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EVANGELICAL VISITOR

UNFAILING LOVE

I read in the dear old chapters,
In times when weary grown,
Of the love that never faileth
To find and bless its own;
And sweet are the words of comfort
As through the land I go,
For what the Father has promised
He will make good I know.

No matter what ills betide us
Here in the lower land,
We may turn from the cares that vex us
And find the comforting hand.
We can lean on the love unfailing,
Like an arm that is strong and true
And feel it is sure and steadfast
The whole long journey through.

Oh, love so like a fountain
The summers cannot dry,
You fall on hearts grown weary
Like rain from a pitying sky;
Refreshed by the gentle shower,
All trustfully we say,
The Love that has failed us never
Will follow us all the way.

—Sel.

CONFERENCE ITEMS

General Conference will convene at Highland Church, near West Milton, Ohio, sixteen miles north of Dayton, Ohio, which will be the main line railroad stop from all points. From Dayton, Ohio, take Dayton, Covington & Piqua traction cars which stop immediately in front of the Union Depot, to Stop 22, then one mile west to the church. Inform Bro. Elmer Hoke, West Milton, Ohio, as to the number in your party and expected time of arrival at Dayton and you will be met at the traction stop. Mail address will be West Milton, Ohio, care General Conference to which point telegrams should be sent via Troy, O. Western Union.

Autos coming from east or west detour from National Highway at Englewood, O.

Those coming from North via Dixie Highway detour at Troy, O. to West Milton.

Those coming via Dayton go straight north on Main St., 14 miles to Stop 22, then one mile west, quarter mile south to church.

As we anticipate a large attendance we suggest those coming by auto, bring extra blankets which will add to your comfort if weather happens to be cool.

LOVE FEASTS

Ohio

Sippo Church, Ohio, June 20.

Richland, Ashland District.—Are you going to Conference? Start early and stop at Chestnut Grove Church for Love Feast services May 30 and 31, beginning at 10:00 A. M. The church is situated one mile from the Lincoln Highway. For further information write to Elder M. L. Dohner, Ashland, Ohio, R. R. 8.

There will be a love feast at Valley Chapel, Canton, Ohio, on June 13, 14, 1925. A cordial invitation is extended to all conference attendants to attend on their way home.

Indiana

Elkhart, Indiana, District; Union Grove church, May 30-31. Special invitation.

Michigan

Carland May 23-24
Merrill June 13-14
Gladwin June 20-21

On Monday, June 15, following the Merrill Love Feast, the Michigan State Council will convene at that place and on Sunday of the Gladwin love feast, June 21, D. V. we expect to have with us Bishop W. H. Boyer from Dayton, Ohio, to assist in the dedication of the new church, recently built at that place. A cordial invitation is extended to all to be with us during any or all of these services.

Pennsylvania

Silverdale May 23-24
Mechanicsburg, Pa. May 30-31
Pequa, Lancaster, Pa. May 23-24

LOVE FEAST AT HOWARD.

There will be a love feast at Howard, Centre County, on Saturday and Sunday, May 30-31st, and a hearty invitation is extended to the brethren and sisters of other districts to attend this meeting as the membership here is small it would be a great help to the work at Howard if a large number would attend. The workers are prepared to accommodate quite a number of visitors.

Yours in Christian love,
Levi F. Sheetz.

There will be a love feast held at Elizabethtown church on May 20 and 21. Everybody is invited to this service.

Lovefeast at Antram church, South Franklin district, Pa., May 23-24.

A lovefeast will be held at Mt. Pleasant, Rapho district, Lancaster county, Pa., May 26, and 27, 1925. A hearty invitation is extended to attend.

Lovefeast, Martinsburg, Blair county, Pa., June 13, 14. A hearty invitation is extended to all to attend.

A love feast will be held at the Free Grace Church, Lykens Valley district, Millersburg, Pa., on May 23 and 24. A hearty invitation is extended to all, especially to ministering brethren of other districts.

Canada

Markham and Walpole, May 16-17.
Nottawa and Clarence Center, May 23-24.
Bertie and Howich, May 31, June 1.
Wainfleet, June 13-14.
Waterloo, June 20-21.

Clearview, Sask.—Love Feast, May 30 and 31, 1925.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Communion services at M. B. C. Chapel, Grantham, Pa., May 31.

ANNOUNCEMENT

There will be held a dedicatory service for the new Messiah Orphanage Home at Florin, Penna., on Sunday afternoon, May 31, 2 o'clock. Everybody is invited to this service.

Ezra H. Martin
Sec'y of Board of Trustees.

NOTICE

Evangelists desiring to be recommended by the Home Mission Board, please send for application blanks to the secretary, J. E. Brechbill, Grantham, Pa.

GENERAL CONFERENCE PROGRAM FOR THE EDUCATIONAL MEETING

Wednesday, 7:30 P. M. June 3, 1925.

- Invocation.
- Music, "The Bible Stands."
- "The Problem of Education in the Brethren in Christ Church".....Eld. P. J. Wiebe
- "Our Schools and the Church of the Future,".....Eld. D. W. Heise
- Music—"The Story of Jesus Can Never Grow Old."
- "The Value of a Spiritual Environment in School Life,".....Norman A. Wingert
- "Getting an Education Under Difficulties," D. F. Shirk
- Music, "The Fork of the Road."
- Benediction.

PROGRAM FOR MINISTERIAL MEETING AT GENERAL CONFERENCE, 1925

Thursday Evening, June 4, 1925

- 1.—"The Essential Contact Between the Ministry and the Unsaved," Bishop D. R. Eyster, Thomas, Okla.; alternate, Eld. D. W. Heise, Gormley, Ont.
- 2.—"The Fruits of a Humble Ministry Upon the Congregation and the World," Elder Jacob Ginder, Manheim, Pa.; alternate, Bishop H. K. Kreider, Campbelltown, Pa.
- 3.—"The Need of Co-operation Between the Ministry and the Evangelist in Bringing About a God Sent Revival," Bishop C. C. Burkholder, Upland, Calif.; alternate, Bishop M. G. Engle, Abilene, Kansas.

