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THE MASTER'S QUESTIONS.

Have ye looked for sheep in the desert,
For those who have missed their way?
Have ye been in the wild waste places
Where the lost and the wandering stray?
Have ye trodden the lonely highway,
The foul and darkened street?
It may be ye'd see in the gloaming
The print of my wounded feet.

Have ye folded home to your bosom
The trembling neglected lamb,
And taught to the little lost one
The sound of the Shepherd's name?
Have ye searched for the poor and needy,
With no clothing, no home, no bread?
The Son of man was among them—
He had nowhere to lay His head.

Have ye stood by the sad and weary
To smooth the pillow of death,
To comfort the sorrow-stricken,
And strengthen the feeble faith?
And have ye felt, when the glory
Has streamed through the open door
And flitted across the shadows,
That I had been there before?

Have ye wept with the broken-hearted
In their agony of woe?
You might hear me whispering beside you,
"Tis the pathway I often go!"
My brethren, my friends, my disciples,
Can ye dare to follow me?
Then, wherever the Master dwelleth,
There shall the servant be.

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OUR MOTTO

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DO WE HAVE TOO MANY MISSIONARIES?

By P. J. WIEBE.

In almost every movement there are those who fear the work will be overdone, that it will be carried to extremes and that the church will go beyond her means.

Missionary work is no exception. People fear we will overdo it and run the church into debt. But what are the conditions? Let us consider a few of them and we shall see that we must answer the above question positively in the negative.

In the Visitor of Oct. 21 there were two calls for help, one from Texas and one from Oklahoma. Quite frequently as we peruse the religious papers we notice the call for workers, sometimes the Macedonian cry is repeated and nobody seems to respond. In the city missions, in the orphanages, in other institutions, and in the foreign fields workers are needed. As we look at these conditions we come to the conclusion that we do not have too many missionaries, but we need many more.

It is with a feeling of gratitude that we look up to God and thank him for the wonderful way in which He has blessed the attempts of the church in mission work. And yet when we consider how little we have done in comparison with what remains to be done it ought to urge us on to greater efforts. We have established missions in a few of the cities, have a few mission stations in South Africa and a few in India, but what is that in comparison with the field? Jesus said, "The field is the world." Matt. 13: 38. Northern Africa is yet untouched, China, Korea and Japan are open to mission work, yet we do not have a single missionary in any of these countries. Mexico, Central and South America are badly in need of missionaries, yet nobody is ready to go to these needy fields. Besides the places mentioned there are many others badly in need of the gospel, and no one ready to carry it to them. The mission fields are

especially in need of missionaries who have completed a medical course. I repeat, we do not have too many missionaries.

Perhaps there are those who will agree that more missionaries are needed, but they cannot see where their support is to come from. If we examine the reports of the Foreign Mission Board we find the following:—In 1904 the total receipts were \$1,078.77. Ten years later in 1914, \$5,505.11, or more than five times as much as they were in 1904. In 1917 the total receipts were \$10,763.34 or almost double what they were three years before. If the receipts keep on doubling every three years there ought to be no lack of funds. But some doubting Thomas may fear that the money will not come in so fast after a while as it does now. There is no reason why it should not. Not only is the membership increasing, but people are becoming more liberal. There was a time in the history of the church when none, or at least only a few, gave the tenth to God. Now a number are doing it and find it a blessing. Once every member will give the tenth to the Lord (Mal. 3:10) the receipts will be still greater than today.

Before closing this article let me say a few words to the young people. Do you not feel the call to mission work? Will you not heed the call? Will you spend your time laying up treasures, when from so many places comes the cry for workers? Will you not say with Isaiah, "Here am I, send me"? "He that winneth souls is wise." (Prov. 11: 30) "They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever" (Dan. 12: 3).

Perhaps some of you are contemplating to enter the mission field, but think you can do so without much preparation. Others have thought so and found they were mistaken when they got on the field. A missionary should have a personal acquaintance with Jesus, Matt. 6: 33; Acts 4: 13;

should be filled with the Holy Ghost, Acts. 8:17; Eph. 5: 18; and should have a thorough knowledge of the scriptures, II Tim. 3: 15. Besides these qualifications a missionary needs a good education. A certain missionary writing to his friends in this country said. "The best education that a missionary can have is not too much." How many missionaries have entered the field and when they got there found that their education was entirely insufficient for the work before them. Time spent in preparation is not wasted. Above all take Eph. 6: 13-18.

Yours for the lost of earth.

La Verne, California.

FROM LYKENS VALLEY DISTRICT, MILLERSBURG, PA.

A series of revival meetings was held in the Free Grace Church, opened on Nov. 24th, continued two weeks. Eld. David Brehm from Hummelstown conducted the meetings, who labored with power, trying to explain to the people the necessity of turning to God and leading a Christian life, keeping aloof from worldliness and obeying the commandments according to the teaching of the Word. But the people in our day love the praise of men more than the praise of God. Yet we are glad that one made a start to serve the Lord.

The brethren in our district have seen it proper that the ministry should be strengthened. Bish. Henry Hofer from Manheim, Lancaster Co. being present, the votes taken, the lot fell on Bro. Jacob W. Keefer, a son of Eld. John A. Keefer, who was fully ordained to the ministry on December 15th. Bro. Keefer was formerly one of the deacons, thus it became necessary to have a second election for a brother to fill the vacancy. Bro. Abram B. Lauver was elected to fill this office.

May God inspire these brethren with grace, and power and wisdom from above to the saving of souls and that the church may be edified is our prayer.

J. D. K.

EDITORIAL

"Howbeit this kind cometh not out by prayer and fasting." This number of the Visitor might well be called our missionary number as we have some encouraging mission reports, and two excellent articles on the extension of our missionary enterprise, which ought to cause an intense longing in every heart to launch out as never before in spreading the gospel where the soil has not been trod by the feet of him that publisheth "Good tidings of Peace."

We can scarcely pick up a paper of any kind these days but what there is considerable space devoted to "After the War" aims, and we can well ask ourselves the question, "After the War, What?" We are aware that the world has gone through many changes and the "Melting pot" is producing conditions and pouring out conditions which have heretofore been unknown.

The secular press is busied with the thought and hope of better political and economic conditions after the final settlement of peace: the expansion of foreign trade and the building of memorials at home. The agricultural papers are occupied with securing higher prices and better conditions on every line for the farmer, fruit and stock raiser. The industrial and trade periodicals are planing for shorter hours and increased pay; freedom of speech and the establishment of socialistic ideas. The religious press is discussing the possibility and advisability of church federation: the problem of interesting the returned soldier in religion: The Boy Scout Movement: and many other things. It is not our purpose now, to discuss the merits or demerits of these various movements; but we desire by the grace of God to point out a few things that we believe are vital to the progress of Christ's kingdom in the hearts of men.

The changes which have been wrought in many religious circles are astounding. Before the war many churches held as vital and essential certain doctrines which were considered as part of the Christian faith, but which the test of earthly patriotism quickly annulled. The almost universal acceptance of "trench salvation;" the preaching of a righteousness without blood; the lost sense of the holiness of God and with it a lost sense of sin, resulting in degraded morals, social evils and horrible debauchery are some of the conditions which face the church of Christ today. Before the war the religious world was busy with the teaching of higher ethics; a doing away with the outward effects of sin; and many declared that a world-war was almost an impossibility because of the advanced stage of civilization, but experience has proven differently. We have not only witnessed a world-war but devastation, debauchery and atrocities which are almost unbelievable. Nor

has this great calamity in any wise humbled men's hearts before God, but as in most instances infidelity has and is following the war.

We are reminded of the time when Jesus descended the mount of transfiguration and found the nine disciples unable to cast the evil spirit out of the young man brought to them. Undoubtedly they used all the forms known to them to effect such cures but without success, and when they asked Jesus why they could not cast him out, after He had done so with a word, He replied that it took faith as a grain of mustard seed, and added that a most important reason of their failure "Howbeit this kind cometh not out but by prayer and fasting."

This, in a large measure, is a picture of today. The church is confronted with masses which seem to be torn, vexed, and thrown into the fire and water of earthly ambition, greed, lust, pleasure and avarice; and with all the multitudinous religious forms and systems, she is unable to cope with the situation. In other words she is unable to "Cast him out."

It is not hard to stir up religious and missionary discussion. It is no great task to secure and adopt Twentieth Century methods and forms for the advancement of religious movements and churchanity. It is no longer impossible to appeal to the rank and file of professing people to give silver and gold for charitable religious purposes, and to have them respond freely. It is however well nigh impossible to appeal to the majority of professing people to fast and pray for a revival of real salvation. And yet we are fully convinced that it is the only remedy. "There are more things wrought by prayer than this world dreams of;" and the only hope of an "After the War" REVIVAL, a REVIVAL before Jesus comes, is for the church of Christ to repent of its failure and neglect to render to Christ her most sacred service, and enter into deep, loving, believing and untiring intercessory prayer,—yes to fast and pray.

It is prayer that has opened up rivers and seas. It has broken down city walls and overthrown armies; caused the sun to stand still and stopped the mouths of lions. It has healed the sick and raised the dead. It has been the cause of every God blest revival in all the ages, and is still the key that will unlock the store house of God's mercy and grace and bring heaven's best to earth's starving millions. To fast and pray rightly means sacrifice,—a sacrifice not pleasing to the flesh, but one which brings a sweet sense of holy joy to the soul. It creates an inner sense of hatred towards sin and an intense tender compassion for the sinner.

There is much to encourage us to pray. The promises are all in our favor. They are, "Ask what ye will and it shall be done unto you;" "Whatsoever ye ask of the Father **in my name** He will give it you;" "If ye abide in me and my words abide in

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"AN EARNEST REMINDER."

