we find that God created

ONE WOMAN for ONE MAN.

We believe this to be the divine plan, but how different do we find it in the world! Even though the law may permit us to leave one wife or husband and marry another, God's holy law does not permit it.

"Whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery: and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced causeth her to commit adultery." However I believe when God joins them together there will be no occasion for separation: yet I fear that two often he is left out of the matter.

This is a step which should be taken CONSIDERABLY, I fear it is often taken too rashly and hastily. The persons so uniting should be well acquainted with each other; their life, temperaments, etc.

Often we see persons who have been acquainted only a few weeks or months when they proceed to take the vow. Such often end in disaster. Persons should select companions that suit them.

Sometimes they enter into the marital state too young. Not long ago I heard of a boy and girl about fourteen or fifteen years of age who in some way or other obtained their license and went to the minister to have the ceremony performed. But he being a faithful pastor said, "You had better go back to your parents and make mud pies and cakes yet." They tore up their marriage license and did so. They should be of mature age and judgment.

We as parents are often to blame for the present ill condition of affairs. Sometimes we see children just in their teens, writing "love notes" in school. Such things ought not to be. If I should find anything like that in our family I think I would rebuke it sharply.

Another thing I feel like saying right here. Perhaps you will not all agree with me. Young people should not be allowed to keep company too young. A girl should be at least eighteen years of age. All that believe that let me hear you say Amen. [A large number of voices said, Amen.]

I do not believe that Christians should marry unsaved companions. I understand that God's word emphatically forbids it. "Be not unequally yoked together with unbelievers." Sorrow, sadness, and, in many cases, disunion has come to many a home because of such a choice. You may say, "I will marry him to reform him or to help him overcome his bad habits." But I say if you cannot reform him before marriage you never will after.

Husband and wife will find that they cannot always have their way in life. They should learn to submit themselves one to another. I don't have just my way always, and I think that my wife can say the same thing. We should learn to "give up one for another."


We make those with whom we associate happy or miserable in their association with us by the little things we say or do not say, the insignificant things we do or do not do. These things are more important than the great things about which we are so careful.

A Review.

NOAH AND MARY ZOOK.

This beautiful New Year's day we will endeavor to take a brief review of the past year. In looking back we see how the Lord has dealt so graciously with us so that we cannot possibly enumerate the blessings conferred upon us, for which we praise him.

After spending the Winter months in the city of Des Moines, and different parts of Iowa, we came to Chicago March 2, 1907, spending about ten days with the dear workers of the Chicago Mission, we trust, to the benefit of many and to ourselves. From here we came to South Bend, Ind., on March 12, where we spent a few days visiting relatives. On March 16, we came to Nappanee, Ind., and were conveyed to a small, old town called Lock, where the Brethren had arranged for some meetings in an old deserted U. B. church. Here we labored with the Brethren up to April 13. The Lord graciously blessed our united labors in the conversion of quite a number of souls, some being advanced in years. From here we came to Garrett, Ind., April 13, and found kind entertainment in the pleasant home of Bro. Henry Davidson.

Here we met quite a band of young people who were led to the Lord through Bro. J. B. Leaman's faithful labors. These souls had received a good experience and all except a few had united with the brethren in church fellowship, and those united with the German Baptist Brethren. All went well until another messenger came along who made no effort to get souls converted, but tried hard to get some of those converts who had joined in church fellowship to join his society, promising them more liberty on the dress question than the word of God allows, and was successful in leading a few of these lambs astray. May God pity such men and open their eyes to their doom by such a course. We spent a few days there and did what we could to encourage those dear souls to be true to God.

On April 20, we came East to Mansfield, Ohio, where we spent a few days with the Brethren laboring in the word and visiting God's children. On April 27, we came East to Canton, Ohio. Here we held a few meetings in Valley Chapel church, near Canton. Over Sunday, May 4 and 5, we attended the Brethren's love feast at Sippo and had a very
pleasent and profitable time in the Lord.

Some years ago the church at Sippo was almost torn to pieces by Millennial Dawn teaching. Only a few remained true to the faith once delivered to the saints, and, to the praise of God, we can say the church has been greatly revived and numbers have been added of such as should be saved. May the dear Lord bless the dear ones at Sippo. It pays to stand true to God and the truth of his word.

On May 6, we came from Canton, Ohio, to Harrisburg, Pa., arriving on the 8th, and, as to pre-arrangement, found a welcome in the home of Bro. H. A. Garman. On May 11 and 12 we attended the love feast at Air Hill church, Franklin county, which was indeed a feast of good things for God's people to enjoy.

The following week we attended General Conference at Harrisburg, and from this time we labored in different parts of the church as the Lord gave us open doors. We labored for some weeks in the Philadelphia Missions, both at 3423 North Second and at Bro. Landis' branch Mission, at 309 West Norris street.

Later we spent a short time at Gratersford, and Silverdale and Souder. We had blessed meetings at all of these places. Later we enjoyed a love feast at Mowersville, Franklin county, and had a few special meetings. Then came the blessed meetings at the Chambersburg Mission of which an account has been given.

Later meetings were held in Greensville, in the Lutheran church, for two weeks, and a few in private homes. Only two souls asked for prayers at those meetings, but they were well attended.

