Evangelical Visitor.

The Earth Shall Be Full of the Knowledge of the Lord as the Waters Cover the Sea.—Isa. xi. 9.

"Some trust in chariots and some in horses; but we will remember the name of the Lord our God."—Psa. 10:7.

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Experience.

As I have the opportunity this morning to write I will do so. I just received the welcome visitor this morning and read some experiences that kindled such love in my soul, and brought to memory the time when I made a start to live a better life than I had been doing in the past. I was young, but not too young to be full of mischief, so neither was I too old to do good. So I wanted to turn over a new leaf and live a different life.

I never will forget the first words I said at a love feast. First I can do nothing but weep; the sisters tried to encourage me and the brethren talked to me, and Bro. Jesse Eagle said, "Hettie, if you would say a few words you would feel relieved." All at once something within me said, "say I want to serve God as long as I live, it may go in the world as it will." I obeyed and then the devil tried to make me ashamed of the few words I had said, and I had to cry again. Some of the sisters advised me there I gave Satan away. He wanted to get ahead of me but I got ahead of him that time, and 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 loves me, for I can feel it in my soul. He has given me the promise that those who leave father and mother for his sake he will not cast away. O Jesus is so precious to me. Why am I so slow sometimes when I would have an opportunity to speak for him? But I sit and wait and listen to hear the others speak and often forget myself till the meeting closes, and then I see that I made a mistake. But so often someone just talks out of my heart that it seems to me they know just what I know and feel just the same. Well, maybe, still, if I would have something to encourage others even if it would be the same it would be a help. Even to say what Jesus has done for me for we all need the same Jesus. I know he has taken all my sins away, and has given me showers of blessing, that I could not tell. I often must wonder that Jesus had such mercy on me, but I have to think I was the only young girl in the neighborhood who came out in this plain way. Others, it seemed could take their pride along. I wanted to take the narrow way, and to give up all that could not enter in through the narrow gate. So I just obeyed in all that the Lord wanted me to, and I received a blessing every time where I obeyed. But to-day I have to feel that I have so much to learn, and I want to learn all the way along as God will help me. I know he will help me if I only will trust him. All that know the value of prayer, pray for me. I would like if the children would write again. I like to read their letters. Your sister,

HARRISBURG, Pa.  HETTIE PRITZ.

Notice To Those Interested in the Colony Proposition.

We are receiving quite an encouraging response to our colonization project. Quite a number of brethren, and even sisters, have written to me and Bro. Long, expressing their desire to see the promised land and, if found as represented, wish to be members of the party. We believe we should come to some understanding, and in order to do this I would ask that all those who have a desire to see the country write to me and give some definite time when they could make the trip to see the land, as I think it would be best if we could all go at the same time. After receiving these answers we can decided better when would be the most suitable time to make this general trip.

Abilene, Kansas. S. H. LENHART.

"I Don't Wish To Be Gloomy." Numbers imagine that a Christian is one who goes through life hanging his head, heaving sighs, drawing a long face, and looking very sanctimonious. This is one of the biggest, and, we fear, one of the most widely believed lies Satan ever coined. Real, lasting happiness is the portion of every believer. "Gloomy!" What is there in the gospel calculated to make one gloomy? Does it make a man "gloomy" to know that his sins are forgiven? Will it make one "gloomy" to be assured that he will never perish; and that he shall spend eternity with the Lord Jesus in glory? Will the condemned criminal who has been pardoned by his sovereign feel sad?

"Tis Jesus only that can give Sweetest pleasures while we live; "Tis Jesus only can supply Solid comfort when we die.