By I. O. LEHMAN.

To those who are fully alive to the great issues and developments of these great days in which we are now living. Christian friends I desire to have a good word with you because this is upon my heart. This early morning as I was in fellowship and devotion before our loving Lord, the burden was put on my heart to pen a few words for our church paper.

The thought of the present great task of the **True Church** of Christ was pressed upon my heart. Oh! how urgent the earnest Call comes to all who are really Christ's, that they contribute their full portion, both of responsibility to pray earnestly and to act intelligently, so that the earnest call that now comes to the Church may be fully responded to and accomplished. Many a father and mother, members of our church have hearts filled with joy today. Oh, how glad they are that their sons can now come home as the war is over. Surely we join with you and share your delight, but then there comes the thought, the great need of asking God to call your sons into His service to be soldiers of the cross of Christ. That your sons may be given fully to God that He may have them for His work of carrying the gospel of His Son to the far away lands. How many are saying Lord you may have my son, I want to do all I can to help him get the equipment to fit himself for the **Mission Work**.

Beloved, you who have had sad and heavy hearts when your son or sons were drafted into the National Army, perhaps then you wished in your hearts that he would go as a missionary. Now as he comes home to you again will you think of your **earnest wish** and earnestly desire that God may help you to encourage him to think of giving himself and his service, the strength of young **manhood** for the great and noble work of carrying the glad news of Christ's salvation to those

who are still bound and in heathen darkness?

My heart is stirred today as I think of the many homes where their **son** or **sons** will never come home again. They answered their nation's call, they fell in the battle of the fierce conflict. Their place in the home is vacant, their lives have been sacrificed. Many a mother feels a deep sense of pain because her dear son has been separated from her, but she has a far greater consciousness as she thinks of his bravery (?) especially as she now enters into the celebrations of the victory won; she does not look upon her loss, she sees too much gain. Oh, dear ones, if loyalty to one's nation can produce such conditions, what should not loyalty to Christ and His dear cross **create**? Why is there not more homage done to the great cause for which Christ gave Himself as

SCHOOL NOTES.

Bro. J. R. Zook began evangelistic services on the 12th of January. God is honoring the effort in converting and sanctifying power. A number of the students have chosen to accept the Lord in His fullness. While we as a school are aiding the youth in mind training and development we believe that spiritual things should have the first place and that the regenerated person by the power of the Holy Ghost is the best type of character and the best fitted for a useful life in this world and the only means of a hope for a blissful future life in heaven.

The requests for programs and lodging quarters for the coming Bible Conference (Jan. 18-26) would indicate a good attendance. We trust it may serve as a spiritual oasis in the life of all who may be privileged to be present at the various sessions.

The large student body has required the major portion of the school building for their accommodation. The members and friends in the community have heretofore and will again assist in caring for the guests that may come.

the great sacrifice? The local minister must feel the great stirrings of the spirit of Christ so as to earnestly appeal to his members to consecrate themselves for the mission cause, especially the young brethren should be encouraged to volunteer for some definite line of mission work.

Where are our young brethren that have heard the irresistible call of God to enter His service? There are many calls for help to fill responsible positions. All our missions in Africa are needing strong young brethren who are not afraid of hard toil. Who will read these lines and say, "Here am I Lord. Send me! Send me!" God needs you: will you respond to His call? I want to again appeal to the manhood of our Brotherhood, and ask will you respond, will you give yourself for the work of missions?

There should be at least twenty young men who will respond right now. Who will be one of the twenty?

G. P. O. Sydney, Australia.

Aug. 14, 1918.

AN APPEAL FOR HELP.

Come over into Macedonia and help us (Acts 16:9).

Inasmuch as we have been compelled to give up our work at the Mt. Carmel Orphanage, of Morrison, Ill. because of the ill health of Sr. Hoke; and since Bro. and Sr. Stump are relieving us until spring only, there is therefore an urgent need for a man and wife to take up the work.

We regret very much to make this announcement, because we always loved the work and we fully intended to return to the work in the spring, when we left in Oct., but the Lord seems to have planned otherwise; we therefore commit it to Him who never makes any mistakes and trust He will supply the need.

Address all communications to Bro. John A. Barwick, Coleta, Ill., Pres. of the Board of Trustees.

H. W. and Elizabeth Hoke.
Pleasant Hill, O. Dec. 24, 1918.

TO OUR BELOVED FELLOW LABORERS IN THE GOSPEL.

"I will praise thee, O Lord with my whole heart; I will show forth all thy marvelous works." This note of praise expresses what we feel in our hearts in a few words and therefore pass it on. We have many things to praise the Lord for. The first and greatest are the spiritual. There are many that are a proof of the Lord's presence. Without Him we would be worse than nothing. He speaks to us encouragingly in times of trial, and reproves us when we make mistakes, and pours in upon us many rich blessings for which we cannot thank Him enough. How precious, yea, how glorious is this service of the Lord! The longer we are in it, the better we love it. There are hardships and trials to be borne, but the joy in the service more than repays for all these.

We have just heard that our last open letter has reached you safely. Mails are uncertain and we fear that some of our letters to the home lands have been lost as well as some of the mail coming this way. The longest wait we have had between mails coming to us was recently, from July 26 to September 16. However we do not complain even at that, but are thankful to get it though late. If any of our readers have written and do not hear from us, then know that the above is the reason, and write again, for we write to all that write to us. It is a great encouragement to hear from you.

Up to the present the health of the missionaries has been very good, with the exception of Sister Landis who was taken with the fever in the month of July. She is now at the hill recuperating. The rest of us remained on the plains this hot season, but each has had a change in a couple weeks visit to friends. The hot season was severe at times, but it has been hotter some other years. The rainy season is about over too, but it has not given the rain required for a good crop. From the reports we get from other parts of India, there are prospects for a severe famine in various places. They have not had sufficient rain for even the sowing of seed. What awful

suffering this will mean. Pray with us that even at this late hour it may be averted by some means or other. God's best be yours is our prayer. Amen.

We remain yours for God and India.
D. W. Zook.

What have we been doing these six months of heat and rain? Well, we have been trying to do what we could in our respective stations for the Christians under our care. Our village work has been of the Sunday school character. We have five interesting schools now going besides the regular one at our Mission Chapel. For the greater part of the year we have been holding services for the Europeans of the place, every two weeks, which have been quite well attended for Adra. Railway people are usually poor church goers.

We have built a chapel at each of our main stations. The one here at Adra, was finished and dedicated Aug. 4, and the one at Raglumathpur is ready for dedication. We began our Bible school for the Indian helpers on the 6th of August and continued it up to the end of the month. From Sept. 1st to 5th was our convention. Both were times of great blessing to all who attended. As a teacher in the school and preacher in the convention, we had with us a Bro. J. A. D. Klian of the Church of God mission, who was made a great blessing to all. This brother we met when we first came to India over twenty years ago. He and a few other brethren were the only holiness workers we knew on this side of India for many years.

Since our last writing three more have been taken into the fold of Christ by baptism. The first was a young man who was converted through the reading of a portion of scripture at the railway station from our colporteur. He seems very happy since receiving the Lord. The two others were the young man and his wife referred to in our last letter. On account of their illiteracy it took them some time to understand and get into real saving relations with the Lord. Thank God for these.

The cool winds from the north have begun to blow and we are now planning to make good this coming season in evangelizing the multitudes. When this reaches you, we will be in the midst of our touring work. Please pray with us that we may see great things accomplished for the Lord. May

LET'S DO IT.

In the December issue of the Visitor attention was called to the fact that there remained \$1300 yet to be paid on the Des Moines Miss. indebtedness, and that the money ought to be raised by Jan. 15, 1919. Now the date was a mistake as the time limit is Mar. 1, 1919. Bro. Shockey wishes to state that his pledge (to pay \$100 toward it if the remainder was raised) will stand till Mar. 1. There is about \$1040 yet to be paid. LET'S DO IT.

LET'S DO IT.

Mention was made by J. R. Zook in the report of his evangelistic trip to Texas that Eld. T. A. Long was badly in need of an auto to take proper care of that large field in Southern Texas.

This part of Texas seems to be a fertile field for mission work and as Bro. Long put in ten years of untiring pioneer work, he ought to be encouraged. They can use an auto the year round as they have no winter. A good brother made an urgent appeal that the project be pushed and the money raised, and pledged \$25 toward it. How easily enough could be raised for a Ford car if we all would pull together; or like a man I know in another church who saw one of their ministers in need of an auto, purchased one for him. I know this man, and he is just a farmer of moderate means, but he is farming for the Lord. Forward all money and pledges to Joe. M. Eshelman, Sedgwick, Kansas.

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On account of a slip in the transfer arrangements the dates on the labels of those renewing their subscription prior to this date, will hardly be changed until the first or second issue in February. **HAVE YOU RENEWED YET? IF NOT, DO SO NOW! WE WANT TO REVISE OUR MAILING LIST.**

OUR SOUTHERN MOUNTAINEERS.

There is a considerable section of our country where the conditions of our people (especially of the children) are so deplorable as to beggar description. It is the mountain region known as the Southern Appalachians. A great number of the inhabitants are insufficiently housed, and they do not get enough wholesome food or sufficient clothing. Their children do not go to school, either because they do not care to send them, or for the very good reason that in many localities there are no schools; and where there are schools, the average term is only four months of the year, and the teachers are usually poorly qualified. There are localities where these people have intermarried, increased, and multiplied to such an extent, with no opportunity of making a living, that they are degenerating under the effects of poverty and isolation.

