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EVANGELICAL VISITOR

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HIS COMING.

“Shall we stand at His coming, His glorious coming,
When the summer is over and harvest is past?
When the sheaves of His choosing He takes for His using,
To the glorious kingdom forever to last?

When the Archangel's trumpet shall rend the broad heavens,
And the millions who slumber immortal arise,
Shall we stand with the holy, the meek and the lowly,
Who in glory triumphant mount up to the skies?

When the loud lamentation breaks forth from creation,
That the day of God's wrath and His fury has come,
Shall we join that sad chorus while death hovers o'er us?
Or in terror unbounded stand trembling and dumb?

Then the hope of possession will not be profession,
For the lover of self will his motives behold;
Only they who, obeying, have toiled, striving, praying,
Shall ascend with the saints to the City of Gold.”

Selected by Omar Worman, Souderton, Pa.

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OUR MOTTO

Hab. II: 14-Psa. XX, 7.

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WAIT TEN YEARS.

There are many persons who when trouble and distress assail, grow frantic and desperate in view of the injustice and wrong to which they are subjected; and in thus doing they put themselves clearly in the wrong, alienate friends, and deprive themselves of the sympathy which they deserve, and which they might have enjoyed had they exhibited more patience and manifested less of the wrath of man which worketh not the righteousness of God.

A very good thing to do when a man is wronged, injured, and slandered is to—wait ten years. Ten years is not long, but it is usually long enough for a wheel to turn round. Ten years gives crafty, crooked men time to show themselves. Ten years is long enough to show the character of men whose purposes are selfish, but who make great professions of piety, patriotism and public-spiritedness. Ten years ends a good many misspent lives. Ten years gives the Lord time enough to lay men on the shelf who are not useful in His service. Ten years pricks a great many bubbles. Ten years changes a great many persons' minds. Ten years brings to light hidden things of darkness. Ten years helps people to find out who their friends are.

We have lived through a number of such periods, and have found that in ten year's time prominent men are gone and forgotten. In ten years' time political parties are upturned, remodeled, revolutionized. In ten years' time the whole face of affairs is changed. The questions at issue, points in dispute, and things about which people wrangled ten years ago dropped out of sight and are buried in the dead past, while other things have come to fill the living present.

If men abuse you, insult you, slander you, lie about you, condemn you, accuse you falsely, and condemn you unheard, wait ten years and see what will come of them. You need not hurry. God has all

time and all eternity, and He will bring to pass His own work in His own way. The men who ride on the crest of the wave to-day, will ten years hence be where a telescope could not find them. The men who crack their whips about your ears, who threaten, and bully, and insult honest people, in ten years' time are likely to be dead and forgotten. The men who, to-day are heaping unjust reproaches upon others, ten years hence, may be proved to be dishonest and untrustworthy, and may be cast out of places which they have dishonored, while the men who have been bullied and wronged will stand at last in their true light—purged from the shame and reproach that is heaped upon them.

My good friend, if the world, the flesh, and the devil assail you, and if all the dogs of Beelzebub seem to be barking at your heels, do not worry. "He that believeth shall not make haste." Wait on the Lord. You have all eternity before you; but you will not have to wait long. Ten years will probably tell the story, and when that time has passed you will very likely wonder that you were ever so worried about things that are now forgotten, and by men who have ceased to interfere with you or with any one else. "Wait on the Lord, keep his way." "Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for Him." A little while, and the warfare will be accomplished, and you will rest in peace where all the trial and turmoil of this world is forever forgotten.—H. L. Hastings, in *Safe-guard*.

TOBACCO GOD.

That object for which we sacrifice most we love most, and the object we love most is our God. Now if this object be other than Jehovah, our sacrifice to it is idolatry. The confirmed tobacco slave loves stronger and sacrifices more for this weed than any other object in the universe. The man whose means are limited who cannot afford luxuries for his family, can-

not spare means for religious books or his church paper, and not a cent to support Christ's cause, has plenty which he metes out with lavish hand to satisfy his craving appetite. This has become to him the prince of appetites, for he will gratify it before any other. He loves this sickening filth above any of the choicest sweetmeats—"Sweeter to him than honey and richer than the most luscious fruits." Tobacco is the admitted cause of 80 diseases including delirium tremens, palsy, heart disease, consumption, cancer of the lower lip and tongue and kills 25,000 in our land every year.

Nicotine, the essential principle of tobacco is so deadly an alkaloid that what is contained in one cigar, if extracted and administered in a pure state, would cause a person's speedy death.—*Quarterly Journal of Science*.

LOVE FEASTS.

Fairland M. H., Pa., June 4, 5
Nappanee, Ind., Union Grove M. H. May 31
Elizabethtown, Pa., May 28-29.
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EDITORIAL.

VICTORY.

We have been approached so many times lately with the questions, What is Victory? When you feel so and so, is that victory? How may I have complete victory? These and many like questions have been presented to us so many times that we have longed to say something that would be really helpful on this point.

The Hebrew meaning of the word victory is—To give ease or security, the Greek—To be invincible; to conquer. A victor is one, then, who is victorious in a contest; one who vanquishes another in a struggle, and rests in that victory with ease and security. There may be degrees of victory, as when in a series of battles the winner is victorious in one instance, but the one who finally wins in the contests, is completely victorious. Spiritually applied, one may be converted and be victorious on the point of stealing and yet not have victory over anger. He is only partly victorious. Why? Because the scripture condemns both as the works of the flesh and because the gospel provides a three fold victory for spirit, soul and body, over "The world, the flesh and the devil."

There are various requisites to victory, such as surrender, consecration, commitment, crucifixion, and a willingness to suffer for Him. Faith is perhaps the medium through which these operate for "This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith." The child of God is, however, not left alone in the struggle for victory but God is intensely interested in each soul and is engaged in leading them to victory. "Now thanks be to God Who always leads us forth to triumph with the Anointed One, and Who diffuses by us the fragrance of the knowledge of Him in every place." II Cor. 2: 14; (Let. Tran.) But you say I am acquainted with these scriptures but how am I to know that my life comes up to the Scriptural standard. Let us get our position clearly. We are first of all finite, human, subject to heat, cold, varied emotions, sensibilities, capable of love, hate, submission, retaliation, etc. That we are creatures that never feel is untrue and absurd. That we may feel an insult, a sword thrust, persecution, etc., and not feel one atom of resentment, anger, or retaliation is also true. That the sudden thrust may cause us to reel apparently or take away momentarily the power of speech and at the same time feel your heart overflowing in loving sympathy with and for the one who caused the wound. Here is the test of victory. The Spiritually tender heart will bleed, speak the truth in love, but not retaliate. Ah! you say right there is where I failed. Oh why did I fail? There are only two reasons why you failed. Either you were never "crucified with him," or you failed in that moment

to keep committed or in other words to stay in the place of crucifixion. Satan may in that moment present a temptation but "He that is begotten of God keepeth himself and that wicked one toucheth him not." "Now thanks be to God who always leads us forth to triumph, with the Anointed One." "Greater is he that is within you than he that is in the world."

To have every sin of heart and life fully confessed, and dealt with and put under the blood; to be entirely, eternally, yielded and dedicated to God; to trust His unlimited, eternal, abiding power through the Holy Spirit through faith to keep you, not to struggle to keep, but to rest in Christ as your victory as He keeps, is the foot path to **Victory**.

There are many people who would like to get a—well, an indefinable something that they would never have any tests, and trials, any perplexities, in fact to be made a sort of a machine or demi-god where none of the temptations that are "Common to man" would ever befall them. This is dishonoring to Christ. A real good case of sanctification with the Anointing of the Holy Spirit will so effectually crucify, put off the old man, and abundantly capitalize the spiritual forces of the soul that no matter what the test, you will be "More than Conqueror." How? Thru not feeling the test? No. **Thru faith in Him**. He keeps. There is still another side to victory that we sometimes lose sight of, that is, the diffusion "By us of the fragrance of the knowledge of Him in every place." There are flowers that bloom and look pretty, but bruise them all you like there is no more perfume than can be squeezed from any weed. There are others that simply abound with fragrance and tho' unconscious, seem to exert every effort to exhale their sweet scent, and the more you crush them the more abundant the perfume. Beloved it is not mere human personality that scintillates, it is "Christ in you the Hope of Glory." It is not the mere moral or legal correctness alone that counts, it is the diffusing by us of the fragrance of Christ that still makes folks hungry for Him.

"When you are forgotten or neglected or purposely set at naught, and you smile **inwardly**, glorying in the insult or oversight, because thereby counted worthy to suffer with Christ—that is victory.

When your good is evil spoken of, when your wishes are crossed, your taste offended, your advice disregarded, your opinions ridiculed, and you take it all in patient, loving silence—that is victory.

When you can lovingly and patiently deal with any disorder, any irregularity, and unpunctuality, or any annoyance—that is victory.