Later a meeting of two weeks was held at the Air Hill church, closing Saturday evening, December 28, with a good attendance and good interest. Eight souls came out to seek the Lord at these meetings and several of the brethren and sisters cut the shore-lines and launched out into the deeper things of God and are rejoicing in full salvation. The brethren and sisters, with few exceptions, enjoyed the meetings greatly.

Feeling we have need of some rest we are enjoying a good rest at the Chambersburg Mission this week. We expect, Lord willing, to help the brethren in a meeting at the Montgomery M. H., by January 11. Our needs have been supplied by free will offerings, and we pray all who have shared in this may share the blessing of Acts 20:35.

As we enter upon the new year we know not what is before us, but we aim, as the Lord gives strength and ability, to press the battle on to the gates, looking for the Master's appearing, according to I. Thess. 4:16, 17.

Will all who read these lines pray for us?

Jan. 1, 1908.

For the Evangelical Visitor.
Brotherly Love.
Geo. W. Asper.

"A new commandment I give unto you: That ye love one another as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples if ye have love one to another." (John 13:34, 35.)

Although this commandment was given nineteen hundred years ago, yet it is a new commandment. Jesus plainly states this himself, and when one gets out away from home he finds that very few professors of Christ have learned this commandment. Because the first they talk about is their neighbor's faults. The first law given by the first lawyer was we should love our neighbor as ourselves. But this is sometimes very hard to do unless we have complied with Rom. 12:1. We are prone to talk about a weak brother's faults, where instead, we should help him bear his burden.

For a natural illustration: Suppose we were hoeing corn in a field and we see a large healthy stalk of corn. We say, "he is a fine fellow." Next we see a poor weak little stalk with a stone or burden on it. Do we remove the burden, or do we try to crush it out of existence by putting more stones on it? In I. John 3:18 we find we are to love "in deed and in truth."

Brotherly love is an evidence of salvation. (I. John 3:16.) Another evidence of salvation is if a brother or sister be destitute of daily food and we say unto them depart in peace, or sister be destitute of daily food and not give them anything to supply their hungry souls what does it profit us? Faith without works is dead. But if we love our weak brother fervently as outlined in I. Peter 1:22, we shall have joy both in this world and in the world to come.

Love never faileth, whether there be tongues they shall cease, and knowledge shall vanish away. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not love, it profiteth me nothing.

In I. John 3:15 we find the state of those who do not possess brotherly love. "Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer and ye know that a murderer hath not eternal life abiding in him. If a man say I love God and hate his brother he is a liar for he loveth not his brother whom he hath seen how can he love God whom he hath not seen?"

Seeburg, Pa., Box 67.

For the Evangelical Visitor.
A Voice from Messiah Orphanage.
Hannah Baker.

"Other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd." (Jno. 10:16.)

"So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God." (Rom. 14:12.)

Now that the year has again passed, and so quickly, we feel that we have every reason to raise our hearts and voices in praise unto God and say with Samuel of old, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." As we look back, we see the year has been crowned with his goodness. Praise his dear name forever! Death has not entered our home and we have been spared from any serious illness.

Several children have been placed in private families, whilst others have come in to fill up the ranks, so that at the present time the number is thirty-two. The highest number enrolled at any time was thirty-three. Our oldest girl became of age in September and has felt that the Lord would have her remain as a worker. For this we praise the Lord, as her help is much needed. Many may wonder why she would not embrace freedom and go out into the world and make a living for herself and lay up future store; but those of us who have had God's hand laid on us for service will know what it means. When the Lord says, "I want you for my service," it is best to obey. Her testimony is that she is the Lord's and finds it blessed to sacrifice for him.

We also greatly appreciate the services of Sister Fannie N. Engle, who is kept busy sewing almost continually, while our sister, Mary E. Hoffman, does faithful work in the school.
room. The number of our children attending school at present is twenty-four. Several others come from outside.

Brethren and sisters, did we stand alone in the work we would accomplish but little. First of all, we thank our heavenly Father for health, strength, courage and assisting grace for the duties and trials of each day. Secondly, we feel we are under obligations to thank our dear brethren, sisters and friends for their love and interest shown in that they have spoken to us words of comfort and encouragement, or administered to our needs in a practical way.

Quite recently a number of our country and city sisters and friends collected for us a large number of ready-made garments, household linen, etc. Another sister felt impressed to collect money and sent in about twenty-five bushels of potatoes. Then, too, while our dear brethren and sisters were gathering in their harvest of fruits and vegetables during the Summer and Fall we soon found that they were not storing all away for themselves, but that numerous boxes and barrels were sent our way. Tears come unbidden to our eyes as we remember their kindness and thoughtfulness of us, and the joy of us all upon receiving those good things. We were reminded of days spent upon our father's farm in a quiet home. But, dear readers, please read with me Mark 10:29, 30—"There is no man that hath left house, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, and for my sake, and the gospel's; But he shall receive an hundred fold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions, and in the world to come eternal life." Blessed be his name.

"God moves in a mysterious way
His wonders to perform;
He plants His footsteps in the sea,
And rides upon the storm.

"Deep in unfathomable mines
Of never-failing skill,
He treasures up His bright designs,
And works His sovereign will."