In saying this I do not include the entire region, for there are fine people among these mountains, who have good valley farms, and who grow an abundance to eat and clothe themselves well, even tho' they may not have adequate transportation facilities for the marketing of their crops. And there are mountain farmers who have transportation facilities, and who work and make money with varying degrees of success, as do people elsewhere. But poor people of the mountains, to whom I shall refer chiefly in this article, live in localities that are too densely populated, and that are economically uninhabitable.

I am able to state these facts of my own knowledge because I spent the better part of two years investigating the conditions for the United States Government. I carried on the investigation over a large territory, making a house-to-house visit among the people, and recording upon printed blanks or schedules all the conditions under which they were found to be living, with the amount of their crops, land cultivated, food consumed,

and total earnings, and total income and expenditures for the year.

The section of our country where these conditions exist includes a mountainous region of nine states, with a population, according to the census, exceeding the combined population of Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, Arizona, Utah, Nevada, Idaho, Washington, Oregon, and California. This region has thousands upon thousands of physically and mentally fit people but there are entire localities in these mountains, and many of them, containing populations that are mentally and morally and physically degenerating from the lack of opportunity.

It was not always easy to find this class of people. To a traveler on the railroads and on the highways, there was always the good class of farming people in evidence; and, until I learned their ways, they always refrained from saying much about the extreme poor class. I was assigned to study the conditions of the people on the farms.

I believe it is due to Dr. Charles Wardell Stiles, of hookworm fame, that the special investigation which I carried on was undertaken. At that time I knew absolutely nothing about the conditions of the mountain people. My particular field of investigation was the mountains of Tennessee, North and South Carolina, Georgia and Alabama. With my headquarters most of the time at Ashville, N. C., I spent the summer of 1907-1908 and the following spring, until summer, in the mountains, journeying east into the Piedmont region of North Carolina, south into South Carolina, west to the borders of Tennessee and Georgia, and north into Tennessee, and thence into the Great Smoky Mountains both north and south.

In order to get at the people and study them in their homes, a great deal of this traveling had to be done on horseback and in mid-winter. I found families without poultry, without eggs, without milk or butter, and without sugar or molasses or sweets of any kind.

And I found the young children of these families (as young as three years) chewing tobacco because it assuaged the pangs of hunger, and mothers giving tobacco to their babies because "it stopped their yelling."

I have been in cabin after cabin having only one room, in which the entire family lived, cooked, slept, and ate, without any other furniture than their rude beds, a few broken chairs, and a rickety table. I found in such cabins, six, eight, ten, and even sixteen children and grandchildren growing up in ignorance, vice, and in many instances in crime. I found families without the simplest articles of civilization, such as a looking-glass, a comb, a brush, or a wash-basin.

Picture to yourself a solitary log cabin, without windows or porch, on a little patch of land capable of producing only a few bushels of corn; and picture in one of the cabins the haggard old mother and the broken-down father sitting by the fire-place chewing tobacco all day long, with eight or ten children, long-haired and dirty, scattered about—and you have a typical picture of the "farm" and of the family of the uninhabitable places. When you see one of these "farms" for the first time, you may ask, Where is the barn? Barn! There is not a barn, not even a chicken-coop, for miles around.

To get a more precise view of exact conditions, let us start from the top of any one of the many mountain spurs in this vast region. We are on the divide. At our feet there is a tiny stream. As it increases in volume our descent begins. On our left we see a little cabin in a sloping "pocket" of land. It is surrounded by rocks and cliffs on three sides, with the mountain stream separating it from us and our trail. The cabin is a miserable structure of upright boards with great open cracks and nothing to keep out the cold. If the sun is shining and the day fairly warm, we may see a group of children scattered about in the warm sunshine. They are bare-legged and

ragged. Inside are rude and filthy beds, rickety chairs and table, coffee-pot, frying-pan, and battered water-bucket; that is all. In such a cabin as this you will not find a looking-glass, a wash-basin, or a comb; and the "farmer," if he is at home, will tell you that he "made forty bushels of corn," last season, which was not enough to do him.

As we continue our journey down the mountain we come to more of the cabins; and, as a rule, they become a little better in appearance, and the "farmer" may tell us that he "made a right smart corn last year and enough to do him." Now, we come to a cabin with a porch, where there are wooden pegs driven into the wall, and on the pegs are clothing, harness for a bull, and, perhaps, a looking-glass with a wash-basin under it. Perhaps this cabin has a crib and a few out-buildings.

As we get near the foot of the mountain the country begins to open out before us; fields give place to the little pockets of land which we have passed, and the mule and the horse take the place of the harnessed bull. The rude cabins develop into houses, and the fields into well-cultivated farms with out-houses and stock. And it is here that we get a good meal of home products, while we talk to the good type of mountain farmer, who rears his children well, and sends them off to school to be educated.

It is not with any desire to criticize the poor people of the mountains that I write. My criticism of conditions does not apply to those localities where there are good farms and lands capable of development, and where there is a sturdy farming class of citizens, as true and worthy a people as are to be found anywhere. But the cow-dwellers are living in a really desolate country.—Selected by Isaac Engle.

"China has over 400,000,000 people—and less than one person out of 400 who are even making a pretension to Christianity."

DES MOINES MISSION.

Report for December 1918.

Balance carried over from November, \$55.80.

RECEIPTS.

Bro. and Sr. Emanuel Winger, Stevensville, Ont., \$10; Annie Scwend, New Danville, Pa., \$1; Rebecca Winkler, Smithville, O., \$2; Mary Macklin, Gormley, Ont. \$1; Susan Doner, Gormley, Ont., \$50; Mary Brenner, Smithville, O., \$2. Total, \$72.30.

EXPENDITURES.

Water for one quarter, \$4.37; electricity, \$2.14; gas \$3.08; groceries, \$39.50; flour, \$3.50; fruit, \$2; incidentals, \$8.50. Total, \$63.08.

Balance in hand, \$9.22.

From the Lincoln S. S., Delisle, Sask., \$25 for Christmas dinners for the needy. Quite a number were made happy by this gift. "He that giveth to the poor lendeth to the Lord."

Two fine, well dressed, chickens and a good sized roll of most excellent butter were sent by Bro. A. J. Heise and wife, Brown Co., Kansas to the mission workers. It was a rare treat, for we had not tasted any butter for a long time. We are so thankful to you all who have so faithfully and liberally contributed to the work of the Lord at this place. Please continue to hold us up at a throne of grace.

Your unworthy servants in the field,
J. R. and Anna Zook.

CHICAGO MISSION.

Report for month ending Dec. 15, '18
Balance carried over, \$97.73.

RECEIPTS.

Bro. Mishler, New Paris, Ind., \$5; Alma Bollinger, Morrison, Ill., \$10; Congregation, Abilene, Kan., \$25; Carl Stump, New Paris, Ind., \$1; Abram Brechbill, Detroit, Kan., \$5; W. H. Kreider, Shannon, Ill., \$10; S. B. Herr, Cambridge City, Ind., \$5; Sr. Wagner, Ind., \$5; Bethel S. S., Detroit, Kan., \$30; Markham S. S., Gormley, Ont., \$12.31.

EXPENDITURES.

Table supplies, \$32.28; gas, 6.52; electric light for 2½ months, \$3.96; 2 bu. apples, \$7.50; love feast expenses, \$10.50; household incidentals, \$6.22.
Balance on hand, \$139.06.

OTHER DONATIONS.

Sr. Rellinger, New Paris, Ind., 2½ bu. onions; J. Yard, Avilla, Ind., two sacks flour and apples; H. L. Trump, Polo,

Ill., dried fruit and corn; J. Madison, Chicago, 10 lb. fish.

The language of our heart truly is that with the Psalmist, "Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me bless his holy name: Bless the Lord, O my soul and forget not all his benefits: who forgiveth all my iniquities: who healeth all my diseases: who redeemeth my life from destruction: who crowneth us with loving kindness and tender mercies."

We feel unworthy of all the blessing our heavenly Father bestows upon us. Truly we are responsible beings. According to our works we shall give account before God. Thus we are reminded of the importance of looking to God for guidance in our every day life. Amen.

We wish to thank all who have stood with us in the battle of the past month.

Yours in Him,

Sarah H. Bert and workers.
6039 Halstead St., Chicago, Ill.

LOVE FEAST AND ORDINATION.

Our dear friends:—

"As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the Lord is round about His people, from henceforth, even forevermore" (Psa. 125:2).

We have had an opportunity to prove the truth of the above scripture during the recent wide-spread epidemic when 7500 persons died in our city within six weeks. None of our immediate family were stricken and we therefore have much reason for thanksgiving to God, to Whom we give all the glory.

We had our Love Feast on Thanksgiving. We were glad to have with us Bish. Trump from Polo, Illinois, whose presence was made a blessing. Bro. William Smith was ordained into the Christian Ministry during the afternoon service. The day was stormy outside but we were honored by God's blessing and presence and our souls were refreshed as we gathered around the Lord's table to "remember His death until He come."

Our work continues under God's blessing. The attendance at all services is good, including the Sunday school. We have precious seasons in our prayermeetings and indeed such is

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RECEIPTS.

Balance in General Fund Dec. 1, 1918,	\$1019.19
Mechanicsburg S. S., Cumberland district, Pa.,	51.20
A Sister, Chambersburg, "	11.00
In His Name, Mechanicsburg, "	50.00
W. L. Kreider, Palmyra, "	50.00
Alice Shank, Rowena, "	10.00
A Sister, "	5.00
Omar Worman, Souderton, "	2.00
A Brother & Sister, Rapho District, "	100.00
Manheim S. S., Rapho District, "	31.00
Mt. Pleasant S., S., Rapho dist., "	36.44
Alex. M. Gaggart, Stayner, Ont.,	5.00
Jacob N. Engle, Abilene, Kans.,	100.00
A Brother & Sister, Abilene, "	50.00
C. N. Christenson, Mc Pherson, "	50.00
J. H. Wagaman, Waukena, Cal.,	50.00
Ethel Reighart, Troy, Ohio,	10.00
Russel Hoover, West Milton, "	10.00
Alice Maggart, Fletcher, "	2.50
Christian S. Herr, North Hampton, "	20.00
Jno. Rowland, Mansfield, "	10.00
Samuel Whisler, Ashland, "	50.00
Anna Scheaffer, Louisville, "	3.75
Sr. Joshua Stump, New Paris, Ind.,	10.00
Anna Shirk, Filer, Idaho,	10.00
Interest on Endowment,	85.50

SPECIALS.