When you are content with any food, any raiment, and climate, any society, any solitude, any interruption by the will of God—that is victory.

When like Paul you can throw all your suffering on Jesus, thus converting it into a means of knowing His overcoming grace, and can say from a surren-

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= CONTRIBUTIONS =

A LOVING ADMONITION.

How time rolls on with unrelenting force, carrying with it all that is dear and precious to poor dying humanity.

"Time like an ever rolling flood,
Bears all its sons away"

Truly this beautiful world is a "vale of tears." Go where you will you find sad broken hearts, broken up homes, blasted hopes, and consequent suffering and misery. War, pestilence and famine have hurried millions of the human race into eternity, and all manner of abnormal conditions have arisen that will shorten the lives of thousands who survive. How often that verse of Bishop Heber's beautiful hymn comes to my mind,

What though the spicy breezes
Blow soft o'er Ceylon's isle
And every prospect pleases
And only man is vile.

Yes man's vileness stains and mars all God's lovely creation with its slimy trail, and like the U-pas tree it poisons all its surroundings with its fetid exhalations. Poor weary old world, storm-tossed, and torn to pieces, and with the dark clouds of further disaster hanging over you, sadly you wonder, "When and how will this all end?" Ah, you have despised and discredited the only book that could enlighten you. You have rejected the only One that could save you, and now, "He laughs at your calamity and mocks when your fear cometh." But still to the anxious, penitent soul who seeks the Lord Jesus Christ, He is still waiting to be gracious. His governmental dealings with the nations does not close the door of mercy to the individual soul if he will still receive, if he seeks he will find, if he knocks it will be opened unto him.

The same precious invitation is still lovingly extended, "Come unto me all ye that labor and are

heavy laden and I will give you rest." Come sad heartbroken parents whose sons lie in a nameless grave in a foreign land across the ocean. Come poor young mother with your fatherless little flock. Come ye whose homes have been stricken with "flu" and left you desolate and perplexed with your changed conditions. Come, dear young hearts who have lost one or both parents with the fatal scourge. You all need a Friend that cannot die, you need a Saviour that can save to the uttermost. Listen to the testimony of one who has proved Him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say
Come unto me and rest,
O come, thou weary one, lay
down
Thy head upon my breast.

So then, I came to Jesus as I
was
Weary and worn and sad;
I found in him a resting place
And He has made me glad."

Rest from the guilt and burden of sin, rest from the fear of its penalty, rest from all the weary heartaches the unsaved soul must carry, sweet peaceful rest that the world can never give, and thank God, can never take away.

"Now rest my long divided heart,
Fixed on this blissful center
rest,
Here have I found a nobler part,
Here heavenly pleasures fill
my breast."

Blessed change. Rest and gladness. "He hath given unto us eternal life." Death comes into our homes and takes away our loved ones, our temporal treasures take wings and fly away, our health, our greatest earthly blessing, may break down, and in pain and weariness we may through long years perform the duties that others can do with ease and comfort, Or we may be laid aside from any active

service at all. Our friends, so numerous in our palmy days, may forget and even despise us when we need them most, but thank God, when it comes to our eternal salvation, "Our anchor is within the veil, Whatever may our soul betide, Against us nothing can prevail, For God the Lord is on our side, This firm and undisturbed shall stay, When heaven and earth shall pass away. Praise the Lord O my soul.

Unsaved reader, time is passing, earth's joys are fleeting, and over your future hangs an impenetrable gloom. "This world can never give, The bliss for which you sigh." Sinner, God loves you, He has given His best and greatest gift in the person of His only Son "Who died for our sins and rose again for our Justification." You cannot afford to remain a stranger to Him any longer, the risks are too great, your eternal interests are too valuable. "Acquaint thyself with him and be at peace." "And this is life eternal that they should know thee the only true God and him whom thou didst send even Jesus Christ," Jn. 17: 3, R. V. What a blessed acquaintance that brings life Divine into souls once dead in trespasses and sins and adopts them into God's family as sons and daughters, heirs and joint heirs with Christ. Do not turn away from the conviction the Holy Spirit brings to bear on your needy soul. Let its wondrous searchlight show you your sins as God sees them and make you so utterly sick of them that you will anxiously "Enquire the way to Zion with your face turned thitherward." Then with your back turned to the world and your former life, you can by faith "Behold the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world." Blessed look! "They looked unto Him and were lightened, and their faces were not ashamed." Now you can joyfully sing,—

I have anchored my soul in the
haven of rest,
I sail the wild seas no more;

The tempest may sweep, o'er the
wild stormy deep,
In Jesus I'm safe evermore.

Amen and amen.

F. Elliot.

REPORT OF ASHLAND AND RICH-
LAND, O.

On Dec. 15, 1918 a series of meet-
ings was begun at the Chestnut Grove
meeting-house with Bro. Frank Brech-
bill and wife in charge.

The weather was fine and the even-
ings as days because of the beautiful
moonlight, but the roads were bad
most of the time, hindering the people
from attending regularly. Then to-
ward the latter part of the meeting
the weather became disagreeable and
the members could not easily attend.

Although there were inconvenien-
ces and undesirable weather Bro.
Brechbill was not at all discouraged
and brought the word in its fulness
desiring to see souls saved.

We hope, pray and believe, if it
was not our privilege to see souls
saved in that meeting, that the word
sank into hearts and will develop
some day.

Meeting closed Dec. 31, 1918 on ac-
count of very bad weather. We pray
God to bless Bro. and Sr. Brechbill
for their kind labors at this place.

On Jan. 5, 1919 we began another
series of meetings at the Pleasant
Grove meeting-house with Bro. S. G.
Engle from Phila., Pa. in charge. He
was accompanied by Bro. Eshleman
from the same place.

The weather was fine and the roads
good making it very pleasant to at-
tend the meetings. The first week
the attendance was not very large but
as the second week began people were
more interested.

Bro. Engle came filled with the Spir-
it saving many beneficial things to
the church and giving many unsaved
souls something to think over.

On the second Sunday evening the
first break was made. a mother desir-
ing more than she had, and two child-
ren came forward. We are certainly
glad to see the children entering the
fold. The souls continued seeking the
Lord the following week until they
numbered ten. aging from nine years
to fathers and mothers. We are sure-
ly glad to see fathers and mothers
coming to Christ with their children
following them. Then, too, there
were others that came for the healing
of their bodies and some came for sanc-
tification. Others that had grown cold
returned and we feel to "Praise the
Lord" for strengthening our minister-
ial staff at this place.

Meetings came to a close on Mon-
day evening, Jan. 20 after an all-day
meeting Sunday and also services Mon-
day afternoon, with conviction still
resting on hearts.

We pray God to bless Bro. Engle for
his labors and Bro. Eshleman for his
presence.

Martha Betz, Cor.
Mansfield, O., R. D. No. 2.

SPRINGFIELD, OHIO.

As some of the Visitor readers will
remember we had to close our revival
effort at Beulah Chapel last November
on account of the influenza outbreak;
and while almost all of the congrega-
tion had to undergo the disease, yet
we are glad to report God was very
gracious to us in that we had no
deaths in our number.

We were privileged to have our
brother, Eld. J. B. Leaman, to stop with
us on his return trip from the East
on Jan. 25 and continue the meetings.
The meeting seemed to pick up
where we left off, the interest and at-
tendance being very good from the
start. We praise God for the mighty
working of His Spirit in our midst,
there being several services when
there was no preaching, the Spirit
working through some of His own dear
children, getting glory to His Name.

Quite a number of souls received
definite help, among those saved being
two men past 60 years of age, several
middle-aged people both men and wo-
men and younger ones down to 8
years old. We feel that a great re-
sponsibility devolves on the church to
shepherd the lambs who have been
brought into the kingdom.

On the afternoon and evening of
Feb. 1st, we had a lovefeast and com-
munion service, which many testified
was the best they ever enjoyed, the
spirit of unity and sense of God's pres-
ence being wonderfully manifested.

We had the pleasure of enjoying the
presence of Sisters Maud Ripley of
Jabbok Orphanage, and Ethel French
of the Dayton Mission, who were
former converts and members with us.
Their testimonies brought inspiration
and encouragement to our hearts. Bro.
Webster Eshleman of Phila., Pa. was
also with us during the entire meet-
ing, and by his testimonies gave en-
couragement to the work.

We feel that one of the results of
the meetings will be the moving out
of some of our number to labor in
other parts of God's vineyard. Bro.
Leaman was faithful in declaring the
word, and we are sure that there will
yet be some precious sheaves gathered
from the seed that was sown.

The meeting closed on the evening
of Feb. 9th with a full house, Bro.

Leaman leaving on his homeward way
immediately after the close of the ser-
vice. Pray for us that "the work may
go on and on."