The only one who has a right to be happy is the Christian—he and he only being delivered from the bondage of sin, death, and judgment.—Selected by Francis Baker.
The little while has lasted long. It is one of the eternal God's little whiles. He does not measure time as we do. Israel's long night of dispersion, suffering and chastisement He calls "a small moment." "For a small moment have I forsaken thee; but with great mercies will I gather thee. In a little wrath I hid my face from thee for a moment; but with everlasting kindness will I have mercy on thee, saith the Lord thy Redeemer" (Is. 54:7, 8). The little while has lasted long, but now for us it is indeed a little while for the midnight cry announcing the blessed Hope once more has long been heard and the wise virgins have risen and still arise to go forth to meet Him. Can there be a better message for God's waiting people at the threshold of the new year than the one contained in this message of the Holy Spirit! He will not tarry! He will come! He comes in a little while! It is the message the Spirit of God wants to impart to our hearts. He who has come and is with us to take of the things of Christ and show them unto us, who never speaks of Himself but of Christ, directs the hearts of the children of God as never before to the grand and glorious fact, the Hope of the ages, He is coming! The first time the Holy Spirit is mentioned in the Bible is when He hovers over the dark waters, brooding over, the hour of His coming cannot be far away. Peter's prophecy is being fulfilled where he says that in the last days scoffers shall come saying, "Where is the promise of his coming?" "Surely, I come quickly." "Even so, come, Lord Jesus." (a blessed type of the Holy Spirit), He is coming. "Come." Is it His "Come" not to the unsaved but to Him who is "the root and offspring of David, the bright and morning Star;" it is His "Come" to the Lord Jesus Christ. And "the Bride," the church is to join His glad word of welcome, "Come." It must be according to the Word of God, the last great work of the Holy Spirit, in and among the saints of God, to direct their hearts to the Coming One and produce in them a deep and intense longing for the Coming of the Bridegroom. Rebekah's journey towards the tent of her beloved Isaac, under the guidance of the faithful servant, who spoke to her of the unseen one (a blessed type of the Holy Spirit), must have been a long one. Perhaps the servant whispered to her "a little while," and as the meeting place drew nearer and nearer, he may have spoken to her of this fact, till the last moments of the journey of the bride to meet the bridegroom may have been taken up with constant assurances that Isaac is near and soon the chosen one would be with him. And then the journey was ended. The bridgegroom met his bride.

And so it is now. If God's Spirit is unhindered in us He will bring us into a closer, living touch with our adorable Lord and He will tell us the last great message, "He is coming" and create in our hearts a longing just for Him.

He will not tarry! A little while! He will come! Oh! make it real to us Lord Jesus Christ by the power of Thy Spirit. We are often repeating these words, we sing them, we read about thy Coming again and are so slow of heart to enter into all the blessed meaning of thy Coming. Make it real to us—a little while; He will not tarry!

Oh! the happy knowledge that the Coming One is our own blessed Lord, of whom each believing sinner can truly 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 Himself. 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 not 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 tarry—"
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 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."

"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 new eternal song,

"A little while"—twill 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 can we His purposes be known, The sufferings of this "little while."

"A little while,"—come, Savior, come! For Thee Thy bride has tarried long: Take Thy post 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 if 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 fever—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."

The Red Letter Combination Texter's Bible, No. 12R with Thumb Index, at $3.85, is really good value. We have been selling it for $3.50, but publisher's prices have been raised. The list price of this Bible at present is $6.00 ($5.50 without thumb index) and we are under necessity to increase the price from $3.50 to $3.85 ($3.50 without thumb index). Several recent purchasers of this Bible have expressed themselves as being highly pleased with the book. We would invite the attention of those who are looking for a good Bible to send for descriptive circular before buying elsewhere.

While, as previously announced, the subscription price to Canadian subscribers has not been increased because of the increased postage we have to pay, there is one here and there who feels to lighten the burden by sharing it, and sends a little extra towards the postage. We are very thankful to all such and would be pleased if there would be more. May the number increase.

Additional editorial on page 13.
PHILADELPHIA MISSION.—"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest mine head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever."—Ps. 23:1-6.

Christmas is again in the past, and we truly have reason to magnify the name of our wonderful God for what he has provided, through his dear children, the needs of so many. We could not make a dinner at the Mission as we had first intended to do, because some of the things came in so late; so we all agreed to make up baskets and distribute to the homes. We thought it best after all, and fathers and mothers and those that could not come were able to enjoy their Christmas along with the children. We made up forty-seven baskets.