Twenty minutes for each topic.

Committee,
H. W. LANDIS, Chairman.
W. H. BOYER, Asst.
ABNER MARTIN, Sec'y.

The evening previous, Wednesday, will be devoted to an educational program.

Thoughts on the Lord's Coming

"Come Lord Jesus!" Thus beats the pulse of the church thus breathes that gracious spirit which actuates and informs the mystical body of Christ; and we should never be satisfied till we find such a spirit breathing in us, and causing us to look for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ."

—Matthew Henry.

The period of time which yet remains we know is short; how short, who can tell? We ought to be in constant and hourly expectation of it. At the coming of Christ to avenge and deliver His faithful people, the faith of His coming will in a great measure be lost. Chronological calculation, and the general appearance of the world, all conspire to tell us that the events of the latter days are even come upon us, and that the time of God's controversy with the earth is near at hand."—Dr. Thomas Coke.

"The glory and chief hope of the church are not to be realized at death, but at the Lord's coming; one is not to anticipate the other, but all are to be glorified together at Christ's coming. The spirit designed that believers in each successive age should live in continual expectation of the Lord's coming. It is a sad fall from this blessed hope, that death is looked for by most men, rather than the coming of the Lord."—J. F. and B. Commentary.

Because Christ tarries awhile, to exercise the faith of the saints and give sinners space to repent, scoffers are apt to cry out, 'Where is the promise of His coming?' But perhaps today, perhaps this midnight, the cry may be made, 'Behold, the Bridegroom cometh!' Let that cry be continually sounding in your ears, and begin now to live as though you were assured this night you were to go forth to meet Him."

—George Whitefield.

"Christ comes quickly; and I trust you can answer with a glad 'Amen' that the warning is not troublesome

or unpleasant to your ears, but rather that His coming—*His certain, His speedy coming*—is the object of your delightful hope, and of your longing expectation.—Phillip Doddridge.

"He comes to reform the face of the whole earth, which never was, nor shall be till that righteous King and Judge appear for the restoration of all things."—John Knox.

"The world has now lasted nearly six thousand years, and a very ancient tradition has predicted its termination at the close of that period. Are we indeed so near that time when the elements of all things shall be dissolved by fervent heat? Are all visions and prophecy about to be sealed up, and the whole earth to be illuminated with the bright beams of the Sun of Righteousness? Are the finally incorrigible and impenitent about to be swept off the face of the earth by the besom of destruction?

. . . . What sort of persons should we be then in all holy conversation and godliness?—Dr Adam Clarke.

"The sum of all human longing, all Christian hope, all divine promise, is in the cry, *Come, Lord Jesus!*"—John Peter Lange

THE CORONATION DAY.

God has planned a day for universal coronation, when the Lord shall reign with Him and shall be crowned Lord of lords and King of kings.

When Queen Victoria attended the great Choral society which sang Handel's "Messiah" at St. Paul's, she was asked by Dean Farrar, the chaplain, to follow the custom of all sovereigns preceding her and remain seated during the singing of the Hallelujah chorus, for all others stood at that time. She remained seated while they sang other portions of the great oratorio, but when the great choir began to sing the Hallelujah chorus, and the hallelujahs were lifted loud and long, her majesty was so stirred that she arose, with all others bowing her head. The chaplain asked her why she did not remain seated. She said: "I could not. I wish that I could be alive when Jesus comes." "Why, your majesty?" inquired the chaplain. "Because," said she, "I would like to take the crown from my brow

and with all other rulers throw them at the feet of Jesus Christ and crown Him Lord of lords who is worthy."

This day of universal coronation is coming, it is declared. In those days the dream of the ages will come to its fulfillment, the longings for the centuries will be satisfied and the uplook of the millenniums will be realized and the Lord alone shall reign. It is absolutely true that the kingdoms of this world will be the kingdoms of our God and His Christ.—Ex.

THIS THING IS FROM ME.

I Kings, 12:24

"Life's disappointments are veiled Love's appointments."—

Rev. C. A. Fox.

My child, I have a message for you today let me whisper it in your ear, that it may gild with glory any storm cloud that may arise, and smooth the rough places upon which you may have to tread. It is short—only five words but let them sink into your inmost soul, use them as a pillow on which to rest your weary head.

This Thing is from Me.

Have you ever thought of it, that all that concerns you, concerns Me, toucheth "the apple of Mine eye."

Zech. 2:8.

"You are very precious in My sight."—Isa., 43:4. "Therefore it is My special delight to educate you.

I would have you learn when temptations assail you, and the "enemy comes in like a flood," that this Thing is from Me, that your weakness needs My might, and your safety lies in letting Me fight for you.

Are you in difficult circumstances, surrounded by people who do not understand you, who never consult your taste, who put you in the background? This thing is from Me. I am the God of circumstances. "Thou camest not to thy place by accident. It is the very place God meant for thee." Have you not asked to be made humble? See then, I have placed you in the very school where this lesson is taught; your surroundings and companions are only working out My will.

Are you in money difficulties? Is it hard to make ends meet? This

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Contributions

CHRISTIAN CERTAINTY

Address by Elder H. G. Engle at Grantham Bible Conference, January, 1925.

Reported By Clara E. Stoner

A decreased interest in religion, conflicts in the pulpit, and the questionings of books and magazines indicate that something has happened in the mind of the Christian world. Six events of the last five hundred years stand in clear relation to the present perplexity. The discovery of the new world in 1492 opened a search for substantial ground in more than physical realms. Luther's theses tacked to the church door at Wittenberg and his answer at the Diet of Worms were new and startling replies to the question, "Is it safe to believe something new?" Copernicus' theory of the universe, verified by Herschel's telescope, revolutionized the old and pious belief that the whole universe revolves around the sun. James Hutton's findings, a little later, as to soil formation greatly increased the age of the world in men's conception. Charles Darwin's "Origin of the Species" in the last century sent men into research of the lives and thoughts of men in the past. And the "Life of Jesus" by Strauss, stirred up real thoughtful study of the life of Jesus.