O. B. Ulery.

WHY I COULD NOT FIGHT.

Mt. Joy, Penna.,
January 27, 1919.

Dear readers:—

I will endeavor to explain my views,
why I could not conscientiously take
part in war. When I was before dif-
ferent officers and they asked me why
I could not take any part in war, I
gave my reasons as follows: I could not
conscientiously accept any service be-
cause Jesus plainly taught us that it
is wrong to fight.

When Jesus was about to be deliv-
ered into the hands of the Gentiles,
and Peter yet being in his carnal state,
tried to defend Jesus by cutting off
Malchus, the high priest's servant's
ear, Jesus turned and said unto Peter,
Matt. 26: 52 "Put up again thy sword
into his place: for all they that take
the sword shall perish with the sword."

Jesus also said in Matt. 5: 44 "Love
your enemies, bless them that curse
you, do good to them that hate you,
and pray for them which despitefully
use you, and persecute you." John
18: 36 Jesus said unto Pilate, "My
kingdom is not of this world: if my
kingdom were of this world, then
would my servants fight, that I should
not be delivered to the Jews: but now
is my kingdom not from hence."

Paul tells us in Romans 12: 17-21
inclusive that we should "Recompense
to no man evil for evil. Provide things
honest in the sight of all men. If it be
possible, as much as lieth in you, live
peaceably with all men."

"Dearly beloved, avenge not your-
selves, but rather give place unto
wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is
mine: I will repay, saith the Lord.
Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed
him: if he thirst, give him drink: for
in so doing thou shalt heap coals of
fire on his head. Be not overcome of
evil, but overcome evil with good." II
Cor. 10: 4 "For the weapons of our
warfare are not carnal, but mighty
through God to the pulling down of
strongholds."

After stating these reasons, the offi-
cer asked me if I would take up non-
combatant service. I said I could not
conscientiously accept it: then he
asked why I could not accept it. The
reasons are as follows:

I could not see how I could become
a member of an organization, whose ul-
timate end was to defeat the enemy.
I do not say this to cast any reflec-
tions on the army, but that I might
state my views so they could under-

stand them. The Bible teaches us to "love our enemies," as already stated. They also questioned us hard why we could not accept hospital work. If I would accept hospital work I am taking the place of some poor soul who must go to the front. I could not see how I could conscientiously accept this service. How could I be a follower of Jesus Christ and also a member of this organization? "Ye cannot serve God and mammon."

The Church has always preached the non-resistant doctrine and the time came for her to prove what she preaches. How can we earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints, if we do not step out and take our stand for Jesus?

It is easy to go with the stream, but to go against the current takes strength and courage. So to step out and be separated from the world takes the strength of the Lord, for it is only through Him that we can be victorious in fighting the good fight of faith, that we may lay hold on eternal life.

Yours in His service,
Harry L. Brubaker.

TESTIMONY.

Dear readers of the Visitor:—

I have felt for some time to write my testimony for the Visitor. I feel myself so incapable of writing but the only way for me to have victory in Jesus is to obey.

I truly feel to thank the Lord for what He is to me, and for what He has done for me in the past.

I thank Him for the privilege of bringing our burdens and trials to Him and He helps us to bear them. Truly it pays to obey God at all times. I want to trust the Lord for my body as well as the soul.

I have eczema which I have had for a good many years. I often asked the Lord to heal me last summer. I told the Lord if He would heal me I would testify to it through the Visitor and from that very day my eczema began to get better and kept on getting better, but I some way felt I should not tell anyone that the Lord was healing me until I would be entirely healed and I do not believe the Lord wanted me to tell it. I could not understand why the Lord did not want me to tell what He was doing for me.

So one day when I was almost healed I was with a friend of mine and something seemed to say it surely could not be wrong to tell what the Lord was doing for me. I told my friend that the Lord is healing me of my eczema, and from that time on it began to get worse again.

I could not understand why it was

wrong to tell it but I felt I had disobeyed the Lord. Oh how sorry I was I did not obey my first convictions. I asked the Lord to forgive me, but I felt that I had lost the blessing of being healed at this time. I again asked the Lord to heal me and I would write a testimony for Him and something seemed to say, would you be willing to write a testimony if the Lord didn't heal you.

I said, "Yes, Lord I will write one if you help me write it," so by His help I will obey and I believe he will heal me in His own time and way if I trust Him.

The enemy is so busy trying to deceive and destroy, but I mean to be true to Him and trust and obey Him.

Pray for me.

An unworthy sister,
Susan Garwick.

Coleta, Illinois January 12, 1919.

TESTIMONY.

Dear readers of the Visitor:—

I feel as though the Lord would again have me give a testimony for Him in this silent way and as I have promised by His strength to obey in all things when He bids me do anything for Him I will also obey in this.

When we are wholly yielded to Him then only can we have that "joy unspeakable and full of glory" of which Peter writes. I am so thankful that I have found in Jesus an all-sufficient and satisfying Savior. One who is to me as the "shadow of a great rock in a weary land, a shelter in the time of storm and a very present help in trouble." I have realized that,

He is not a disappointment,
Jesus is far more to me
Than in all my glowing day dreams
I had fancied He could be.

And the more I get to know Him
So the more I find Him true.
And the more I long that others
Should be led to know Him too."

Sometimes when I think how the Lord has called me and led me, and from what He has delivered me, and how that "he has not dealt with me after my sins, nor rewarded me according to my iniquities," and how that He fills my soul to overflowing with joy and peace, I feel like falling down at His feet, like the cleansed Samaritan of old, and there weep out my gratitude to Him, for which I can find no words of expression.

Should any unsaved person happen to read these lines I would say, accept Jesus now as your Savior. Try Him and find in Him such a friend as you have never known before. He may

soon come again and surely we all want to "be found of Him in peace, without spot and blameless."

Your sister in Jesus,
M. Alice Keefer.
Millersburg, Pa.

WHILE WE HAVE OPPORTUNITY.

"While we have opportunity
Let us do good to all,"
Thus to the Galatian Church
The great Apostle Paul,

But 'twas not meant for those alone
Who lived so long ago,
It means us too, who're living now
In a world full of woe.

How many opportunities
We all have every day
For doing little helpful deeds
To brighten some one's way.

If only we would them improve
Ere long our eyes would see
Upon the earth the greatest change,
Almost like heaven 'twould be

There would be happiness for all
If only we all would
Improve the opportunities
We have for doing good.

M. A. K.

Clarence Center, N. Y.
Jan. 27, 1919.

The Visitor Family,

Greeting in Jesus Name:—

"God is my refuge and underneath are the everlasting arms." How real this precious promise has become of late, amid trials and test, just to realize God's helping hand and that he knows and is interested in all our troubles.

I am so glad this afternoon that Jesus has become my own personal Savior and that His blood covers all my sins so that I am free before Him. Praise his Name.

It is a little past four years since Jesus called me to serve Him and I can truly say I have never been sorry I left the world for Him.

"No thirsting for life's pleasures
Or adorning rich and gay,
I have found a richer treasure
One that fadeth not away."

I am glad too that Jesus led me to see my privilege of consecrating my life to him and for his abiding presence day by day and for the peace He gives since I've learned to trust Him more.

I feel that I am so slow to learn the lessons that God has for me but he is so faithful, patient and merciful to me I mean by his grace to be and to do the little things He has for me to do along the way.

Pray for me that I may be watching and praying when Jesus comes.

Your unworthy sister
Ella L. Davis.

TESTIMONY.

God helping me, I want to praise Him from whom all blessings flow. Yes I will praise Him wherever I am, and wherever I go, for His grace and mercy upon me, and for His love in my soul.

Let all God's children praise the great, mighty and wonderful God, who made heaven and earth, and everything that therein is, and who holds all in His hands and control. And who can hinder or stay His hand?

What a precious Savior we have who came down here to earth, to make a way to heaven for us, and left His Word that we can read if we will. Praise His dear Name!

I truly am glad, happy and thankful for what my heavenly Father has done for me: the Father drew me, and Jesus took me in. Glory, honor, praise and adoration to His great Name.

What poor mortals we are, how unworthy of His mercy, and yet our Blessed Jesus says, "Come unto me all ye that labor, and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." What a loving Jesus!

He will show us everything we ever did that was not God's way and tells us to repent, and get right with God, and gives us grace to make everything right that was wrong, and through His mercy He forgives, and as we read and obey He gives us grace to do all to stand, will make us pure, perfect and holy, and some sweet day He will gather us home to Himself. O, glorious thought! Blessed be His Name!

Leah Ulery.

Springfield, Ohio.

A TESTIMONY.

It is often said that a Christian should not engage in business; that business men are dishonest and business methods are deceptive; that a true child of God cannot "touch the unclean thing."

