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THE JOY OF INTERCESSION

Helping together by prayer. (II Cor. 1:11.)

I like to feel that though on earth
We never meet
Yet we may hold heart-fellowship
At God's dear feet.

I like to feel in all the work
Thou hast to do
That I, by lifting hands of prayer,
May help thee too.

I like to think that in the path
His love prepares,
Thy steps may sometimes stronger prove
Through secret prayer.

I like to think that when on high
Results we see
Perchance thou wilt rejoice that I
Thus prayed for thee!

Author E. G. Barnes-Lawrence.

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WHAT CAN BE DONE

Activities of the Moody Bible Institute in 1923

Graduated 58 Day School Students, 38 men and 20 women, on completion of the two years course, at the end of the winter term.

Graduated 88 Day School Students, 34 men and 54 women, at the close of the summer term.

Graduated 70 Day School Students, 33 men and 37 women, at the close of the fall term.

Graduated 10 men in the Pastor's Course, at the close of the summer term.

Graduated 24 Evening School Students, 10 men and 14 women, on completion of the four years course.

Awarded certificates to 687 Correspondence School Students, on satisfactory completion of their courses, as follows: Introductory Bible Course, 196; Practical Christian Work, 66; Evangelism, 86; Christian Evidences, 74; Bible Chapter Summary, 8; Bible Doctrine, 13; Synthetic Bible Course, 175; Scofield Bible Course, 69.

Enrolled 137 students in the Special Summer Course, 45 men and 92 women.

Had under instruction throughout the year, an average of 867 students in the Day School, exclusive of the Special Summer Course 520 in the Evening School; 7115 in the Correspondence School.

Had under enrollment during the school year ending August 31, 1238 students in the Day School, 861 in the Evening School, 10,047 in the Correspondence School.

Directed the practical Christian work activities of its Day and Evening School Students in churches, Sunday Schools, missions, hospitals, jails, factories, and streets of Chicago, and suburbs.

Inaugurated a course in Jewish missions, providing the special instruction which is needed for effective gospel work among Jews.

Inaugurated a course in religious education, designed to meet the need for trained leaders in churches and Sunday-school work.

Supplied a weekly article on the International Sunday-school lesson for publication in a list of approximately 2,600 newspapers throughout the United States.

Supplied a weekly sermon for publication in a list of about 500 newspapers throughout the United States.

Distributed the Moody Bible Institute Monthly to a list of 20,000 paid subscribers.

Conducted the annual Founder's Week Conference, at which distinguished Bible scholars and missionary leaders were heard.

Conducted 22 Bible conferences in 22 cities throughout the country—Ocean City, N. J.; Eagles Mere, Pa.; Wheeling, W. Va.; Buffalo, N. Y.; Scranton, Pa.; Columbus, O.; Cedar Lake, Ind.; South Bend, Ind.; Madison, Wis.; Chetek, Wis.; Meridian, Miss.; Baton Rouge, La.; Birmingham, Ala.; St. Petersburg, Fla.; Gainesville, Fla.; Americus, Ga.; Bainbridge, Ga.; Cedartown, Ga.; Rome, Ga. and Cleveland, Tenn.

Conducted a total of 2,390 Bible teaching and evangelistic meetings (conference meeting included) in 147 different cities and towns of 29 states, and Canada.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Whereas, an appeal from the Executive Board of the African Church through the Foreign Mission Board, to General Conference of 1923, for additional workers in the persons of a man and trained nurse were referred to the Foreign Mission Board, to act upon its best judgment, encouraging the sending of these missionaries as soon as contributions will permit, Conference Minutes of 1923, Article 44, Section 2, Pages 53-54, and,

Whereas, the South African Conference of August,

1923, have petitioned the Foreign Mission Board for additional workers, even though they may not be able to send more money, thereby decreasing the maintenance per member, and,

Inasmuch, as the Board dare not lightly regard such spirit of sacrifice, and are confident that the church will rally to the support of these great needs in supplying the necessary funds for their outgoing and appreciating the spirit of self denial on the part of the workers, two trained nurses and one brother, shall be sent with Brother and Sister Steigerwald.

Brother George Paulus of Grantham, Penna., and Sisters Martha Kauffman of Abilene, Kansas, and Grace Book of Ramona, Kansas, have been accepted, and are expected to visit such parts of the brotherhood that may be convenient in the short time they have, before sailing.

These visits are in the interest of the work in general, as well as for raising funds for their outgoing.

We earnestly solicit the hearty co-operation of the brotherhood in this undertaking.

FOREIGN MISSION BOARD

IMPORTANT

Reservation has been made for the sailing of Bro. and Sister H. P. Steigerwald from New York, on the Fifth day of April next, in their return to the African mission field.

Friends of the mission cause, who desire to contribute goods for the general use of the missions, or special gifts for the benefit of some of the missionaries, shall see to it that everything is forwarded to the Messiah Rescue Home, 1175 Bailey St., Harrisburg, Pa., not later than the first day of March, so that ample time for packing and shipping may be had.

Also read carefully the following, which appears in General Conference Minutes of 1923, Page 54, Sec. 4:

Resolved that the Board hold itself responsible for transportation charges to the extent of six hundred pounds (600 lbs.) including tare, as the personal effects of each missionary.

Goods donated for the general use of the mission stations, or for individuals on the field, should be supplemented by sufficient money to take care of transportation.

All special cases can be arranged for by communication with the Secretary of the Board.

THE FOREIGN MISSION BOARD.

Just where you stand in the conflict,
There is your place!
Just where you think you are useless,
Hide not your face:
God placed you there for a purpose,
Whate'er it may be;
Know he has chosen you for it,
Work loyally.

Sel.

CONTRIBUTIONS

LOVE

And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three, but the greatest of these is charity. I Cor. 13:13.

One True Sign of God's Presence

It has been said that during the life of Isaac Watts, the noted hymn writer, that on one occasion he was approached by a company of scoffing young people, **They** shouted "Here comes little Isaac Watts," as he was small of stature, and probably sensitive on that point, stopped still on the street, and holding out both hands, arms length, exclaimed:

If I could reach from pole to pole,
Or o'er the ocean span,
I should be measured by my soul
For that's the size of man.

"He had it right." God does not measure a man by the scales, or by the height of his stature, neither does he consider his attainments such as education, worldly position, or individual ability, but he does measure us as to the amount of love we are in possession of. True, the very essence of God is love. John Wesley once said that entire sanctification is nothing else, or more, than perfect love, loving the Lord with all the faculties, of mind, soul and body, on this hangs all the law and the prophets, because love worketh no ill to his neighbor.

A lady in a certain city was noticed by the policemen to be picking things up off the street, and putting them in her apron that she held with one hand. They approached her and on asking what she was doing was refused information. They lady wanted to evade the police, but as they insisted that should she not tell, they would have to arrest, which they did, and in the investigation found that she had been picking up pieces of glass, that the children of the city might not cut their feet. True love seeks the good of others. God so loved, and that is just the reason that you and I enjoy salvation today, if that love was not a far-reaching and unselfish kind, we would still be groping about in sin and darkness.

It Casts Out All Fears

That is what the Apostle said it would do, and we are safe in recommending his advise to all. The many fearful hearts in the world today. It was a sign of the approaching end, that men's hearts would fail them, with fear, for the coming judgments of God, but we need not fear if we have enthroned Jesus within, and are trusting in His promise. An elderly woman in a recent earthquake, was escaping with her younger daughter to a place of supposed safety. The daughter was fretting, and anxious that her mother might hurry, as danger looked near, her mother seemed unconcerned, and had stopped to rest. The daughter could not think it reasonable that her

mother rest at such a time, and said don't you fear for your life at this place, but her mother, who was a Godly woman, and trusted in the Lord, said, "Daughter, I was just thinking that such a great God as this, that is able to shake this earth and cause these terrible holes, surely He is able to take care of me." The world is in dire need today of a folk that really trust God, it is all right to say we trust, and we have faith, and we are not afraid, and another thing all together to be really there when the pressure is on.

Some Ways of Showing Love

It has been recorded in the Word of God that Jonathan loved David as his own soul, and not only was that a lip profession, but their lives manifested that Jonathan the rightful heir to the throne, and noted for his beautiful character, no doubt would have had no trouble in attaining that position, but we see in him a trait of character that we are justified to covet allowing David to usurp authority and still have an unselfish love toward him. Would that we the people of God in this age might exemplify more of that disposition of character, in the different walks and callings of life, where the Lord has placed us, the Lord would be more pleased and His cause would get more glory and honor, as Jesus said, that by this, all men shall know that ye are my disciples, and if the world is going to find out the way to heaven, it will have to be by His followers.

After Pentecost the Word says, that they "The people of God" grew in favor with the people, "Why?" because love is like a mirror it reflects, and the more we reflect out, the more we get in return. The following is a clipping from a daily paper, it says:

The Spendthrift of Love

Don't economize in love. Love is the one exception. It is the one treasure that grows bigger the more you take from it. Love is the one business in which it pays to be a spendthrift. Give it away, throw it away, splash it over, empty your pockets, shake the basket, turn the glass upside down, and tomorrow you shall have more than ever.

Love is like the barrel of meal, and the cruse of oil, of the widow of Zarephath, which the more they were drawn from, the more they increased. It is like the manna which was fit food for angels, but would not keep.

Allow no day to pass without giving love; tomorrow may not come, and if you should die tonight your living deed will be the one thing you will be glad to remember.

And the time to love, love's one time is—now. Do you like that fellow, that friend of yours? Go out of your way to do something that will warm his heart, pass him at least a compliment.

It may be your little girl, you are tired, perhaps and worried, and her young exuberance irritates you. But you want! she is slipping away from you every minute. The time is racing toward you when she will be no longer yours, looking up to you for a drop of gentleness. So, take time, give her five minutes, and a hug or two, and a warm word from dad to remember.

Perhaps it is your boy, some day you will want nothing more than that he confide in you, and not withdraw from you, therefore invest now in some kindness, and fellowship. Don't put it off. Maybe it is your wife, Never a woman lived that didn't want a little attention, and to be prized. No matter how absorbed you are in important affairs, take a bit of time and consume it entirely in making that woman feel that she is the most interesting and vital affair in the world.

Then there is your mother. If she sits by your fire-side let no day pass without some moments all hers. If she is away let no week go by without writing.

When you go to bed at night you need not accuse yourself that you have made no money, that you have not advanced in your career, that you have had no profit or play; but if you have spent a whole day without some expression of love to some human being you may well arise and devote some time to the profitable physical culture of kicking yourself.

There are doubts about everything; doubts about whether your food is good for you, or your drink, doubts whether your work was of any use, or your play was not silly, doubts whether it pays to make money, or whether anything else you do is worth the candle; but about love there is no doubt; it is just plain, good. God knows it's good. For he made the world for lovers. It has no rival, this true love that is frank, free, and honest, without shame or self.

Him, Whom My Soul Loveth

When a boy we had no greater delight than playing with other children along a certain pond that was close to our home. We would throw sticks as far in the water as our tiny strength would allow, just to see the dog swim out and catch them in his mouth and bring them back to shore, another kind of fun was to throw stones in the water and watch the stone fall, start a ring, that would extend to the out-side of the pond.

The Lord sheds His love in our heads; by the Holy Ghost, that we might let it shine out, it cannot do anything else but spread like the water ring.

During the Klondike gold excitement; the leader of a meeting made reference to the love of Jesus, and in a social meeting following, one arose and said: "I have no house on fifth ave., but I have a mansion on high; and I hope some day to see it." Another said: "I cannot go to the Klondike to gather gold, but the street in front of my house up yonder is paved with it, and some day I shall see it." Another said my home is poorly furnished, but my mansion in the Holy City is richly decorated; and some day I shall see its polished floors and pictured walls." Just then another man arose, with labored effort. He was twitching in every muscle. He had sown to the flesh and he was reaping a sad harvest of physical ruin. But as he spoke, his muscles grew heavy and the light of heaven flashed in his face. He said: "One year ago I was a poor drunkard, staggering from saloon to saloon, trading my pencils for rum. I was steeped in drink and sin, but my Saviour found me and saved me from it all, and you may talk of wanting to see your mansions on high, with their

costly furnishings and streets of gold; but I long to see the face of the One who loved me and washed me clean in His own blood.

FRED HAHN

AGAIN THE SHADOW MOVETH O'ER THE DIAL-PLATE OF TIME.

By W. R. Smith

As we count time here in the valley of life, the old year has gone to join the silent centuries of the past eternity, and we stand on the borderland of the New Year. How fast we pass the milestones in the great journey of life, one is scarcely out of sight, before another appears in view.

Some of us have passed the last stone along the way, that we will ever meet with on these shores of time, for ere we meet another, we shall be in that Loveland of eternal day, where time is not measured by the flight of years. Truly time is winging us all onward at a most rapid rate and night's deep darkness has no chains to bind his rushing pinions. Perhaps we older ones realize this solemn fact more than the young do, as we near the farther shore of life, where the silent boatman awaits with unfurled sails and muffled oars, to bear us over the mystic tide to the bright morning land of eternal day. Yes, we are all silently, but surely passing on, never to walk the same old paths again, like strangers and pilgrims, I hope and trust, seeking a better country, that is a heavenly one.

While our natural life is fading fast away, I thank God for the spiritual part of man, the soul, that never grows old, for with it, age is not decay, but only the development or expansion of the Spirit life within us, for a more exalted state of existence on a higher plain, that is more enduring than can be had on this earth under present conditions..

But progress is the universal language in all of God's vast creation. The stars whisper it in their silent courses across the trackless upper deep of the midnight skies, the waves as they roll along the surface of the oceans around the globe are ever onward to other shores. Onward and ever onward the great realm of Nature speaks to us in various tones of voice of constant progression. And so through life, we are steadily faring on, each evening as it were, pitching our tents a day's march nearer home, our Father's house of many mansions; in that fair land beyond the sky.