Sr. David Engle, Mt. Joy, Pa., to Ruth Byers, 5.00

ARMENIAN & SYRIAN RELIEF FUND.

Leedy Congregation, Leedy, Okla.,	23.68
Montgomery District, Franklin Co., Pa.,	40.00
Mt. Pleasant Cong., Hamlin, Kans.,	41.05
Christian Union S. S., Garrett, Ind.	50.00

FRIEND'S RECONSTRUCTION WORK.

Lykens Valey District, Lykens, Pa.	55.00
Rapho District, Lancaster County, "	36.50
A Friend, Philadelphia, "	4.00
Mifflin District, Mifflin County, "	54.00
Fairland Congregation, Lebanon district, "	32.00
Souderton Congregation, Bucks Co., "	27.75
Zion District, Kans.,	490.00
In His Name, Abilene, "	25.00
Mooretown Center Cong., Mooretown, Mich.,	39.00
Upland Congregation, Upland, Cal.,	86.00
Cash Balance & Total Month's Receipts,	\$2841.56

MONTH'S EXPENDITURES.

J. O. Lehman & H. C. Lady,	300.00
Exchange & Stationary,	5.25
H. Smith, Main. & Special to Workers—India,	875.00
H. Steigerwald, M. & S. to Workers—S. Africa,	737.50
H. Steigerwald, for Native Teachers, S. Africa,	120.00
H. Frances Davidson, M. & S. to W., "	437.50
A. C. Wenger, Johannesburg, South Africa,	137.50
Armenian & Syrian War Sufferers,	154.73
Loan from Savings Fund, (due to shortage in contributions), Myron Taylor, Main., \$200.00	
W. O. Winger, Main. & S. to Workers, ..900.00	
Total Expenditures from General Fund,	\$2767.48
Balance in General Fund,	\$ 74.08

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EDITORIAL.

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you ye can ask what ye will and it shall be done unto you;" etc. There is much to pray for: a revival in the home circle; in the community; for the church at large; our home and city missionaries; the dear workers that have gone to the foreign lands and are making the greatest fight of the age in coping with disease, darkness, superstition, demon-possession; for young men and women who will answer the call to this great work. Shall we "Cast him out"? Oh, may the living God so burden our hearts for the lost of earth's millions that we may "Give him no rest till he establish, and till he make Jerusalem a praise in the earth."

Marriages

WENGER.—LEHMAN.—

SOLLENBERGER.—LEHMAN.— Nov. 28, 1918, at the home of the brides' parents Bro. and Sr. Henry N. Lehman, there occurred the marriage of their two daughters, Sr. Clara Bell to Bro. Paul I. son of Bro. and Sr. Joseph O. Wenger of Shippensburg, Pa., Bertha Ellen to Bro. Joseph A. son of Bro. and Sr. Samuel Sollenberger of near Culbertson. Bish. Martin H. Oberholser and Eld. Henry O. Wenger officiating.

FRICKER.—STUCKEY.—On November 28, 1918, Brother Abram H. Fricker and Sister Marie J. Stuckey, both of Lancaster, Pa., were united in marriage. The ceremony was performed at the Lancaster Mission by Bish. C. N. Hostetter.

STAMM.—BAKER.—Clayton S Stamm, son of Charles and Sr. Mary Stamm, Mountville, Pa., and Ida M. Baker, Columbia, Pa., were united in holy matrimony, at the home of the groom, on December 14, 1918. Bish. C. N. Hostetter officiated.

Obituaries

SHEFFER.—Bro. John Sheffer of the Nottawa, Ont., district died Dec. 16, 1918, in his 77th year. He was born in the Township of Whitchurch, York Co., Ont. in 1842, where he spent his boyhood days and acquired his education. For three years he was engaged in teaching school in the community where he was born. In 1875 he was married to Mary Emma Ayers, also of Whitchurch Township, where they lived together till they moved on their farm in Sunnidale Township near Stayner, Ont., where he died. In 1882 he was converted and united with the Tunker Church remaining loyal to her doctrine and practices till the end of his life, but said shortly before his departure that 5 years ago he realized more fully the sacrifice made on Calvary for his atonement. He left a glowing testimony to this effect and died with the anticipation of a glorious resurrection. He is survived by his wife and six children, two sons and four daughters. One son preceded him to the spirit world, also one brother and two sisters. Funeral services were conducted by Eld. Isaac Swalm assisted by Eld. John Hisey and Bish. Chas. Baker. Texts Numbers 23: 10 "Let me die the death of the righteous and let my last end be like his," also ISam. 20: 18 "Thou shalt be missed because thy seat will be empty." Interment 2nd Line Cemetery.

DOHNER.—Mary R. Dohner, daughter of Jacob and Mary Moist, was born Nov. 20, 1842 in Juniata Co., Pa., died Dec. 18, 1918, age 76 years, 28 days. The illness causing her death was acute indigestion, lasting only a few hours. Under the godly training of her parents and Christian influence of her associates, conviction seized upon her heart and at the age of 16 years she was converted and found a friend and comfort in Jesus. She united with the Brethren in Christ church and lived in sweet fellowship until death. On Sept. 18, 1864 she was united in marriage to John Dohner; only twelve happy years were enjoyed together when her husband was called home, leaving her with the responsibility of caring for four small children one of whom died within five months. After several years she with her family moved to Pleasant Hill, O., so that her children would have the advantage of church and school, where she lived for twenty-five years the last twelve of which she and her daughter Sarah lived together until Sarah's death which occurred in 1910. The last eight years she made her home with son and daughter alternately. Her greatest enjoyment in life was to attend church services. She would often leave home to attend the meetings held in the different districts and in her testimony would joyfully refer to the time when the Holy Spirit; like a great white cloud came down, enveloped and filled her being. She will be missed among us, but we realize that our loss is her eternal gain. There remain to mourn one son, Philip and family of Gordon, O., and one daughter Barbara Berger and family of Englewood, O. Her six grand-children were one of the chief concerns of her life and in her secret devotions would often carry them one by one to the throne, pleading for the salvation of their souls. Of a family of nine children there remains but one sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Folkreth of Covington, O. She also leaves a host of relatives and friends. The services were conducted by Elders Wm. H. Boyer and M. L. Dohner. Interment in the Highland cemetery.

HEISEY.—Edith H. Heisey, infant daughter of Bro. and Sr. Abram Heisey of near Mastersonville, Rapho dist., Pa., was born Nov. 12, 1918, and died Dec. 22, 1918, age 1 month and 10 days. A private funeral was held at their home conducted by Eld. Allen Brubaker. Text Luke 8: 52. Interment in the Mt. Pleasant cemetery.

ROSENBERGER.—Elder Samuel H. Rosenberger was born in Hatfield Township, Montgomery Co., Pa., Feb. 11, 1836, and died at Souderton, Pa., Dec. 17, 1918. Aged 82 years, 10 months and 6 days. He was married to Elizabeth Stover November 12, 1859. This union was blessed with nine children of which the wife, one son and three daughters preceded him in death. The following remain:—Milton S. White Cloud, Kansas, John S., Fox Chase, Pa., Henry S., Phila, Rachel wife of John Ziegenfus, Perkasio, and Samuel S., Palmyra, Pa. He was married the second time to Amanda Cope on Nov. 5, 1878. This union was blessed with three sons and two daughters of which one daughter preceded him and the following remain: Abraham C., William C., Elder Edward C., and Mrs. Annie C. Yoder, all of Souderton. He was converted and united with the Brethren in Christ nearly fifty years ago. He was ordained a deacon in May 1886, and ordained to the ministry in June 1891, and served faithfully until the last few years. He was one of the pillars in the church and will be greatly missed. Funeral services were held on December 21, 1918. Bishop Jacob K. Bowers conducted the services at the house. Text II Cor. 5. Further services were held at the Silverdale, M. H. by Elder's David W. Brehm of Hummelstown, and Eld. H. B. Stout. Text, John 14: 1-3. Interment in adjoining cemetery. The large attendance gave evidence of high esteem and respect in which he was held in the community. Peace be to his ashes.

ENTZ.—Sr. Julia Entz, wife of Bro. Harry Entz ended her earthly career on Dec. 17th, aged 32 years, 4 months and 24 days. She leaves a husband, two small sons, three brothers and one sister to mourn their loss. She accepted Christ, about two years ago as her Savior, and had lived a conscientious life since that time. Funeral services at their home held by Eld. B. Frank Long, text Heb. 13: 14. Interment in Montoursville cemetery. Death was caused by Influenza.

BARNES.—Mrs. Verna Barnes daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Snell died on Dec. 12th, aged about 19 years. She was married to Orson Barnes Aug. 24, 1918 and had a promising future before her, until she contracted Influenza, which later developed into pneumonia. Private funeral at their home in Sandusky conducted by Eld. J. L. Myers, with interment in the Moore cemetery.

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BISH. H. G. LIGHT:—Editor.

EDITORIAL.

GOOD BYE OLD YEAR.

"Good-bye old year! Thy death
Has taught me how the mo-
ments fly.
What is my life but borrowed
breath?
Good-bye, good-bye!"