Dear friends, my Christ is a living person; my religion is a blessed experience. I do not let methods change me, but I change them. It is true that I cannot do some things which others practice.—but God is with me. In answer to my earnest, definite prayer, He more than makes up to me what I lose in not compromising with evil. God always prospers the trusting one.

For a number of years, I have been employed by a public service corporation. My success depends, not so

much on logic and language (altho' they are important), as on getting the interviews with the least expenditure of time and money. This is how God helps me. He just directs my steps that I make my calls at the right time. In this, there is conservation.

Even in business, by the grace of God, I can live out the principles of non-resistance. Gospel non-resistance is not absolute submission to every imposition, for loyalty to the employer is gospel necessity. If, however, I find myself resenting and retaliating, I must cry to the Lord for a deeper baptism of love. "When He giveth quietness, who then can make trouble?" (Job 34: 29).

Richard C. Odgers.

Flourtown, Pa.

TESTIMONY.

Dear Readers of the Visitor:—

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the Lord is the strength of my life;—of whom shall I be afraid? Psalms 27-1. I praise God for the blessed refuge we have in Him, that we need never fear nor be afraid. I am glad that I have learned the wondrous secret of abiding in the Lord.

For some time I have been impressed to write for the Visitor and I am glad that God has given me the grace to obey Him, I praise God that He has saved me and set me free from sin. I want to live real close to God and be on fire for Him at all times, that I might always be willing to do the work He has for me to do.

I am glad that God has said, "Who-soever will may come and partake of the waters of life freely," and that His grace is free to all who will accept it.

I am glad that He ever gave me strength to accept Him as my Saviour and praise Him for all that He has done for me

Pray for me that God may always use me to His glory and keep me true to him.

Your sister in Christ,
Hettie L. Weaver.

Nanticoke, Ont.

TESTIMONY.

Dear readers:—

This afternoon, I will try by the help and grace of God, to write for the Visitor.

I feel it my duty, also a grand privilege of giving a testimony for the Lord, hoping that someone may be encouraged thereby. I desire to praise the Lord at all times, "His praise shall continually be in my mouth." My tongue is not able to express the praise

to God for His goodness unto us. Our boy and myself were taken down with influenza, and the Lord so wonderfully raised us up again. I am glad that I had a desire to obey James 5: 14-15, thus being anointed. I want God to receive all the honor and glory, and that I may be more useful in the Lord's service. I shall never forget the kindness of those that have waited on us. Beloved, we who have parents, let us be kind to them, let us give the flowers while they live.

Sr. Elizabeth Brandt came home to spend her vacation over the holidays. We asked her to assist us. She was with us five days before Christmas. About three weeks after this, she was taken down with pneumonia, and passed away on Jan. 20.

We cannot understand why these young Christians are taken away, but the Lord doeth all things well. Our loss is their eternal gain.

SEPARATIONS IN TIME.

Friend after friend departs:
Who hath not lost a friend?
There is no union here of hearts,
That finds not here an end:
Were this frail world our only rest,
Living or dying none were blest.

Beyond the flight of time,
Beyond this vale of death,
There surely is some blessed clime
Where life is not a breath;
Nor life's affections transient fire,
Whose sparks fly upwards to expire.

There is a world above,
Where parting is unknown;
A whole eternity of love,
Formed for the good alone;
And faith beholds the dying here,
Translated to that happier sphere.

Yours in the Master's service,
Lizzie Basehore.

Hershey, Pa.

YE SHALL BE MY WITNESSES.

Lives that live.—At one of the Northfield conferences, a few years ago, an American missionary to Africa told a story that stirred the heart of every listener. He began his work with companions as eager as himself. One by one they succumbed to the terrible climate. Three he buried—the others he took to the coast and sent home. Then he turned back, to stand, utterly alone, in the midst of hundreds of thousands of men who had never heard the name of God. Again and again he tramped the blistered plains with his tongue so swollen that he could not speak. Thirty times he was stricken with fever, with no one

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dered heart, "Most gladly" therefore do "I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake"—that is victory (II Cor. 12:7-11). When death and life are both alike to you through Christ, to do His perfect will, you delight not more in one than the other—that is victory; for, thru' Him you may be able to say, "Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life or by death" (Ppil. 1:20; I Cor. 15:54); "In all these things we are more than conquerors thru him that loved us" (Rom. 8:37).

Which way do we go in the balance?

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I have heard of Latter-day Saints; I far more admire Everyday Saints.—Spurgeon.

Go where you will, your soul shall not sleep sound but in Christ's shall not sleep sound but in Christ's bosom.—Rutherford.

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SCHOOL NOTES.

Eld. Joe A. Smith and wife and her brother, George Smith, were in Chicago last week in order to attend a wedding.

Paul Miller, of Jonestown, Pa., left school on Feb. 27 in order to take up work in a bank in his home town.

Eld. J. A. Climenhaga is holding revival services in the Messiah Home Chapel. The double duty of preaching and teaching is a severe strain on one's vitality, but if it is done as unto the Lord the duty is changed to a privilege.

The Endowment fund is making a steady growth, and inquiries are being received as to the needs. A brother from Kansas is of the opinion that the \$50,000 asked for is none too much. Can we all say, amen, and help "our bit" to that end?

Signs of the Times.

AN ADDRESS AT BIBLE CONFERENCE.

By BISH. J. R. ZOOK.

We are able to read certain signs of the weather. Christ Himself said, "When it is evening, ye say, It will be fair weather, for the sky is red. And in the morning, It will be foul weather, for the sky is red and lowering." If we can thus read these signs in the physical world, we ought to discern the signs of the times.

In Dan. 2:31-45 we have a prophecy of history from the time of Daniel until the Second Coming of Christ. In the king's dream, Dan. 2:31-35, a great image is described: "Thou, O king, sawest, and, behold, a great image. This great image, whose brightness was excellent, stood before thee, and the form thereof was terrible. This image's head was of fine gold, his breast and his arms of silver, his belly and his thighs of brass, his legs of iron, his feet part of iron and part of clay. Thou sawest till tha ta stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces. Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broken to pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer threshingfloors; and the wind carried them away, that no place was found for them: and the stone (Continued on page 12.)

MONTH'S EXPENDITURES.

Exchange, Stationary & Sundries,	8.00
Friend's Reconstruction, Dec. and Jan.,	1401.50
Armenian & Syrian Relief,	980.52
Myron Taylor, Special Contribution,	32.60
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BISH. H. G. LIGHT:—Editor.

EDITORIAL.

"GENERAL STATE OF THE CHURCH."

"The Church of God is to-day courting the world. Its members are trying to bring it down to the level of the ungodly. The theatre, picture shows, nude and lewd art, social luxuries, with all their loose moralities are making inroads into the sacred enclosure of the church, and as a satisfaction for all this worldliness, Christians are making a great deal of Lent, and Easter and Good Friday, and church ornamentations. It is the old trick of Satan. The Jewish church struck on that rock, the Romish church was wrecked on the same, and the Protestant church is fast reaching the same doom."—Bish. R. S. Foster.

Our great dangers, as we see them, are assimilation to the world, neglect of the poor, substitution of the form for the fact of godliness, abandonment of discipline, an impure gospel, which summed up is making a fashionable church instead of a once plain church. That the once plain churches should be liable to such an outcome, and that there should be signs of it seems almost the miracle of history; but who that looks about him to-day can fail to see the fact?

Have we not in violation of God's Word and our own discipline drifted away from the land marks so far that we can hardly find them any more? Can we distinguish our brethren and sisters from the world? Is plainness and simplicity observed?

LOOK UP.

"Your life cannot always lie along the sunny highways of life. You must descend sometimes into the valley, and sometimes the clouds must cover you. Do you say this cross that is

given you to carry is too heavy? Or that this burden which is laid upon you should be borne by other shoulders?

God knows the beginning and the end thereof. Leave it with Him. Look up! The cloud is not wholly black above you; through that little break a beam of light is shining to tell you that the sun is still there. Look up steadily! The cloud is even now passing over, and soon all shall be bright."—Selected by Mrs. Mary E. Light.

Fredericksburg, Pa.

GOD'S WORD.

Reading what a missionary in Mexico said of the 91st Psalm prompted me to offer one of my experiences in the Civil War as a testimony to the value of the Word of God to every one, especially to soldiers on the battle field.