What the New Year has in store for each of us is unknown. For myself, I want to take the name of Jesus with me and all that it stands for and represents every day along every path, and urge all others that I can influence to do the same, for Jesus is the Pole Star of all human destiny and the only way home, by His Cross.

"Looking unto Jesus," is a good motto for every day of the year, for there is life and help, joy and peace in the look of faith that the world cannot impart, and thank God cannot take away. So while I linger on these shores of time. I shall go forth into the present New Year, with ever an upward look unto the hills from whence cometh

all my help, which is from the Lord who made heaven and earth. And while there will be combats in the valley, yet the love-light of my watching Saviour from the hill-tops will give me strength and final victory. For while Jesus expects us to show our valor in the good fight of faith, He supplies the weapons from the heavenly armory by which we can conquer. (Eph. 4.)

There may be storms of sorrow, with nearer waters rolling about us, threatening to overcome and engulf us in disaster and ruin, but thank God there is a safe shelter in the cleft of the Rifted Rock, a sure Haven where we can anchor our frail barks from the raging tempest. One thing is very sure, whatever we are doing or not doing we are all passing swiftly away from these earthly scenes.

We live in a world of change. The emblems of death and decay are thick around us on every side, and this life is very brief at most. This year will view the closing scene for some of us. Will it be you or I or both of us? As I review in memory the passing of those I once knew, they number far more than those who yet remain. What we do for Jesus and others must be done speedily or the opportunity will be gone forever. Our life's record for some of us will soon be complete, and the books closed. For nearly fifty years I have been walking on the heaven-side of the cross, and I am profoundly thankful that so early in life the blessed Holy Spirit called me and that I yielded to Him, for He has kept me from a thousand snares and traps along the way, into which I might have been foolish enough to have wandered, and now the evening of life is here, but I praise God for the blessed hope in the near future of home in my Father's house in glory.

May I some glad day meet all the dear readers of the Visitor "Over There," at Jesus' feet! Meanwhile as I sojourn here:

"I take O cross, thy shadow
For my abiding place
I ask no other pleasure
Than the sunshine of His face."

Pryor, Okla.

"A LAYMAN'S SERMON TO THE PREACHERS"

By Edmond L. Brown

This is a sermon delivered by invitation before the Ministers Association of Youngstown, Ohio. This should be read at least twice by every minister.—(Ed.)

"Sirs, We Would See Jesus"

I want first to confess that it involves some embarrassment for me, a church layman, to presume to be able to contribute anything helpful to a body of men who have devoted their lives to the preaching of the Gospel; but I believe you have invited me to speak, without fear of giving offense, the convictions of my heart.

I come here today to emphasize these words of Jesus. "And I will pray the Father and He shall give you another comforter, that he may be with you forever:

even the spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it beholdeth Him not, neither knoweth Him. Ye know Him, for He abideth with you, and is in you."

Could there be a more definite line of demarcation drawn between the church and the world? These are the words of the very Christ of God himself, and I cannot understand why you preachers do not more earnestly exhort us laymen to enter into the experience of this fellowship. To press this question is my motive this morning. Why do you not exhort us to enter into this fellowship?

In an address delivered before the Philosophical Union of the University of California, by Prof. John Wright Buckham, he said, "The deeper thought of our time is turning away from religion as dogma, as theory, as ethics, to religion as experience." The philosophy or theory of Christianity is only intellectual and without experience we may be intellectually alive, but spiritually dead.

Prof. Buckham says, "Too long have ideas and doctrines of God been substituted for God, himself. Hence, have arisen skepticism, revolt, agnosticism, atheism, all of which have been rejection of ideas, (of interpretation) of God, rather than of God, Himself."

I wish to state my conviction that the world will not believe and receive the Gospel of Jesus until the church is more serious and more fully believes and demonstrates that Gospel in life, and that if in these United States the government treasury should be open to the churches and there should be handed over to the churches all the hospitals and all the educational institutions with their endowments, it would still be impossible for the church to win this nation for the Kingdom of God in our **present spiritual condition**. I believe in preaching. Christ declared it His way for the conversion of the world, for, as Paul reasoned, "how can they believe without they hear and how shall they hear without a preacher?" What an overwhelming responsibility rests upon you men.

You preachers hold in your hands the initiative for the conversion of the world but I believe that the present spiritual condition of the church is **just about what is demanded by most of the preaching of this generation**.

For fear you may think I have lost my balance, listen to what Dr. Andrew Gillies has to say: "The world is dying for lack of a living faith. Humanity is nervously sick, mentally befogged and morally adrift, because it is spiritually bereft. The name of God remains in our language, but the consciousness of God is absent from our lives. Talk about the absentee God of the fathers, in spite of all the preaching, the average man today thinks of the Creator as a billion miles away." Dr. Gillies asks, "How many Christians can claim the Unseen Companion?" and further says, "A conception of Him as impersonally present in all things has taken the place of the vivid consciousness of Him as present in the individual life, guiding, guarding, stabilizing, comforting and controlling."

My personal conviction is that the churches of today take Jesus Christ on at a very **great discount** and that they are not exhorted as they should be **to take Him seriously**.

Government and church statistics show that for years in this country the increase in church membership, including Protestant and Roman Catholic, has but little more than kept pace with the increase of population, and that about 60 per cent of our population have no church relation whatever.

Forty per cent of a nation surely is not the maximum conquest of the gospel of Him who, if lifted up, promised to **draw all men unto Him**. Reports further show that 75 per cent of the Protestant preachers made no converts during 1920. Is it not time to ask:

What is the gospel of Jesus and are we preaching it?

If you preach so effectively as to persuade men to live, or honestly endeavor to live, according to the moral code, you certainly do commendable work, but it is **not** the gospel. If, in addition to this virtue, you persuade them to minister to the temporal wants of their fellowmen, you will have enlisted their efforts in the acme of human endeavors, but it is **not** the gospel, for the gospel is not what man can do, but **what God alone can do**. The publican going up to the temple to pray did not ask for clothing, nor food, nor education, nor a bed in a hospital. He wanted **what God alone could give**.

If by your preaching you further persuade your hearers to join your church **neither is joining the church the gospel**. And if, in addition to all these commendable virtues you persuade them to endeavor earnestly to imitate the life of the Man of Galilee, even this mechanical effort is **not the gospel**. A church which does not go beyond these things and which refuses to accept Jesus for whom he claimed to be, will never get very far in the work of converting the world.

This has been very fairly tested under the **most promising circumstances** during the past 100 years or more, by an organization, many members of which were highly educated and of moral character beyond reproach—men whose memory we love to honor, who are beacon lights in American history—and the present membership of their church will compare favorably with any other church in good citizenship, intelligence, morals, and philanthropy. With their slogan, **"Love to God and Man,"** it was predicted that they would **sweep the country** with their successful growth.

About the time of their organization, there was another new movement composed mostly of men of ordinary attainments and little known. They preached "Christ and Him crucified, the Saviour of the world," with the result that **one year's growth** at the present time of the latter, equals the aggregation of **all the membership** of the former.

Even with the imitation of Jesus, you will make little or no progress in converting the world, for it is **not the gospel**.

In the great art gallery in Florence, I saw beside a masterpiece of Carlo Dolce, a most perfect imitation, but the imitator never knew Carlo Dolce. I want you to get the significance of the fact that the perfect imitator of Carlo Dolce **never knew him**.

It was the gospel that enabled Paul to say, "I know whom I have believed." Jesus did not say, "I came that

ye might have a code of morals," nor "that I might lead an exemplary life for you to imitate," but "I came that ye might have me; that ye might have life—I am the life."

He is the gospel. Jesus did not say that morals, or philanthropy, or anything that man can do, is the way unto the Father, but **"I am the way and the only way."** **He is the gospel**, not the historical Jesus, but **the living Jesus**. **Cease to preach the living Jesus, and you cease to preach the gospel**. Doctor Jowett says: "Our religion is dead unless it becomes a personal relation and vital communion with Christ."

Unless you can lead the people to live their lives in fellowship of the living Jesus their religion is dead. Dr. Merle N. Smith says: "The problem of today is not the high cost of living but it is the **high cost of not living**."

Jesus was not crucified for the morals He taught, but for claiming to be who **He was and is**. And the world now is no more willing to receive him as such than it was then. Today they applaud His morals and His exemplary life, both Jew and Gentile, but when you ask, as Pilate asked, "What then will ye do with Jesus?" the multitude still rejects him.

Jesus craved followers more than you crave church members but he preached His Gospel regardless of offense. It was so objectionable to His disciples that once many of them left Him and followed Him no more; and even to the twelve He said: "And will ye also go away?" "Unless ye eat my flesh and drink my blood, ye have no part in this matter."

So great is the mystery of our wonderful salvation that "even the angels desire to look unto it." John said, "Lo! in the midst of the throne stood a Lamb, as it had been slain. Not a teacher, nor an exemplar, nor a healer, but a Lamb as it had been slain. The first time the real gospel was preached on this sinful earth was when John the Baptist cried out, "Behold the Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world." * * * Jehovah, over and over repeatedly, by his prophet, demanded of Israel that they should be holy because Jehovah their God was holy. And Jesus said, "Be ye perfect even as your Father in heaven is perfect."

Have you preached many sermons of exhortation to holy living during the past five years? Shall I pause for your answer? The scriptures abound with such assertions as this: "They that are in the flesh cannot please God." Is this the Gospel you are preaching? There is a **high Cost of not preaching** as well as a **high cost of not living**. The trouble is the church of today is a **TERMINAL** and a **TERMINAL** church cannot win the world to the faith that saves.

When individuals join the church in this generation they find that church life consists of contributing to the support of the work of the church, at home and abroad, and of having an obedient regard for its rules. **Do this and all is well**. May I ask if your preaching is calculated to disturb the complacency of such members? In other words, the church is a **TERMINAL**. Contrast this with the Apostolic Church in which every members heard the commanding voice of Jesus saying: "Be ye holy, be ye perfect."

Where are the unseen powers of darkness that they wrestled with in that age? Has sin lost its power in the individual heart? How Paul struggled to attain! How he exhorted the members of the church to battle for this attainment! This made the Apostolic Church a church of PROGRESSION, not a TERMINAL.

I wish I could more strongly emphasize the vital significance of this comparison of the TERMINAL church of today with the PROGRESSIVE church of the Apostolic Age.

In the far distant past there was such a thing as the struggle of the soul. Jacob wrestled all the night. Jesus wrestled in Gethsemane and "Peter went out and wept bitterly." But today we have about as completely repudiated it as do the so-called Christian Scientists. Today we are **long on the organize** but very **short on the agonize**.

What are you doing with this specific **command of Jesus**? In it is involved the **life of the church**. How poorly is a call to prayer responded to these days, for the reason that our life is not a battle, for we have arrived at the TERMINAL. No battle, we feel no yearning need of prayer.

Does your church take this command of Jesus **seriously**? Or do they consider it optional? Can there be **two standards** of Christian living? It is my firm conviction that far too many of our church members test their lives by the demands of the civilization in which they live and the **present-day preaching** fails to convince them that **anything more is required**.

The great mission of the church in the world is the cultivation of holiness in the individual heart. You profess to believe in the Holy Catholic church. There can be no Holy Catholic church without Holy Catholic individuals. You confess your belief in the communion unless you cultivate the saints.

Where is your emphasis? Is it on being or doing? Doing should be the fruit of being. If our salvation is through ministering to the wants of our fellowmen, we had better thank God that some of our fellowmen are in temporal want. "Neither by the works of the law shall any flesh be justified."

Once I heard a preacher criticize a layman for being too intense in his religious life. Is the weakness of the church today intensity or complacency? In Holy Writ we are exhorted to be "fervent in spirit" and the Greek word translated "fervent" means "boiling." This reminds me that a prominent Chinese convert asked if all Christians in America had the burning heart. I challenge the genuineness of the "God call" of any man to preach the Gospel of Jesus, who has not the burning heart. There was a time when Jehovah said, "I will make the words I put in thy mouth **fire**." Is there no sin today? Or has Jehovah changed?

Recently, a young woman rendering some service for a friend of mine was asked where she attended church and, with some apparent embarrassment, said: "Not for a long time anywhere, but I suppose I should." After further conversation she reluctantly told of the last time she was at church. She said: "I was in great distress; life hardly seemed worth living. Looking over the church ad-

vertisements in the Saturday evening paper, I thought I found a sermon that might have in it something for me, and Sunday morning I went to hear the sermon. Probably it was a fine address but there was **nothing** for me."

If there is such a thing as preaching **for a reputation**, this girl's story from real life should be a **knockout** blow.

Over the desk in every preacher's study would it not be well to frame these words: "He humbled Himself and became of no reputation and took on Himself the form of a servant and was obedient even unto the death of the Cross."

Gentlemen, I want to be helpful, and I suggest that in your consideration of next Sunday's program you be guided by this: Suppose you knew you had but a few days to live and next Sunday was to be your last chance to preach. What would be your sermon? This may seem an unfair test, but I offer it for its stimulating effect.

In a church in New Jersey where it cannot escape the eye of the preacher are these words, "Sir, we would see Jesus." May your preaching satisfy this longing of the human heart.

This is the day of the questionnaire, and with as much tact as possible, I used one on my own account recently. I asked a number of prominent laymen what would be their answer if they should be asked if they were Christians, and every answer was a quibble.

Should this not disturb our complacency? Paul did not say, "The Lord to whose church I belong, nor whose gospel I preach, nor whose life I imitate," but "The Lord **whose I am**."

May the day soon come when a campaign shall sweep the country with this slogan, "**Belonging** to the church and **belonging** to God must mean **one and the same**." Is this not a very reasonable demand? And is it not imperative that it be made and made now?