We thank God for what he has been doing for us here at this place, and know if we have faith in him he will provide. "Faith without works is dead," just as dead as the body without the spirit. On Wednesday afternoon we had our Sunday-school children at the Mission and gave them their candy and oranges. We have one hundred and twenty-five scholars.

On December 28 we baptized a brother who is lying very low with consumption. He desired to be baptized before he died. So we got a cab and his brother and myself wrapped him up in blankets, carried him to the cab, brought him to the Mission and Bro. S. G. Engle baptized him in the bath-tub, and after it was over we again took him home and put him to bed, from which he will never again rise. He was very happy after being baptized and we believe he is saved. Such is our profession.

We wish to be true to God and our calling. Pray for us. We are yours, in Christ Jesus.

J. R. and Anna Zook.

EVANGELICAL VISITOR.

January 15, 1908.
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 girls and we will be glad to, enjoy the wagon we will thank them and the Lord 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. The husband of the family has a baby five months old, and three older children. She has a very hard way of life. Our sister in Jesus, Mrs. Effie Whisler, came down to Philadelphia to see her, through the kindness of Rev. Dr. R. A. T. Whisler, President of the Union Missionary Society. Mrs. Whisler sent her an old bed to make a cradle for the baby, a bundle of clothes, and a strength of money. Mrs. Whisler also sent a letter of encouragement and some Scriptural promises, which were very much appreciated by the family.

DEAR ONES, I WISH YOU COULD VISIT THIS ONE HOME: POVERTY IS STARING THEM IN THE FACE. NEARLY EVERYTHING YOU LOOK AT IS BROKEN OR WORN OUT. WHEN WE LEFT THERE SHE ASKED US TO SEE THE HUSBAND OF THE FAMILY, AS HE IS A MOURNING MAN WITH A SICK MIND. SHE HAD THE BABY CONFIDENTLY, AND THE CHILDREN SEEMED TO BE IN GOOD HARMONY WITH EACH OTHER.

ANNA B. EISENHOWER, Secretary.

HARLING, KANS.—According to previous arrangements, Bro. H. L. Trump, from Polo, Ill., came to our assistance, December 7, and began a series of meetings on the 8th. Services were conducted nightly until Saturday, 21st, when a preparatory service was held in the afternoon, and in the evening the sufferings and death of the Master were again brought to our minds by the usual commemorative service. Bishop J. N. Engle, from Abilene, Kansas, was with us over these services, also Sunday morning and night. Bro. Trump continued with us Monday and Tuesday nights and on Wednesday forenoon, December 30, held a Christmas service, which was the close of the meetings.

The word was held forth in love and much wisdom. The meetings were not largely attended, for reasons best known to the Master of assemblies. Faithfully did our brother labor. The results were: Five children and one old father desired to follow the Lamb. We believe in the next labors for the Master. May God bless the seed sown and direct us in caring for the tender plants.

YOUR SISTER IN JESUS,

S. B. STONER.

CARLISLE, PA.—The dedication service of the Union M. H., held Sunday morning, December 29, 1907, was a very pleasant and encouraging service, the house being filled, with perhaps a hundred in the mail and forty dropped out, so we felt led to start a fund for this purpose, and we want to say, any of the saints who will gladly help us to buy this house, or will send us more who were not able to secure even standing room inside the door.

Elder J. Wert delivered a profitable and encouraging sermon from Haggai 2:9, followed by brief addresses by Rev. Wolf, Rev. Brehm and Rev. Staub.

The debt being cancelled with a small surplus, the church was then solemnly dedicated by Elder Wert. We trust that as we go forth, this house shall be greater than the former, may be true in the case of this house, and that many precious souls may be safely brought into the fold.

J. W. NIESELY.

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 do not feel 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; ye 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." Praise the Lord!

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PRAY FOR US THAT DURING THE COMING YEAR WE MAY WALK OBEYDIENTLY 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, and with 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 the victory, and were not in touch with the said, and did not enjoy the full liberty, as God intended by his mercies, they became searching for the full victory over sin (including the ministerial as well as lay members) which was some what a barrier to the progress of the meetings. But the convicting Spirit did its office work and helped the sinners express 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 24.