In these we find the source of modern Biblical criticism and the consequent cry of some faint spirits that our Bible is about to be annihilated. However, higher criticism, in its true meaning, is not a doctrine but a method of approach. And, while it was first used among such destructive critics as the Free Thinkers, Deists, and Rationalists,—it really means answering such questions concerning Bible passages as: Is it allegorical? Is it literal or figurative? Is it didactic? Is it truth or fact? The Bible records that Jesus told his disciples, "Salute no man by the way." Did he mean it? You answer, "Yes." Do you obey the command? You answer,

"No." Then according to the Bible you are under condemnation! But, you begin to explain, He did not mean to apply that teaching to the whole life of the apostles, much less to us twentieth century folks. For He was sending the apostles on a particular type of mission; and besides, a salutation in those days was a much longer and more elaborate affair than it is today, etc. etc. Behold in your own argument the essentials of higher criticism—not necessarily destructive criticism, but higher criticism.

The challenges of destructive critics soon led others to become constructively critical of the Bible. These recognized that plausible arguments against the Bible were facing them, and they proceeded to uncover truths which destructives had missed, or had wilfully perverted or covered. In doing this constructive higher critics proved many statements of destructive higher critics to be untrue. Destructives denied that Moses wrote the Pentateuch, declaring that the art of writing was unknown in his time: constructives delved into archaeology and proved that the art of writing was known long before Moses' time, according to evidences found on Egyptian monuments. Destructives denied the existence of such a city as Nineveh. Constructives took the archaeologists' spade in hand and uncovered Nineveh. Destructives denied the truth of the story of Israel in Egypt. Hieroglyphics on Egyptian monuments revealed the story as told by Egypt herself. Besides, caves and cellars were unearthed having their lower walls made of brick with straw, upper walls made of brick with stubble, and uppermost walls made of bricks of mud. Thus even the details of the story were proved true by constructives. Tablets older than Abraham revealed a record parallel with that of the Bible concerning the denied history of the Hittites.

In the New Testament the Gospel according to John, because it deals with the deity of Christ, was first attacked. Strauss claimed that it was a product of the second century writ-

ten as the result of a quarrel. Quotations from it in early writings proved it to be of an earlier date. An early harmony of the gospels was suspected. If it could be found, the earlier date of the Gospel according to John would be established. Late in the nineteenth century, just when the constructives were almost driven to the wall, a copy of this suspected harmony, which had been effaced with acid and used for other writing, was found with the original writing showing out from the effects of the acid. Thus was established the authenticity of the gospel according to John.

Lower Criticism

While higher criticism deals with the meaning of the text of the Bible, lower criticism deals with accuracy of translation and canonical standing of parts of the Book. This discussion shall deal with the New Testament in particular.

A number of different men wrote the various parts of the New Testament in the very early period of the Christian Church. Through the fall of Constantinople many scholars went from Greece to Western Europe and took with them the Greek New Testament. This was timely because the English speaking people were ready to use the original language of the New Testament for translation. Until this time their translations were from the Latin only. Naturally the question as to whether the Greek copies were original arose. It was found that those in hand were removed by probably one hundred copies from the original. Besides, at the time of King James' translation over eight thousand differences were found in the thousands of copies, none of which antedated the fourth century. Three hundred years was a long time, filled with possibilities of error, between the original writing and the Greek copies. But if all the Bibles were removed from the earth the Bible could again be reconstructed from the writings of the Church Fathers of the third century wherein they quoted from the New Testament. But we trace its history into the second century by the discovery

of two versions,—the Latin and the Syriac. There are strong reasons to believe that these date as early as 150 A. D. which puts us back nearly to the Apostolic period since the last of the Apostles died at the close of the first century. Of course all differences in copies can not be settled. But the supreme message of the Book persists. And the fact that it has survived through translations and attacks of critics, free thinkers, and rationalists, the spade of the archaeologist, and the pick of the geologist, besides the fact that it brings hope and what nothing else can bring to the hearts of men, proves it to be rock founded and impregnable.

We continue our study of the growth and development of the New Testament.

The early Apostles told the story of Jesus orally. Naturally some people wrote down parts of it. And many pieces of papyrus bearing some of the teachings and sayings of Jesus, have been unearthed in the last hundred years. These were likely the first written part of the Bible. The Epistles were all or nearly all written before the Gospels. Paul was beheaded at about 64 A. D. and at this time likely none of the Gospels were yet written. The men who personally knew Jesus were rapidly passing away, the Church was steadily growing in extent and needed to be told the Christian story. The churches among the heathen must be told, and being far removed from those who knew Christ it would not be safe to leave the story any longer to memory and oral tradition. The writing of our first Gospel is usually dated to about 65 A. D. and John's Gospel near the close of the first century.

Many questions rise about the writings of Paul. Sometimes he had a writer or scribe to whom he dictated his letters to the various churches. Messengers carried them to the churches in which they were read and from which they passed on in exchange to other congregations. Many men besides the Apostles, in the first century, wrote letters, sometimes signed with the name of an

Apostle. Up to the fourth century letters bearing Paul's name were written. In one of his epistles Paul refers to a letter written "as by me." But people seemed to recognize the special significance of what are now accepted as the Epistles. And there was a growing conviction that the writings now accepted as authentic were inspired, whereas other writers recognized that theirs were the work of weak, frail authors.

The early Church was much troubled with frauds. Ordinary men tried repeatedly to pass their writings as the work of the Apostles. But the Church recognized in some of these writings a spirit that gripped, while in others they found it not. Impossible stories are told of the methods used by the Council at Nice to determine which should be included in the Bible. But the fact is that the Nicean Council prayed for Divine guidance in their judgment and decisions on what books should be handed down to the ages to come, as the word of God.

The value of the Book is enhanced as we think of what the Christian world has paid to keep it in possession. Untold numbers of early Christians sealed their faith in the Christ of the Bible with intense suffering, and with blood. Translators suffered all kinds of persecution because of their work. And today the Bible has been translated into over seven hundred languages and dialects. In comparison with this the works of Shakespeare have been translated into only forty languages.