What a church that will be! Striving to live the overcoming life. Repenting of everything that is short of the perfect as a sin before God. Seeking to live continually in the fellowship of the living Jesus. All our problems would soon be solved and the Kingdom of God surely would be at hand. The progress of science with all its seeming contradictions could not disturb us; we could welcome and rejoice in every truth.

For experience is reality with which all claims of truth must eventually harmonize or be discredited. **Real science eventually leads to truth, but EXPERIENCE IS TRUTH.**

The claims of the Gospel must be demonstrated by **living witnesses**, for no amount of logic can prove its claims, for the Gospel is **experimental**. A case of "Taste and See." "Try me, saith the Lord." Let an "Andrew" of today declare to his brother that he has found the Messiah, and a Phillip tell some Nathaniel that he has found the Christ, and no evolutionary theories of Creation or alleged mistakes of Moses can be a serious permanent diverting interest.

For as the Greeks of old would see Jesus, the world today hungers for the fellowship of the personal living God. Jesus revealed the Father. We are to reveal the

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BRECHBILL-HESS

On November 29, 1923 at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Brechbill of Fayetteville, occurred the marriage of their daughter Clara E. Brechbill to J. Zeigler Hess of Lancaster Co.

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FARMER-GEIBNER

On January 2 at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Geibner of Ringwood, Ontario, here occurred the marriage of their daughter Rhea to Mr. Alvin S. Farmer, son of Brother and Sister Joseph Farmer of Gormley, Ontario. Bishop Peter Steckley officiating.

Obituaries

KAUFFMAN—Sister Mary Rennard Kauffman departed this life November 28, 1923 at her home in Abilene, Kans, age 78 years, 11 months and 26 days.

She grew to womanhood in Lancaster Co., Pa., and on Dec. 20, 1866 was united in marriage to John C. Kauffman of Cumberland Co., Pa. In 1885 they moved to Abilene, Kans. To this union were born ten children, two of whom have gone before her to their eternal home. The husband and father of this home was called to his eternal rest April 1, 1906.

Sister Kauffman was converted in early womanhood and in later years united with the Brethren in Christ church of which she remained a faithful member until death. Her prolonged sickness was endured with much patience and her home going was peaceful and quiet.

Funeral services were held Sunday, December 2 from the Brethren in Christ Church in Abilene, conducted by the Eld. G. E.

Whisler, assisted by Bish. M. G. Engle. Text: Prov. 14:26 and 27. Interment in Belle Springs cemetery.

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KAYLOR—Bro. John Kaylor of S. Market St., Elizabethtown, Pa., died Janutry 9, 1924 of infirmities with which he had been confined to his home for some years. His wife preceded him two years ago. Also one daughter, Mrs. Martin Heistand of Mt. Joy passed away just six weeks prior to his death. There remains one daughter Mary, at home, who cared for him, one grand son, one brother Abram of Middletown and two sisters Mrs. Annie Winters of Middletown and Mrs. Aaron Manning, Naperville, Ill. Bro. Kaylor united with the church many years ago and remained steadfast to the end. Aged 87 years, 11 months and 21 days. Funeral services at the Elizabethtown church Saturday, Jan. 12, conducted by Bish. L. O. Musser and J. N. Martin. Text: Rev. 14:13. Interment was made in Shaeffer's cemetery.

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STEWART—Jacob G. Stewart, was born in Stormstown, Indiana Co., Pa., April 22, 1855. He passed to his reward December 5, 1923, aged 68 years, 7 months and 13 days. He was united in marriage with Miss Nancy Sturgeon on December 25, 1890, who survives with the following children. Mrs. Condy Miller of Woodbury, Pa., Mrs. A. A. Snyder of South Altoona, Mrs. J. M. Ebersole of Martinsburg, Pa., Mrs. James Umbower of Martinsburg, Pa., and Joseph Stewart of Altoona, Pa., also a number of grandchildren, three brothers and three sisters.

Bro. Stewart was a consistent member of the Brethren in Christ Church and was always ready to lend a helping hand when needed. Last fall he with sister Stewart went to Harrisburg and became engaged in the home for the aged at that place. It was there that Bro. Stewart became ill and was taken to his home in Martinsburg, Pa., where he passed away as above stated.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday morning, Dec. 8 at 10:30 in the Brethren in Christ Church south of Martinsburg, in

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In charge of Katie Bollinger and Harvey Hoke and wife.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF MT. CARMEL ORPHANAGE for October, November and December, 1923.

Receipts	
Carried forward	\$.86
Valley Chapel S. S., Canton, Ohio	12.50
Gratersford S. S. Trappe, Penna.	11.56
Bro. Snavely, Hope, Kans.	10.00
Pleasant Hill S. S., Hamlin, Kans.	22.91
Primary Class, Rosebank S. S., Ramona, Kans.	5.00
Portland Social Club, Prophetstown, Ill.	30.00
Pleasant Hill S. S., Pleasant Hill, Ohio	56.51
Care of children	30.00
Carrie M. Shirk, Shannon, Ill.	5.00
Mrs. Howard Woesner, Shannon, Ill.	5.00
J. M. Eshelman and wife, Sedgwick, Kans.	10.00
A Brother, Elizabethtown, Penna.	35.00
A Friend, Chicago, Ill.	2.00
Pearl Miller, Shannon, Ill.	5.00
H. N. Shelly, Shannon, Ill.	5.00
Oscar Shelly, Shannon, Ill.	5.00
A. R. Shirk, Lanark, Ill.	5.00
Union Grove S. S., New Paris, Ind.	33.28
Mrs. Iva Hickerson, Sedgwick, Kans.	2.50
Mrs. Eva Gingrass, Sedgwick, Kans.	2.50
Mrs. David Barkham, Fenton, Ill.	5.00
Harvey Barrett, Morrison, Ill.	2.00
Palmyra S. S., Penna.	10.00
Florence Shirk, Pratt, Kans.	5.00
Mabel Shirk, Pratt, Kans.	5.00
Bethel S. S., Detroit, Kans.	12.01
Valley Chapel S. S., Canton, Ohio	12.11
Abilene Church, Abilene, Kans.,	50.00
Silverdaye S. S., Telford, Penna.	27.67
Silverdale S. S., Upland, Calif.	34.74
Indiana Sewing Circle, New Paris, Ind.	6.00
H. L. Trump, Polo, Ill.	20.00
W. H. Kreider, Shannon, Ill.	20.00
F. S. Club, Morrison, Ill.	3.62
Round Grove Thimble Club, Round Grove, Ill.	45.00
Good Fellows Club, Morrison, Ill.	15.00
Mrs. Daniel Wagner, Auburn, Ind.	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Ledy, Upland, Calif.	2.00
Asa Kreider, Milledgeville, Ill.	5.00

Hebron S. S., Clay Co., Kans.	16.01
Elizabethtown S. S., Elizabethtown, Pa.	15.00
Sr. Miller, Lanark, Ill.	2.00
Bliss Haynes, Idaho	2.50
County allowance	90.00
Earnings	79.34
Total	\$784.62

Expenses	
Groceries	166.48
Hardware, lumber, etc.	158.37
Shoes	58.41
Dry goods	76.45
Interest	25.00
Fuel	179.08
Telephone	7.95
School supplies and stationery	7.79
Chickens	46.50
To children	15.85
Miscellaneous	9.36
Total	\$751.24

Other Donations.

David Kreider, Shannon, Ill., 30 pounds of lard; Wm. McCulloh, Morrison, Ill., onions; Ralph Voss, Morrison, Ill., onions; Tulare Congregation, Calif., peaches and apricots; Mrs. Fanny Saunders, Springfield, Ohio, box of dry goods; Mrs. Barbara Shelly, Shannon, Ill., apples and dried apples; Edmund Goldring, Chadwick, Ill., walnuts; Cora Albright, Shannon, Ill., pears; Ralph Voss, Morrison, Ill., 50 pounds of prunes; Mrs. J. C. Cassel, Dayton, Ohio, dress goods and coat; Bell Springs Sewing Circle, Navarre, Kans., new sewing; Mrs. L. D. Ahrens, Sterling, Ill., clothing; Mrs. Parsons, Morrison, Ill., clothing; Mrs. George Brown, Morrison, Ill., magazines; Mrs. Chas. Shultz, Coleta, Ill., clothing; Zion Dist., Abilene, Kans., new sewing; Bethel Dist., Detroit, Kans., new sewing; Mrs. George Bollinger, Calif., clothing and shoes; Prophetstown Club, material and work for six comforters; J. H. Ahrens, Sterling, Ill., clothing; Elvin Belt, Lyndon, Ill., one gallon maple syrup; J. F. W. Club, Morrison, Ill., 24 quarts of fruit, 12 quarts of spreading; Marion and George Wildi, Morrison, Ill., dolls and toys; Viola and Mary Wagner, Auburn, Ind., eight pounds of candy; Variety Store, Morrison, Ill., 8 pounds of candy, 2 pounds of peanuts; F. S. Club, Union Grove, Ill., clothing; Monday Evening Club and school children of Morrison, stockings, oranges, apples, candy and nuts; Good Fellows Club, Morrison, Ill., candy, nuts, Chums, oranges, bananas, 34

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pairs of stockings; B. F. Engle, Upland, Calif., crate of oranges; J. B. Lehman, Upland, Calif., crate of oranges; Prophetstown Club, candy and nuts; Mrs. Emma Boice, Kans., turkey; Mrs. J. W. Stump, Morrison, Ill., cookies.

Hitherto hath the Lord helped us and He has helped us so wonderfully that we feel that it is perfectly safe to trust Him for the future. We are so glad too, that you as our dear friends have obeyed the Lord so that He could use you to help us. I am sure you will share the blessing. Words would fail us to express the appreciation we feel in our hearts for the way you have stood by us.

May the Lord bless you each one.

HARVEY W. HOKE, Treas.

TO THE CHILDREN OF THE VISITOR FAMILY

Dear children:

I thought perhaps you would be interested to hear about our Christmas at Mt. Carmel. It is really an interesting time. The one important thought and intent is "giving." I believe that's why it is such a happy time, and why shouldn't it be, for in it we celebrate the "giving of God's best Gift." Yes, Jesus, who alone can make us happy and joyful continually through the year even though we are not giving and receiving gifts from each other. That far outweighs the preciousness of any earthly gift. I trust, then, dear children that you are all partakers of this Divine gift and those who are not I would invite, yes more than that, I would entreat you to give your hearts to Jesus. When we are given over to Him we can then only really appreciate these temporal things as we should.

It was planned that at least the older ones should be taken to town to purchase their gifts. This in itself is a treat, for where there are twenty people to one Ford, beside all the provisions for a family of our size, it would easily be guessed that the children do not go very many times in a year.

Now perhaps some of you boys and girls are wondering where our children got their money wherewith to make their purchases. A few of the older ones have ways of earning a little during the summer, raising a few

ducks, or chickens or perhaps going on some errand for an interested neighbor. However a part of their little supply came in this way: A letter was received from a lady who, when a little girl, had lived at Mt. Carmel. She evidently had not forgotten the childish love and desire to give something at Christmas, so her letter brought a donation of three dollars to be divided among the children who hadn't much money of their own. Our hearts were touched and the children appreciated it very much.

On Wednesday evening before Christmas, after some of the children had been to town each one was busy wrapping and tying their precious gifts early to avoid the rush at Christmas time. Oh, how happy they were, each one with their own secrets; for you know secrets are always allowed at Christmas.

One little girl, too young to be among the fortunate older ones, and who had forgotten to send along to town her precious store with which to get her gifts, was standing in one of the rooms where different ones were busy with their own things. She must have felt a little in the way for she was heard to say, "Well, I would go out into the other room and wrap my presents; but I haven't any." At another time she said, "If I only had a little something to give to let them know I thought of them." One of the older girls in a very sympathizing way said, "Well, Nettie, that's alright. Every one knows you are little and you will get some presents anyway." But her answer was, "Yes, but I want to give something." Our hearts were touched and as we looked over our own purchase we gladly spared a few that this dear child might too, have the joy of giving. We truly were made to realize the truth in the words of our Lord Jesus, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

The parlor had been decorated, also a tree, the decorations for which had been donated by a kind friend of the work. Everything was in readiness by Monday evening.

The great time had come. Some of the brethren and sisters, together with kind neighbors had met with us to share our joys at his happy time. A program had been prepared for the enjoyment of those who met with us. Our desire was not merely to entertain; but once more to herald forth the glad message of Jesus' birth, that men and women might be drawn to Him.

Then came the giving out of the presents, each child was remembered and happy not only in their gifts; but to see how the others were pleased with what they had given. One little boy said to one of the workers, "Did you get what us boys got you?" That's what we got out our nickles for that day." One little girl four years old acted happier over the giving of one handkerchief than the receiving of all her gifts. How true it is that the love back of all these things means more than the gift itself.

Our prayer is that God will richly bless all the dear Young People; that this coming year we may live closer to Him, because of the blessings of the past. Oh, children, it pays to give ourselves to Jesus while we are young. How much of this world's sin and sorrow we escape and the joys and comforts gained far more than

repay the giving up of our selfish desires. I believe there is no joy to compare with that which comes from living for others, for isn't that our only way of doing for our Jesus? Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of them my brethren, ye have done it unto me. Matt. 25:40.
May God bless you all.

ALMA BOLLINGER.

HOME NOTES

The Christmas season has been a very precious one to us this year. We could feel the true spirit of Christmas giving worked out in our loved ones who have had a share in our joys and cheers over the Christmas season.