The year 1918 A. D. with all the diversified experiences and blessings is past. This has truly been a year of very significant events and manifold experiences. The deeds, purposes, motives, and victories of the year are all recorded, and the record closed forever. We can never revise the same. All the good influences, good purposes and good deeds sown in the Spirit, thru' our Lord Jesus Christ will be harvested in due season. Likewise all the evil influences, evil purposes and evil deeds,—works of the flesh, will be harvested in the form of eternal loss.

Whatever the year has brought to you, of joy or sorrow, of pain or loss, may it be God's good pleasure to give you boundless grace to profit eternally by all that has come to you. May you truly remember, as God's child, that all He, in His great love, allows to come to you, will work together for good to them that love Him.

Take time to think of the friendships you were privileged to enjoy, the hallowed associations that were yours to foster and delight in, and you will be compelled to confess that your year was crowned with goodness and most tender love.

True, the experiences through the year may not have all been joyous, but shall we receive good at the hand of God and refuse the evil (Job 2:10)? Possibly the unpleasant, untoward experiences, caused anxiety and sleepless nights. Possibly supposed friends have planted thorns in your pathway. Realizations may have been

bitter, but even in these ordeals God's grace has been amply sufficient to carry you through gloriously triumphant, if you but trusted Him and left matters to Him.

As we have entered upon the threshold of a new year, let us remember anew that without Him we are utter failures.

Look up! Be strong and very courageous, for "He hath said, I will never leave thee nor forsake thee" (Heb. 13:5). "The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me" (Heb. 13:6). Amen! Amen!

IN THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

By ADA H. REITZ.

In these days we hear a great deal about the value of proper training in the Sunday School. It is well that we do and the more we study the subject the more we realize its importance. The subject will be a live one as long as the Sunday School exists, and our pure minds need to be stirred up constantly by way of remembrance. Why do we emphasize the importance of proper training? It is because the future usefulness, and even the eternal destiny of the child depends upon the kind of teaching he receives. If he is not properly instructed by precept and example, in the vital doctrines of Christianity the chances are that he will not embrace them later in life. Solomon's injunction: "Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it," is as true as it is old. This applies first, of course, to parents, and second, but with equal force, to the Sunday School teacher.

But before the teacher is able to instruct the child as he should, he must first be properly instructed himself. He need not necessarily be well educated, but he must have come to the saving knowledge of the truth; knowing that he has passed from death unto life, and then be a student of the Word so that he is able to rightly divide the

word of truth. He must remember, too that his life counts more than the words which he speaks. The one who teaches that certain things are right or wrong, then acts contrary to what he says, exerts a harmful influence over his class. Children are influenced more by what they see than by what they hear, and is it not sad that their young lives may be directed into wrong channels through the poor example of a worldly teacher. The influence of such a teacher is doubly harmful. First, his example, and second, he cannot help neglecting his duty because he is not in the proper attitude to teach.

Neglecting the child is denying it the right to know the things it should know, and letting it take its own course, and the natural course of every human being, from childhood up, is away from God.

But on the other hand it is a blessed thought that a devoted, holy, consecrated Sunday School teacher can be the means of bringing his pupils into personal relationship with Christ, and instructing them in such a way that their lives will be of great blessing and usefulness. Who knows but what God is entrusting to his care, one, who in the future will be the means of bringing thousands to Christ, or one who will some day bring the same message to the heathen, that has been taught him, or one who will become a great mission-worker in the homeland.

Should not these great privileges and responsibilities stir every teacher to greater activity and devotion, and instead of considering it a sacrifice to teach, count it a joy for the privilege of moulding and preparing jewels that shall shine in the kingdom of Christ?

"The righteousness of the perfect shall direct his way: but the wicked shall fall by his own wickedness."

Spurgeon never spoke truer or more forcible words than these: "Whoever looks upon God's servants should see holiness, if they see nothing else."

MARRIAGES.

LENTZ.—IMBODEN.—Isaac Lentz and Sr. Stella Imboden, daughter of Isaac and Sarah Imboden, of Cleona, Pa., were united in marriage by Bish. H. G. Light at his home in Cleona, Pa., Dec. 21, 1918.

HOOVER.—HOFFER.—Bro. Harvey C. Hoover, son of Bro. Christian and Sr. Katie Hoover, of Cleona, Pa., and Sr. Stella Hoffer, daughter of Amos Hoffer, of Lebanon Pa., were united in marriage by Bish. H. G. Light at his home in Cleona, Pa.

MILLER.—WENGERT.—Bro. Raymond C. Miller, son of Bro. Harvey D. and Sr. Ida Miller, of Jonestown, Pa., and Sr. Sara Wengert daughter of Eld. Adam H. and Sr. Mary Wengert, were united in marriage by Bish. H. G. Light at the home of the bride's parents near Heilmandale, Pa., Jan. 1, 1919.

OBITUARIES.

BADORF.—Sr. Mary C. Badorf (nee Hackman) wife of Benjamin Badorf, of Akron, Pa., was born Oct. 13, 1866, died Dec. 16, 1918, age 52 years, 2 months, 3 days. She is survived by her husband, one daughter, and one son. She was a very devoted wife and faithful sister in the church. Her loss is keenly felt in the Akron Church, as well as in the community. Services were conducted in the home by Elder I. H. Kauffman, and the burial in the Lutheran Cemetery. Text, St. John 14: 1-4.

WAGNER.—Sr. Mabel M. Wagner, daughter of Eph. and Alice Brandt, wife of Rev. Edwin S. Wagner, died Dec. 17, 1918, aged 29 years, 7 months, 6 days. She is survived by her parents, her husband and two little daughters. The loss is keenly felt as she was the only child, a loving mother, and a faithful minister's wife. About five years ago, she with her husband came forward to the altar of prayer in the Palmyra Church and later united with the brethren; a few years later the ministry fell upon them. As a minister's wife she filled her place with humility and soberness, a fine example. The church keenly feels the loss which is her gain. She was sick only one week. At the time of the funeral both her children and parents were sick in bed and unable to be at the funeral. The services were conducted in their home in Campbellstown, by Bish. H. G. Light and Bish. Henry K. Kreider. Interment in the U. C. Cemetery. Texts, Rom. 8: 28 and Mark 14: 8.

A TESTIMONY.

I praise God for the convictions He gives us, and the enjoyments of a Christian life if we only obey Him. I can praise God that He set me free from sin through the blood of His Son Jesus Christ, and for His keeping power. Though we meet trials and temptations, but if we only trust Him, He will guide us safely through. I also praise God for the wonderful experiences He gives His children along life's journey. Through dark clouds hang over us, He will cause the sun to shine again if we but trust in Him. I thank God that He answers prayer. O, how we should praise Him for what He did for us while the world was in war. I thought the people all should praise Him the morning when the news came that the armistice was signed. When I heard the whistles blow on that beautiful morning, I thought of the Lord's coming. I was overtaken with joy. I never saw a brighter morning than that morning, it seemed that heaven was rejoicing. O, how, I can praise Him for the joyful seasons we can have. How we ought to appreciate our opportunities which we can enjoy. My desire is to do His will by His help.

As I look over my shortcomings and imperfections of the old year, it brings me in secret prayer that I may walk closer with God and be more watchful and prayerful in the New Year, for we are living in perilous times.

Irvin Wenger.

It is sometimes claimed, that the Bible is the Holy book and the great theme is: Holiness unto the Lord. Holiness needed, Holiness commanded, Holiness provided, Holiness promised, Holiness desired, Holiness enjoyed and Holiness lived. "Holiness without which no man shall see the Lord."

An election for a minister held in Rapho Dist, Pa., resulted in the choice of Bro. and Sr. Jacob T. Ginder. Also an election for a Deacon in Rapho Dist., Pa., resulted in the choice of Bro. and Sr. Amos Shearer. We pray that they may stand courageous like valiant men in defiance of an angry foe.

THE PREACHER AND HIS HIRE.

By FRANK D. BRECHBILL.

The "Unpopular Theme" to-night
Confronts me once again;
It stalks about in broad day light,
At night it is the same.
It is a subject of the mind,
Of which a few folk tire;
And it may be a few are blind,
To the preacher and his hire.

In the body of the church
Are many different parts;
Some are steady others lurch,
According to their hearts.
Some get fame, some get wealth untold,
Some burn with zealous fire,
Yet few are willing to behold
The preacher and his hire.

The golden fields of grain and hay,
The increase of the herds;
The busy toil from day to day,
The singing of the birds;
The fertile farms and large estate,
Hedged in by posts and wire,
Cannot a love of heart create,
For the preacher and his hire.

Ye speak of God and truth and grace,
Obedience and love,
Of fellowship, and face to face
With Him who is above;
Of joy, and peace, and happiness,
Of rescue from the mire,
And yet neglect to even bless
God's servant and his hire.

"'Tis rudely put and black disdain
Doth follow with each word;"
"'Tis spiritless and all in vain,"
Is what is often heard.
But God declares and truth doth reign,
O'er all neglect and dire,
'That He who serves in Jesus name
Is worthy of his hire.'

Awake! ye church, to own and claim
The truth of God's own Word;
Let men go free in Jesus name
To preach to hearts unstirred.
'No soldier entangleth himself,"
Doth sing the heavenly choir,
'But Christian folk give not their
wealth
To the preacher and his hire.'

Oftimes the strain of earthly want,
The need of needful things,
About the home will sometimes haunt,
While another laughs and sings.
'Oh bear ye one another's load,"
And then as ye mount higher,
Ye shall dwell in that blest abode
Where servants need no hire.

NEWS OF CHURCH ACTIVITY in the HOME AND FOREIGN FIELDS

SAN FRANCISCO MISSION.