On the third of June, 1864 was the bloody battle of Cold Harbor, in which the Union Army lost 7,000 men in twenty minutes. The 36th Wisconsin was in the corps, "Hancock the Superb," who made the first attack at four o'clock in the morning. I was assisting the surgeon on the field giving first aid to the wounded. We were kept busy all that day, and when I staightened up to rest and rub my aching back, whichever way I looked I saw the wounded, the dying, or the dead. As the evening shades were lengthening, I lay down in my tent completely exhausted, discouraged, homesick, and on the verge of despair. Readers of Pilgrim's Progress will remember the desperate attack Appollyon made upon Christian when he found him greatly wearied and depressed. So the cowardly, arch-fiend seeing my undone condition, pitched upon me. It seemed as if another was saying to me, "Now you see what a fix you've got yourself into. Why didn't you stay at home? If you hadn't been such a fool as to volunteer you would have been safe at home now, but here you are in a fix you can't get

out of. You're no better than the thousands who were shot to-day. Your turn will come one of these days. You'll find your faith isn't worth a row of pins. You'll be done for one of these days, sure as fate. Nothing can save you." At this point thoughts of home reminded me of a letter from my father that came the night before, and I only had time to read a little of it. I began reading it, and when I came to the words, "Read often the 91st and 121st Psalms," I said, "I will read them now, before it gets dark." I began reading the 91st Psalm, "He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty." The devil said, "Oh that sounds very nice, if it was only true." Then I turned to the 121st and read on with increasing interest to the seventh verse, "The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil; He shall preserve thy soul." A great flood of light burst upon me; the devil was gone and I was at peace. I said to myself, "God can preserve my body as long as He sees best, but whatever becomes of my body, He will preserve my soul, and that's me." From that moment I felt safe in God's hands and sure that He would give the victory to the right. No doubt, at some time, the devil attempts to wreck the faith of every believer on the Lord Jesus Christ, but we have the promise in I Cor. 10: 13, that God will always make a way of escape from temptation. And let me suggest to all that they put those two blessed Psalms together in the chambers of their memory that together they may nerve the heart in every duty, trial or danger.—Selected by Gertrude Weaver.

Lancaster, Pa.

OBITUARY.

STARK.—Sr. Ida Stark, wife of Bro. Nathan Stark, died Jan. 12, 1919, aged 58 years. They entertained a lot of friends early in the evening apparently in good health, but just as she was about to retire for the night, she passed away very suddenly. She was a faithful member of the church a kind

and affectionate wife and mother, loved by all. The husband and the following children survive to mourn their loss: Harry of Waterbury, Conn. Daniel of Olean, N. Y.; Mrs. Milton Swanger of Florin; Mrs. Samuel Nornhold of Mt. Pleasant; John of Hershey, Nathan of Satunga, Tillman and Charles at home. Services were conducted at her late home in Mt. Joy by Bish. Sol. Brinser and Eld. John S. Brinser. Burial in Mt. Joy cemetery.

DUPES—Bro. Roy Dupes, son of Bro. and Sr. William and Fanny Dupes died at Maytown, Lancaster Co., on Dec. 22, 1918, aged a little over 27 years, a victim of influenza, suffering intensely for two weeks. He gave his heart to God early in the year 1915 and united with the Brethren (U. Z. C.) in May of the same year, and was a faithful and useful young brother, but cut off so early in life. He was married to Mable Sipling, who with two sons, Lester, 5 years and Roy Jr., 1 year, remain to mourn their loss. He was a kind and cheerful husband and devoted father. He also had one sister, May, wife of Arthur Ziegler, and one brother, Walter, at home, who with his parents, one grandfather and two grandmothers keenly feel their loss. Funeral services were held privately at his late home near Maytown on Dec. 24, conducted by Eld. John S. Brinser. Burial in St. Johns Cemetery adjoining his home.

"When thru' the deep waters I call thee to go,
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
For I will be with thee, thy trials to bless
And sanctify to thee, thy deepest distress."

YE SHALL BE MY WITNESSES.

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to care for him. Lions attacked him, natives ambushed him; he had lived upon everything from ants to rhinoceroses. And here was his conclusion: "I know the great joy of walking with Jesus Christ in the midst of all this: I stand ready at this moment to go through it all again for the joy I had in flashing the word Savior into the darkness of a great tribe! Is it God's will? That makes the wilderness a garden; that makes the desert glow with the very presence of God!"
—Youth's Companion.

THE PLACE OF THE ALTAR.

Everywhere that Abram went he built an altar. The only exception was when he went down into Egypt, there he never built an altar. I have this thought concerning a matter that has given me considerable anxiety, perhaps the reason so many professed followers of Jesus Christ have no family altar, is because they are living in Egypt. No use to sing, "You need not look for me down in Egypt's sand," when you have no family altar. That is the only place you can be found. The absence of the family altar is a proof you are in Egypt. Let me tell you one thing that impressed me to write this article. I heard something and God said to me by the Holy Spirit, "What do you think of that?" Shall I tell you what I heard. Read it carefully. A tired worn missionary who had been for years in a foreign land came to America, so glad to get where there were Christian homes and Christian influences. She had been pouring out her very life for the heathen around the station. She saw in every black face a hungry look that meant they did not know God. She prayed and taught, and taught and prayed and did her best, but her body gave out and she was compelled to come home, and here she expected to find Christian homes, family altars, and the sweet and hallowed influences that gather in such homes. She went from place to place, she was entertained in the homes of preachers, and in a number of them she found no family altar. Day after day in the same home, and no family prayer. Not in one home but a number of them. At last she came to the humble home of a preacher. When she came down in the morning they were waiting for her that she might have a part in the family worship. When it was over she said, "O, I am so glad you waited for me before family worship." Poor, tired heart, she has now gone to the home where they worship all the time. But those homes in Egypt are still with us. May they not be an explanation of the spir-

itual dearth that there is in the land to-day? No need of sticking the head in the sand and denying the facts. Bishops, superintendents, and editors are prolific in excuses and so called reasons, but the lack of home piety shown by the absence of the family altar is the main reason. The way into the holy of holies was by the altar. The fire that fell from heaven fell on the sacrifice that lay on an altar that was prepared. I believe that a minister of the Gospel who does not have a family altar is down in Egypt and needs to get back to the house of God (Bethel) instead of sending for an evangelist. He ought to make an altar call in his own church, and be the first at his own altar. The reader may think this kind of writing will not make the writer popular. I do not want to be, am afraid of it. Popularity is the backslidden preachers idol. I have God's smile and am against the world—in the church, the ministry and the home. Shame, Shame, Shame, on the preacher who has no family altar where the wayworn dying missionary can find rest, comfort and solace for the soul! You may have a family altar. Have you any fire? What good is an altar without fire? The priests of Baal had an altar but though they called and called they had no fire. I was preaching in the South some few years ago, and there came a preacher to the altar and after a little he sent for his wife and asked her to forgive him, saying he had cut her short, had been cross. Then he sent for his children and asked them to forgive him saying, "I have been light and frivolous." Then he sent for the boarders, and asked them to forgive him saying, "I have been living a life before you that was not in harmony with my profession." After the meeting was over he came to me and said, "You got me in your sermon when you talked about the fire on the family altar. I have had a family altar but no fire. Any wonder he did not have fire? That poor man was as backslidden as the
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SIGNS OF THE TIMES.

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that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth." The head of gold represents the great Babylonian Empire which came into existence in 667 B. C., lasting until it was subdued by the Medes and Persians in 538 B. C. The Medo-Persian kingdom typified by the breast and arms of silver, continued until 332 B. C. when the Macedonian Empire under Alexander the Great superceded it. The loins of brass represent this kingdom, while the legs of iron stand for the Roman Empire which existed until 479 A. D. The feet, part of iron and part of clay, show the division of the Empire at that time. This government was the most cruel ever established. During its existence Christ was born into the world. His tomb was sealed with the Roman seal, but He broke it at His resurrection. None but God could do it.

We have prophecies of the destruction of Jerusalem in Matt. 24: 15-22, Mark 13: 14-21 and Luke 21: 20-24. These prophecies were fulfilled when the city was attacked, captured and destroyed during the reign of Titus, A. D. 70. None of the Christians then in Jerusalem were killed, as all escaped from the city; Nicodemus is said to have escaped with the believers. The Roman army took advantage of the Jews' refusal to fight on the Sabbath day. They broke through the walls on that day and rushed to the temple whither the Jews had crowded in great numbers. The slaughter by the Romans was so terrible that human blood flowing out washed dead bodies off the Temple steps. The building itself was burned; the precious metals in its furnishings melted and ran down among the stones. To get the gold, the stones were dug up; thus was fulfilled the words of Jesus, "There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down."

Read Matt. 24: 4-14. Here we have other signs of the times. The Anti-Christ shall come. The officials of the Roman Catholic Church claim the power of absolution. The story is told of an Irishman who went to the priest for the forgiveness of his sins. He inquired where the priest gets his authority; he was told it was from the bishop; and the bishop? from the cardinal; and the cardinal? from the pope; and the pope? from St. Peter; and St. Peter? from Christ. "Then," responded Pat, "I believe I'll go to headquarters." "Ye shall hear of wars, and rumors of wars: for nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places." These things have come to pass during the last few years. The recent War, followed by famine and pestilence, is awful. The people become so wicked that all God can do sometimes is to kill them off. The righteous die with the sinners, but they show them how to die. The right-

eous die well. During this War a town in Italy was swallowed up by an earthquake. "Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake." One thing we need in this age is the martyr spirit. Many through fear are influenced to compromise. Others stand true. In England certain German workmen refused to work with English Quakers because they were non-resistants. "Iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold." Many people become guilty of graft and dishonesty in their pursuit of riches. Six thousand millionaires have been made during the War. The money is passing into the hands of fewer people. The gospel is being preached in many lands to many nations. This great Missionary Movement is another of the signs of the times, for "this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the world for a witness unto all nations: and then shall the end come."