A number of our Morrison friends asked what was needed before Christmas day came and the hearty response to our need was indeed wonderful. It seemed our need along the line of hosiery for both boys and girls has never been quite so great. It had come to where it seemed rather dreadful for the weekly time for changing since the old ones were not worth the mending. We are glad to say that this need has been amply supplied. An order was given us for thirty-four pair of hose and it was our privilege to select just the sizes needed. We feel a thanks deep down in our hearts.

For years we have wanted a little wagon for the children's use, both in work and play, but we felt we needed other things more. This year money was given to be used to make the children happy. We felt there was nothing that would please them more, so Bro. Hoke got the wagon. If our friends could see what a lot of fun, (as the children say) they are having it certainly is worth while. Now that the snow has come the sleds are gotten out and the wagon put away for some future day.

Our hearts are truly touched when we think of how the older children; those who have left the Home as well as those in the Home remembered the workers, not so much the gift as the love and warm heart back of it all. To be remembered by so many of God's children as well as our own kin with Christmas wishes of joy and happiness truly is an uplift and brings a feeling which cannot easily be told. To those who have given and withheld the "whereabout," we want to say "Thank you." God knows and will reward in due time.

May these blessings draw us nearer to God and our service to God the coming year be loyalty and faithfulness.

A seventeen pound turkey came all the way from western Kansas and appeared on the tables at Mt. Carmel, Thursday of this week. We wish the sender could have been here to share with us and to witness the children's appreciation. It certainly was fine and we pray a God's Best on the one who made the satisfaction possible.

—K. B.

The following are gleanings from letters received

over the Christmas season, which touched our hearts and we felt perhaps others would enjoy them with us:

Dear Mrs. Bollinger:

I am sorry I have not written sooner. We have moved since I wrote last time. How are all the children at the Orphanage?

I am sending two dollars and my little brother Robert is sending fifty cents which you will spend for Christmas.

Dear Sr. Katie:

Enclosed find three dollars. I would like for it to be divided among the children who have no money for Christmas presents. They will enjoy sending to town for things and trying to keep a secret what they have until Christmas morning,

Yours lovingly,

The above was written by one who formerly lived at Mt. Carmel and is now a mother in her own home.

Katie Bollinger,
Morrison, Ill.

Dear sister in the Lord. May God's favor rest on you and all who are connected with the home. The Father reminded me that I should not forget the children in our homes and will enclose my offering to help bring cheer to these little ones under your care. Of course, it won't go far but I trust he also is talking to others to do likewise. I know if we get quiet in ourselves long enough he will talk to us and sometimes tell us we can help to answer our own prayers, so I wish you all the compliments of the season, A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Your brother in Christ,

THE OLD YEAR AND THE NEW.

Katie Bollinger

Again we have come to where in the History of time marks the ending of another year. As we look back we must say, God has had His hand upon us for good. Many have been the blessings which have come to us the past year. We want to give Him honor and praise due to His name.

Then too, we think not only of ourselves but we know His all seeing eye, the eye which never slumbers or sleeps has been not only over us but over the whole nation. We are made to think of some of the things which He is His wise providence has allowed to come upon the earth. Surely, the last year has been a time when God let come "upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity." "Men's hearts failing them for fear and for looking after those things which are coming upon the earth." Luke 21: 25, 26. Men standing in authority at the heads of nations and governments whose responsibility it is to meet and pass upon the most vital issues this world has ever faced. Surely God is at the helm and these calamities of the past year are only an index to greater ones to come.

How little we know, how uncertain the things of time. With all the enlightenment on the prophetic word of God, who knew the catastrophe of the great and ter-

rible earthquake of Japan as well as elsewhere, the untold suffering and loss both of men and finances. As we listened one night to one who was among the spared ones who had escaped the terrible tragedy we felt words could not tell the extent of misery and intense suffering at this time. While all this is true we are glad to know that God has His chosen few scattered throughout the world, and to those He has said—"Behold the Fig-tree, when they now shoot forth ye see and know of your ownelves that summer is nigh at hand, so likewise ye, when ye see these things come to pass know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand."—Luke 21:25, 26.

Messiah Orphanage

In charge of Anna Witmer, Emanuel Haas and wife,
Grantham, Pa.

Dear readers of the Visitor:

We are glad at the close of another year, to submit our report to the Visitor family. As we look back over the past year, we can recall some pleasant and other rather unpleasant experiences, but with it all, we can say, Goodness and mercy have followed us.

At this writing the family is well, for this we are indeed thankful, for since the long seige of quarantine this summer, we realize more fully what a blessing we are enjoying. At present there are twenty-five children, eleven boys and fourteen girls. The youngest child is three and the oldest seventeen, and they are all within school age but five.

We are glad that we can see the fruitage of our labor although it means "line upon line" and "precept upon precept." I asked one of the little girls if she ever learned anything about Jesus before coming here and she said she did not. I then asked her what she learned since here, about Jesus. She said "I learned that He gives me food and I learned that He gives me clothing." There are those among the older ones who started in the service and it is these lambs that need our prayers for they have temptations coming to them, that we who have been born and reared in Christian homes, cannot realize. Will you pray that those who have the responsibility of instructing them may have divine wisdom to point them aright?

The holiday season was one of joy and gladness. The children look forward to Christmas Day with eagerness. What these children enjoy is largely what you, kind friends, brethren and sisters have made possible for them. We feel especially thankful to the Sunday Schools throughout the brotherhood, for their remembering the children at Christmas time. Several classes sent in candy, oranges and other goodies. In one Sunday School the older members denied themselves of their gift of candy and oranges and sent them to the children here. One Sunday School class of girls sent each of our girls an Eversharp pencil and the girls are surely glad for them.

Surely it gives anyone joy to realize that one has made someone happy. Jesus Himself came to minister and not

to be ministered unto and His Word teaches us, that we cannot love Him and ignore our fellowmen, but in serving others we serve Him and in despising and neglecting others, we neglect Him.

When you pray for the mission cause will you remember the Orphanage?

May you realize that inasmuch as you give to the least of these poor children, you are giving unto Him.

October Donations

Bro. Brown, lima beans; Edward Sollenberger, clothing; Sr. Jno. Nissly, clothing; Sr. Joseph Lehman, peaches; B. L. Musser, grapes; Elizabethtown S. Circle, pillow cases; Martin Kraybill, apples; E. H. Hess, apples; Mr. Pote, fish; Elizabethtown S. Circle, bonnets; Mt. Joy S. Circle, clothing; Calvin Eshelman, soap; Five Rapho Dist. Sisters, dinner for Orphanage family; Cyrus Niesly, potatoes; Jno Nissly, apples; Dr. Coover, apples; F. S. Brubaker, pears; Mrs. Oscar Lehman, clothing; Sr. Klindinst, jelly and clothing; E. H. Hess, apples; Emanuel Oldham, walnuts; Mrs. Jonas Kreider, dried fruit; Mr. Mumper, pears and cornmeal.

November Donations

Needlework Guild, Chambersburg, clothing; Anna Kachel, vanilla; Cora Miller, Saffron; Sr. Heisey, beans and jelly; Needle Work Guild of Palmyra, clothing, etc.; F. S. Brubaker and Son ½-ton of feed; F. S. Brubaker, Thanksgiving roast; Needle Work Guild of Souderton, clothing; S. B. Stoner, fruit; Mrs. Lizzie Brubaker, applebutter; Harrison Hostetter, applebutter; Mrs. John Moyer, applebutter; Jessie Myers, applebutter; Joseph Musser, applebutter; Elmer Wingert, applebutter; B. L. Musser applebutter and pears; H. O. Musser, sweet potatoes; Sara Long, 1 quilt; Miriam Steininger, clothing; Rebecca Brubaker, wash cloths; F. S. Brubaker, hauling; M. E. Kraybill dinner for Orphanage family, 1 bushel pears, 1 bushel of apples; Lebanon and Dauphin Dist. provisions and clothing; John Wingert, chickens and sweet potatoes; Graybill Mann, dried fruit; Manor and Pequea Dist. canned fruit and vegetables.

December Donations

Sr. Yinger, 1 crock scrapple and sausage; Aaron H. Martin's S. S. Class, provisions and clothing; In His name Cumb. Dist., served with a meal; Jno. Nissley, apples; Mrs. William Hykes, 1 comforter; W. L. Kreider, 18 pairs shoes, candy; "Busy Bee" S. S. Class, Upland, Cal. 1 box Eversharp pencils; D. S. Keefer and mother, groceries; Sam Keefer cakes and cookies; Mrs. H. L. Gish, potato chips; "Sunshine Band" of Cross Roads S. S. candy; Palmyra S. S., oranges and candy; Isaac Hershey, 1 turkey; Miss Eby oranges and candy; Mrs. D. Rohrer, cookies; Ada Keefer candy.

Cash Donations for Oct. Nov. and Dec.

Beulah Zercher	\$ 1.00
Lebanon and Dauphin Dist.	5.00
Shenks S. S.	20.14
Sr. Anna Witmer	1.00
Palmyra S. S.	10.00

A Friend	20.00
Upland S. S.	12.00
W. L. Kreider	30.00
Palmyra S. S.	40.00
Mrs. D. Cober	1.00
Lizzie Mann	5.00

Your co-laborers,
E. C. and RHODA HAAS.

Cash received by the Messiah Orphanage for three months beginning October 1, 1923, and ending December 31, 1923.

Rent Boys' Building, \$30.00; Interest Endowment Fund, \$2.13; Interest Boys' Orphanage Fund, \$102.50; Board of Children, \$20.00; Labor of Children, \$124.22; Adoption of Children, \$25.00.

Cash Donations as follows:

Cedar Grove Sunday School, \$24.00; Mechanicsburg Sunday School, \$29.63; Free Grace Sunday School, \$50.00; Cash, \$1.00; Enoch McCorkle, \$10.00; Grantham Sunday School, \$43.15; Shenk's Church, Lebanon County, Thanksgiving Day offering, \$36.00; S. G. Engle, \$25.00; Dauphin and Lebanon District, \$5.00; Shenk's Church, Lebanon County, Sunday School, \$20.14; Palmyra Sunday School, \$10.00; Elizabethtown Sunday School, \$70.00; Lizzie Mann, \$5.00; Palmyra Sunday School, \$40.00; W. L. Kreider, \$30.00; Upland, California, Sunday School, \$12.00; A Friend, \$20.00; Palmyra Sunday School, \$10.00; Anna Witmer, \$1.00; New Guilford Sunday School, \$50.00; Sister Nissley, Carlisle, \$1.00; Offering Box, \$2.47.

Cash received for rent, Interest, Board and Labor of Children, etc. \$303.85; Cash donations received, \$495.39
Total cash received for three months \$799.24

J. W. WOLGEMUTH, Treasurer.

Jabbok Orphanage

In charge of Bro. and Sr. Thomas Ross, Thomas, Okla.

Truly God is good to Israel even to such as are of a clean heart. Since the last report, we have much to be thankful for: First by accident a fire broke out which for a time threatened the large building, but with the alarm given, the town came to the relief in numbers and helped to put out the fire with not so much damage.

Over the holidays the Home and children were remembered with quite a few nice presents, also apples, nuts and candy which were thankfully received.

During the revival meeting some of the children renewed their covenant with the Lord; we trust they will prove faithful.

Sr. Rupert in the Home has been quite feeble this winter.

In the financial report you will notice a special fund for a truck, the old truck is worn out and the only way to get the children to church is in a big wagon, three and one-half miles and when it is cold it is pretty hard on

them, so we are trying to raise money to buy a new truck, to convey the children to church, which can be bought for about \$550.00.

Bro. and Sr. Ross are planning to move on their farm they have rented by March the first. Owing to Bro. Rosses having a family of five children they feel they should be relieved from the work and get their children in a home by themselves, and we are still trusting the Lord for some one to take their place. The school has been getting along with good results, Sr. Susie Thompson is teaching.

Bro. R. E. Switzer from Leedy, Okla., has been assisting in the Home this winter which has been appreciated very much.

The offerings, clothing, nice fruit and other things have been much appreciated by the Home and management and may the Lord richly reward all who have had a part in helping to feed and clothe the Orphans and needy.

Financial Report

A. J. Snively, Hope, Kans.	\$ 5.00
Bro. and Sr. Kellogg, Ramona, Kans.	5.00
Dallas Center, Iowa S. S.	9.95
Hamlin, Kans. church	27.25
Abilene, Kans. S. S.	9.75
A. A. Solenberger	5.00
A Brother, Elizabethtown, Pa.	35.00
Red Star S. S., Leedy, Okla.	4.00
New Paris Sewing Circle, Ind.	10.00
Bethany S. S., Thomas, Okla.	55.67
Abilene, Kans. Church	30.00
Phebe Nole, Pasadena, Cal.	5.00
Upland, Cal., S. S.	32.37
Mrs. J. P. Kerns, Abilene, Kans., Xmas Offering	1.15
A. J. Snively, Hope, Kans.	5.00
Hazel Eshelman S. S. class, Rosebank, Kans.	5.00
Elizabethtown, Pa., S. S.	15.00
East Vail S. S., Upland, Cal.	20.60
Lydia Nigh, Gormley, Ont.	30.00
Bell Springs, Kans., Church	13.00
Lancaster S. S., Pa.	5.38
Samuel Lady, Abilene, Kans.	15.00
J. M. Eshelman, Sedgwick, Kans.	10.00
Pequea S. S., Pa.	5.20
Manor S. S., Pa.	18.40

Special for Truck

Zion Church, Abilene, Kans.	52.00
H. B. Hoover, Detroit, Kans.	5.00
Peter Bert, Detroit, Kans.	5.00

Other donations were given by the following persons: Meat from R. L. Eyster, Thomas, Okla., 60 lbs; George Crawford, 60 lbs. of meat; Clothing, Sewing Circle, Hope, Kans.; Box Clothing, Bro. and Sr. Heilman; one pair bed blankets, whisk broom, flash light from Sr. Elim Harman, Ramona, Kans.; 330 lbs. dried fruit from the brethren at Waukena, Cal.; dried fruit and dress from Sewing Circle, Upland, Cal.; dried prunes by W. C. Frymire and others, Waukena, Cal.; clothing and comfort,

Zion Sewing Circle, Abilene, Kans.; clothing and boys' suit, Mrs. A. J. Heise, Hamlin, Kans.; stockings, pencils and handkerchiefs, Mrs. L. Hoover, Peabody, Kans. pumpkins, Mrs. E. N. Engle, Thomas, Okla.; clothing and Christmas gifts, Sewing Circle, Abilene, Kans.; Christmas box from the sisters at Ramona, Kans.; clothing from Newbern Sewing Circle, Abilene, Kans.; oranges and Xmas box I. W. Smith, Clinton, Okla.; walnuts, Cora Alvis, Bridgeport, Okla.; box of apples, grocery Clinton, Okla.