Why does the Bible thus exceed every other book? Because it tells me more about myself than any other book—that the heart of man is deceitful, and that "the wages of sin is death." Because it tells me of my Father and Creator and of the relation between me and my Creator. No other book tells all this. No other book tells me "Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as wool." The Bible is the only book that tells of cleansing by the blood of One higher than I, the only book that shows the way out of sin and degradation to a higher life.

MESSIAH BIBLE COLLEGE.

Three of our students in company with Brother Climenhaga attended a student volunteer meeting at Elizabethtown college April 17 and 18. Dr. Judd had charge of the meeting. He is a man who is giving his life to the work of the Lord and has a real concern in the work of evangelical missions. The group came back with a greater interest in foreign missions. We trust that we may ever remain a missionary school and that our zeal for the Lord's work may increase.

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Almost every week-end one or more groups of students have been going out to hold services, missionary meetings, etc. where they are invited from time to time. We are glad for these avenues of service whereby we may do our little part in furthering the work of the Lord.

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Recently a group from the college attended a Y. M. C. A. meeting at Lancaster. This group went in response to an invitation sent to all colleges in this vicinity. The meeting was called for the purpose of discussing problems that face Christian students of today. The representatives from our institution were pleased to note that we have none of the great problems that are confronting the schools of the day. Even the representatives of the Y. M. C. A. said that we, as a school, are much better of than other schools in that we have a spiritual atmosphere such as develops moral standards of a nature that makes impossible the excesses and the immoralities prevalent in these schools.

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A former patron of the school, an ungodly man, whose two sons are numbered among her graduates, said recently in private conversation, "I am glad that I sent my boys to Grantham. You know that I did not raise them in a Christian way but I did send them there because I wanted them to have the best. I have never been sorry for having done so, and

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THE FAMILY CIRCLE

HOME AND MOTHER.

By W. R. Smith

"Home and mother, where are they?
Over the hills and far away."

Did you ever travel back in thought to your early days, before the golden gate of childhood closed behind you, never more to open on this earth? I have. How memory sometimes wings its way back to that flower-crowned period of life to former scenes and things.

Seemingly, the farther down the golden past I look, the more rosy appears the light of that far-off amber dawn. What a cluster of hallowed associations are connected with my childhood, log-cabin home in Kansas, of more than three-score years ago. A humble home. But as I now look back to the Sacred Spot forever green in fadeless memories it was Beulah Land. The home should be a kingdom of love, as holy a place as the rose-blooming bowers of Eden were before the great destroyer of human happiness entered it. There were many-tinted wild flowers in the yard that in the bright springtime filled the air with the fragrant incense of their loveliness. Fruitful trees, among whose branches the birds nested and sang their happy songs, so sweet and melodious that the angels must have sent the tunes down from heaven. How the entangled vines of the blooming roses smiled at those who passed along, as they gracefully bent in the soft morning air, for they told of youth and beauty, of hope and love. The blessed old Bible was read in the home, believed and lived each day and prayers went up from the family altar like a sweet incense to the Great Giver of all life and blessings. There were songs of Jesus and heaven by my sainted father, as he labored in the cornfield and other work, for his dear loved ones in the little cabin home.

In these vast silent primeval solitudes, where nature had never been disturbed by the hand of man, my pioneer father believed that the same Divine Creator who had watched over these far western wilds for many years was still here to care for and guide his life and he worshipped Him. But the most sacred memories of my childhood days are associated with my now angel mother. For as an old song says, "What is home without a mother," for it takes a mother to make a complete home to gladden the wilderness and solitary places and the desert regions to rejoice and blossom as the rose. Without mothers this life would be a cheerless one of sorrow and woe, for they are the brightest jewels on earth, the crowning glory of all God's vast creation. Their great undying love for their children is the only part of man that has survived the Fall in Eden.

In the old home at the Sacred Vesper twilight hour in the summer season there was a mother sitting in a rocking chair in the yard amid the fragrant flowers, softly singing of the "Happy Land, far far away," getting my baby brother to sleep, who is now with Jesus and mother. While over all the love light of heaven rested like a divine benediction as the bright glowing jewels of the skies shone peacefully down upon us all. In after years in another home of mine, when grown and a Christian, busy in church work on the Sabbath, as the holy evening hours came on I would be laying down resting. Mother would then be singing some of the old sacred songs of Jesus and the glories of heaven. And as I listened to the blessed words of comfort, hope and faith, as the sweet melody came from her lips, often with tear filled eyes, and the joy of heaven filling my soul, I was lifted up in my aspirations and desires for the better land, as by some unseen

hand. At such times I thought that the holy angels were very near, and loved to hear poor mortals on earth singing of their adorable Lord. Mother was a singing pilgrim all of her life journey, and even when entering the dark Shadows of the Valley, this side of the hills of glory, it was still—

"Jesus, Lover of my Soul,
Let me to thy bosom fly."

Yes, I had a home and mother once. Now it seems more like a lonely camping place for the night, in the desert of life, while on my way to my Father's house of many mansions.

And now at the eventide as I kneel before my Maker in prayer, I fondly imagine that the same dear motherly hand that lovingly rested on my head in childhood's happy days, as I knelt at mother's feet, as she taught me to say "Our Father in Heaven," is still softly resting on my old grey head, and a spirit voice of tender love sweetly whispering to my soul, "O Father, do thou bless my weary child." For more than three-score and ten years the blessed influence of her Christian life has followed me with its uplifting power, for higher and better things than those of earth. Mother's journey through life was a long one, a hard warfare, but it ended in victory and glory. In the unbroken calm of the 'rest that remaineth,' the tears are all forever wiped away.

Somewhere in the boundless Universe of God, beyond where the bright planets roll, mother is still singing, for Jesus tells us that such people never die. Again I say, thank God for Christian homes and mothers. The poet whose words are at the head of this article says that mother is "Over the Hills, and far away." Yes, how true.

"She has gone from the trials and sorrows below.

To that land where the rivers of pleasure do flow.

She hath gone from the troubles and trials of earth

To that region where joys everlasting have birth.