See Mark 13: 24-33. Here we see the angels acting as envoys gathering the elect "from the four winds, from the uttermost part of the earth, to the uttermost part of heaven." This is in marked contrast with the angel grasping the wicked to hurl them to their doom. "This generation shall not pass till all these things be done." This generation or race—the Jews—are here yet today. "Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is." Be holy when He comes!

In Luke 21: 25-28 we have other prophecies. The meteoric showers some years ago brought terror to the hearts of many. It was an awful time: people prayed and called upon God for mercy. The work of the submarines caused an unusual roaring of the sea and its waves. The great Peace Conference met at The Hague several years ago and it was said that we would never have another big war. Before the world was aware of it a mighty conflict was on. The ripest form of civilization now borders on atheism and anarchy which are threatening the world. "The powers of heaven shall be shaken. And then shall they see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads: for your redemption draweth nigh."

"But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words and seal the book, even to the time of the end; and many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased." Dan. 12: 4. These things are certainly true at present. People travel more than ever. Knowledge is increasing. The sciences are being developed. Inventions are rapidly being multiplied.

II Thess. 2: 1-12 pictures some conditions of the last days. I believe we are in the close of the Gentile dispensation. Evolution, rationalism, and materialism are widespread. Many Gentiles, like the Church call their pope Lord God, while only the officials belong to the Church—the laity are merely supplicants. They claim that the communion is the actual body of Christ. Many vis-

Marriages

BICE.—ELLIOTT.—On Friday Jan. 3, 1919, by Rev. F. Elliott (father of the bride) Mr. Francis J. Bice of Lookwood, Sask., to Sister Leah Lavina Elliott of Richmond Hill, Ont.

KEEFER.—N Y E.—Bro. Jeremiah S. Keefer, youngest son of Sr. Mary A. Keefer, of Palmyra, Pa., was united in holy matrimony with Sr. Edna Nye, oldest daughter of Bro. Sr. Daniel Nye, of Bachmansville, Pa., on Dec. 31, 1918 at the home of the bride's parents, in the presence of the immediate relatives by Henry K. Kreider. May God bless their undertaking to His glory.

MITCHELL.—G R E E N.—On Jan. 26, 1919. At the home of the officiating minister, there occurred the marriage of Mr. Earl Mitchell and Sr. Alice Green, both of Carland, Mich. Bish. Jonathan Lyons officiating.

ZERPHEY.—STONER.—Walter G. son of Bro. and Sr. Henry Zerphy and Anna May Stoner were united in marriage at the home of the officiating minister Bish. H. B. Hoffer, on Jan. 7, 1919.

MELLINGER.—MARTIN.—On Jan. 16, 1919 at the home of the bride's parents Bro. and Sr. Levi H. Martin, Mt. Joy, Pa., there occurred the marriage of their daughter Sr. Anna Rhoda W. to Bro. Elmer M. Mellinger, Manor, Pa., Bish. H. B. Hoffer officiating.

MEYER.—WENGER.—On Feb. 4, 1919 Bro. George W. Meyer son Jacob Meyer of near Mercersburg, Pa., and Sr. Lizzie B. Wenger daughter of Annie Wenger of near Myeville, were united in marriage at the home of the bride. Bish. Martin H. Oberholser officiating.

GISH.—NAYLOR.—Bro. Alvin Gish son of Bro. and Sr. John L. Gish of Abilene,

it the pope in Rome and kiss his hand in adoration. Some time ago the Pope read a decree of his infallibility while the thunders of God resounded above him. "That man of sin, the son of perdition, opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped: so that he, as God, sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God."

Other pictures of the last times are portrayed in II Tim. 3: 1-7; II Tim. 4: 3, 4; II Pet. 3: 2-5 and Jude 17, 18, 19. As we see these prophecies rapidly being fulfilled we may be assured that "His coming draweth nigh."

Kans., and Sr. Myrtle Naylor daughter of Bro. and Sr. C. H. Naylor of Talmage, Kans., were united in marriage by Ed. J. H. Wagaman of Waukena, Cal., at the home of the bride.

Obituaries

Mrs. Mary J. Long,
Salem, Tex.

Dear sister in Jesus Christ:—

This is to notify you that the 14th of the present month Brother Alejo Alvarado (husband) was called by our Heavenly Father. He was sick just eight days. I am sorry but Jesus is with us. Brother Alvarado is now in his true place in the glory with Jesus Christ. Amen.

Your sister,

Suse O. Alvarado.

HEISEY.—Edith H., daughter of Bro. and Sr. Abram Heisey was born Nov. 12, 1918, died Dec. 22, 1918, aged 1 month and 10 days. Death was due to an attack of influenza. Private funeral held from the Heisey home and interment at the Mt. Pleasant cemetery. Eld. A. B. Brubaker officiating.

SHELLY.—Bro. Harvey S., son of Sr. Annie and the late Bro. Emanuel Shelly was born Oct. 6, 1887, and died Jan. 22, 1919, aged 31 years, 3 months, and 16 days. He leaves to mourn his loss, his wife, Sister Bertha, and two little girls, Helen and Rhoda; also the following brothers and sisters,—Samuel, Nathan, Amos, Ephraim, Sister Annie, wife of Bro. Aaron Peters, Sister Maria, wife of Bro. Harry Hilsher, Lizzie, wife of Elias Hollinger, Minnie, wife of Jacob Bruckhart, and Sister Emma at home. Funeral was held from his home, Lancaster Junction and interment in Kauffmans Cemetery. Elders H. O. Musser and Jacob T. Ginder officiated. Text, Matt. 21: 42, last clause,—"It is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes."

HERSHEY.—Brother Jacob G. Hershey was born December 19, 1843 in Lancaster County Pa, and died in Elizabethtown at the home of his daughter, Sister Amanda Gish, with whom he resided the past few years, aged 75 years and 6 days. He remained faithful to his Lord till death, often making mention of the German hymn "Der weil ich durich dina gnada blivi bis in toad gatri." Another favorite hymn was "O land of rest for thee I sigh when will the moments come

etc." His wife preceded him in death about nine years ago. He often spoke of her in his declining years because of her faithfulness to him in his affliction which he bore with patience. He was ever ready to assist whenever help was needed. There remain to mourn their loss his family of six sons and two daughters who were all privileged to attend the funeral services, his sons carrying him to his last resting place. He was held in high esteem in the church and community. Funeral services were at the Cross Roads church conducted by the home ministry. Text, Ps. 34: 19; II Cor. 4: 17, 18.

MILLER.—Edward Le Roy Miller was born July 25, 1884, in Dayton, Ohio where he has lived, with the exception of about a year and a half during which time he lived in Cleveland and Chicago. He attended the public schools of Dayton and its near vicinity. He did not complete the high school course, attending Fairview and Steele High School for about a year and a half. His inclinations and ambitions from childhood had been of a mechanical turn, and after leaving high school he took up his present kind of work, which he has followed almost continually since. On December 8 1908, he was married to Lula E. James, and to this union was born one son, Charles Edward, both of whom survive him. In the spring of 1911 he and his wife joined the First Brethren Church of this city. Since his marriage his residence was Dayton until October 12, 1918, when he went to Long Island City, New York, where after four weeks he contracted a heavy cold which developed into pneumonia, and after an illness of but five days, passed away on Saturday, Nov. 16, 1918, at half past seven in the evening, at the age of 34 years, 3 months and 22 days. The remains were sent home arriving on Tuesday, November 19, and funeral services were held at the home of his parents 462 Neal Ave., on Wednesday morning, November 20, burial being made at Highland Cemetery near West Milton, Ohio. Besides his wife and son there are left to bear this deep sorrow his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Miller, three sisters, Carrie, Florence, and Grace, and a large relationship and circle of friends. Those who knew Ed knew him as a man of few words but as always a true friend. His "boys," as he always called them, who worked under his foremanship for the past few years, have shown their appreciation of this trait in several gifts which they have made to him. Our narrow visions sometimes cannot see (Continued on bottom of page 14.)

NEWS OF CHURCH ACTIVITY in the HOME AND FOREIGN FIELDS

ENROUTE TO AFRICA.

Sydney, Australia.
Dec. 19, 1918.

Dear readers of the Visitor:—

"For the Lord God is a sun and shield: the Lord will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly." Psa 84: 11.