Dear readers of the Visitor,

Greeting in the name of Him who loved us so as to give His life to redeem us, and to purchase for us an inheritance in heaven, with all the redeemed and blood washed.

Another month has passed into history, with varied experiences, blessings and victories; and all opportunities, which were left pass by unimproved, will never again return.

Our God has been very faithfully supplying all our needs, both spiritual and temporal, for which we praise Him. And we thank all the dear ones who have been the channels in God's hands through which our needs have been supplied. We were glad to have with us our dear Bro. Wagaman who stopped with us over one night, while on his way to Kansas. All our hearts were encouraged through the message of love which he brought to us from God's Word. Also were blessed with the privilege of having our dear India Missionaries, Eld. Amos Dick and wife and Sr. Anna Steckley, with us, from the 25th of Nov. until the 5th of Dec. During their stay with us they were a real blessing and an inspiration to the work. Bro. Dick gave us several soul stirring messages, which we believe were an encouragement and a blessing to precious souls.

On Sunday evening, Dec. 1st, we had a blessed time together, as the dear missionaries told of their call and purpose to be true to Him who had called them to carry the message of salvation to those in heathen darkness: that they too might have an offer of salvation, and a like privilege with us to accept the same. May the Lord bless them and give them many souls for their hire.

On the 5th of Dec. they went aboard the S. S. Nanking to sail for India. Their hearts were set like a flint toward their field of labor and were anxious to be on their mission of love.

The work here at the mission has

been real encouraging during the last month. Two precious souls have been reclaimed, and others have sought the Lord for the pardoning of their sins.

We solicit your prayers in behalf of the work at this place.

FINANCIAL.

RECEIPTS.

Hall offerings, \$48.06; Home Mission Board, \$20; A brother, \$1; Bro. Ignatius Ales, San Francisco, Cal. \$3; Bro. George Dehart, San Francisco, Cal., \$5; Bro. W. R. Vercoouteren, San Francisco, Cal., \$5; Edna Light, Palmyra, Pa., \$2; Bro. and Sr. Jacob Hoover, Mansfield, O., \$2; Bro. John Heise, Hamlin, Kan., \$10; Eld. B. S. Herr, Cambridge, Ind., \$5. Total, \$101.06.

EXPENDITURES.

Table supplies, \$40.78; carfare, \$8.75; home incidentals, \$5.43; house rent, \$18; hall rent \$30; hall expenses, \$2.26; gas, \$5.42; tomatoes for canning, \$1.25; gasoline torch, \$2; gasoline, \$.62. Total, \$114.51.

Balance on hand Nov. 1, \$162.53.

Balance on hand Dec. 1, \$149.08.

Yours for the lost of earth,
Jesse and Docia Wenger

BUFFALO MISSION.

Greeting in Jesus name:—

In coming to the close of the old year our hearts rejoice in contemplating the gracious and faithful dealings of our heavenly Father. Just to know that the heavenly Father. Just to know that the eternal God is our Father is all the assurance we need, that we shall never want any good thing. As the Psalmist said. And they that know thy name will put their trust in thee: for the Lord hath not forsaken them that seek thee. Truly every child of God may take courage in Him. Knowing that "God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of His son Jesus Christ our Lord." All our growth in grace and all our success in Christian

service is only possible as we seek it in that life of fellowship unto which we are called.

We have felt much encouraged with some visible manifestations of the Holy Spirit among the children and young people of our S. S. The majority of the members of the school have taken an open stand for Christ in some way. A number have given clear testimony to the assurance of sins forgiven. Three young boys and two girls recently presented themselves for baptism. It was an occasion of rejoicing to these young hearts when upon the 5th of Dec. they were privileged to follow the example and command of their Savior. They are but tender lambs and we know that it will mean much for them to put into practice what their baptism signified. But God is faithful and we know that if they just let Him He will lead them on and bring them through. We who are expected to shepherd the flock will need special wisdom and grace in our renewed responsibility.

Will all who read these lines join us in prayer that the Lord may bless our humble efforts in the saving of precious souls.

FINANCIAL.

Report for December 1918.

Balance carried over, \$56.

RECEIPTS.

In His Name, \$10; J. N. Hoover, \$1; E. H. Carlyon, \$2; In His Name, \$10; Samuel Whisler, \$5; A Sister in Christ, \$5; A sister, \$1; Henry Winger, \$1;

EXPENDITURES.

Gas, \$3.15; electricity, \$1.47; groceries, household, etc., \$35.03.

Balance on hand, \$51.35.

Your brother and sister in Christ,
George E. and Effie Whisler.

PHILADELPHIA MISSION.

We bring to our reader the last report of 1918. Many have been the changes that have taken place in our country and homes. Perhaps there has never been in the history of our country such destruction of life and property as there has been in the last twelve months, by war and disease. And God only knows what this year

MISSIONARY ADDRESSES.

AFRICA.

Bish. H. P. and Grace Steigerwald, Eld. H. J. and Emma Frey, Miss Hannah Baker, Matopa Mission, Bulawayo, S. Africa.

H. Frances Davidson, Bro. Lewis and Sr. Elizabeth Steckley, Macha Mission, Choma, N. W. Rhodesia, S. Africa.

Walter O. and Abbie B. Winger, Sr. Sallie Doner, Miss Sadie Book, Miss Cora Alvis, Miss Mary Heisey, Mtshabezi Mission, Bulawayo, Private Bag, S. Rhodesia, S. Africa.

Eld. A. C. Winger, Box 5263 Johannesburg, Transvaal, S. Africa.

Eld. Myron and Adda Taylor, Sika-longa Mission, Choma, S. Africa.

INDIA.

Eld. H. L. and Katie Smith, Ruth Byer, Saharsa, Bhogalpur dist., B. & N. Wn. Ry., India.

D. E. and Lottie Rohrer, Anita and Gladys Zarger, Supaul, B. & N. W. Ry. India.

Effie Rohrer, Dauram Madhipura, N. Bhagalpur, B. & W. Ry. India.

OUR CITY MISSIONS.

Buffalo Mission, 25 Hawley St, in charge of George and Effie Whisler.

Chicago Mission, 6039 Halstead St., in charge of Sarah Bert and Workers.

Des Moines, Iowa, Mission, 1184 14th St., in charge of Bish. J. R. Zook and wife.

Philadelphia Mission 3423 N. 2nd. St., in charge of Eld. Wilbur Snider & wife.

Jabbok Orphanage, Thomas Okla. in charge of Bro. and Sr. P. B. Freisen.

Dayton Mission, 601 Taylor St., in charge of W. H. and Susie Boyer.

Mt. Carmel Home, Morrison, Ill., in charge of Sr. Katie Bollinger, and S. P. Stump and wife.

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Beneficiary and poor:—H. O. Musser, Elizabethtown, R. R. 3, Pa.

Executive Board:—Amos Wolgemuth, Mt. Joy, Pa.

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will bring to pass, but "Praise the Lord" Jesus said when ye see these things coming to pass lift up your heads for your redemption draweth nigh. Glory be to Christ.

The burdens of life may be many and the frowns of the world may be cold, but to me it will matter but little when I stand on the streets of gold. We are glad to report to you that there are still a few that are getting tired of the sin and folly of this world and have started on their journey to heaven.

One precious soul left "Egyptian bondage" at the close of 1918 and started this new year on her way to Canaan land to feed on honey and wine. She has asked to unite with us as a body of His believers. On New Year's morning at about one thirty o'clock another precious soul bowed at the altar with the children of God and promised allegiance to Christ as His Savior and Lord.

When we look over the past and see the lost souls that have been hurled into eternity, we must ask ourselves if we have done what we could to rescue them. We feel to cry unto the Lord to give us a greater burden for souls this year than ever before, for this may be our last opportunity to gather the sheaves of ripened grain. Col. 3: 1-4; "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affections on things above and not on things on the earth; for ye are dead and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ which is our life shall appear, we shall also appear with him in glory." I praise the Lord that my life is hid away with Christ in God. O, let us hide away in Christ that His life may shine through us to the glory of God. We ask your prayers for the work here that many precious souls may be saved.

"Beloved we wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health even as thy soul prospereth."

FINANCIAL.

Report for Dec., 1918.

Balance on hand \$46. 58.

RECEIPTS.

Black Creek S. S., Canada, \$47; Bro. Jesse Lehman and wife, Franklin Co., \$10; Bro. Abram Lehman and wife, Franklin Co., \$5; Bro. C. S. Herr,

Springfield, O., \$6; Bro. S. M. Basick, San Francisco, Cal., \$5; Sr. Bertha Flax, North Hampton, O., \$2; Bro. and Sr. Neving, Flourtown, Pa., \$2; Sr. Annie Schwend, New Danville, Pa., \$1; A Bro. in His Name, Pa., \$1; A Bro. in His Name, Pa., \$1; Sunday evening offerings, \$9.45. Total, \$136.03.

Special provision fund donated by Lebanon and Dauphin Districts, \$104.

EXPENSES.

Kitchen account, \$48.75; clothing and provisions, \$23.50; incidentals and postage, \$8.25; carfare, city and country, \$4.25; gas, \$3.50. Total \$86.25.

Balance \$49. 75.

OTHER DONATIONS.

Bro. Kuhns, 2 chickens, celery, apples, cabbage, potatoes, soap, popcorn, beans, cookies; Sr. Landis, chicken; Srs. Mary and Martha Landis, bread and cake; Bro. Benders, celery; Mt. Joy Sewing Circle, a bundle of clothing for children; Bro. Martin, Elizabethtown, box of boy's caps; Bro. Fry and wife, 12 cans of fruit, home made soap, etc.