She hath gone, the bright realms of
bliss to explore
Whither Jesus her Saviour hath
entered before,
To the climes of bright glory, the
City of Light,
To the blessed fruition of heavenly
delight."

Pryor, Okla.

THE CHRISTIAN TRAVELER

Having tarried a few days in a beautiful village in the West, I embarked in a vessel that was crossing one of the Great Lakes. Three other individuals had taken passage, and, the night coming on, found us waiting for a breeze.

About nine o'clock, as the sails were hoisted, another passenger came on board. When we had cleared the harbor, he entered the cabin, and seemed to suppose that he was alone, for we had all retired to our berths. The lamp was burning dimly on the table, but it afforded sufficient light for me to discover that he was young. Seating himself beside it, he drew forth a book from his pocket, and read a few minutes. Suddenly, from on deck, was heard the voice of the captain, uttering oaths terrific, beyond description. The youth arose, laid his book on the chair, and, kneeling beside it, in a low whisper, engaged in prayer. I listened attentively, and thought his soul seemed to burn within him. I could gather only an occasional word, or part of a sentence, such as "mercy," "dying heathen," "sinners," etc. Presently, he seemed in an agony of spirit for these swearers, and could scarcely suppress his voice, while pleading with God to have mercy on them. My soul was stirred within me. There was a sacredness in this place, and I was self-condemned, knowing that I also had professed the name of Jesus, and had retired with my fellow-passengers to rest, not having spoken of God, or committed myself to His care.

Early in the morning, I was waked by a loud voice at the door of the companion-way: "Here! whose tracts are these?" Followed by other voices in threats and imprecations

against tract distributors, Bethels, Temperance Societies, etc.

I thought of the young stranger, and feared they would execute their threats upon him; but he calmly said, "Those tracts, sir, are mine; I have but a few, as you see, but they are very good, and you may take one if you wish. I brought them on board to distribute, but you were all too busy last night." The sailor smiled, and walked away, making no reply.

We were soon called to breakfast with the captain and mate. When we were seated at the table, "Captain," said our young companion, "as the Lord supplies all our wants, if neither you nor the passengers object, I would like to ask His blessing on our repast."

"If you please," replied the captain, with apparent good will. In a few minutes, the cook was on deck, and informed the sailors, who were instantly in an uproar, and their mouths filled with curses. The captain attempted to apologize for the profanity of his men, saying it was perfectly common among sailors, and they meant no harm by it.

"With your leave, Captain," said the young stranger, "I think we can put an end to it."

Himself a swearer, and having just apologized for his men, the captain was puzzled for an answer, but, after a little hesitation, he replied, "I might as well sail against a head wind, as to think of such a thing."

"But I meant all I said," added the young man.

"Well, if you think it possible, you may try it," said the captain.

As soon as breakfast was over, the oldest and most profane of the sailors seated himself on the quarter-deck to smoke his pipe. The young man entered into conversation with him, and soon drew from him a history of the adventures of his life. From his boyhood he had followed the ocean. He had been tossed on the billows in many a tempest, had visited several missionary stations in different parts of the world, and gave his testimony of the good effects of the missionary efforts among the natives of the

Sandwich Islands. Proud of his nautical skill, he, at length, boasted that he could do anything that could be done by a sailor.

"I doubt it," said the young man.

"I can," answered the hardy tar, "and will not be outdone, my word for it."

"Well, when a sailor passes his word, he ought to be believed. I know a sailor who resolved that he would stop swearing; and he did so."

"Ah," said the sailor, "you've anchored me; I'm fast—but I can do it."

"I know you can," said the young man, "and I hope you will anchor all your shipmates' oaths with yours."

Not a word of profanity was afterwards heard on board the vessel. During the day as opportunity presented itself, he conversed with each sailor singly on the subject of his soul's salvation, and gained the hearts of all.

By this time, I was much interested in the young stranger, and determined to know more of him. There was nothing prepossessing in his appearance; his dress was plain, his manners unassuming; but his influence had, by the blessing of God, in a few short hours, totally changed the aspect of our crew. The tiger seemed softened to a lamb, and peace and quiet had succeeded confusion and blasphemy.

After supper, he requested of the captain the privilege of attending worship in the cabin. His wishes were complied with, and soon all on board, except the man at the helm, were assembled. The captain brought out a Bible which he said was given him in early life by his father, with the request that he would never part with it. We listened, as our friend read Matthew's account of Christ's crucifixion and resurrection; and then looking around upon us, he said, "He is risen—yes, Jesus lives—let us worship Him!"

It was a melting scene. Knees that seldom bowed before now knelt at the altar of prayer, while the

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BOHLAND-JOHNSON

At the home of the officiating minister Bish. O. B. Ulery, Bro. Peter Bohland of Mansfield, O., and Sister Laura Johnson of Springfield, O., were united in marriage on May 1, 1925 at 10 a. m.

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LANDIS-FRENCH

On April 4, 1925, at 7:00 P. M. at the home of Bro. and Sr. J. M. Landis in Mechanicsburg, Pa., occurred the marriage of their son, Paul J., to Miss Margaret E. French of Harrisburg, Pa., Eld. Henry Landis, grandfather of the groom officiating.

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WOLGEMUTH-SHELLY

On May 5, 1925, there occurred the marriage of Bro. Paul B. Wolgemuth, son of Joseph Wolgemuth and Sr. Rhoda E. Shelly, daughter of Bro. Jacob Shelly. Bish. L. Musser officiated.

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WENGER-WENGER

On April 14 at the home of Bish. Martin H. Oberholser there occurred the marriage of Paul B. Wenger, son of Bro. and Sr. Andrew Wenger members of the York brethren, Chambersburg, Pa., to Sr. Mary Grace Wenger, daughter of Bro. and Sr. Hany Wenger of Chambersburg, Pa.