This evening finds our little company embarked for South Africa. We are aboard the Medic, a vessel with a capacity of 12,000 tons. It left the dock at 11:20 A. M. and has decided to remain in harbor over night. We are promised to pass the heads tomorrow forenoon and sail out into mid-ocean. The voyage will last about three weeks, when we expect to go ashore at the African port, Durban.

Praise the Lord we are beginning to realize that Africa will soon be our home. There we expect to have the blessed opportunity of spreading the gospel among our brethren, the blacks.

We are encouraged and made conscious that God is our captain. He, we know, will not run us upon the rocks. "Faithful is he that calleth you who also will do it." Though trouble and danger beset us on every side yet will we be confident in Him Who cares. He it is Who watches us as the apple of His eye. "Blessed be the name of the Lord."

If we were to consider that safety is from man, there is all evidence that we are secure, for there are many troops on the ship, besides a large six-inch gun. Now, as Wycliff dared not trust in Princes so we shall not rely upon human power entirely. We are, as it seems, but a chip upon life's ocean and cannot boast as he who taketh the harness off but as only putting it on. We ask that God will keep us humble and dutiful.

Our stay in Australia was spent quite pleasantly and profitably. It meant faith and holding on to God because for nearly seven weeks after our arrival in Sydney nothing was in

sight to convey us the remainder of the journey. It was very unexpectedly, a little over one week ago, we learned of the Runic sailing for Durban. After due prayer and consideration it was decided to go upon this boat. We were nearly ready to board when news reached us that the Runic was going to England via Panama. What were we to do? Fortunate it was for us that the Medic (our present boat) intended to sail Wed. Dec. 18. It is only to be proven if providence intervened in the change. We managed the best we could until today when our pleasures and difficulties of Australia ended to be followed by new ones on this voyage and in Africa.

We prayed for God's direction while in Sydney and found that we could get carpenter work, which we did. The extent of time spent in this way was nearly six weeks, at the end of which we were glad for the sum of 23 pounds each. I feel reluctant to state that city livelihood in a strange land ate up all that we earned but we do not have any regret, for all was done in the fear of God. We were able to obtain a suitable house in Ashfield, one of the beautiful suburbs of Sydney. All of us lived together and in every way we tried to be burdensome to no one.

As opportunity was granted to serve in the gospel we did so, both privately and publicly. Our work which was in a large factory brought to us many of the former, while of the latter not so much privilege was obtained. We find that many have no faith in God and others have very diverse kinds which are contrary to the gospel. Truly Holy Ghost men are needed. Who will arise to meet the need?

Friday morning, 8:00 A. M. From the ship, on every side we see the rugged coast lines which portray beautiful foliage, and amongst it are many buildings. The harbor is very smooth. Seagulls are flying around, then lighting on the water, to gather up the refuse. Many ferries and other ships are seen going to and from near by.

Ship life,—what is it? It cannot but be rough when many means of vice are so accessible. The results of this condition as was seen before will no doubt be felt later on the voyage.

There are many things which appeal to the curious mind. To behold the gigantic machinery is wonderful. The ship has four decks, four masts and tackling which is indeed enormous.

At present I am seated on one of the decks with life boats on either side; close beside me is the large funnel (smoke stack) 12 feet in diameter and 40 feet high. The ship is 560 feet long and is supposed to have 16,000 tons of cargo.

Just now I see two men working up on the mast and I am reminded of David's description (Psa. 107: 23-30) of those who go down into the sea, who are constantly in danger. While many dangers will surround us, being in the midst of death while in life, we have a stronghold in Jesus Christ. To Him belongs all glory. Praise His Name.

Our accommodations are very good. There is plenty of splendid food, good sleeping quarters and ample deck space with chairs. Our prayer is that God will give us health to enjoy the same.

When this letter reaches you we will probably be facing heathenism in all its actuality, then pray that our faith fail not.

Again I repeat in closing, "The Lord God is a sun and shield, the Lord will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly." May God raise up many more to follow in the steps of those who have laid down their lives on foreign shores.

Yours for Africa's lost,

H. C. and Naomi Lady.

the justice in God's will to take from us one who was seemingly just in the prime of life and whose life had just well begun, but we can only bow in our deep sorrow and pray that we can, from our hearts, say the oft-repeated phrase, "Thy will be done." But with it comes the joyful testimony in the last words as given to his wife and sister Carrie, who were at his bedside,—"Goodbye, I am going home to Glory." The services were conducted by Bish. J. N. Hoover, of West Milton, Ohio. His text was Job 14: 14,—"If a man die, shall he live again?"

JABBOK ORPHANAGE.

Report for January 1919.

"Then Samuel took a stone and set it between Mizpeh and Shen, and called the name of it Ebenezer, saying, 'Hitherto hath the Lord helped us.'" I Sam. 7: 12. We can truly say as did Samuel, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." When we look back over the busy month that is again in the past we truly realize that the Lord has been very good to us in so many different ways, giving us good health and also giving us strength to perform the many duties that are here daily to do.

We again wish to thank all the dear brethren and sisters who have so liberally given of their means and other donations to help along in the work here. May the Lord abundantly bless and reward all is our prayer. Please remember us in prayer that this work may be carried on in a way that may please Him, so that His blessings can rest on the Home.

FINANCIAL.

RECEIPTS.

Bro. A. N. and Sr. and Mary Lehman, Carlisle, Pa \$5; A Sister, \$1; Brethren's Church, Waukena, Cal., by W. H. Wagaman, \$30.37; Bro. and Sr. Isaac Eyer, Upland, Cal., \$1; Bro. and Sr. D. V. Heise, Clarence Center, N. Y., \$15; Manor S. S., Manor, Pa., \$54.79; Elizabethtown S. S., by D. B. Martin, Elizabethtown, Pa., \$41.64; Sr. Christ Musser, Abilene, Kans., 7½ lbs. apples; Sr. J. H. Brubaker, Ramona, Kans., 2 dresses and 2 aprons; Taloga S. S., Taloga, Okla., 1 quilt; Brethren and Sisters of Upland, Cal., oranges, prunes, dried fruit, 1 comforter, clothing and shoes; D. R. Eyster, 4½ doz. oranges; Sr. Anna Switzer, Thomas, Okla., 1 pair shoes.

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

DAYTON MISSION REPORT.

We are glad for the privilege of giving one more report of the work here. We can say our city is very near free again of the influenza, and our Sunday School and Mission services have about reached the normal attendance, for which we are glad. This truly has been a very trying winter thus far in mission work as it might have appeared, because of the many hindrances caused by the influenza. It was so long that the children were deprived of going to Sunday School, also many of the older ones were unable to get out to church services because of so many being sick. And yet the many sick who were visited in their homes, and in the hos-

pitals and in praying with the dying, there may have been seed sown that only eternity will reveal the fruit thereof. So we are glad that we can do our best, and be our best under all conditions and circumstances that may overtake us. However we need to be encouraged and thankful for the very little that we may be able, or have opportunity to do for precious souls, as the end of this world is coming so rapidly upon us.

We were so glad to have with us our dear Eld. L. Shoalts of Wellandport, Ont. in our Sunday afternoon service Jan. 19 who at that time was laboring at Fairview in a revival meeting. We did enjoy having him with us very much and as he brought forth the Word our hearts were made to rejoice in the truth as the Spirit gave utterance. May the dear Lord greatly use him, and bless him in his evangelistic labors to the salvation of many precious souls before the door of mercy shall close. The following Sunday we were privileged to have with us our dear Bro. Webster Eshelman of Phila., Pa., who was saved in the San Francisco Mission soon after the great earthquake. In his testimony he told us how wonderfully the Lord saved him from a dark life of sin, and he is now rejoicing in a salvation from all his sins, and is enjoying a sweet fellowship with the people of God Truly our hearts were made glad and rejoiced while he was telling us of the wonderful things the Lord had done for him. It is our prayer that he may remain true and faithful to the end.

We are so glad for the few who are still becoming willing to be saved in these dark and serious days. It certainly is the chief concern of the true children of God that dear lost souls may be saved before the night of death shall come. We are so thankful for all the Lord is doing for us through our dear brethren and sisters in the liberal support of the work here. May the Lord greatly bless and reward all who have so cheerfully given as unto the Lord, for His glory and the salvation of precious souls is our sincere prayer.

FINANCIAL.

Report for January, 1919.
Balance on hand, \$236.76.

RECEIPTS.

A. N. and Mary Lehman, Carlisle, Pa., \$15; Annie S. Schwend, New Danville, Pa., \$1; Mission offering, \$6.58. Total, \$259.34.

EXPENDITURES.

Table supplies, \$11.94; gas, \$1.36; light bill, \$1.37; phone account, \$1.60;

home rug, \$3; incidentals, \$3.23.
Total, \$22.50.