We trust that all who thus help along God's cause by giving of their means and abundance to the various institutions and Missions, may have the assurance in their hearts that, as they give "unto the least of these," they are giving it unto the Lord and that they are having part in the first verse quoted at the heading of this article.

While much has been done, much more remains to be done. We hear the call from far and near, "Come over and help us." How many of us realize that it is God asking us to return unto him that which rightly belongs to him? We are his, bought with a precious blood of Jesus. The gold and silver are his. The cattle on a thousand hills are his. The Psalmist says, "The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof: the world, and they that dwell therein."

There may be some amongst our readers who are in sympathy with charitable work, and, because they are living at a distance, feel that they are not in a position to send anything in the line of catesables. To such we would say, there are always cash accounts to be met in every institution the same as in a private family. There are always needed coal, bread, milk, groceries and dry goods. One of our present needs is beds. We would like to have four more children's iron beds with mattresses. Sometimes a sister solicited money and purchased a number of mattresses. These kindnesses are always appreciated.

Sometimes the question is asked, "How do you keep all those children employed?" The answer is not hard to guess when you remember we have a ten-months' term of school. Outside of school hours, with few exceptions, all the washing, ironing, mending and cleaning is done. A certain time is allotted each evening for study, and the older girls always attend religious services. These are not a few.

Now, we do want to thank you all again for your support and good will toward us. Personally, we are encouraged with orphanage work. We praise God that we can see some fruits of the Spirit manifested among the children. However, the enemy is busy at times trying to sow tares among the wheat, and for this we need your earnest prayers that the Lord may give us love, wisdom, patience and courage so that we may know how to direct these young minds into the paths of truth and virtue. Oh, that we may have a deeper realization of what it means to live in this present evil age. My heart's desire for us all is expressed in the following hymn:

"For Christ and the church, let our voices ring,
Let us honor the name of our own blessed King.
Let us work with a will in the strength of youth,
And loyally stand for the kingdom of truth.

Chorus

"For Christ, our dear Redeemer,
For Christ, who died to save,
For the church, His blood hath purchased,
Lord, make us pure and brave.

"For Christ and the church be our earnest prayer,
Let us follow His banner, the cross daily bear.
Let us yield, wholly yield, to His Spirit's power,
And faithfully serve Him in life's brightest hour.

"For Christ and the church willing offerings make,
Time and talents and gold, for the dear Master's sake;
We'll remember the best we can bring to Him.
The heart's wealth of love, that will never grow dim.

"For Christ and the church let us cast our care
By His conquering grace, chains of self-fear and pride;
May our lives be enriched by an aim so grand,
Then happy the call to the Savior's right hand.

Messiah Orphanage, Harrisburg, Pa.

A New Year Testimony.

My heart is so filled with love and gratitude this morning that I must put it into expression on this little piece of paper and send it to the Visitor; perhaps it would do somebody else some good. O how I do praise God for health and strength, for a pleasant home, and for all the comforts of life, for children and grandchildren, kind neighbors and friends, brethren and sisters with whom we have blessed fellowship, but, most of all, I am so glad for Jesus because it is of his love that we are enjoying all these manifold blessings. O, I am so glad that my faith is anchored in him who is able to keep us steadfast and sure though the bil lows roll.

I thought on Christmas day, when there is so much rejoicing in sweet fellowship and glad reunions, all this is because Jesus came into this world; and we know if we remain faithful the day will come, and may be very near, when the Lord will come and those that are asleep will rise, and we will, with them, meet the Lord in the air. O what a reunion that will be. It fills my soul with glory as I think of it.

Max Wissler.

Never did any soul do good but it came readier to do the same again, with more enjoyment. Never was love or gratitude or bounty practiced but with increasing joy, which made the practicer still more in love with the fair act.—Earl of Shaftesbury.

After all, it is not what is around us, but what is in us; not what we have, but what we are, that makes us really happy.—Geikie.
The SUNDAY-SCHOOL.


1. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up:

God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship in spirit and in truth. John 4:23, 24. His self-sacrifice and death are an expression of love and mercy. Jesus said unto him, I know that Messiah cometh (that is called Christ), and every soul that cometh unto him shall be saved. John 4:25. And upon this his disciples believed. John 4:42. And many other signs did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. John 20:30. Two things are necessary for salvation: faith and baptism. John 3:15-18. Where is your faith? Where is your baptism? John 3:19. For what is believed without being taught is heresy. John 5:12-17. What was the jot of the Law and the least of the commandments? John 10:8-10. For I am the door: whosoever entereth by me shall be saved. John 10:28. If you believe these things, you are saved. John 14:1-14. The way to heaven is narrow, and the gate is small. John 15:5. If any man love me, let him abide in me, and I in him. John 15:9. If a man abide not in me, he is cast out as a branch. John 15:6. This is the true vine. John 15:1. A great opportunity will only make you ridiculous unless you are prepared for it.

SUGGESTIONS TO TEACHERS.

1. It may be well to inquire in what Nico­demus was—how he obtained a knowledge of Jesus—what reasonable reward for this was. Jesus by night—his reason for believing that Jesus was a teacher from God—his carnal and prejudiced mind—his ignorance of spiritual things. The great leading subject of this conversation was the NEW BIRTH, the only thing that gives the believing sinner a title to heaven.