OBITUARIES

FEATHER—William H. Feather, son of George and Elizabeth Barley Feather, was born near Baker's Summit, Bedford county, Pennsylvania, January 21, 1849. On November 7, 1878 he was united in marriage to Ellen J. Stern. To this union were born three sons and three daughters. At 1:30 o'clock Tuesday morning, April 7, 1925, at his home three miles south of Roaring Spring, in Taylor Township, death closed his life of over seventy-six years. Though in failing health for some months, he had spent the preceding day actively about his home. Death was due to the infirmities of age. Seven sisters and three brothers preceded him to the Spirit world. He is survived by his sorrowing wife; two brothers: John B. of Altoona, Pa.; and Calvin of Massillon, Ohio; four children: Mrs. Cora R. Kanode, Roy I., and J. Howard all of Roaring Spring, and Mary E. Feather, at home; seven grandchildren, and a host of other relatives and friends.

He was a devoted member of the Brethren in Christ Church; and his quiet, sincere Christian life was an inspiring example to many. Funeral services were held in the Brethren in Christ Church of Martinsburg on April 10, in charge of Bishop H. C. Shank assisted by Eld. Wm. Asper and the Reverend E. E. Hoshour of the Lutheran

Church, Roaring Spring, Pa. Interment was made in the Replogle Cemetery near Woodbury, Pa.

"There are pioneer souls that blaze their paths
Where highways never ran;
But let me live by the side of the road
And be a friend to man."

"A precious one from us has gone
A voice we loved is stilled;
A place is vacant in our home,
Which never can be filled.
God in His wisdom has recalled,
The boon his love had given,
And though the body slumbers here,
The soul is safe in Heaven."

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IN MEMORY OF IRA MARTIN

Composed by his grandfather Jacob Zercher in his 84th year.

God's hand was in it we do believe
Made hearts quite sore and full of grief,
We cannot understand it now
But God's way is best anyhow.

He could have saved our Ira true,
But not His will for doing so.
He wanted him in heaven with Him,
So let us feel and say "Amen, Amen."

These things we cannot understand,
Can never know what God hath planned
As He can see where we cannot
Therefore we let it all to God.

There was a time in our life
When we and his intended wife
Were disappointed so one day
When God thought best to take him away.

Some flowers too nice to bloom down here
Where we should ever walk in fear
The fear of God before our eyes
Until we come to paradise.

There we will praise Him ever praise
With all our loved ones all our days
And we shall then and surely be
With Him in a long E-ter-nity.

MAUST—Aaron Joseph Maust was born February 27, 1862, in Columbia county, Pa., died at Navarre, Kans., April 21 1925, aged 63 years, 1 month and 25 days. When a young man he came west in the spring of 1885, settling in Dickson county, near Hope, and in Navarre vicinities where he lived.

In the year of 1889, January 8, he was married to Elizabeth L. Book, who preceded him in death September 30, 1901. To this union were born one son and four daughters all of which survive except Mary who died in infancy: Harvey J. Maust of Ramona, Kans.; Mrs. Nora M. Kauffman of Salina, Kans.; Mrs. Sadie E. Blagg of near Navarre; Mrs. Alice M. Blagg of near Hope; also four grandchildren, five brothers and four sisters yet remain in Penna.

In the year 1903, January 1, he was married to Mary A. Gish, who remains to mourn his loss.

He was converted and united with the Brethren in Christ church in 1887 with which body he identified himself until his death. Funeral services were held at Navarre, Kans. Eld. R. I. Witter, assisted by Bish. J. N. Engle officiating. Text: In thy presence is fullness of joy. Psa. 16:11.

DICK—Sr. Nancy Dick, who had her home at the Messiah Home for over twenty years passed to her reward on May 1, 1925, aged 84 years, 5 months and 9 days. She was never married. Her former home was in Franklin county, Pa., where some of her relatives live.

Funeral services were conducted at the Messiah Home Chapel on May 4, 1925. Interment in the Hummelstown cemetery.

CONNOR—Lizzie Hilts, second wife of Bro. James Connor of Gormley, Ont., was born August 23, 1852, and departed this life April 5, 1925, in her 73rd year. She was a member of the Brethren in Christ church for a number of years.

There remain to mourn their loss, her husband, his son Charlie and wife, and a daughter Elsie and husband and family and

daughter Eva, besides other relatives.

Funeral services were held in Markham M. H. conducted by Bish. Alvin Winger and D. W. Heise. Interment in Heise Hill cemetery.

HYKES—Bro. Isaac Hykes died at his home in Reid, Md., April 28, 1925, age 81 years, 6 months and 6 days. He leaves to mourn their loss his wife, Alice, two sons, Harvey and Harry, three grandchildren, Anna, wife of R. D. Fore, Phila, Pa.; John and Fannie Hykes. One remaining sister Mrs. Martha Young. Br. Hykes was born in the vicinity of Reid Md. He lived in this community in favor with his fellowmen and shall be greatly missed in his community, in his church and in his home, because of his interest in his fellowmen, for he spoke of things concerning this life and eternity. In his 64th year he made his step heavenward, by this he united with the Brethren In Christ church, of which he was a member for seventeen years, of which he served as a deacon for sixteen years. It will go down to the history of his life to those who knew him and hear of him that he was a man of his word, honesty and power. Let us follow this example.

Funeral services were held at the Long Meadow church, May 1, 1925 near Paramount, Md., conducted by Bish. H. C. Shank and Eld. J. C. Myers. Text: Heb. 9:27, first part.

IN MEMORY

Of Sr. Martha Stoner, whose obituary appeared in the March issue of the paper.

The Father has taken our dear loving sister away from our side
And oh, how we wish He might have permitted her longer to abide!
While all our hearts are so sad, are bleeding and pained,
Yet why should we mourn our loss when we believe she has gained
For in this life she loved to serve her Redeemer and King
But we feel that now in His presence she can worship and sing.

Four dear little children now are bereft of a kind and fond mother's care,
But is it not written, He will gather the lambs to His bosom and carry them there?
One of their jewels, a dear little son, already before her has gone,
And may we not think was one among the host that welcomed her home.
With the faithful husband and father He will walk by his side
To be his strength and comfort, his ever present Helper and Guide.

Faith rests where reason is at unrest. Faith affirms where reason is afraid.—Selected.

MESSIAH BIBLE COLLEGE.