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 those were the outstanding missionaries, Bro. Jesse Wenger and wife, and Mary E. Hissey, Orvie Herr, elected lately to the ministry, and wife, and Elie Linkey, from Clark county; Harvey Rohrer, Elsie Hoke, Anna Cassell 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 blessing be upon them and may they become searching for the full victory over sin, 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. HERSELY.

GORMLEY, ONT.—On December 1, 1907, a series of meetings was commenced at the Heise Hill M. H. Our dear Bro. Girvin Beards of Ridgeway, Ohio, 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, his Spirit was working in the hearts of the people—prodding them to pray, to believe, and to be saved.

The interest and attendance continued to increase right along so that all individuals were made to realize that the meetings were a benediction to them. In all about twenty arose for prayer; some of them have found Christ precious in the pardon of their sins. May all seek until they find. Then too God's Spirit was present in the sanctuary of souls. It was truly a benediction to us. One man said, 'I have been a sinner for twenty years.' There were many who had grown cold. May we all present our bodies a living sacrifice to God. Amen.

We wish for 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, in the work of God and our Father, 'To whom be glory for ever and ever.'

T. S. DUNN.

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. We desire to praise God for all his 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.) What grace! there is no failure on God's part. Our God be praised and thanked.

A week ago, we had the pleasure of welcoming our brother Rev. Arthur Taylor, a co-laborer in the work here. He arrived safely and willing to take hold of the work at once. Already he has placed his hand to the work.

We thank God some are obeying the last
OUR CONTRIBUTORS.

The Christian's Bank.

I have a never failing Bank,
A more than earthly store,
No earthly Bank is half so rich;
How then can I be poor?
'Tis when my stock is spent and gone,
And I without a groat,
I'm glad to hasten to my Bank
To get a little note.

Sometimes my Banker smiling, says
Why don't you oftener come?
And, if you have a large note
Why not a larger sum?

Why live so niggardly and poor?
Your Bank contains a-plenty.
Why come and take a one-pound note
And when you draw a little note
I'll live upon my cash to-day.

Yes! twenty thousand, ten times told
Is but a trifling sum
When you might have a twenty?

Sometimes my Banker giving me more
Than asked for, or expected.

Sometimes I felt a little proud,
I managed things so clever;
But all! before the day was gone
I felt as poor as ever.

I know my Bank can never fail,
Its funds, always the same,
The Firm, "Three persons in one God,"
It's when my stock is spent and gone,
No earthly Bank is half so rich;
The Firm, "Three persons in one God,"
To what you Father has laid up;
I know my Bank can never fail,
And, if you have but one small note
There's none but those beloved of God.

Though thousands often say
These notes belong to you.
Kings and nobles, bishops and priests
Could not refuse the notes of God.

Some say, "We have no notes at all;"
But few, promises are good without
Life, limb and property are safe, per­
centage of criminality is low, divorces
in the Church of England, and has protected the country from the liquor traffic.

We read of one young man indeed,
His name was never found.
But see the wretched dying thief
Hung by the Banker's side!

This is a poem about the benefits of having a bank and trusting in God. It emphasizes the reliability and abundance of a bank, and the assurance of a safe haven in God. The poem illustrates the idea that God is a better bank than any earthly one, as He never fails and is always there to support those in need.

The poem also touches on the idea of having faith and trust in God, as it can provide a safe haven and protection from the dangers of the world. It encourages believers to seek refuge in God and to have faith in His provision and protection.

The poem is a call to action, urging readers to come to the bank (a metaphor for seeking refuge in God) and to trust in God's provision. It highlights the benefits of having faith and trust in God and the assurance that He will always be there to provide support and protection.

The poem is a beautiful example of how literature can be used to convey spiritual messages and encourage faith and trust in God. It also serves as a reminder of the importance of seeking refuge and protection in the face of life's challenges and difficulties.
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.)