Bal. on hand, Feb. 1, 1919, \$236.84.

POOR FUND.

Balance, \$12.33.

Received from Sr. Ella Long, Dayton, Ohio, \$1.

Paid out for the poor \$.59.

Bal. on hand, Feb. 1, 1919, \$12.74.

OTHER DONATIONS.

Various articles were donated by the following: Bro. and Sr. Orville Herr, Isaac Engle, Frank Thuma, Iva Herr, Jesse Wisees, 12½ lbs. fresh beef, 3 peck red beets, 6 squash, 3 quart milk, 1 peck pop corn, ½ bushel corn meal; Webster Eshelman, 1 doz. oranges, 1 doz. grape fruit, nice box of candy.

Yours in His Name for the salvation of precious souls,

W. H. and Susie Boyer.

601 Taylor St., Dayton, O.

SAN FRANCISCO MISSION

FINANCIAL.

Report for January, 1919.

RECEIPTS.

Hall offerings, \$55.61; Mountain View S. S., Straw, Cal., \$11.16; Sr. Annie S. Schwend, New Danville, Pa., \$1. Total, \$67.77.

EXPENDITURES.

Table supplies, \$36.51; home incidentals, \$5.87; house rent, \$18; hall rent, \$30; light for Dec. and Jan., \$6.56; hall expenses, \$3.15; car fare, \$9.90; coal, \$3.15; gasoline and oil, \$.97; gas, \$4.56. Total, \$118.67.

Bal. on hand, Jan. 1, \$133.40.

Bal on hand Feb. 1, \$82.50.

Dear readers of the Visitor:—

"O Lord, how manifold are thy works! in wisdom thou hast made them all: the earth is full of thy riches."

One month of the new year has gone into history. All the moments left pass by unimproved, can never be recalled. All the opportunities which we have left pass by unheeded will never return to us again. Truly it behooves us to be about our Master's business "For the King's business requires haste."

We are glad to report that our needs have been supplied both spiritual and temporal, for which we give Him all the glory. We are also glad for the manifestation of God's presence in our midst, and for His sustaining power in these dark days. We thank God for the privilege of holding forth the true Gospel in these days of compromise and apostacy. Yet few there be which accept it, but rather content them-

selves with the delusive issues of the day, "deceiving and being deceived;" but when we have done our best we can go free.

We ask an interest in your prayers for the work at this place that the Lord may have His way, and souls be won for Him.

Yours and His for the lost,
Jesse and Docia Wenger.

MESSIAH HOME.

"The angel of the Lord encampeth around about them that fear him, and delivereth them." This promise to the child of God is so precious in our day, as we see the awful trying and testing conditions coming upon us. O dear ones let us treasure deep in our hearts this valuable and so much needed promise, and let us remember this promise is to those who fear the Lord.

It is sad indeed to see how many are so self willed. It is alarming to see how few there are who are really fearing God. The masses are choosing their own way. If it meant for the Son of God to fear His Father, what can we poor mortals expect other than to be overtaken and deceived by the enemy of our souls and be forever lost if we fail to fear our God. May the Lord help us to fear our God, Who hath made it possible by the gift of His Son to deliver us from all sin and eternal destruction, and bring us unto Rest.

We feel ourselves unworthy to report the abundance of supplies our dear Lord has sent to us by the hands of His dear children. We do appreciate this, and thank the Lord for brethren and sisters and kind friends who are proving themselves so true and faithful to us, and the work at this place. We in our unworthiness are unable to thank you all as we feel in our hearts. May the Lord keep us all true to Him unto the end, that we may together be so unspeakably happy as to enjoy the reward in heaven around the throne of God forever, is our prayer.

Following is report of donations received during the months of Nov. and Dec., 1918:

A Sister, Elizabethtown, 1 lb. butter; Bro. C. Z. Hess, 4 quart dried corn, 4½ quart soup beans, 5½ quart dried apples; Bro. Isaac Gilver, 35 stalks celery; Bro. Benj. Herr, 3 pk. corn meal; Bro Levi Martin, 1 crock apple butter; Rapho Dist., 7 bu. potatoes, 24 qt. jarred fruit; Bro. Benj. Nissley, 2 bu. corn; Pequea Dist., 9 dressed chickens; Mrs. Stuckey, 1 floor mop; Mrs. Frank Ruhl, 10 bunches parsley; Sr. Lizzie Brubaker, 2 chickens; Simon Heisey and wife, lot cup cheese, 1 sponge cake, 3 bu. po-

tatoes; Bro. Sam'l Meyer and wife, 14 lb. chocolate candy, ½ bu. corn meal; Bro. Isaac Hershey, 1 turkey; Bro. Ezra Martin, garden tea; Sr. Jos. Dyers, 1 crock apple butter; Sr. Caroline Butts, 10 stalks endive, parsley, sage tea, 1 pk. beets; Bro. Isaac Ginder, 25 pumpkins; Bro. Ezra Zercher, ½ bu. sweet potatoes; Bro. Sam'l Stoner, 13 heads cabbage; Bro. Joseph K. Gish, ½ bu. pears; Bro. Jacob E. Wolgemuth, 8 qt. fruit, 4 pieces home made soap, ½ pk. pears; Donegal Dist., 20 bu. potatoes; Sr. Hettie Pritz, 1 large pumpkin; Mrs. Shearer, 34 peppers; Bro. Ben Hershey, 6 heads cabbage, 1½ bu. turnips, 18 stalks celery; Bro. Sam'l Brehm, ½ bu. artichokes; Bro. John Stoner, 1 barrel consisting of apples and beets; Srs. Myers and King, lot endive and bacon; Mr. Keimer, ½ bu. pears, 10 lb. corn meal; Bro. Lanning and wife, 15 gal. cider, 11 pumpkins, ½ bu. dried apples, 5 heads cabbage, 10 stalks celery, 2 bu. apples, a lot of lettuce, ½ pk. peppers; Sr. Sue Lindemuth, ½ doz. silver table spoons, 2 bars crystal soap; Sr. Garman, 1 basket endive; Sr. Becker, 8 qt. jelly, box tea; Bro. Sam'l Fry, 20 stalks endive, 6 stalks celery; Bro. Reist, 4 bu. apples; Sr. Longenaker, 1½ sponge cake; Mrs. Dan. Seitz, 3 gal. oysters; Bro O. D. Lehman, York Co., 1 barrel consisting of apples, potatoes, turnips, and celery; Friends of the Home, 2½ yds. linoleum; City Schools donations, 5 boxes oatmeal, 12 cans tomatoes, 5 cans corn, 5 lb. rice, 24 lb. corn meal, 2 boxes corn starch, 1 lb. crackers, 2 boxes macaroni, 4 cans peas, 22 glasses jelly, 1 jar cocoa, 1 box ice cream powder, 1 box cream barley, 5 qt. can fruit, 11 pumpkins, 4 bottles catsup, 5 stalks celery, 4 lb. flour; Bro. and Sr. Shoalts, Canada, \$3; Bro. Sider, Canada, \$.75; Sister Martha Heisey, \$5; Bro. Henry Brubaker, \$3; Sr. Mary Hoffman, \$1.50; A Sister, Juniata Co., \$2; Sr. Booser, Hershey, \$8; Sr. Ruth Brechbill, Ind., \$1; Sr. Annie Myers, \$5; donation box, \$2.36; Bro. and Sr. Carmichael, Can. \$5; Bro. Bert Longenaker, \$5; Barbara Kern, \$5; Geo. M. Hoffman, Iowa, \$10; D. S. Peters and Son, \$5.47; I. M. Brandt, \$1.80; H. M Hostetter, \$3; Sr. Alice Shank, \$10; A Brother, Maytown, \$1.

May grace and peace abound unto all who have so liberally given these necessities is the prayer of our hearts,

Herman T. and Alice Fry,
Steward and Matron.

THE PLACE OF THE ALTAR.

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man in Egypt who lied and deceived but who did not dare to hypocritically erect an altar till he got

back to the house of God. Oh preacher man be sure you have a family altar and be sure there is fire falling on it. A writer who can count me among his readers well says, "It is likely that if we knew the inner tragic story of the downfall of Judas we should find that he was prayerless, that he said the Lord's prayer instead of praying it." "The whisper of the Lord is with them that fear Him." And men who fear God pray in their homes. David returned to bless his own household. He blessed the people in the name of the Lord, and then drew himself away from the thousands who were hanging on his words that he might bless his own house. God said of Abram, "I know he will command his children and his household after him." It is declared of Moses that he was faithful in all his house and Cornelius was chosen to receive the vision which issued in the beaking down the wall of a partition because he "feared God with all his house and prayed to God alway." Beloved did anyone ever come to your house expecting to find an oasis in the desert, a family altar, and were they disappointed?—Selected by Jacob Zercher Mt. Joy, Pa.

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