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the boys are not sorry either." We thank God for a testimony like this coming from such a source.

A few weeks ago a brother paid us a visit in order to see the kind of work that we are doing. Addressing the student body during the chapel service, he said, "If the people in our church knew what you young people are getting here, this chapel would be filled from front to back."

As the school year draws to a close, our minds tend to go over the events of the past eight or nine months. Truly we can say that God has been with us as a school group during the year, and we can say that goodness and mercy have followed us all the way until the present. The work of the year has not been without its problems, perplexities, and difficulties but from them all the Lord has delivered us. There have been seasons of great rejoicing, times of victory, and showers of blessings from the throne. Souls have found Christ and become rooted and grounded in Him. There have been consecrations made, and the Holy Spirit has borne definite witness to sanctification of believers. We praise God for what He has done. We pray that the results may be lasting, that the Holy Spirit may continue to guide, comfort, and keep, and that God may receive much glory. Continue to pray for the school, for the teachers, and for the students as they leave for the summer vacation.

"Put Christ's love to the trial, and put upon it our burdens, and then it will appear love indeed. We employ not His love, and, therefore, we know it not. I verily count the sufferings of my Lord more than this world's lustrous over-gilded glory. I dare not say but my Lord Jesus hath fully recompensed my sadness with His joys, my losses with His own presence. I find it a sweet and rich thing to exchange my sorrows with Christ's joys."

REPORTS

REPORT OF THE MERRILL MEETINGS.

Our revival meetings began at Merrill, Mich., February 9, conducted by Bro. Ernest J. Swalm continuing till March 3. Truly we did appreciate our Brother's presence. We feel to thank God for those who will preach the sound Gospel.

There was good attention and most of the time a good crowd gathered to hear the word of God. There were not as many new converts as we would liked to have seen; but there were a number that renewed their covenant with the Lord. On the last Sunday night Bro. Swalm had a children's meeting. It was surely wonderful how the Holy Spirit did work among the children. When the altar call was given twenty-three came forth. Oh what a glorious sight to see the young seeking the Lord. May the Lord be praised.

May the Lord's blessing rest upon our Brother and may we ask the prayers of God's people that the Holy Spirit may have its way at Merill.

Yours for the Master,
Josephine French.

DAYTON MISSION REPORT

We come with greetings of love to the dear Visitor family in the precious name of Jesus. The Lord has been very good to us in that He has blessed our souls and has kept our hearts encouraged, and has prolonged our lives since our last report. How much we do appreciate the presence of our Lord, and the clear light He gives unto us in these dark and perilous times. It is so blessed to be settled and peacefully resting in Him.

The work at this place is much as usual, it does seem as it is so little that we are accomplishing in comparison to the much that there remains yet to be done for precious souls. We are glad however to report that there is one dear young sister who has been lead of the Lord to take the narrow way and become one with us.

There are not very many who are really willing to sever themselves completely from this vain world, but we do so much appreciate the few, the one's and the two's who are willing to give up this sinful world and give their entire all for Jesus.

We were very much favored and blessed again with the bountiful provisions and offerings that were so cheerfully given by our dear ones. We do gratefully thank each one from our hearts, and may the richest blessings of our God rest upon them all is our prayer.

Financial Report for Mar. and Apr., 1925
Balance on hand\$62.55

Receipts

Fairview S. S., Englewood, O. \$20.00;
Sam. Whisler, Ashland, O., \$5.00; Harvey Bosler, Louisville O., \$5.00; Anna Skapak,

\$1.00; A brother \$1.00; In His name \$25.00; A. J. Miller, Dayton, O., \$2.50; Ella Long, Dayton, O. \$1.00; In His name \$15.00; Annie Marie Cox, Union, O., \$1.00; Bethel S. S., Detroit, Kans., \$14.80; In His name \$10.00; Mission Offerings \$13.39. Total \$176.24.

Expenditures

Table account \$21.67; flour \$5.30; electric light and power \$2.12; phone bill \$5.50; water \$3.14; gas \$2.50; incidentals \$5.52; coal bill \$101.50. Total \$147.25. Balance on hand May 1, 1925, \$28.99.

Poor Fund

Poor fund balance\$.36

Receipts

Samuel Whisler, Ashland, O., \$5.00; A sister \$1.00; In His name \$.25 Total funds \$6.76. Paid out for needy \$3.05. Balance on hand May 1, 1925, \$3.71.

Donations of articles were made by Sr. Harry Shawn, Chas. Knisley, Samuel Cas- sel, Mary Riber, Ohmer Herr, Emma Cas- sel, Charlotte Myers, Nancy Cox, Edward Engle, Angeline Cox, Daisy Miller, Lizzie Jenkins.

We remain yours seeking the lost,
W. H. and Susie Boyer,
601 Taylor St., Dayton, Ohio.

DICKINSON COUNTY, KANS.

On April 19, baptismal services were held in North Dickinson county, Kans., by Bishop M. G. Engle in which eight young people and children followed the Lord in that ordinance.

DES MOINES MISSION

Greetings in Jesus' Name:

We are glad to say God is our refuge and a present help in time of need. There is never a victory without a battle; so, brother and sister, if you want to be victorious you must be willing to face the battle.

The Sunday School attendance at this place is very good and the increase is encouraging. We were privileged to have Bish. M. G. Engle with us. While he was with us two were taken into the church fellowship. Mother Landis and sister Geneva Zook have been making many calls, as many as ninety-seven in two months. They often come in contact with many perplexing problems, which require a great amount of wisdom and grace to properly solve them.

The boxes of clothing sent in by the Abilene, Hope and Zion sewing circles were greatly appreciated. Such material offerings are very helpful in this work. It is certainly uplifting to see the faces of the children who receive clothing which enables them to attend Sunday School.

There is much work to be done at this place. Will you not pray for us that we may grow in wisdom and grace so that we can carry on the work of the Lord better and glorify His name more?