2. Bring the practical application of this. Of the new birth. There can be no question. As natural birth is necessary to our present existence so spiritual birth is spiritual birth to our spiritual existence. Without this new birth we cannot see the kingdom of God.

3. Its nature. It is not reformation and not a new character in the church. It is getting into right relationship with God through Christ. It is the communication of spiritual life to a new birth in Christ. Look up the scriptural terms describing this change.

4. Show the evidence of the new birth. These are found in new tastes, aspirations and aims. In new obedience. In works of righteousness. In the witness of the Spirit. (See I John 3:19-24.)

5. Show that the condition of this new, divine life is the love of faith to Christ. As the bitten Israelites looked to the brazen serpent, so we must look to Christ. Then we shall receive eternal life. Workman Quarterly.


Study John 4:4-42.

1. The woman saith unto him, Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet. Our fathers worshipped in this mountain; and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship. Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh when neither in this mountain, nor even in Jerusalem, shall ye worship the Father. John 4:20-24. Ye worship ye which is not what we worship: but the Father; ye know not what ye worship: we know what we worship. John 4:23-24. The hour cometh when neither in Jerusalem, nor even in this mountain, shall ye worship the Father. (Compare Daniel 7:9.) If you believe these things, you are saved. John 14:1-14. The way to heaven is narrow, and the gate is small. John 15:5. If any man love me, let him abide in me, and I in him. John 15:9. If a man abide not in me, he is cast out as a branch. John 15:6. This is the true vine. John 15:1. A great opportunity will only make you ridiculous unless you are prepared for it.

Biography is God's method of teaching truth. Example is better than precept. A good man is God's workmanship. His life is a perpetual sermon. Abraham was one of God's great men. The lapse of centuries cannot dim the luster of his fame. Jew, Mohammedan, Christian, alike own him as a father of the faithful.

A great opportunity will only make you ridiculous unless you are prepared for it.

Those who pray with power, go forth from prayer with power to meet men for God.

One of the Little Women.

One of the Little Women, she came up to heaven's gate; And she said, the door was opening, And she thought, was it pressing? And she did not know. And suddenly she trembled greatly, for one with a bower of flame Came to her and hailed her gladly and spoke unto her name.

Come, enter the jeweled gateway, he said, "for the prize is thine; The work that in life you rendered was worth the world's measure. So come, while the rest stand waiting and enter in here and now. A crown of the life eternal is waiting to press thy brow.

Then trembled the Little Woman and cried: "It may not be I. Here they were, so noble and with greatness, so how may I pass them by? I earned no wondrous statues, I painted no wonderful things. I spoke no tremendous sayings that rang in the ears of kings. I toiled in my little cottage, I spun and I wove, and the door wasopened, and I saw the golden dust, I saw the silver dust, and I went in. I was poor and plain. And should I go boldly forward I know it would be in vain.

She sat near the shining portal, and looked on the crowd that were rich and proud. Of them that were kings and princes, of them that were rich and proud, and all that were also. John 3:14-21. Golden Text: For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have eternal life. John 3:16. Study John 3:14-21. Golden Text: For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have eternal life. John 3:16.

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command of Jesus, and the heathen are receiving the gospel.

The box from America also reached us. We thank all our kind friends who so kindly remembered us and helped to make up the contents. We appreciate it all very much.

Our school is gradually increasing: at present we have fourteen boys here.

We were quite well pleased a few weeks ago to have six girls come to Sunday services two Sundays in succession. Our services have been well attended of late, some walking six miles to get here.

The rains have begun and the dry earth is being well watered just now. We have started early corn and vegetables.

We are asking the Lord for the "latter rain," which he has promised shall be much more abundant than the former rain. We trust the refreshing showers will fall upon us and slake our thirsty souls, and make us better vessels to convey his word to the precious souls about us. Our God is able to do great things and we want to trust him to accomplish great things for his own glory.

Yours in his service,

Ada G. Engle.

MATOPO MISSION—"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits." The Lord indeed is worthy of praise. He is everywhere present; we find that his grace to us is just the same wherever we call on him. He also knows our needs and gives us just the amount of grace we need for each day; our supply is just according to our needs. Were it not for this daily supply fresh from the fountain, who would be able to stand in this wicked and sinful world? Not one. But praise God, it is possible for us to have victory.

We find that in the mission field we have need of a great amount of keeping power; we are surrounded on all sides with the devil's most trying and tantalizing influences. We have learned to know him as the real enemy of God's cause and to our souls. We rejoice to say that through the gospel in this world he has not yet made a man and young people scoff at it and think it is only for the weak-minded. It is true that those who are wise in their own conceit scarcely ever have use for God's word. What does God say about wisdom? I Cor. 3:1-2: "Let no man deceive himself. If any man among you seemeth to be wise in this world, let him become a fool, that he may be wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, He taketh the wise in their own craftiness. Again the Lord knoweth the thoughts of the wise, that they are vain." We have only to look at a people who have not the word of God to see what would become of us, all but without it.