We thank the dear ones who have been so mindful of our needs at this place; it makes us feel so unworthy when we see the goodness of God and how willingly the dear ones give of their means toward the work here. May the Lord bless you and keep us all true till He comes to gather His saints home to Glory.

Praise the dear Lord,

Wilbur and Elizabeth Snider.

P. S.—If your donation is not in our report please drop us a card; we aim to report them all.

JABBOK ORPHANAGE.

"For by one spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one spirit. For the body is not one member, but many" (I Cor. 12: 13, 14). This scripture came to us very forcibly as we thought of making out the last report for the old year, when we realize how our God has so marvelously answered prayer, in so many different ways. We as workers were definitely led to pray for God to lift the debt from off the Home. We are glad to report at this writing that the Home is out of debt, to God be all the praise. That brings to our mind the oneness in the body of Christ,

how that God through His Spirit moved upon the church at large to stand by us with their means and prayers. So we realize as never before that we are workers together with Him. Not only us here in the Home but every one that is standing by us. We would ask the church to pray as we start this New Year, that the Lord might have the kind of a home that He wants here at this place. Our God kept this dreadful disease away from the Home for a long time; finally He permitted it to come in that nearly all in the Home had it, but God had enough of us here to pray for the sick and they were healed, to Him be all the praise. So we can well say that the day of miracles is not past "Praise the Lord." At this writing our dear Sr. Maud Ripley who has so faithfully labored in the Home in the past is on her way to her Ohio home, where she has been called suddenly by the death of her brother and his wife. She expects to return in a few weeks. We see that death is surely in the land, and how important it is for us as God's children to have the burden of the lost upon our hearts in these last days.

This has been a Christmas at home for several reasons: the roads were drifted with snow and the children were just recovering from the influenza, but God was very real to us, remembering us through His children here at Bethany sending in eatables, chickens, pies, cakes, and candies; and money came from Kan. and Cal. especially for Christmas presents, to our God be all the praise. The Lord also moved upon the hearts of quite a number of our Bethany brethren to come here and help out with the work at different times, which was greatly appreciated; may the Lord bless them for their labors of love.

FINANCIAL.

RECEIPTS.

Sr. Sadie Witters, Abilene, Kans., \$10; In His name, \$5; Bro. Aaron Bechtel, Canton, O., \$9.94; Pleasant Hill S. S., Hamlin, Kan., by Milton Byer, \$22.90; Bro. W. Jacob Schaefer, Chino, Cal., \$10; Bro. and Sr. Walter Engle, Hope, Kan., \$10; Bro. and Sr. A. L. Eisenhower, Cal., \$4; Sr. Annie Schwend, New Danville, Pa., \$1; Farmers' Produce Co., Thomas, Okla., \$25; First National Bank, Thomas, Okla.,

\$50; C. D. Haynie, Thomas, Okla., \$25; Thomas Mill and Grain Co., Thomas, Okla., \$15; Ed. Hockaday & Co., Thomas, Okla., \$10; McKeaigg & Akin, Thomas, Okla., \$10; Thomas Drug Co., Thomas, Okla., \$10; T. J. Stewart Lumber Co., Thomas, Okla., \$10; B. & H. Drug Co., Thomas, Okla., \$5; Simpson Dry Goods Co., Thomas, Okla., \$5; Thomas Produce Co., Thomas, Okla., \$5; Keller & Dodd, Thomas, Okla., \$5; Dearing & Frans. Store, Thomas, Okla., \$10; J. W. Malcahy, Thomas, Okla., \$10; Thomas Motor Co., Thomas, Okla., \$5; Autrim Lumber Co., Thomas, Okla., \$10; Harry T. Pratt, Thomas, Okla., \$5; Thomas Tribune, Thomas, Okla., \$5; P. J. Endres, Thomas, Okla., \$1; O. H. Hulme, Thomas, Okla., \$2; W. R. Laws, Thomas, Okla., \$2.50; J. W. Joy, Thomas, Okla., \$1; W. S. Dearing, Thomas, Okla., \$2; Will Huston, Thomas, Okla., \$1; L. W. Irons, Thomas, Okla., \$1; Will Huston, 21 lbs. candy.

We thank all for their liberality towards the work here for the benefit of these dear homeless children.

Yours in the hope of His coming,
P. B. and Edna Friesen and Workers.

MESSIAH ORPHANAGE.

FINANCIAL.

DONATIONS FROM DEC. 1, 1918 TO
JAN. 14, 1919.

RECEIPTS.

Report from Dec. 1, 1918 to Jan. 14, 1919.

A Brother, Elizabethtown, Pa., \$500 Liberty Bond; M. B. Musser, \$10; Sr. Lizzie Bashore, \$3; A sister, Waynesboro, Pa., \$5; Farm sales, \$69.49; H. F. Enck, Mechanicsburg, Pa., \$25; A sister, \$10; Sr. S. C. Heisey, Elizabethtown, Pa., \$25; Benj. H. Forry, \$25; S. G. Shelly, \$1; In His Name, \$1; Annie E. Sollenberger, \$25; Mrs. Elam Harmon, Ramona, Kan., \$6; Annie N. Hess, Waynesboro, Pa., \$25; Bowman & Co., Harrisburg, Pa., \$25; Board of Child, \$6; A Sister, \$10; S. L. Groff, Hummelstown, Pa., \$2; A Brother, Middletown, Pa., \$3; L. H. Hershey \$2; Elizabethtown S. S., \$80; D. V. Heise, Clarence Center, N. Y. \$10; Labor of children, \$3.98; Waynesboro S. S., \$23.43; John O. Brubaker Estate, \$5; Lykens Valley S. S. \$50; Mechanicsburg S. S., \$60.13; Ethel Hunsperger, Juniata Dist., \$50; Mechanicsburg, S. S., \$60; Ethel Hunsperger, \$2; H. O. Musser, Elizabethtown, Pa., \$4.65.

Provisions, Clothing, etc., donations, Sr. Mary Landis, salve; Sr. Lebeck, one coat and rubbers; Harry Enck, 14 yds. gingham, 9 yds. of flannel, oranges

and candy; Mrs. Orren, 2 pair shoes, 2 pr. gloves, 4 pr. stockings; Mrs. Harper, 2 pair gloves, 1 pair shoes, 4 pair stockings; Mrs. Hartman, 1 pair shoes; Mrs. Hunsecker, 2 pr. gloves; Mrs. Mc Williams, 1 coat; Mabel Mc Williams, 1 dress; Dorothy Sellers, candy; Sr. Myers, Christmas cards and booklets; Bro. Wm. Krider, 8 pr. shoes; Clara Wenger, candy; Miss Fanny Eby, 3 doz. oranges; Sr. E. E. Coble, 20 yds. outing cloth; Chash. K. Musser, 13½ yds. gingham and thread; Mary Musser, 6 yds. outing flannel; Sr. Ruth Coble Kraybill, ribbon; A sister, 1 coat; Morris Stauffer, pop corn; Clara E Hoffman, peaches; Mary Hoffman, cereal and junket; A Sister, Grantham, cake; Isaac Hershey, 1 large turkey; Mrs. E. Pate, cakes and candy; Mary E. Long, 1 basket apples; Sr. Allison, sugar.

The exceptional liberal donations for December enabled the management to pay off \$675.00 of its current indebtedness, thus leaving a debt of \$1000. We pray God's richest blessing on the donors.

Cash contributions should be sent to D. M. Book, Hummelstown, Pa. Provisions to Herman G. Miller, Grantham, Pa.

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"My help cometh from the Lord which made heaven and earth." Especially of late were we made to feel this that all our help comes from Him who has all power, and one who knows all about us and gives us just what He knows is for our good if we obey. Then how submissive we should be when we know that all our help comes from Him and without Him we can do nothing. As His Word tells us He is like a father who gives good gifts unto his children, only He is still more loving than an earthly father. Then shouldn't we show our love to Him also by obeying Him and doing His will? As for me, I want to fill the place He has for me. But I need His help so that I may have the patience and wisdom it takes in a place like this.

The blessing of the Lord has been upon the work and He provided so bountifully again over Christmas. Many presents and donations were sent in by the children's friends and others. The children all seemed to enjoy the day very much. But with it all we wish them to remember the real mean-

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DEEMY.—Elizabeth Huntsberger was born April 10, 1839 near Harrisburg, Pa., in which place she grew to womanhood. She passed peacefully away December 22, 1918, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Clara A. Good, at the age of 79 years, 8 months and twelve days. On November 17, 1857 she was united in marriage to D. A. Deemy, also of Harrisburg, Pa. To this union were born thirteen children, four boys and nine girls, six of whom preceded her to the spirit world. Those left to mourn the loss of a devoted wife and mother are her husband, four daughters and three sons: Mrs. Mary E. Zeiders of Adel, Mrs. Clara A. Good of Dallas Center, Mrs. Lettie Greenwood of Enterprise, Kans., W. C. Deemy of Dallas Center, J. H. Deemy of Oklahoma, and A. D. Deemy of Gypsum, Iowa, and two grandchildren, twelve great grandchildren and one sister, Mrs. Nancy Lenhart of Abilene, Kansas. In the spring of 1879 she moved to Abilene, Kansas with her husband and family where she remained until she came to Dallas Center in 1914 to make her home with her daughter, Mrs. Clara A. Good. She was converted in early life and united with the Brethren in Christ, the church of her choice of which church she remained a faithful member until her death. Funeral services held at the Brethren's M. H., conducted by J. R. Zook, Des Moines, Ia.

Mother thou wast mild and lovely,
Gentle as the summer breeze,
Pleasant as the air of evening,
When it floats among the trees.

Peaceful be thy silent slumber,
Peaceful in the grave so low,
Thou no more wilt join our number.
Thou no more our songs shalt know.