How the Lord Dealt With Mo. (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 fall. 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 will give up all those things, anything Lord, just so you'll satisfy my longing soul." Thus, unconditionally, 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 wrapt 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. 23:39), 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, holly 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, believed 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 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 1:6, 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
Persons should select companions that vow. Such often end in disaster. Months when they proceed to take the been acquainted only a few weeks or persons so uniting should be well ac­quainted with each other; their life, taken too rashly and hastily. The CONSIDERATELY., I fear it is often matter. that two often he is left out of the no occasion for separation: yet I fear and whosoever shall marry her that is wife, saving for the cause of fornica­tion, 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 CONSIDERATELY. 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 mat­rimonial 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.” Character results from conduct. The years leave a deposit; the waving forests of geological eras long gone are seams of coal to-day. We have to live forever with the selves which we have made almost anything. What sort of a house am I building? A shop? a drinking-saloon? a home of animal lusts? a study? a temple? We make those with whom we as­ sociate 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. 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 back 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.” “Therefore 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 CONSIDERATELY. 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.
pleasant 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 on 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 Soulederton. We had blessed meetings at all of these places. Later we enjoyed a love feast at Mowererville, 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 Green-village, 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, offerings, and we pray all who have enjoyed the meetings greatly.

The brethren and sisters cut the shore-lines, and launched out into the world to come. We had blessed meetings at the Chambersburg Mission, with a good attendance and good interest. Eight souls came out to seek the Lord at these meetings and several, offerings, and we pray all who have enjoyed the meetings greatly.

Next we see a poor weak little stalk of corn. What does it profit him if 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 our own weaknesses and faults, 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 the Millennial Dawn teaching. (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, 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, but whether there be prophecies 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.

For the Evangelical Visitor.

Brotherly Love.

GEO. W. ASPER.

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, for my sake, and the gospel's; But he shall receive an hundred fold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, 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 price, the 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 catables. 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-month's 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; Well 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 cares, 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 billows 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 Wissmer.

Never did any soul do good but it came reader 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 practicer. 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.
God is a Spirit; and they that worship him must worship in spirit and in truth. 23 The Father seeth him, and he seeth the Father: howbeit the Father hath put all things under his power. 24 Ye believe in God; believe also in me. 25 There is one thing which I do not know; what I shall do at the last I know not. 26 Jesus saith unto her, Go, call thy husband, and come hither. 27 The woman answered and said, I have no husband. Jesus saith unto her, Thou hast said well; thou hast called me Master and Father: thou art not wrong. 28 Then saith she, I know that Christ is come that is called Messiah; when he is come, he will declare unto us all things. 29 Jesus saith unto her, I am he, that is called Messiah. 30 She hath taught many; and he that taught her had been a Jew. 31 When the Jews therefore were come again, they took away the stone where Jesus lay. 32 And his disciples remember that last say unto him: Lord, where is thy grave? 33 Jesus therefore said unto them, Have ye now believed? 34 And be ye careful; for they will give a dog the bone, and not one for them. 35 So Jesus, when again he showed the disciples the bread, and the fish, gave thanks, and brake and gave it to the disciples. 36 Then the disciples took away out of the basket twelve baskets full of the broken bread and the fishes. 37 And the multitude stood, when they had eaten, and were filled. And they took up out of the fragments seven baskets full of the left over of the broken bread. 38 And they that had eaten were about five thousand men, beside women and children. 39 And he sent the multitude away, and took boat again by himself alone with the twelve. 40 And they also that were in the ship, came to the land, as he had received them.
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There is a story that has come down from the ancients, of one who went to Jacop to implore the petition that his enemies might be destroyed and he be led in the way of prosperity. He was informed that his requests would be granted as soon as he was fit to receive the favors asked. "Go thy way," said the king of the gods, "and faithfully do what you think perfection requires and then you may make your victories, return to me, and I will bestow all that you ask." The suppliant went away sorrowful, but he followed the advice, curbed his fiery temper, subdued his passion, and the world rewarded him. It cost him many hard struggles, but at last he conquered, and returned in the attitude befitting the god. "Well," inquired Jove, "what do you now need?" "Nothing," replied the man, "except to thank you for the good advice given. I have no enemies, am at peace, and in the path of prosperity."—Sel.