Make all offerings payable either to Orphanage or D. R. Eyster, Treasurer of the Home.

Yours in Him,

THE WORKERS.

THE CHILD

Being a lover of children and closely associated with them in work and play for a period of almost ten years, I felt pressed to release some of my ideas about the child as I see it every day. I sincerely hope as you read this short article that you will stop occasionally and do some thinking for yourself.

The Child is not a piece of expensive human furniture, "the youngsters," the brats, the kids that infest the home, exist or board there as some people term it, but the child is a blessing from God which should be ordered, invited, welcomed, and prepared for in the imaginary long before its existence in order that the child may be ushered into existence with the proper relations, and welcomes that God and Nature might be pleased and rejoice.

The child is distinctly human, with undeveloped faculties and talents, with feelings just as sensitive and alert as the most perfect developed and highly educated grown-up every created.

Yet the human part of the child by some is very often thought to be small or unimportant, but the smallest and most completely hidden human talent or feeling is often the one that governs the development of that child.

When any person calls a child a youngster, brat, kid or such similar names they try to rob that child of that which is human and attempt to associate human and (or with) animal, they by so doing show that the child as they see, know and reverence it is a piece of human furniture that can be handled in any way without showing any ill effects.

The child is a delicate piece of construction, jeweled more accurately than the finest time-piece ever manufactured, and when I look into the faces of a room full of children my silent speech says, "Oh man, where art thou that can adjust the jewels of those souls for proper development without being found guilty of error?"

Did human mind ever invent anything so beautiful, so inviting, so charming, so innocent, and yet so guilty as the form and soul of a child.

The child at its play is so interested and busy it invites parent and grand-parent to join, so charming that even the fiercest animals do it no harm, so beautiful they command the admiration of all so innocent that Jesus

Himself uses them for an illustration, yet so guilty the world looks at them in wonder and amazement, so guilty that learned men for ages have tried to remove that guilt, but failed.

Not of their own will deeds are the children guilty nor can they remove that guilt by wish, culture, education or science, only the Redeeming Blood of Jesus can remove that guilt.

Growing innocent guilt will reproduce willful guilt because the Child is a parental looking-glass or rather a combination or consolidation of parents, grandparents, to the third and fourth generation so in a broader term we say an ancestral looking-glass unconsciously, but accurately showing forth with the clearest glow the stimulating parental forces that make-up the child's individuality or similarity.

Therefore the child's individuality and similarity are inherited and form the controlling element that eventually will in most cases regardless of all the environments that child is surrounded with make it humanly valuable or valueless.

The child's inheritance is not in bonds, deeds, coin, or notes hidden behind the steel walls of a bank vault, but the child's inheritance that determines the success of its future are those parental helps or hinderances, brought to notice by the child's or "child looking-glass" every day actions.

People may hide their undesirable individuality from the public in a remarkably cunning way, but that child sails forth into the world with an enlarged reflection in its ancestral looking-glass.

Study the child and explore yourself, raise the child and correct yourself, culture the child and perfect yourself.

Next article, "The Child in the Home."

J. W. ROMBERGER.

GOD IS LOVE

A little girl played along the seacoast one day until she was tired out, then she sank down on the smooth white sand and traced with the forefinger the letters of the text, "God is Love."

She went away, but after awhile the tired fishermen began to pass going home. Many of them paused to read the text. It seemed a message fresh from heaven written there for their especial benefit. God remembered the poor fishermen now just as he did those Galilee fishers in olden times.

Next day the letters were not there, but the men looked at the spot where they had been and smiled as they repeated to themselves, "God is love." No tide could wash away that sweet thought from their minds; it was already making them better.

The little girl came back and almost cried when she found no trace of her work; but she did not know the real good she had done. A bright thought struck her, and she smiled and said softly to herself, "Never mind; I'll fix it so 'twill stay next summer." When next summer

came, she prepared a nice bed of earth where the tides would not wash it away. She sprinkled tiny seeds in the letters, and soon the passers-by began to stop and read the message of love written in green. In a few weeks it grew more attractive still; the plants were covered with little white flowers, and oh, so fragrant, for it was sweet alyssum. Hundreds of people read that message, for it stayed all summer long. One morning in the Fall she went as usual to visit this bed, but found it black and ruined. Yes, the frost had been there. Bitter tears she shed at first; this was gone too. She would not be discouraged though, but smiled a sad little smile and said, "I'll keep in trying."

This little girl grew to be an old woman, and she did "Keep trying." All her life long she was telling other people that "God is love." Never a day passed without her doing something for someone else; in fact, she seemed almost to forget her own existence, so interested was she in helping others and in loving other people besides herself. Do you not see she learned at last how to write the beautiful text, so that water could not wash it out nor frost do any harm.—Selected.

Wendell Phillips loved his mother passionately. Her one counsel for him was to be good and do good, and he never forgot to keep his trust where his mother first taught him to place it.

Senator Thomas H. Benton, in making a speech in New York turned to the ladies present, and said: "My mother asked me never to use tobacco and I have never touched it from that day to this. She asked me never to gamble and I never have. When I was seven years of age she asked me never to drink. I never have. Now, whatever service I have been able to render my country, or whatever honor I may have gained, I owe it all to my mother."

The distinguished Garibaldi, speaking of his mother, said, "Often amidst the most ardent scenes of my tumultuous life I have in my fancy seen her on her knees before the Most High; my dear mother imploring for the life of her son, and I believe in the efficiency of her prayers."

Almost the last words of Henry Clay, as he lay dying were, "Mother, Mother, Mother." He must have beheld her face among those waiting angelic hosts.—Sel.

LIFTED ABOVE THE BURDENS

One day when walking down the street,
On business bent, while thinking hard
About the "hundred cares" which seemed
Like thunder clouds about to break
In torrents, Self-pity said to me;
"You poor, poor thing, you have too much
To do. Your life is far too hard,
This heavy load will crush you soon."
A swift response of sympathy
Welled up within. The burning sun

Seemed more intense. The dust and noise
Of puffing motors flying past.
With rasping blast of blowing horn
Incensed still more the whining nerves,
The fabled last back-breaking straw
To weary, troubled, fretting mind.

"Ah, yes, 'twill break and crush my life;
I cannot bear this constant strain
O fendless, aggravating cares;
They are too great for such as I."
So thus my heart condoled itself,
"Enjoying misery," when lo,
A "still small voice" distinctly said,
" 'Twas sent to lift you—not to crush."
I saw at once my great mistake,
My place was not beneath the load,
But on the top. God meant it not
That I should carry it. He sent
It here to carry me. Full well
He knew my incapacity
Before the plan was made. He saw
A child of His in need of grace
And power to serve, a puny twig
Requiring sun and rain to grow,
An undeveloped chrysalis,
A weak soul lacking faith in God.
He could not help but see all this
And more. And then, with tender thought
He placed it where it had to grow—
Or die. To lie and cringe beneath
One's load means death, but life and power
Await all those who dare to rise above.
Our burdens are our wings; on them
We soar to higher realms of grace;
Without them we must roam for aye
On planes of undeveloped faith,
(For faith grows but by exercise
In circumstance impossible.)

Oh, paradox of Heaven, the load
We think will crush was sent to lift us
Up to God. Then, soul of mine,
Climb up. For naught can e'er be crushed
Save what is underneath the weight.
How may we climb. By what ascent
Shall we surmount the carping cares
Of life. Within His Word is found
The key which opens His secret stairs;
Alone with Christ, secluded there,
We mount our loads, and rest in Him.

Selected from Missionary Holiness Herald.

THE ENRICHINGS OF CHILDHOOD.

Being alone on a Sunday evening some weeks ago I sat and played some of the hymns that my little girl sings. Not yet five, she knows one or two verses of some thirty or forty of the sweetest and simplest, such as "I've Two Little Hands to Work for Jesus," "Jesus Wants Me for a Sunbeam," "Suppose the Little Cowslip

Should Hang Its Golden Cup," "In Our Hearts Celestial Voices." As I played I thought of her. Those hymns somehow seem to be peculiarly hers to me, now. The book I find is becoming more precious to me. Here and there in its territory are places where my heart leaps up, pages unspeakably sweet fellowship between my wee lassie and me. These so simple songs of Zion, through the ministry of a little child—so much of the territory of life grows in beauty and in sanctity. There are richer emotional experiences. Some things become more intimately and memorably yours. These hymns mean more to me than they did. And that is only part of all the enriching that has come. How great a mercy is this enriching of simplest things by associations of love. A flower, a song, a fragrance, have all power to store the treasures of memory for us, treasures that can not be taken away, whatever may happen. I have been and am enriched already—beyond all telling wonderful—for which enriching may I be humbly grateful.—Sel.

THE CANDLE THAT LIGHTS THE WORLD.

Edgar L. Vincent

The modios, or, as the Latin gives it, the modius, translated in the New Testament a bushel, was a measure of far less dimension than ours of today, holding not more than a peck. It would have to be a pretty small candle, then, which could be placed under so diminutive a thing as Jesus had in mind when He said, "Neither do men light a candle and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house." However small the candle, Jesus in effect said, do not burn it out in a peck measure. Give it a chance to shine. The house is dark. It needs light. You may furnish that light.

In these days there is a good deal of gloom in this world. For reasons that need not be told now, shadows have settled over many lands. Our own home land is not an exception to this statement. Not that the man of the hopeful heart for a moment believes that the darkness now prevailing is anywhere near as dense as many would have us believe. It seems to be the fashion nowadays to think and to talk about the world as if it were shrouded in clouds so black that there is not a ray of light to be seen anywhere.

The more we say this the more apt we are to believe it; but it is not true. It never was true, it never will be true, that light is absolutely shut away from earth. God will not let it be so. He has set His Great Light high up where it will cast great beams of light across every age. No sin of man can utterly hide that Light; no device of satan can put it out. It shines now, and it will keep on shining till it lights humanity back to Paradise.

And those of us who have become so observed by the prevalent gloom talk and literature that we cannot catch the gleam of the broad sunbeam always shining down from heaven, are to all intents and purposes putting our candle under a peck measure. "It is so small, at best," we

lament. "Plenty of room for it in a modios. What good could it do to place it out on a candlestick?"

Now, what is your light and mine? How shall we use it to dispel the darkness of our day? In the first place, this light is the life we live from day to day. Every day we walk up and down the world's roads; somewhere we have our work to do in office, home and shop; and wherever we go we touch the lives of other men. When our fellows look into our faces and feel the grip of our hands do they say, "Another gloom-peddler. I wish I had not seen him;" or is there something shining in eye, face and expression which makes them go on thinking, "That man does me good every time I meet him. He makes me more hopeful. The world looks brighter to me now. I'll pass his good cheer on."

Then through our words we may show what is in our hearts of light or of shadow. "There he comes, that apostle of trouble!" Do men say that of us when they see us coming? "He will tell me that this old world of ours is going to perdition at lightning-express speed. That there is no more hope anywhere, and I know I shall go on through the rest of this day sad, depressed and unhappy."

Or will our words be so strong, so God-reliant that we shall inspire everyone whose life touches ours today, and every day, to better things and lead him to resolve that he will bring his own light out from under the bushel and set it on a candlestick, so that the house may soon be all ablaze with glory?

That is the way out of our world troubles. It is God's way—candles lighted from one to another, bearers of hope and goodwill and courage, radiating as we possibly can of the Christ-Light shining across the ages. When we write letters, let them be filled full of help, so that those who receive them shall "go and do likewise." In the books we write, in the articles we send to the papers, always and everywhere we may give the light a chance to pierce a little way into the gloom and help to bring the brighter day. Let every deed we do have for its purpose the upsetting of the dismal peck measure and the setting up of the glowing candlestick.

It is little less than a sin to spend strength, time and effort reasoning on the why and the wherefore of the world's evil conditions. What would you do if, when a dear one were sick and the doctor had left you a life-giving tonic to administer, some enemy should let fall into the glass when your back was turned so much as a hundredth part of a grain of poison to counteract the good effect of the medicine which you knew would bring back the health of the loved one?

And yet, that is what the man of the blue spectacles and the bluer tongue does. He, by his words and his deeds and his very expression, drops the deadly drug of doubt and fear and discouragement into God's remedy given for the healing of the nations. Let's never do it. Let's be strong, and hopeful, always recognizing the need of humanity, and relying on God to meet that need through the service of Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son, shining out through our lives.—United Presbyterian.

charge of Bish. Isaac H. Stern. Interment in Spring Hope cemetery.

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MILLER—Sister Rebecca Miller Russel was born April 1, 1842; died January 3, 1924, aged 81 years, 9 months, 2 days. Her husband Bro. Jacob Russel and one daughter preceded her a number of years ago. She is survived by the following children, Andrew, Frank, Mrs. Henry Myers, Mrs. John Wisler and Mrs. John Nicodemus of Martinsburg, Pa. Jacob Russel of Altoona and Mrs. H. R. Kagarise of Woodbury, Pa., also a large number of grandchildren and great grandchildren. Sr. Russel was almost a life long member of the Brethren in Christ Church and quietly lived the Christ life, being an example to all who knew her.