We see it each day all around and have no control hinder us and make the work impossible, we can do nothing but submit it all to him who knows all things better.

Sister Werkman's leaving makes one less and leaves a vacancy. Who will be the one to fill her place? She is reconciled to God's will and feels that she is taking the right step. No doubt before this reaches you she will be near or in America. Our prayer is that a safe voyage may be granted and that she may safely reach her loved ones.

H. P. Steckewald.
November 26, 1907.

A New Song.
(Revised 10:10, 11.)
Written two weeks after the author's conversion, January, 1868.

"He brought me up out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my going; He hath put a new song in my mouth." (Psalms 50:2.)

Come, friends, all list, I've news to tell,
My bonds are loosed, I'm saved from hell;
Come hardened one I've news for thee,
Come hardened one, I've news for thee,

Think not such freedom can't be known,
I thought so once, but now I know,
The truth of God, in this I boast,
Christ came to "seek and save the lost."

Behold the Man! the Son once given,
The Son of God, the Lord from heaven;
That Just One died for thee and me,
He bore our sins on Calvary's tree.

Behold! that strange and awful sight,
God's only Son, His own dear Son,
Beneath the law's just curse he dies,
'Mid rending, rocks and angry skies.

Oh! shouldst thou die in sin's dread gloom,
Eternal death will be thy doom;
But thou may live, for Safety's free,
Embraced and crowned in heaven is he.

No works, no prayers, no price to give,
Believe the Word, believe and live;
"Nothing but faith," he saith, was his choice,
And in his finished work rejoice.

Receive the Savior, trust his love,
The news will flash through courts above;
While saints and angels on the strain,
"Another soul is born again."

Now with thy mouth confess him "Lord"
And in thy heart believe his word,
That God hath raised him from the dead—
"Thou shalt be saved," so God hath said.
T. Robinson.

Selected by Frances Helen.
The following testimony comes from our aged sister, Maria Schlichter, of Chambersburg, Pa.: “I love to read it (the Visitor). I find many good things in it, and I like to pay for it too. I don’t get to meeting much in the Winter as I am getting quite old, 67 years, and my health is not very good any more. I feel to thank God, and praise him for his love and mercy shown towards me these many years. For I often wandered away and did things contrary to his will, and had to repent again, and I trust he has forgiven me all, for I know he, Jesus, died for all. I often felt to write a little for the Vistor, but writing goes very hard with me. I can not bring it to words as I would like to. I delight to read the testimonies of the brethren and sisters. It strengthens me in my way. I desire to keep right low and humble at Jesus’ feet. I ask all the dear ones who know the worth and power of prayer to remember me in their prayer that I may prove faithful to the end. I sometimes think my time will not be long any more.

The following remarks by Elder J. N. Engle on colonization should have appeared in last issue, but had been mislaid and so were left over. Elder Engle says: “I felt to write a few lines in reference to colonization, not to bring unrest to any one, nor to urge specially a colonization move, but to encourage any who contemplate a change of location to seriously consider the points in Bro. T. A. Long’s article in Visior of December 2. My official duties have often called me among the isolated members of our Brotherhood, and I find that one of their regrets is their isolation, firstly, being deprived of associations with the church of their choice for themselves, and secondly, the influence on their children. So I think the safer plan for such to form a colony as suggested in said article. May the Lord bless and direct in a move of this kind is my prayer.

There can be no question as to the response that should be made by the whole Brotherhood to the “Special Appeal” of the Foreign Mission Board found elsewhere in this number. It ought to meet with a ready answer of funds to replenish the treasury so that the General Fund will not only be short of the amount of this special expense, but that the Fund will, at all times, be so flush that such unforeseen demands on it will not drain it too much. Every member of the Brotherhood bears a share of the church’s responsibility in the support of her missionary enterprises; and instead of giving less ought to give more in consequence of an enlargement of the heart. Let the funds in increased volume set in towards the Foreign Treasury. The treasurer will be delighted to take care of it all.

We learned recently of the death of Joseph Fike formerly an elder in the church, on October 27, at the home of one of his sons in Idaho. The young people were absent at church and returning they found him lying dead in the yard. He was buried on the 28th.

We learn that the outgoing missionaries, Bro. Jesse Wenger and his wife, and Mary Heisey, intend to sail from New York late in March. We are required to urge all of our dear people to send a generous supply of dried fruit with them as the missionaries appreciate the home dried fruit very much and value it highly as an article of diet. All who desire to share in the blessing ought to send their donations to the Messiah Home during February or early in March, so it will be ready to ship with the missionaries when they sail.

If any who ordered Calendars have not received them they should inform us at once. So far we have had word of only one that went astray. Please let us know if your Calendar did not reach you.

December Credits Continued.


January Credits.


A Special Plea.

From the Foreign Mission Board.

Dear Saints: Our faithful, God-called missionaries to South Africa were, as you all know, visited with severe affliction so that Sister H. P. Steigerwald and Abbie Bert were obliged, according to their good judgment, to resort to physical aid at Cape Town.

Surgical treatments are always expensive, in our home land as also in Africa.

When the Foreign Mission Board learned of their critical illness, and the necessity of prompt action, how could we afford to forfeit the fidelity of the Church, (in which the dear, loving, and faithful sisters so strongly con­­fided) by withholding means to follow their sincere convictions in that far off land, in time of dire distress when their precious lives were at stake?