Dearest Mother, thou hast left us;
Here thy loss we deeply feel,
But 'tis God that has bereft us;
He can all our sorrows heal.

Yet again we hope to meet thee,
When the day of life is fled,
Then in Heaven with joy to greet thee;
Where no farewell tear is shed."

TAYLOR.—Robert Wilson Taylor, son of John and Sarah Taylor, was born in Jackson Co., O., Sept. 13, 1854, died Dec. 10, 1918, at the age of 64 years, 2 months and 27 days. He was united in marriage to Mary Ann Hussfeld in Jackson Co., O., March 24, 1880. To this union were born five children, two sons and three daughters. Those preceding him in death were a father, mother, and one son, and one grand son while in their childhood. A dear wife, one son, three

daughters, and thirteen grand children remain to mourn his departure. Bro. Taylor became a member of the Brethren in Christ church Sept. 13, 1913. It was his desire from that day to be loyal to the church and true and faithful to his Lord and make his home in heaven. We do miss him so much from our midst, and his faithful attendance in the services of the little mission where he was saved and which he so dearly loved. We trust our loss is his eternal gain. Our dear brother was overtaken by the disease, so-called influenza, and for several weeks he suffered more or less in his head and a weakness about his heart. But as he was able to continue his daily labor, and service attendance, excepting the last few days of his illness, there was no apparent reason for fear that his condition would become serious; but the last day he was with us he attempted in the morning to go to his place of labor. After he had gone a short distance he realized his strength giving way, so he again returned to his home and in a short time after he reached home he was overtaken by a severe pain about his heart. However, a little later he received some relief, and in that condition he passed thru the day until in the evening when in conversation with his dear wife, eldest daughter and daughter in law, he said, "This is the first minute to-day that I am free of that pain." Just that moment the fatal stroke reached his heart, and he passed silently out of their midst into the great beyond with out saying good-bye, on Tuesday 6.45 P. M., Dec. 10, 1918. The funeral services were held in the Brethren in Christ mission Friday 1.30 P. M. Dec. 13, 1918 conducted by Bro. W. H. Boyer, assisted by Bish. O. B. Ulery and Eld. E. E. Engle. Text II Sam. 14: 14. Interment was made in the Fairview cemetery near Englewood, O.

GISH.—Miss Mildred Gish daughter of sister Amanda and the late brother A. R. Gish (who preceded her 2 years ago) of Elizabethtown, Pa., was born Sept. 19, 1904, died Nov. 30, 1918 after a few days illness of influenza, aged 14 years 2 months and 11 days. Thus one of our faithful S. S. attendants was suddenly called away in youth. She leaves to mourn her departure her mother, two brothers Earl and Ralph, and one sister Mrs. Harry Smeltzer of Harrisburg. Also her aged grandfather Jacob Hershey residing in their home. Funeral was private, at the house on Dec. 3rd, Eld's. Jacob and Abner Martin officiating. Text Amos 8th chapter. Interment in Mt. Tunnel cemetery.

RETTEW.—Elmer T. son of Bro. and Sr. Albert Rettew, was born Feb. 15, 1898, died Dec. 14, 1918, aged 20 years, 9 months and 24 days. He made his home with his Bro. Albert T. Rettew at Frederick, Brown Co., South Dakota for almost two years, at whose home he died. After his death he was sent to his parents' home at Manheim, Lancaster, Co., Pa., where the funeral was held (private) and interment made in the Mastersonville cemetery. Bish. H. B. Hoffer and Eld. A. B. Brubaker officiating. Text Ecc 12: 1 and Psa. 119: 9.

FAUS.—Sr. Lizzie G. daughter of Bro. and Sr. Albert Faus, who was called from her parents' home to the beyond after a severe attack of influenza was born Oct. 10, 1900, died Dec. 11, 1918, aged 18 years, 2 months and 1 day. She leaves to mourn their loss, her parents, eight sisters and four brothers. Funeral, which was private, was held at the home of her parents, on Dec. 16 and interment was made in the Mastersonville cemetery. Bish. H. B. Hoffer officiating.

HOCK.—Roy J. Hock infant son of Bro. and Sr. Clark Hock of North Franklin, Pa. dist., was born May 20, 1918 died Dec. 25, 1918. Aged 7 months and 5 days. Services were conducted by the home brethren. Interment in Mt. Rock cemetery.

SOLLENBERGER.—Sr. Elizabeth Sollenberger of Nyesvill, died of infirmity of age at the home of her sister Mrs. John Hile. She was born Sept. 23, 1834, died Dec. 2, 1918, aged 84 years, 2 months and 9 days. She leaves to mourn her departure a loving sister, Mrs. John Hile. She came to the church in her young years and was a faithful sister. Services were conducted by the home brethren at Air Hill church interment in adjoining cemetery.

LEWIS.—Charles F. Lewis son of Clark and Susan Lewis, was born May 28, 1858, departed this life Dec. 10, 1918, aged 60 years, 7 months and 12 days. He was united in marriage to Lovina Reed, Sept. 17, 1881. To this union were born two sons. Ira C. and Luster E. Lewis. He leaves to mourn their loss, his wife (a member of the Brethren in Christ Church), one son, a father and mother, two brothers, two sisters and five grand him to the spirit world. The departed having been afflicted for almost four years with a complication of diseases, suffered greatly. During the last year he became interested in his soul's wel-

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ARE WE IN THESE TIMES?

E. E. WOLGEMUTH.

For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine: but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables." (IITim. 4: 3, 4).

Read, Ezekiel 13: 1-16 the following way, and see how true it is of many churches.

1. And the word of the Lord came unto me, saying,

2. Son of man, speak against the ministers, and say thou unto them that minister out of their own hearts, Hear ye the word of the Lord:

3. Thus saith the Lord God: Woe unto the foolish ministers that follow their own spirit and have seen nothing.

4. O churches, thy ministers are like foxes in the deserts.

5. Ye have not gone up into the gaps, neither made up the hedge for the house of God to stand in the battle in the day of the Lord.

6. They have seen vanity and lying divination, saying, the Lord saith: and the Lord hath not sent them, and they have made others to hope that they would confirm the word.

7. Have ye not seen a vain divination, whereas ye say, The Lord saith it: albeit I have not spoken.

8. Therefore thus saith the Lord God: Because ye have spoken vanity, and seen lies, therefore, behold, I am against you, saith the Lord God.

9. And mine hand shall be upon the ministers that see vanity, and that divine lies, they shall not be in the assembly of my people, neither shall they be written in the writing of the church of Christ, neither shall they enter into the land, of the living, and ye shall know that I am the Lord God.

10. Because, even because they have seduced my people, saying, Peace; and there was no peace; and one built up a sermon, and, lo, others white-washed it.

11. Say unto them which white-wash it, that it shall fall: there shall be an overflowing shower, and ye, O great hailstones, shall fall: and a stormy wind shall rend it.

12. Lo, when your vanity is fallen, shall it not be said unto you, Where is the profit of the white-washing wherewith ye have white-washed?

13. Therefore thus saith the Lord God; I will even rend it with a stormy wind in my fury; and there shall be an overflowing shower in my anger, and great hailstones in my fury to consume it.

14. So will I break down your lying sermons, that ye have white-washed, and thereby deceived my people, and bring it down to the ground, so that the foundation thereof shall be discovered, and it shall fall, and ye shall be consumed in the midst thereof; and ye shall know that I am the Lord.

15. Thus will I accomplish my wrath upon that, which ye have called salvation, and upon them that have whitewashed it, and will say unto you, Your salvation is no more, nether they that white-washed it.

16. To wit, the ministers of the church, and which see visions of peace for her, and there is no peace, saith the Lord God.

Ezekiel 33: 32. And, lo, thou art unto them as a very lovely song of one that hath a pleasant voice, and can play well on an instrument: for they hear thy words, but they do them not.

Let us pray for our ministers that they may be able to stand in these testing times.

Yours in His service.

R. D. No. 1. Mt. Joy, Pa.

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church in Oct. of this year (1918). He had at different times expressed himself as being ready to leave this world when his time came. Funeral services were conducted, by L. O. Shellhaas assisted by Mark Boyer, at the late residence of the deceased in Richland Co., Ohio, Dec. 12, 1918. Text Ecc. 12: 14. Interment in Shambaugh cemetery.

MESSIAH ORPHANAGE.

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ing of Christmas, that Jesus is the best gift of all.

We wish to thank the Lord for bringing us all back to our usual health again after having been stricken down with the influenza. All except one worker and the baby, twenty-three, in all, were in bed at one time. But we were so well cared for during the sickness that we have great reasons to praise the Lord for working upon the hearts of different members of the Bible School and also the neighbors who came to offer their help. We cannot find words to express our appreciation of their kindness shown to us.

Sr. Detwiler has also shown an interest in the work by offering to help with the sewing. But not having any sewing ready to send at the time I asked her to do some knitting, which she kindly consented to do making nine pairs of mittens in all, out of some yarn which we had on hand.

We wish to thank all who have helped the work along in any way, wishing the Lord's blessing upon you all. Don't forget to hold us up at the throne of grace that we may be fitted and qualified to fill our place.

Yours in His service,

Anna W. Witmer.

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our privilege since we have been raised in the heavenlies with Christ. Let us take our position as dead, hidden and risen ones with Christ, and God will make Himself real to us as we claim it.

Events are transpiring so rapidly these days that we hardly know what to expect next, but of this one thing we are sure that "though He tarry, He that shall come will come and will not tarry." To this end may God teach us to abide in Him, with earthly weights severed and a walk that becomes one whose affections are set on things above and not on things on the earth. We thank all for their prayerful and material interest in God's work here and covet your continued prayers.

In His Glad service,

Carl J. Carlson.
Chicago Mission.