She was ill for about two years prior to her passing over, during which time she longed to go home, yet with patience through all her suffering she waited the Lord's time. Funeral services were conducted Sunday morning, Jan. 6, 10:30 in the Brethren in Christ Church south of Martinsburg in charge of Bishop Isaac H. Stern assisted by Eld. M. R. Brumbaugh of Martinsburg Church of the Brethren. Text: Matt. 5:8, also Heb. 11:10. Interment in Spring Hope cemetery.

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HEISE—Alice A. Eyer was born near Richmond Hill, Ont., on July 15, 1868 and died at her home near Victoria Square on December 24, 1923, she was united in marriage on Dec. 21, 1887 to Bro. L. B. Heise to whom were born six children, five of them with the husband survive as follows: William B. of Victoria Square, Clarence E. of India, Orla L. on the home farm, Elva L. at present in Buffalo, Stella L. at home, also an adopted daughter, Rosia M. at home and Earl A. who met his death when a child by drowning, also two sisters survive namely, Mrs. Mary Anna Brillinger and Mrs. Florence Keyes.

She was converted and united with the Brethren in Christ at an early age and had the pleasure of seeing all her family converted and uniting with the church.

She was somewhat helpless for the last three years as the result of a slight stroke which greatly hindered her in her church duties and the last six weeks had suffered with neuritis in her jaws and the last week the pains getting more severe finally reached the brain and caused another stroke from which she never regained consciousness.

Funeral services were conducted at the Heise Hill church near Gormley by Elder D. W. Heise assisted by Elder Alvin Winger and interment in the cemetery adjoining.

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SHAFER—Samuel Shafer, son of the late John and Elizabeth Shafer of Lycoming Co., Pa., died at his home near Ridgeway, Ont., December 25, 1923 at the age of 73 years, 3 months and 27 days. In the year 1876 Bro. Shafer and Sr. Mary Heim, daughter of the late Jacob and Regina Heim also of Lycoming Co., Pa., were united in marriage. In 1885 Bro. and Sr. Shafer with their family accompanying them moved to the west, residing some time in Kansas, Nebraska and Iowa. In 1900 they moved to Canada, where they finally resided.

In 1890 Bro. Shafer was converted and united with the Brethren in Christ church remaining faithful to the end. Bro. Shafer will be greatly missed in the church as well as the home, he was well liked for his quiet amiable disposition and God has seen fit to remove our brother from this world of care and sorrow to the bright beyond where he will know no more pain or sorrow. Truly we can say our loss is his eternal gain. He left a bright and glowing testimony of God's goodness and blessings which will forever be enjoyed; which will also be remembered by those at his bedside when death claimed him as its own.

Bro. Shafer was sufferer of rheumatism for a number of years but on December 16, he was taken ill with pneumonia which caused his death nine days later. There are left to mourn the loss of a loving husband and kind father, his wife, four children, Mrs. Jonathan Heim of Dawson, Nebraska, Mrs. Levi Fretz of Ridge-

way, Ontario, Miss Mattie and John at home, nine grandchildren and two brothers Ephriam and William of Williamport, Pa., one brother having preceded him in death a number of years.

Funeral services which were largely attended were held at the Black Creek church, Stevensville, Ont., on Dec. 28, 1923 conducted by Bish. Bert Sherk, assisted by Eld. Girvin Bearss. Text: II Cor. 5:1-8. Interment in adjoining cemetery as was our departed brother's wish.

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LOUGHMAN—Sister Sarah Ann Loughman, a daughter of Jacob and Nancy Carl, was born June 23, 1838 in Perry county, Pa. She spent her early life in that county. She was united in marriage to George Loughman at Carlisle, Pa., on October 4, 1860. To this union were born four children while in Pennsylvania. In the year 1868 they located near Englewood, Ohio, where five children were born, she being the mother of nine children. A husband brother George Loughman with six sons William, George, Jacob, Charles, John and Edgar, also three daughters, Ameda, Dora, and Almeda all of whom survive, twenty-eight grandchildren, twenty-seven great grandchildren, also one brother William Carl, of London, Ohio, and one sister Rebecca Hibbard of Centerville, Ohio, and many relatives and friends. We believe our loss was our sister's gain. Sister Loughman became a Christian in her girlhood days. She united with the Brethren in Christ church about the year 1888. She has lived a Christian life since her surrender to her Christ and all who knew her will testify to the same. Sister Loughman was a model wife and the Lord blessed this union with a long and happy life together here, being married sixty-four years. A loving mother, affectionate grandmother and great grandmother from our midst has gone.

Sister Loughman departed this life January 16, 1924 at the advanced age of 85 years, 6 months, and 23 days. It was sister Loughman's request that flowers be omitted. Services were held in the Highland church conducted by Elder Edward Engle, Bishop William Boyer, and Elder Clayton M. Engle. Interment was made in the Fairview cemetery near Englewood, Ohio.

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OBERTHOLTZER—Bro. John W. Oberholtzer, of Greencastle, Pa., was born April 16, 1858, and died January 14, 1924; aged 65 years, 8 months and 28 days. Funeral services were held at the home, conducted by Bish. H. C. Shank and Rev. Hetrick, pastor of Grace Reform Church. Text: I John 4:8.

SIGNS OF THE TIMES.

There are many evidences appearing that prove that the coming of our Lord is close at hand.

In 1868 Horace Bushnell in his book, "Nature and the Supernatural," showed that religion without the supernatural becomes formal and dead. He spoke of the tendency of the supernatural to become associated with fanaticism, but he forecast the day when the miraculous signs would co-exist with Christian sanity.

One sign of the coming of the Lord is the present "perplexity," "men's hearts failing them for fear" (Luke 21:25, 26.) The newspapers are writing of "the devilish ingenuity" of the "lawless" (leading up to the lawless one, the anti-Christ,) and of "the demons of unrest" (the demonic powers that will bring in the anti-Christ.) These newspaper writers show more insight and foresight than thousands of preachers in this Laodicean age.

Mr. H. G. Wells, whom the world is looking upon as a great authority, says the world is waxing worse and worse and humanity utterly "perplexed," and he writes

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REPORTS

CHICAGO MISSION

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Balance on hand \$55.99

Receipts

A brother, Pa., \$12.00, A. J. Heise, Hamlin, Kans., \$10.00, In His name \$5.00, Arthur Hardwick, Kindersley, Sask. \$18.50, In His name \$10.00, Bro. Mann, Pa. \$1.00, In His name \$5.00, Mary E. Bert, Abilene, Kans. \$5.00, Sr. Ruben Climenhaga, Sask. \$2.00, Charles Wenger, Detroit, Kans. \$10.00, Srs. Kreider and Albright, Shannon, Ill., \$5.00, Sr. Wanger, Avilla, Ind. \$5.00, A. D. Baker, Winnipeg, Mass. \$2.00, W. L. Trump, Polo, Ill., \$10.00, Sr. Stevenson, Chicago, \$10.00, W. U. Kreider, Shannon, Ill., \$10.00, In His name, \$10.00, Bro. Mann, Pa. \$1.00, Charles Stump \$1.00. Sophie Reeter, Dekata, Ill. \$10.00. Total \$198.49.

Expenditures

Provisions \$91.20, gas \$8.43, electric light \$10.68, house supplies, \$8.25, repairs \$5.72. Total \$124.28. Balance on hand \$74.21.

Christmas Donations

Sister Miller, Lanark, Ill., \$2.00, Sr. McNeal, Chambersburg, Pa., \$5.00, Hazel Eshelman, S. S. C., Ramona, Kans. \$5.00, Mrs. Nelson, Morris, Ill., \$5.00, D. H. Kreider, Shannon, Ill. \$1.00, Special offering \$44.12. Total \$62.12.

Paid out for canned goods, potatoes, etc., \$23.54, beef and chicken \$10.00, coal \$5.00. Balances \$23.58.

Love Feast Offerings

Sisters of Nappanee, Ind., Smith, Culp, Rellinger, Bradey, C. Stump, Lydia Stump, chicken, butter, honey, cake, W. H. Kreider, Shannon, Ill., chicken, Bro. McCulloh, Morrison, Ill., goose.

Christmas Offerings

Belle Springs, Kans., Sewing Circle, dresses, children's clothings, sheets, etc., Zion Sewing Circle, Abilene, Kans. clothing, comforts, etc., Sisters, Shannon, Ill., chicken, Hazel Carlson, Abilene, Kans., butter.

We would not fail to express our appreciation to all who have made it possible for us to carry a little sunshine into homes, lighten hearts and lift the gloom, no matter how humble nor how destitute the home. Every one looks favored with expectancy, how sad, when Christmas day is past the night dawn appear. Nothing has come their way. No little gift—perhaps not so much as a happy Christmas Greeting from a loving friend. No one to tell them the meaning of Christmas day. They know nothing about Jesus' love for them.

Two extreme experiences of those visits was that of our home in which lived the father, mother and six little children in a dark, damp, dingy basement. We found the family were Christians and were trusting God. The father had been ill because of the financial struggle, he worked too soon and was relapsed, the children were so eager they could hardly wait until we left to open parcels.

In the other home the mother had said they were members of the M. E. Church and went to Sunday School. On entering the home, after a day of weariness, through the storm and rain the very atmosphere seemed charged with ungodliness, a something which could not be explained. We found they were Catholic, we took the opportunity to preach to them Christ who alone can forgive sin and would have to answer to God for the deception of their hearts. We are glad for the privilege of sowing seed and telling them of Jesus Who can save from sin.

We want to thank the children S. S. classes for taking part in this sow of seed.

Grace and peace to all saints,

SARAH H. BERT AND WORKERS,
6039 Halsted St., Chicago, Ill.

NOTTAWA, ONT.

A series of meetings was began December 2, lasting till January 6, Elder Jesse Wingert laboring with us. The weather was ideal, except the last two nights, the attendance fair, best of all the Lord did not dissappoint us in giving us somewhat the desire of our hearts in bringing conviction upon the unsaved until twelve broke through and came to the Lord, for which we feel to praise Him. We would liked to have seen many more turn whilst the Spirit was working. Our prayer is that those who have started for the kingdom may be faithful and that the seed sown may still spring up and bring forth fruit.

—Cor.

NEWS NOTE

Bro. E. J. Swalm was ordained to the ministry September 16, Bish. Bert Sherk officiating.

REPORT OF CONOY MEETING

A series of meetings opened at Conoy M. H., Lanc. Co., Pa., on Jan. 6, and lasted two weeks, Eld. L. Shoalts of Wellandport, Ont., had charge of this meeting. The interest and attendance was good. There were eight souls accepted the Lord ranging from ten to fifteen years. We pray that they may yield there young lives to the Holy Spirit's control that God can work out in them that which is pleasing in His sight. We believe the messages were inspired and that Bro. Shoalts delivered his soul in warning them of the danger of apostasy in these days. Believers were also encouraged. May the Lord bless His labors.

—Cor.

TESTIMONY

Dear ones in Christ:

I here am enclosing my subscription for 1924. I fully leaned on Jesus for the money, now I have it or I would have sent it in long ago. Oh! what a wonderful paper the Visitor is. I could not do without it, as it is the only encouragement I get in weeks, many and many times.

I can say my heart is trusting in Jesus. This verse has been so precious to me all winter: (O sing it) "my trusting heart to Jesus clings, nor any ill forbodes, but at the cross of Calvary sings, praise God for lifted loads!"

I want to praise God and I thank Him so much for healing me last fall. I thank Him to for showing me I was trying to carry my loads and that I should unload to Him. Oh, what a relief. I trust Him now that He will take care of those burdens.

There is joy and peace when we fully trust Him and how it pleases Him. I feel my great responsibility in rearing children and do ask you one and all, remember me in your prayers. May the Lord's blessing be upon all,

Yours for Jesus,

ALICE MAGGERT

PASADENA NOTES

Bro. H. W. Landis of Des Moines was with us for a weeks' meeting the fore part of December. His messages were much enjoyed by all. Some persons received definite help. Quite a number of the Sunday School folks were seekers at the altar. Thank God for His Spirits, help and faithfulness.

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The largest attendance so far in the Sunday School was recently when about ninety assembled. We are grateful to God for the constant increase and gradual growth.

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Space would not permit individual mention of all recent visiting friends and brethren, but the Pasadena folks wish to express their

appreciation and also to encourage any one coming this way to stop with us. A telephone ring will put us at your disposal.

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A number of the boys and girls attending the Pasadena S. S. come from a camp where a large number of poor families live in temporary quarters. The changed appearance of these folks and their new outlook on life since coming to S. S. is very noticeable. During the past summer meetings were started at the Dontaerville camp in the out-of-doors, when cooler weather come on this was not possible. We are thankful to God that a comfortable tent with seats and equipment has been provided in which we may gather and worship God. These meetings each Friday night are interesting and conviction is on the people. Pray with us for the salvation of immortal souls.

DES MOINES, IA.

Greeting in Jesus' name:

We are very thankful to God for His goodness and blessings to us. We are encouraged to push the battle against sin and unrighteous, as we realize the importance of being on the firing line for God. We are either making progress or backsliding, there is no standing still in the Christian life. The Lord has done great things for us, whereof we are glad. In the Oak Park Mission one man and one old lady were saved, this old lady being past sixty years old. It makes our hearts rejoice to see some come who are nearing life's end and prepare for the next world, which is all important. The cottage prayer meetings are of special interest and very fruitful, so will you continue to pray for us that God may have His way.

Financial Report for the months of Oct. and Nov.