We are all glad that the means employed were so successful in restoring them to health, enabling them to return to their respective fields of labor. These expenses were met by the General Foreign Mission Fund which was quite a drain, and may seem to some as irregular. And yet, in the widest sense it is regular, from the fact, that our missionaries labor without compensation or salary, and the church is therefore obliged in such emergencies to provide for them. However the Board has felt the propriety of making an effort under the caption of "A Special Plea" to replenish the Foreign Mission Fund.

We are persuaded that all our dear people need to know is of the expense, and they will, be pleased to have a share in bearing it, with all good grace. We will all be glad to express our love for and fidelity to our dear sisters,—co-laborers, by helping to defray the expenses for physical treatment in that far off land of destitution and heathendom.

We expect a cheerful, and hearty response prompted by the perfect love of Jesus our Lord.

Yours most sincerely,

J. R. Zook,
Chairman.

ELI M. ENGLE,
Secretary.

PETER M. CLIMENHAGA,
Treasurer.

Workers Together With Him.

H. H. AND IDA MENAGHI.

We are so glad to be numbered with the co-workers of Jesus Christ, and to report victory in our souls.

It has been some time since we have written for the Visitor, but the Lord has been with us and given us souls for our hire. All glory to Jesus! The Lord is graciously visiting his people here and there, and, oh that many more may yet step out on his promises.

Since we last wrote will say the dear Lord gave us a meeting in Nebraska where we visited Mr. Menachi's sister. No souls were converted but quite a number renewed their vows of allegiance to their God, for which we do praise him. Then we were permitted to visit our little family and friends in Des Moines, Ia., for a few days. The dear Lord refreshed our souls by permitting us to attend several services in our home church. Then it came time for us to leave the family in the hands of the Lord again and our dear sister Pearl, who has a great part in the work of the Lord that he is permitting us to do. So we bade adieu to loved ones and came by way of Chicago to Nappanee, Ind. We had pleasant and sweet fellowship with the dear workers at the Chicago Mission, and the pleasure of presenting once more to them the gospel of Jesus Christ. Kind friends there remembered us with funds to carry on the work. May the dear Lord bless them all.

We are now in the Nappance district laboring for souls, although we had expected by this time to have been in Ohio, but the dear Lord has so far ordered otherwise. Already quite a number of homes have been blessed by allowing the Lord to come in. Of this number, ten have been received into the church by right hand of fellowship; it is expected that others will soon follow. There is still much conviction present. Oh, may the dear Lord just continue to work in this place and many more come into this fountain and be made every whit whole during the next few days of our stay here.

We request the Brotherhood at large to remember us at the throne of grace, that we may be used of him. Amen.

A Letter of Thanks.

We, the brethren of Springvale, Ont.—Walpole—feel to us, in this way, express our sincere thanks to all who so kindly came to our help in paying off the balance of debt, about fifty dollars, resting on our church here at Springvale. Especially do we appreciate the help of J. J. Winger who started it with the subscription list.

Now, dear brethren, you have helped us financially, will you yet help us spiritually by giving us your prayers, that the small number here may all be faithful, and steadfast, always abounding in the work of the Lord, and that many more may yet come and be saved.

When our debt was paid there was a balance left over of six dollars and thirty cents. This we decided to send to the Toronto Mission as we could not return it to the givers, thinking that was the best we could do, and praying that the work may prosper there and everywhere. Yours in Christian love.

BRETHREN OF WAPAULO CHURCH.

A Word from An Aged Sister.

FRANY B. BRUBAKER.

“My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him.” (Hebrews 12:5.) This is encouraging for those who are afflicted, and is a great consolation to me, as I am also afflicted with weakness that I have to spend my time at home. But thank the Almighty that I have sight and memory and can read, which is a great enjoyment to me. It makes me appreciate the Visitor the more, being also deprived of hearing to a large extent. I am too weak to walk outdoors and that moved me to write for the Visitor which I never did before, as I thought still I am not able to express myself well enough. But, with the help of God, I decided to try it once; if of no profit it will just go to the waste basket. I have taken the Visitor from the very first issue and find many encouragements in it in the fight of faith: and it keeps us more in touch with the saints. That little piece from Sister Cohl was quite interesting to me as I have known her for fifty years, but have not heard anything of her for ever so long. I did not know that she is living yet, and it made my heart feel good that she is
yet happy in the service of the Master. We are both quite up in years and will likely not see each other any more in this world, but hoping to meet yonder where no evil may reach us. Time is rolling along very rapidly; another year is almost gone, and perhaps may be the last. Oh, that we all may be on our guard, and all our powers engage to do our Master's will. Pray for me, a weak sister trusting in the Lord.

Lebanon, Pa.

An Oklahoma Letter.

(The following letter was not intended for the Visitor, but is here published by request of Sister Wiebe, of Shippenburg, Pa., sister of the writer. Editor.)

EDMOND, OKLA.
Dec. 10, 1907.