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

The box from America also reached us.

After many years, when the news will flash through courts above; when the saints and angels sing the strain,

"Another soul is born again."

Now with thy mouth confess "LORD" and in thy heart believe his word, That God hath raised him from the dead— Thy soul shall be saved."—T. Robinson.

Selected by Frances Helley.
Besides what is given by our correspondents in regard to meetings being held here and there with varying success, we have learned of efforts being put forth not reported by our correspondents. The latest word we have of the meetings at Bethel, Kansas, to which reference was made briefly in these notes in last issue, is that the interest is still unabated, that souls are yet coming home to God. From Canton, Ohio, there comes the word of a meeting being commenced at Valley Chapel, Stark County, in which Elder J. N. Hoover, of West Milton, Ohio, is laboring. The report says that the plain gospel is held forth and sin is being located. It is hoped it will be confessed out and people get right with God. In Canada the Brethren are seemingly active. At Stevensville, Elder J. N. Engle, of Alaska, was expected to arrive last Friday and commence meetings. There are also meetings in prospect at Wainfleet later. Bro. S. R. Smith is engaged with the brethren in the Manor district, Lancaster county, Pa., and it is proposed to have a series of meetings here at Harrisburg, beginning on the 19th inst. Bro. H. O. Musser, of the Rapho district, labored at Fairland, Lebanon county, Pa., during part of December, and was expected to hold a meeting at Souderton, Pa., this month. No doubt there are other special efforts being made, and we wish there may be the success that God gives all along the line.

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 Visitors, but writing goes very hard with me. I cannot bring it to words as I would like to. I delight to read the testimonies of the brethren and sisters. It strengthens me on the 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 Visitor 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 is 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 House 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.

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, 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 WALPOLE 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 Shippensburg, 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. I hired a car 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 my prayer ingiving 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." Besides a number of homeless children, they took a homeless woman and child into the Home until otherwise arranged. "I was a stranger and ye took me in."

I visited all the brethren and sisters whom I have long known, and seemingly, they are endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bonds of peace. I was to the Sunday morning and evening services, and Tuesday evening prayer-meeting. It was a real feast of joy to me to meet with God's children. There are a goodly number of young who have said yes, to God. Among them are some of the Home children.

I am very much pleased with the Jabbok Home. Bro. Abraham and Sister Eisenhower manifest as much loving interest in the children as I see anywhere by parents, and, I think, is worthy of a word of praise and a helping hand by the church. They now have a comfortable house, but not yet well furnished. They move along strictly on the line of economy, and teach their children industry and economy, next to obedience to God and parents, and love and kindness and order among each other. "Whosoever receiveth one of these little ones in my name receiveth me."

"And whatsoever ye do unto the least of mine ye have done it unto me." Who would not like to hear, the blessed "Come in, ye have been faithful?"

My letter is getting long, but my thoughts are not nearly all written about that noble work here in this new State. They need help to carry on the work of caring for the family and providing food and clothing and general house work. They must get up early on Sunday morning to do all the work and get ready to go to Sunday-school and church services, and when they are ready to go their open, spring wagon, is so crowded when all are on that no one can be comfortable, and still less so when it rains. I wish we could show our interest in the work and make up a donation large enough to pay for a good, covered, large spring wagon for them, where the smaller children, at least, could be made comfortable to be taken to where they are taught the word and will of God. "O, the good we all may do, While our days are hastening by."

If one hundred persons give only one dollar each how soon a roomy wagon could be seen rolling along; filled with homeless, friendless, helpless children. I wonder if you could not get people interested to contribute toward getting a covered spring wagon? Let's try it.

I arrived at home Monday evening, feeling much benefited in soul and body, and am very glad I could once again visit and enjoy fellowship with the people of God. The weather was very pleasant, and the saints more so. May God keep us all in good health spiritually and watch between thee and me while we are separated one from the other.

Your sister,

AMANDA DEHNER.