Donations

Valley Chapel S. S., Ohio	\$ 10.12
Markham S. S. Canada	20.00
Upland S. S., Calif.	36.79
A Bro. and Sr., Iowa	50.00
Hiland S. S., Ohio	21.90
Bro. Biltz, Des Moines, Ia.	2.00
Board Susanna Landis	34.00
Total donations	\$174.81

Expenditures

Table supplies	\$123.00
Gas, electric, telephone and water	19.84
Total expenditures	\$142.84
Balance on hand December 1.....	\$31.97

H. W. LANDIS AND WIFE.

AIR HILL, PA.

A series of meetings were held at Air Hill, North Franklin Dist., opened October 28, two weeks meeting. Eld. Abner Martin conducted the meeting, he came filled with the Spirit of the Master and faithfully gave unto us the whole Word of God, it is indeed uplifting and encouraging to the believers. Ten souls made a start for the kingdom, others felt the need of a Savior. Eternity alone will reveal all the good that was done. May the Lord bless Bro. Martin for his labor of love.

A TESTIMONY

Dear readers:

I want to give my praise for the Lord for I surely can praise the Lord for His goodness to me. He does care for, and keep His children through many things.

I am very much concerned about the young because they are going headlong toward hell. I want to be a light in this dark world that by my light many others might see the way.

Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless His holy name. Psalms 103:1. This is my praise tonight. I want to bless him always, wherever I am.

This verse is also such a comfort to me especially when discouraged. "Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ". Titus 2:13. Dear ones that will be glorious. I am also glad tonight that I can say Christ is my Savior, Sanctifier, Healer, Glorious Lord, and Coming King. There was a time when I could not say that, but oh! I am so glad that when he sanctified and baptized me with the Holy Ghost and fire, I can say that it is blessed to live in Beulah. I am glad I have no love for Egypt and the wilderness life. I am feeding on the large grapes, also honey and milk. Oh! it is victory in Jesus. Praise his name!

I am thankful also for the burden of souls which he places on me. The blessed word says if there is travail in Zion, births will be brought forth and we as his people should be more in earnest and burdened for souls that are lost and are out of the fold.

Oh, dear ones I do not know where to stop, I am so happy and filled with praise for him. Some may say just as I have said myself, "I would like to have such joy, but the Lord asks me to do so much that I do not want to do." Well there is just where I found my joy. He ask of me, things I thot too hard, but oh, the joy! when I gave up. I tell you dear ones I had to make two or three bon fires before I could get through. It means all for Jesus. Praise His name.

I wish you all the richest blessings of God. Pray for us.

Yours for the lost,

SR. ROSIE MILLER

TESTIMONY

Dear readers:

As we have entered into a new year, with victory in our souls, and a longing for our outer man to sink deeper, and the inward-man to rise higher, and by God's grace to shine brighter and to strain every nerve to press with vigor on that God might get glory out of body, soul and spirit which are his. To God be all the glory, remaining one of God's little ones, looking for Jesus.

FRANCIS HISEY.

ROSEBANK, KANSAS

A series of meetings began on December 23 and continued three weeks. The meeting was conducted by Bish. D. R. Eyster of Thomas, Okla. The Word of God was surely given to us in truth and love and much good was accomplished. The attendance was not so large as usual owing to the cold weather, but the interest was good. During the meetings a number sought the Lord for Pardon, believers sanctified and quite a number were healed during the special healing services that were held. There were three fast days held and the Lord wonderfully poured out His spirit in each meeting. At the end of the day meetings there was divine healing services and some were instantly healed for which we give God the glory. Our faith was surely strengthened and we surely realized we have a wonderful God. We would have liked to see many more turn to the Lord as conviction was very heavy upon the hearts of some that were still unwilling.

We ask an interest in your prayers, that many will yet give their hearts to him before it is too late. —Cor.

NEWS NOTES

Miami District—Ohio—Highland Church

God has again blessed us with a series of Heaven-sent messages through his servant, Bro. Clayton M. Engle of Hummelstown,

Pa. The "Blood Red Seal" and the "Open Door Which no Man Can Shut," were held before us so ardently that men were compelled to accept the way of the Christ who saves from sin and makes lives happy as they are transformed through the merits of His own shed blood. Hearts that have been closed for several years to the Spirit's wooings were opened and dark countenance were made to shine with Heaven's light, and enabled to sing of the "joy of sins forgiven" and "the bliss the blood-washed know."

To our God who has given us a great salvation be all the praise. Brethren pray for us that the Word of God may prosper in hearts and that others who need help from God may accept His way for them. From here Bro. Engle is to go to Pleasant Hill, Ohio. May your prayers follow him there.

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Bishop H. P. Steigerwald and wife were with us on Saturday evening, January 19, 1924. Their message from Africa's field was enjoyed and appreciated by all. We are encouraged to be collaborators together with Him in the great harvest field where sheaves are perishing for want of servants to garner them.—Cor.

"I want no greater monument to my memory than to lay down my life somewhere in the service of God, peacefully, quietly, knowing that I have done my duty."—Bish. H. P. Steigerwald.

"Have you ever noticed that God never asks a single service of you without promising abundant reward?"—Bish. H. P. Steigerwald.

GORMLEY, ONT.

Dear readers of the Visitor:

Grace, mercy and peace, from God, the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ. Our revival meetings at Markham Dist. commenced on November 25 with Eld. Ray Witter in charge. The interest was good from the beginning. Our brother brought to our hearing many heart-searching sermons causing God's children to search their own hearts, and also bringing conviction to many who were yet unsaved. Some backsliders were reclaimed, believers sanctified and also a few gave their hearts to God. Some children were saved and have been testifying for Jesus. On December 11, 12, 13 an interesting Bible Conference convened which was very helpful and inspiring to us all. Our hearts were made to rejoice for what has been accomplished, but on the other hand there is a sadness because of the many who rejected the light and were not willing to yield to the tender wooings of the Holy Spirit. Bro. Witter went to Wainfleet Dist. from here. May the Lord continue to bless him richly in his labor for lost souls.

Yours faithfully,

L. W. STECKLEY, Cor.

BIBLE CONFERENCE AT HARRISBURG

An instructive Bible Conference with Bro. A. C. Rosenberger of Souderton, Pa., as teacher convened at the Messiah Home Chapel from December 30, 1923 to January 6, 1924. Bro. Rosenberger during this time gave ten addresses on subjects not usually handled in general preaching. These addresses bore evidence of careful and deep study on the part of Bro. Rosenberger and covered a wide range of subjects. The interest and attendance at these meetings was good throughout. A poor blind boy, a member of the local Sunday School signified a desire to be one of the Lord's little ones. Bro. Rosenberger, we feel, is deserving of the confidence and encouragement of Christians generally and especially of the Brotherhood. It is evident that the line of testimony which is Bro. Rosenberger's specialty is not, as a rule, covered by the regular ministry of the word.

Correspondent.

REPORT OF BIBLE CONFERENCE AT ROSEBANK CHURCH

The Kansas Bible Conference was held at the Rosebank church, Ramona, Kansas, December 26, 27 and 28. The weather was favorable and attendance large. Eld. D. R. Eyster our evangelist, very ably spoke at different times on Introductory to the Book of Acts; The Ministry of the Holy Spirit; Practise and Progress of the Early Church and Healing and Miracles in the Acts, all taken from the book of Acts.

In the second talk he said, "We need the Holy Spirit and must have it. If we would preach it more, pray more for it, and testify more to it, we would make people more hungry for it." Some of the practices of the early church were: simple worship, all filled with Holy Spirit, had all things in common, baptized believers at once, ordained elders in the church by fasting and prayer, fasted, prayed for miracles, ordained the seven deacons and the people were loosed to obey God. The church prayed for one another when any were in trouble.

The Book of Ephesians was made very inspiring by Eld. Geo. Whisler of Abilene.

Some of the gems of the epistle. The book is one of the mountain peak's of revelation, disclosing the ultimate and crowning purpose of God in Christ and in the church; the heavenlies characterize the epistle; heavenly conduct implies; walk in the unity of the Spirit, in purity, in love, in light and in wisdom.

Spiritual gifts and graces was given by Eld. Wm. Page and was very beneficial to all. Graces are the fruits of the spirit as given in I Cor. 12:8-10.

The chief end of man was supplemented by Abram Hostetter and others who told us that the chief end for which God had created man was to glorify Him and to promote the kingdom of God in the lives of men.

"The Christian as Seen in Colossians" was given by Bish. J. N. Engle. The book is divided into two parts: Doctrinal 1-2 and practical 2-4.

We should have an experience that the preacher cannot preach away. Old man is to be put off and new man put on, our life given from God to be surrendered and consecrated to him for use in his service. The papers on The Purpose of Music in Worship, Small Things in the Christian Life, and Modest Apparel will appear in the Visitor.

Eld. Homer Engle spoke very interesting and beneficial on Christianity Applied to Business. He said, "The Golden Rule is the Best Policy."

The annual visit by Bish. M. G. Engle was another very helpful talk. The purpose of the annual deacon's visit is to ascertain the conditions of the members, the poor, infirm and the general spiritual conditions.

The character and life of the deacons should be in accordance with God's Word. The results of the visit depend on the standing of the deacons and the attitude of the laity.

The Ministerial session was taken up in a discussion on "The Ministering Shepherd," his work by Eld. Homer Engle, his opportunity by Eld. G. E. Whisler, his temp-

tation by Bish. D. R. Eyster, his reward by Eld. Monroe Book. Each topic was very ably handled, only those who were present know the good that came from these talks and topics of the Bible Conference. Cor.

FROM AFRICA

Box 5, Bulawayo
Dec. 9, 1923

Dear readers of the Visitor:

A few days ago our hearts were encouraged on the line of giving. One of our native teachers, upon receiving his pay for two or three months, promptly returned thirty-six shillings of the same as his offering for the year for himself and his wife, as he is receiving thirty shillings per month, the amount given would be just the tenth of his wages for the year. He had previously given a bag of grain which would have been almost a tenth of his crop. I then asked him, after thanking him for the offering, as to how he liked the plan of tithing, for this is his second year of giving the tenth. He answered with a radiant smile that the Lord blesses him abundantly in his giving, and has no desire to return to his former method. In the evening meeting among other things he thanked the Lord for the blessings of giving. We are glad for his testimony; for though a few of our people are learning of the blessings of liberal giving, they are as yet all too few. The next day and the day following two more were apparently greatly blessed in giving to the Lord's work. These circumstances with others help to encourage us and give us faith that many more of our dear people will not only see their duty, but their great privilege in supporting the work of the Lord.

About ten days ago, in the Gwabile church, we married four couples by Christian marriage. There were to be five, but one man was away at the time, and he came with his wife to a neighboring school and were also married. These had all been previously married by native custom, but since coming to Christ they desire to go the whole way with the Lord. We are very glad for these married young people, and pray God's blessing upon them.

At Tshinkwe, a girl came to me saying that her parents were attempting to force her to marry a heathen man. I called her parents, and truly enough they were intending to force her to such marriage. I attempted to explain the position of the Christian, but they wanted none of that. They did not intend to depart from their heathen customs. What they will do remains to be seen, for the law will side with the girls if she reports the case.

Today we had a very encouraging meeting at Mpopote, one of our newest places of worship, nearly three-hundred people were present, and nearly all of them endeavoring to follow the Lord. The teacher here with his people have built a lovely church which is a great credit to them. It was crowded full today. Almost a hundred and fifty are in the Enquirers' class at this place. Oh that in some way they might fully yield their lives to God that they might be useful in bringing many more to Christ.

Last night on our way to this place, we slept at a farm house about eight miles away. The farmer and his wife were very kind to us, they are both nominal Christians, but like many more in this country, they are perhaps not walking as closely to Jesus as they might. I did not know if they would appreciate or allow my having prayer and reading of the Scripture with them or not. They did give us the privilege and afterwards the wife thanked us feelingly for the prayer. So we felt repaid for the effort. One would like to do more for these scattered Europeans, but the problem is a difficult one.

The Lord bless all who read these lines, and may you continue in earnest prayer for the work in Africa.

Yours in our blessed Lord,

H. J. FREY.

"A LAYMAN'S SERMON TO THE PREACHERS"

(Continued from page 7.)

Redeemer. Phillip said to Jesus, "Show us the Father," and our neighbors are saying to each of us, "Sir, we would see Jesus."

The mission of the church in the world is primarily to make real the **Christ-promised Comforter** to the individual.

In the great book stores of New York City there are piled high by the ton so-called religious books of very many kinds and the great demand and sale of these books are very expressive of the condition as seen by Dr. Andrew Gillies.

"Humanity dying for the lack of a living faith, nervously sick, mentally befogged and morally adrift, because it is spiritually bereft."

This reveals the yearning of humanity to find some solution of the great problem of life and it would not exist if we had not failed to make real to the individual the fellowship of the living God.

Today we still have the record of the exemplary life of Jesus and of His miraculous healing and of the precepts He taught, but as for the **person** of Jesus Himself, what was an illusion on that first Easter morning, has now become a reality, "for they have taken away our Lord and we know not where they have laid Him."—Sel. by John S. White.

EVIDENCES OF CHRIST'S WILLINGNESS TO HEAL THE BODY AS WELL AS THE SOUL: ARE ALL INVITED TO ACCEPT?

Christ's willingness to heal the body as well as the soul, is a light which streams from the cross of Calvary. As this is the only true light: many evidences are to be found in his holy written word to confirm this.

Sickness and death came into the world through Adam's fall, the consequence of sin. Gen. 2-17.

In the twenty-eighth chapter of Deut. we find among the curses for disobedience are plagues, long continued and sore sickness, but for obedience in the same book, seventh chapter, fifteenth verse the promise is, "The Lord will take away from thee all sicknesses and will put none

of the evil diseases of Egypt, while thou knowest upon thee."