My dear ones at home: Greeting in Jesus' name. How I wish to be with you this evening, and tell you all about my pleasant visit with the dear brethren and sisters at Thomas, Okla. I know you would enjoy my story. I left Edmond day after Thanksgiving, November 29, reaching Thomas the same day, p. m. I hired a bus to take me to the Jabbok Home Orphanage, as I had not written to them to meet me at the station. Sister Anna Eisenhower (who is the mother there) met me at the door, greeted me with "Well, praise the Lord." I was so glad to meet saints of like precious faith, not having been with any of the brethren since I left Pennsylvania.

I had been taken very sick in the cars and was unable to spend the evening with the family. Soon after they had eaten supper, they made arrangements for me to retire, and had a season of prayer in my behalf before I retired and the dear Lord answered their prayer in giving me unusual quiet rest. "Yes, the Lord taketh pleasure in his people. He will "beautify the meek with salvation" (Psalm 149:4.)

Next morning I was able to take a drive to town with sister Annie. I kept the team while she would here and there deliver butter, eggs, milk, and cream. Then went to the store to buy warm underwear for the children. "I was naked and ye clothed me." They don't sell all the butter and cream. They have butter on the table for the children and milk to drink, besides other things, like other parents for their own, and all eat at the same time at the same table. "I was an hungered and ye fed me." Bes-
FOREIGN MISSION FUND.

Report for November and December, 1907.

GENERAL FUND.
Zion dist., Kans., $84; Rosebank dist., Kans., $50; Lebanon, Pa., $15; Henry Schneider, Mich., $10; D. B. Harley, Pa., $5; Newbern, Kans., $61.30; East Donegal dist., Pa., $10; Althea dist., Kans., $243.54. Total disbursements, $535.52.

County, Kans., $29.55; Lykens Valley dist., Pa., $5; Anna Hursh, O., $1; Abigail Fisher, Pa., $8.50; John Fisher, Pa., $10; Elmer Eshelman, O., $5; Christian Eshelman, O., $5. Total received, $509.84.

Rescuing Home and Girls' School.

Report for Month of December.

Receivings.
Albert Baker, Man., $5; Katie Cashner, $1. Total, $5.

Stock Fund.
One interested in the Stock Fund, $25.

Disbursements.
Harvey Frey, $77.15. (This is the whole amount remaining in that fund up to date.)

Buffalo Mission.
Report for December, 1907.

Balance on hand, $30.50.

Donations Received.
A brother in Christ, $7; Webster Burtch, $5; Miss Bielby, $1; J. Myers Bostler, $5; Nina Johnston, 50 cents; Lydia Sider, $1; L. D. Berry, $1; Stevensville S. S., $24.16.

Expenses.
Gasoline and oil, $1.90; water rent, $1.40; groceries, household, car fare, etc., $15.21.

Provisions Donated.
Josiah Bostler and family, box of Christmas provisions; E. Simon, Sister's, and Daniel Clinehenga's, 2 baskets provisions; Peter Clinehenga, basket of provisions; Alvin Berry, $1; 2 boxes of Christmas provisions; Bert Shirk, Christmas donation; Bert Shirk, Christmas donation; D. V. Heise, provisions.

GEO. AND EFFIE WHISLER.

Phila Mission.
Report for month of December.

Balance, $4.85.

Donations Received.
Derry Church, Pa., $14; Shippenburg, Pa., $2.50; Lebanon, Pa., $1.50; Elias Good, York, Pa., $2; Fisherville, Ont., $2; Bradford, Ohio, $27.25; Chambersburg, Pa., $5; Buffalo, N. Y., $2; Derry Church, Pa., $5; Lebanon, Pa., $1; Philadelphia, Pa., $4; Sippo, Ohio, $2; Lapeer, Mich., $2; Saginaw, Mich., $2; Lakeview, Mich., $1; Aquilla, Ont., $2; Mechanicalburg, Pa., $5; Shiner's Point, $1; Stanley, Ont., 25 cents; Floria, Pa., $5; Philadelphia, Pa., $2.83; Grater's Ford, $2; Martinsburg, Pa., $2; Lebanon, Pa., $5; Lancaster, Pa., $1; Mount Joy, Pa., $5; Mount Joy, Pa., $20.50; Wiggin, Ont., $2; Clarence Center, N. Y., $10; Lake Ann, Mich., $1; Eaton, Mich., $1; E. B. Barger, Ont., $1; The Springs, Pa., $1; Bolling Springs, $2; Lebanon, Pa., $17; Forgy, Ohio, $2; York, Pa., $1; Mount Joy, Pa., $1; Mount Joy, Pa., $7; York, Pa., $4; Millersburg, Pa., $8; Hamlin, Kan., $2; Grater's Ford, $1.

EVANGELICAL VISITOR.

PA., $1; Brookville, Ohio, $1; Philadelphia Mission offering, $8.50. Total, $59.71.

Expenses.
Poor, $4.00.
Coal for Mission, $6.75.
For Mission work, $15.04.
Total, $39.79.

Balance on hand, $19.49.