(Note. Sister Wiebe promises to be one of the hundred to give one dollar towards the wagon as proposed by the writer of the above letter. Editor.)

Church Hymnal.

BENT. CASSEL.

It appears from articles published in the Visitor of recent dates on church hymnals, that the kind of notes to be used is still unsettled.

I am impressed to write for publication a few thoughts with reference to the note question, and probably offer some suggestions.

The kind of notes to be used in the hymnal is not by any means, the most important part to be considered. But, to my mind, the question of notes will mean more in the make up of the book, and the present needs than it may seem to some. It should be our aim to do what we can to avoid discord, so that our song service be in harmony, making melody in our heart to the Lord. Anyone who has learned to sing by shaped notes only, will have very little benefit from round notes, while those who have learned the round note system can make use of the shaped notes.

I agree with Brother Lesher in his article of January 1 number in the Visitor, under "More about Hymnals," that there should be a round and shaped note edition. If round notes only are used in the hymnal, it evidently follows that the decision of General Conference in 1907 on this question will be ignored, and cause dissatisfaction throughout the brotherhood. Should only shaped notes be used, the probability is that the dissatisfaction would be equally as great. To issue both round and shaped note editions will mean more dollars and cents. But best of all, it would mean unity throughout the Church on the note question. Which shall we have?

West Milton, O.
Foreign Mission Fund.
Report for November and December, 1907.

**General Fund.**
Zion dist., Kans., $84; Rosebank dist., Kans., $61.30; East Donegal dist., Pa., $29.55; Lykens Valley dist., Kans., Sunday-school, $34.14; Report for November and December, 1907. $2316.

**Missionary Goods.** Scythe sent to Africa; S. R. Smith, $25.07, H. Byer, Mich., $5; Sedgwick, Kans., Pa., $10; Jacob Lautenslager, Pa., $5; J. Mich., $5; Manor dist., Pa., $26; Brown Grater's Ford, Pa., Sunday-school, $13.75; Kans., $91.10; Angeline Snyder, $2; Henry Sr. Mary Zook, Pa., $1; J. S. Witmer, Schneider, Mich., $10; D. B. Harley, Pa., $5; Lebanon, Pa., $1; Philadelphia, Pa., $6.52; Grater's Ford, Pa., $1.50; Palmyra, Pa., $4.54; Lancaster, Pa., $4; Lebanon, Pa., $1; 50; Bro. Elias Bowers, of Souderton, Pa., was held at his home on January 8, 1908. Xeresturn took place in Hillsdale cemetery, Tex.—Philipsiana 1:21.

**Debts.**
Alvin Berry, 2 bu. apples and Christmas provisions; Simeon Sider's and D. V. Heise, provisions.

**Donation.**
Bro. Samuel Eshelman, was born February 14, 1834, died December 21, 1907, aged 55 years, having had four within seven years. Of the last one she suffered about four weeks, being almost entirely helpless. She leaves a husband, three daughters and two sons. Funeral services and burial took place at Belle Springs M. H., conducted by Bro. Millard G. Engle and Jacob N. Eshelman.

**OBITUARIES.**
ESHELMAN.—Sister Nancy B., wife of Bro. Samuel Eshelman, was born February 14, 1834, died December 21, 1907, aged 55 years, six months and 7 days. She was born a sufferer with paralytic strokes for some years, having had four within seven years. Of the last one she suffered about four weeks, being almost entirely helpless. She leaves a husband, three daughters and two sons. Funeral services and burial took place at Belle Springs M. H., conducted by Bro. Millard G. Engle and Jacob N. Eshelman.

**HUNSPERGER.**—Bro. Samuel Hunsperger was born in Wilmore, near New Berlin, Ohio, December 25, 1825, died December 20, 1907, at his home near Dundee, Ont., aged 72 years, 10 months and 20 days. The funeral service was held in the Blenheim Mennonite M. H. The service was conducted by Elder Menno Cressman, Memorig, in German, and by Elder John Wildtsong, in English. Text, II. Cor. 15:51, in the German, and Heb. 9:27, 28, in English. He was buried in the Blenheim cemetery.