The first record case of healing was wrought through prayer. Gen. 20-17. Abraham prayed unto God and God healed Abimelech's household. This was before God had made any direct promise of healing.

God says in Exodus 15-26 "If they will do that which is right in his sight, give ear to his commandments and keep all his statutes, he would put none of the diseases upon them, for I am the Lord that healeth thee, thus declaring himself to be the healer of his people.

God was faithful to His promises, when with a mighty hand he brought his chosen people out from the land of bondage, there was not one feeble person among their tribes. Ps. 105-37.

During the wandering through the wilderness God alone was the healer of Israel. When disease appeared four times in the wilderness in each case supernatural and not medical means were employed. Note the connection between sin and sickness—obedience and healing.

1. Miriam's leprosy, fruit or jealousy healed through Moses' prayer.

2. After 14,700 died in the plague-fruit of rebellion, Aaron offered an atonement, a type of Christ's atonement, and the plague was stayed. 3. When the people murmured against God and Moses, fiery serpents were sent as a punishment and a serpent made of brass placed upon a pole referring to Christ's atonement and all who looked were healed.

Hezekiah, king of Israel, was sick and the death sentence had been passed upon him. He prayed reminding the Lord of His past righteous life, God in answer deliver him and added fifteen years to his life.

Two cases are given where Israel stepped out of the ordinary way of faith in God and in both cases the erring ones died. One was king Asa who was diseased in his feet, yet in his disease he sought not to the Lord but to the physicians and he slept with his fathers. The other was that of king Ahaziah who fell through the lattice work and sent messengers to Baalzebub to inquire if he should recover and the angel of the Lord told Elijah he should die because of this and he did.

In the Psalmist's record of affliction and deliverances God and not man is always the deliverer. Praise his name.

David puts the remission of sickness on a par with the remission of sins. When he says, "Who forgiveth all thine iniquities, who healeth all thy diseases, and Jesus implied the same when he said to the scribes after he had forgiven and healed the man sick of the palsy." Why reason ye? Is it easier to say. . . Thy sins be forgiven thee or to say arise and . . . walk. Mh. 2:8-9.

Ps. 107-20: He says. "He sent his word and healed them and delivered them from their destructions. Many other times David magnifies the Lord as the healer.

The remedy for sickness is found in the redemption promised in Gen. 3:15 which was fulfilled in Christ, for in the atonement Jesus Christ not only covered our sins, but our sicknesses as well, as quoted in Isaiah 53:4-5.

Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows and with his stripes we are healed. Bless His holy name. This actually came to pass in Matt. 8:11-17 as He cast out evil spirits and healed all that were sick, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet Esaias, saying himself took our infirmities and bore our sicknesses.

Jesus' earthly ministry was marked from the very beginning by His activities as physician. There are so many cases recorded in the life of Jesus' ministry on earth that we can name but a few. "The nobleman's son," "the impotent man," "Man with unclean spirit," "a leper," "man with palsy," "man with withered hand," "a centurion's servant," "a blind and dumb demoniac," "two blind men," "a dumb man," "a lunatic," "a blind beggar," "a man with dropsy," "the ten lepers." Surely if it were not God's will to heal He would have shown us one example of Jesus, saying to the sufferer. "No you can better glorify God by carrying about a diseased body, you may remain sick." But not one such case is given. He came to do his Father's will and to destroy the works of the devil of which sickness is one. True, sometimes sickness is for a purpose as in Job's case, but when we acknowledge our disobedience or what ever it may be, God's promises are ours.

When the twelve were sent out, healing was as much a part of their commission as preaching the gospel. Matt. 10-1-7-8. In parallel passages in Mark 6-13. They anointed with oil many that were sick and healed them showing that anointing was used among them. The seventy received the same divine command.

Our Savior's parting blessing at Bethany in which He told them to teach all nations to observe all things that he had commanded them—one of the all things was to heal the sick, plainly showing this was to be done as long as it was necessary to preach the gospel, and one of the signs that are to follow those that believe is, "They shall lay their hands on the sick and they shall recover."

After Jesus was triumphant over death and ascended to the father he carried on the work through his disciples by the power of the indwelling Holy Ghost. The Comforter whom he had promised to send in his stead. Six special cases are cited. "A man lame from birth," "palsy of eight years standing," "cripple who had never walked," "Paul himself raised up," "healed of poison of the viper," "chief's father-in-law and others on the island of Melita."

The gift of healing was as much given to the early church by the spirit as prophesying, discernment, etc. After the apostolic age healing was to be carried on not by physicians, but elders of the church. James 5:14-16, "Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church and let them pray over him anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord, and the prayer of faith shall save the sick and the Lord shall raise him up." Dear ones this passage is God's will revealed to us when we are sick or even praying for God's true children. We need not ask if it is His will for it is His will, but as long as we doubt or wonder if it is His will His healing power may be hindered. Praise the Lord it was not only for days of yore, but it reaches us today for Christ's farewell words at the

close of His ministry. John 14-12, "Verily, verily, I say unto you he that believeth on me, the works that I do, shall he do also and greater works than these shall he do because I go unto my father," should be convincing proof of his continuance through every believer, for not as much as a hint is given in all the scripture that His words have been revoked.

When Jesus sent His disciples out to preach they found some who believed and they told others and they believed until someone told us and we believed, hallelujah.

We are all ready to believe Mark 16:16, He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved, but not so many will believe the promise following, though the conditions are precisely the same. These signs shall follow them that believe, they shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover. God help me and you to believe this not only in our minds, but in our hearts and I verily believe we will see this fulfilled oftener than we do.

The promises on the subject of healing are just as real and definite as on anything else and it includes all of us. Bless His precious name. What we need is to believe the promises of God and obey and fulfill the conditions upon which they are made.

We need some of the faith that characterized Martin Luther. We were away from home attending a convention when news reached him a real dear friend M. was very sick. As Luther left the convention and hastened back to the bedside of his friend, he said, "God you cannot let this man die," but when he got back to the room, they told him that his jaw had dropped and Luther threw himself down on the bed and told his friend what God had promised for he said, "I will take away sickness from thee, I am he that healeth thy sickness" and he said Lord this is thy work and he went back in Isaiah where he said, By his stripes we are healed and in Malachi 4:2 But unto you that fear my name shall the sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings. Then he went on to James where it says the prayer of faith shall save the sick and then he said, "Oh God if Martin Luther is to believe your book and contend against the forces of Catholicism you will have to fulfill your promises and heal my friend and God Almighty made bare his arm and raised up M. and he will make bare his arm today if he can find those who will believe and stand on His promises. Isaiah 52-10 The Lord hath made bare his holy arm in the eyes of all nations and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Praise His holy name He is making bare His arm in these closing days of earth.

Yes, Jesus is the same healer for soul and body because we are seeing it done, through the length and breadth of the land the mighty works of Jesus are being repeated in His all prevailing name. Divers diseases are still being healed through faith in that name. According to our faith be it unto us. Bless His dear name.

Jesus said ye are my witnesses. Praise the Lord for the privilege of witnessing for him that he is able to heal both soul and body. I thank him for the way he has led me to trust him for my body. Naturally I was averse

to this one reason perhaps of the fact that when I was a girl of thirteen, my own precious mother trusted the Lord and seemed to have faith to the last for deliverance, but went home to glory without physical help. Personally I believe many die a premature death because of the lack of the gift of healing being amongst us. We all as his children have faith, but not all have the gift of faith just so we may all have answers to prayer for the sick but not have the gift of healing. We believe the greater power flows through the gift..

It takes His holy spirit to reveal Bible truths to us whether it be justification, sanctification, baptism of the Holy Ghost or divine healing.

When we are unreservedly abandoned entirely to His will it becomes a blessed privilege and a reasonable service to trust Him even for the body. Glory to Jesus. I used to have the idea that when Christ was here on earth He healed the sick to prove His power, but since I have caught a greater vision of His marvelous love. I see a deeper thought and that is his great compassion. Bless His dear name.

Bro. J. R. Zook in speaking on this subject said we do not need to be sick to die. If we have the faith to stand on His promises we will be healed and if it be His will to take us home He will take us without sickness.

We have had some very remarkable answers to prayer in our own midst, for which we give him all the glory, for we know He is not partial to any but will answer wherever or whoever calls upon Him in faith believing and so we desire to witness to his healing power for His glory alone. Bless His name.

We had two cases in the hospital whom the doctor had said there was practically no hope for them. The one was an auto accident victim, the saints gathered in prayer and anointed a handkerchief and it was laid on the one who was sick and he was raised up. The other was a case of uric acid poisoning whom the Lord raised up after holding on to the Lord several times. The past summer a sister who had a convulsion with uric acid poisoning, whom the doctor said he never expected to get out of the bed, also making other statements that would of impiled there was not hope, was spared most remarkable in answer to prayer.

God has wonderfully answered prayer in our own home. Our little boy who hung on a brittle thread for a couple of years and did not develop as other children was made normal. The past year my companion and child were healed when they were seriously sick. We had no physician, but we had good reasons to believe they were cases of pneumonia and we were fearful of the results if God had not undertaken just when He did. He has also wonderfully undertaken for my own body, but just one instance I will speak of. That was when the leaders of my foot were so drawn for eight or ten weeks that I could get but my toes to the floor. I believe if God had not touched me as He did, with His mighty healing power, my foot would have never become normal.

Praise His precious name we will magnify our blessed Savior that He is just the same yesterday, today

and forever. Heb. 13-8. As he heals us it causes us to magnify Him more and to feel our unworthiness.

Healing for you, yes healing for you
 Promise of Jesus still faithful and true
 Your sickness He carried when nailed to the tree
 Bidding you now in His name to go free. —V. E.

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

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of "the salvaging of civilization." He states frankly, "Civilization is in a very critical state." Hence he writes, "We need a new Bible." And with a few infidels of like mind he might attempt the job. Thank God, we have a Bible that tells of One who came and of One who is coming, "this same Jesus," and we are completely satisfied with it.

The following two extracts from the world's press give some indication of some things that will accompany the period of tribulation that will follow the soon translation of the saints. A newspaper tells of one who has recently visited Baltimore poison-gas factory. In this establishment chemists are hard at work inventing new chemical compounds which, used as "gas" and set free amidst a population, will turn any area into a veritable hell. This newspaper says, "When poison-gas was first introduced by the Germans into the late war, the whole world cried out in protest. Apparently it has now accepted the principle as a legitimate one, and sets its chemists at work to produce a perfect instrument of diabolical torture." The correspondent speaks of a new discovery which defies all masks and protective measures. Wherever it is dropped, it consumes its victims—flesh, clothing, and all; there is no escape from it! It is guaranteed to wipe out an entire population—civilians and military alike. This newspaper adds, "Should another war develop, and these diabolical weapons be used, the world cannot complain that it was taken by surprise. But there are few signs as yet that the mass of the people realize what is being prepared for them."

A London paper reports a special item by an accepted authority. "Dr. Lyttelton declared that he knew from an absolutely reliable source that two months ago letters were sent from the British War Office to the leading scientific experts at two universities asking them to proceed at once with the invention of a gas that was calculated to annihilate a whole town in half a minute. The request was not complied with, for the scientists refused, said the speaker, to put science to such an ignoble use. If this was happening in this country, Dr. Lyttelton asked, what was being done in other countries? If we continued to let things slide as at present another war was an absolute certainty."

Sir Philip Gibbs, the well-known writer, who has recently been lecturing in the States, says, "Europe is dying. I have visited many countries in Europe, and under an appearance of normal life, and an apparent recovery from the wounds of war, I have found a sense of impending ruin and dreadful anxiety of the future." He

says, further, "As yet I do not see the drift of things. I see a kind of restlessness as of people waiting for something else to happen after one act in a sensational drama. In all classes and in all places there is the sense of waiting and expectancy, a kind of hanging about in the corridors of life before the Messenger comes with a new announcement."

Praise God, the messengers are going forth with the announcement of the near return of Jesus Christ, and of our going to meet the Lord in the air.

We have given these extracts to show forth the world's testimony to the present "perplexity," and now would tell of two Biblical signs of the nearing event. Brother Max Wood Moorhead asked Brother Willie Burton of the Congo in our house last year: "What do you think is the latest sign of the near coming of Christ?" He replied, "The drying up of five of the mouths of the Nile—and they are dredging the other two." This points to the fulfillment soon of Isa. 11:15, 16, "And the Lord shall utterly destroy the tongue of the Egyptian sea . . . and shall smite it in the seven streams, and make men go over dry shod. And there shall be a highway for the remnant of His people."

Last year Dr. Middleton handed me a booklet of his in which he says: "A lady came to me and said that she lived on the hill Gareb before the war, and that a lady had bought the hill, and literally compassed it about to Goath, by railing it off. This fulfillment of Jer. 31:39, "And the measuring line shall go forth against it upon the hill Gareb, and shall compass about to Goath." In the 38th verse of this chapter we read, "Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that the city shall be built to the Lord from the tower of Hananeel unto the gate of the corner." Commenting on the words, "to the Lord," a writer in the Morning Star stated some time since that houses were going up there "not to be thrown down," but to be there after the tribulation, "built to the Lord and holy unto the Lord."

Truly upon the earth there is now "distress of nations, with perplexity, . . . men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth." "And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh."

Dear Lord, our hearts are yearning to see Thee face to face,

With straining eyes we're looking towards the trysting place,

Oh, when shall we behold Thee! when wilt Thou bid us rise

To meet Thee and to greet Thee, our Bridegroom, in the skies!

The world is full of sorrow, its old heart tempest torn,

And everywhere Thy children are tried and overborne;

Our only inspiration is in Thy faithful Word,

Our only hope and comfort—the Advent of the Lord!

—A. E. S. Selected by C. J. Carlson.