Other Donations Received.
Rheems, Pa., 1 box of clothing; Harrisburg, Pa., 2 boxes of clothing; Harrisburg, Pa., 1 box of clothing; Elizabethtown, Pa., 3 bags cornmeal; Mount Joy, Pa., 3 boxes bread, including provisions and sugar; West Willow, Pa., 1 box bread; Lancaster, Pa., 1 box chickens; Lancaster, Pa., 1 box of provisions; Elizabethtown, 5 boxes provisions; Shippensburg, Pa., 2 bbls apples; Scotland, Pa., 2 bbls and 4 boxes provisions.

DESO MONEES MISSION.

Report for December, 1907.

Donations Received.
A sister, Millersville, Pa., $1; Fannie Harte, Clarence Center, N. Y., $3; collection at Mission, $1.35. Balance on hand, December 3, 1907, $5.45. Total assets, $11.80.

Expenses.
Fuels, $12; gas, $2.50; groceries, $18.50; incidentals, $5. Total, $38.
Balance due Mission, January 1, 1908, $33.20.

POOR FUND.
Webster Burtch, Wingert, Ont., $2.00.
J. R. and Anna Zook.

MARRIAGES.

Moleh—Myers.—Married, at the home of the bride, on January 1, 1908, Bro. D. H. Kohrer officiating, Albert Mohler, of Sippo, Ohio, to Mary Myers, of Canton, Ohio.

Heise—Farmer.—Married, at the residence of the bride's parents, on December 25, 1907, Mr. J. E. Heise, Regina, Sask., to Sister Maggie A. Farmer, of Markham, Ont. Bro. T. S. Doner officiating.

Hosken—Grove.—On December 25, 1907, at the home of the bride's parents, near Abilene, Kans., Bro. Ira Hosken and Sister Magdelene Grove were united in marriage by Minister R. E. Dickser, of Hiawatha, Kans., and a brother, E. A. Hosken, was born February 25, 1907. Bro. C. I. Linkey, of Donegal, Pa., officiated, Elder J. R. Zook, Elder Menno Cressman, Mennonite, in German, and by Elder John Wildung in English. They leave a husband, three daughters, and two sons. Funeral services and burial took place at Belle Springs M. H., conducted by Elder Millard G. Engle and Jacob N. Engle.

Hunsberger—Bro. Samul Hunsberger was born in Wilmer, near New Strasburg, Ont., on December 25, 1853, died December 20, 1907, at his home near Dundee, Ont., aged 72 years, 10 months and 2 days. The funeral service was held in the Blenheim Mennonite M. H. The service was conducted by Elder Menno Cressman, Mennonite, in German, and by Elder John Wildung in English. Text, II. Cor. 11:1, in the German, and Heb. 9:27, 28, in English. He was buried in the Blenheim cemetery.

TRABER.—Bro. Frederick Traber, of 503 N. Randolph St., Philadelphia, Pa., died at his home, January 1, 1907. Burial took place at Mill Creek, Wexford, Ont., in the same cemetery where he was born. He was married about four years ago to a German woman. They had no children, but had five grandchildren, whom they loved very much. Funeral service, conducted by Bro. Fred. Bowers, of Sonderton, Pa., was held at his home on January 8, 1908. Interment took place in Hillside cemetery, Text—Philippians 1:20.

ROSENBERGER.—Bro. Aaron Rosenberger was born in Pennsylvania, December 4, 1856. He was married to Mary Detwiler, December 25, 1880; moved West in 1881. Died at the home of his brother, E. L. Rosenberger, at Hiawatha, Kans., December 13, 1907. Two daughters, Mary, widow of John Lilehak, Corning, Cal.; Beatrice, wife of John Y. Selas, Des Moines, la., were united to the home of the bride's parents, near Abilene, Kans., Bro. Ira Hosken and Sister Estella Grove were united in marriage by Minister R. E. Dickser, of Hiawatha, Kans., and a brother, E. A. Hosken, was born February 25, 1907. Bro. C. I. Linkey, of Donegal, Pa., officiated, Elder J. R. Zook, Elder Menno Cressman, Mennonite, in German, and by Elder John Wildung in English. They leave a husband, three daughters, and two sons. Funeral services and burial took place at Belle Springs M. H., conducted by Elder Millard G. Engle and Jacob N. Engle.

DONER.—Myrtle Gertrude Rachel, beloved daughter of Bro. Reuben and Sister Laura Doner, of Zelmanstake, S. S., died at her home on December 31, 1907, aged 1 year, 7 months and 6 days. She was born in Nottawa, Ont., May 22, 1906, and leaves to mourn her loss, father and mother and five dear sisters. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Wentworth. Interment in Zelandia cemetery.

"We lay thee in the silent tomb, Sweet blossom of a realm of day. We just began to view thy bloom, When thou wert called away."

"Friendship and love have done their last, And all thy sufferings o'er."

"O, who could wish thy longer stay, And see undying bliss."

ESHELMAN.—Sister Nancy B., wife of Bro. Samuel Eshelman, was born February 14, 1852, died December 21, 1907, aged 55 years, 10 months and 7 days. She had been a sufferer with paralytic strokes for some years, having had four within seven years. She lived with her husband for the last one and a half years, being almost entirely helpless. She leaves a husband, three sons and two daughters. She leaves a husband, three sons and two daughters, and friends. Funeral services and burial took place at Belle Springs M. H., conducted by Elder Millard G. Engle and Jacob N. Engle.

OBITUARIES.