**TRABER.**—Bro. Frederick Traber, of 3570 N. Randolph St., Philadelphia, Pa., died at his home, January 13, 1907. He was laid to rest on December 29, 1907, a little more than a week previous to his death. Funeral service, conducted by Bro. Fred. Bowers, of Souderton, Pa., was held at his home on January 8, 1908. Interment took place in Hillsdale cemetery, Tex.—Philipsiana 1:21.

**MARRIAGES.**
MOLHER—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.

**HICKERSON—ESHELMAN.**—Harvey E. Hickerson and Iva L. Eshelman were married at the home of the bride's father on Christmas day at 6 o'clock p. m., Rev. D. L. Grayhill officiating. The ceremony was performed in the presence of about forty invited guests, and after the marriage ceremony the contracting parties were heartfeltly congratulated by all present.

**Long—Hahn.**—On December 22, 1907, following an appropriate sermon on marriage, by Bro. L. A. Long, Bro. J. L. Long, eldest son of Sister Emma C. Long, of Lawrence, Kans., and Sister Emma Hahn, eldest daughter of Ernest Hahn, of Abilene, Kans., were united in holy wedlock at Bethany M. H., Thomas, Oklahoma, by Elder David R. Eyster.

**LINKEY—LAGRANGE.**—At the Gospel Temple, Fourteenth street and University avenue, Des Moines, Ia., December 25, 1907, Bro. C. L. Linkey, of Donnelsville, Ohio, and Sister Alma E. Lagrange, of Des Moines, Iowa, were united in holy matrimony by Elder J. R. Zook. They launch their connubial life with the prayers and well wishes of many saints and friends.

**ROSENBERGER.**—Bro. Aaron Rosenberger was born in Pennsylvania, December 1, 1885. He was married to Mary Detwiler, December 25, 1899; moved West in 1881. Died at the home of his brother, E. L. Rosenberger, at Hillsawa, Kans., December 13, 1907. Two daughters, Mary, widow of John Latheke, Cora., Cal.; Besie Zook, D. M., Hillsawa, Kans., Pa. R. D., San Fernando, Cal.; J. W. Fox, Gates Centre, Kans., Pa. R. D., E. L. Hiawatha, Kans., survive. He had a stroke of paralysis about two years ago. Had two or three since. The last one was forty-eight hours before he calmly fell asleep in Jesus. His brother testifies to his patience and faithfulness. An appropriate service was held at his request by Rev. W. G. Metzler, at the Baptist church. Funeral services were conducted by Bro. Fred. Bowers, of Souderton, Pa., at the home of his brother, on January 8, 1908, and the remains were laid to rest in the Blenheim cemetery.

**DONER.**—Myrtle Gertrude Rachel, beloved daughter of Bro. Reuben and Sister Laura Doner, of Zelienople, S. S., died at their home on December 31, 1907, aged 1 year, 7 months and 7 days. She was born in Nottawa, Ont., on May 22, 1906. Her death was mourned by her father and mother and the community in which she lived. Services were conducted by Rev. Wentworth. Interment in Zelandia cemetery.

"We lay thee in the silent tomb, "Sweet blossom of a day; "We just began to view thy bloom, "And pure, undying bliss."

**EVANGELICAL VISITOR.**

**Famine Heise, Clarence Center, N. Y., $3; col­
lection at Mission, $1.35.**

**RHEEMS—HOLLEY.**—Married, at the home of the bride's parents, near Abilene, Kans., to Bro. D. C. Holley, of Regina, Sask., to Sister Maggie A. Farmer, of Markham, Ont., Bro. T. S. Doner officiating.

**WILLSON—GROVE.**—On December 25, 1907, at the bride's parents', near Abilene, Kans., Bro. Ira Willsong and Sister Estella Grove were united in matrimony, by Bro. T. A. Long, Bro. J. I. Wilson officiating. The ceremony was performed in the presence of about forty invited guests, and after the marriage ceremony the contracting parties were heartfeltly congratulated by all present.