FINANCIAL REPORT

Dec., Jan., Feb. and March Donations

Brother Kern, Kans.,	2.00
Bro. and Sr. Miller, Des Moines.....	44.00
A Sister, Penna.....	5.00
O. L. Heise, Carlisle Penna.....	10.00
Brother Biltz, Des Moines Iowa.....	10.00
Valley Chapel S. S., Ohio.....	12.56
Susana Landis Board.....	25.50
Reed for Building Fund.....	\$187.58

Total	\$296.64
Table Supplies.....	213.34
Telephone, electric, gas and motor Etc.	83.30

Total	\$296.64
Other donations, Sister Breneman, Bro. and Sister Miller.	

Yours for souls,
Brother and Sister H. W. Landis

BUFFALO MISSION REPORT

We send greetings of love to all the dear Visitor family through the precious name of Jesus. We thank Him for so bountifully supplying all our needs through these months which have passed. When we stop to consider God's care over us we are made to feel our unworthiness.

The work here is moving along nicely, thank God. This period started by a gradual revival, which the Lord seemed pleased to give us. Eld. L. Shoalts came here in February and we had a very good revival. He preached the Word in its purity, and God gave us some real conversions, all for which we praise Him. We held day prayer meetings in the afternoons, which proved a real blessing to all who could attend. There were seekers at the altar about every other night. A goodly number confessed salvation, and some sanctification. The brethren of Clarence Centre, and Black Creek, and some from Wainfleet came over to help us. We appreciate the spirit which was manifested in these meetings, and the cooperation of the brethren. May God abundantly bless all who helped to make it a success.

We are glad for the interest which some of the converts are taking in the services. They seem to be growing and enjoying themselves in the meetings. The Lord is meeting with us in our services, and sending conviction to honest hearts. Some come to the mission for prayer, others raise their hand for prayer in the service. We surely need much wisdom in dealing with them. Continue to pray that we may be used of the Lord as He wills.

Our needs have been bountifully supplied by our dear Lord. We have had an abundance of all the vegetables we required all winter. All the dear people are so generous in giving. May the Lord bless you all. The services have been well attended, but of late the number is falling off. We are sorry that as summer comes on the people seem to find places of amusement rather than of worship.

Continue to pray for us, and the work here that God may have His way in all things.

Financial Report for February

Balance on hand\$135.06

Receipts—Sr. Chadeayne, \$5.00; Bro. and Sr. Monklebaan \$13.00; Sr. Rhoda Steckle \$2.00; Bro. and Sr. O. Heise \$10.00; I. H. N. \$5.00; Bro. and Sr. Peter Steckley \$2.00; Sr. Etta Putman \$5.00; Sr. Vera Hoover \$1.00; Mrs. Kuhn \$1.00; Sr. Mildred Gilmore \$5.00; Bro. and Sr. Emerson Climenhaga \$2.00; Bro. J. Ehlers \$10.00; Sr. Clara Steckley \$6.00; Sr. Margaret Carver \$5.00; Bro. and Sr. Peter Storm \$2.00; Bro. and Sr. E. A. Robert \$10.00; Sr. Brauen \$2.00; Sr. Nettie Pattison \$2.00; Sr. Geiger \$1.00; Bro. Clifford Horton \$2.00; Sr. Elsie Lapp \$5.00; Sr. Elva Heise \$2.00; Sr. Melba Martin \$3.00; Bro. and Sr. E. Winger \$2.00; Hall Offering \$16.20. Total \$124.20.

Expenditures—Table \$31.10; Sundries \$6.80; gas \$1.80; electric \$2.46; coke \$29.12; car fare 25c; telephone \$2.81; hymn books \$13.54; hall carpet \$7.13; Sign \$6.20. Total \$101.21.

March Receipts—Hall Offering \$3.65; Sr. Chadeayne \$5.00 Bro. and Sr. E. Winger \$2.50; Sr. Gladys Shauntz \$5.00; Sr. Sarah Niedrauer \$10.00; Bro. J. Ehlers \$10.00; Sr. Mabel Cullins \$1.50; Sr. Myrtle Henderson \$1.50; Sr. Marker \$1.00; Bro. and Sr. W. Winger \$2.00; Sr. Stella Heise \$5.00; Clear View S. S. \$5.85; Bro. and Sr. E. Climenhaga \$2.00; Sr. Elva Heise \$5.00; Bro. and Sr. E. A. Robert \$10.00; Sr. D. V. Heise \$5.00; Sr. Cora Steckley \$2.00; Valley Chapel S. S. \$10.41. Total \$88.41.

Expenditures—Table \$46.88; Sundries \$1.82; gas \$1.20; electric \$3.26; coke \$9.62; car fare 15c; telephone \$2.81; repairs \$6.10. Total \$71.84.

April Receipts—Sr. Minnie Fisher \$3.00; Sr. Chadeayne \$5.00; Mrs. Scheu \$2.00; I. H. N. \$5.00; Sr. Clara Steckley \$5.00; Sr. Cora Steckley \$2.00 Bro. and Sr. E. Winger \$2.00; Bro. and Sr. W. Hexemer \$5.00 Sr. Elsie Winger \$5.00; Bro. and Sr. E. A. Robert \$10.00; Sr. Strangeman \$2.00; Bro. and Sr. Emerson Climenhaga \$2.00; hall \$6.00. Total \$54.00.

Expenditures—Table \$29.47; sundry \$9.30; gas \$1.20; electric \$2.78; telephone \$2.81; car fare 15c; repairs \$15.10; water \$6.00; coke \$9.50. Total \$76.31.

Br. and Sr. E. C. Bossert, and Workers.

THE CHRISTIAN TRAVELER

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solemnities of eternity seemed hanging over us.

After prayer we went on deck and sang a hymn. It was a happy place, a floating Bethel. Instead of confusion and wrath, there was sweet peace and solemnity. We ceased just as the setting sun was flinging

upon us his last and cheerful rays. "Look yonder!" he exclaimed. "You who have been nursed in the storm and cradled in the tempest, look at the setting sun, and learn a lesson that will make you happy when it shall set to rise no more. As rose that sun this morning, to afford us light and comfort, so has the Son of God arisen to secure salvation to all who will accept and love Him. And as that sun withdraws his beams and we are veiled in darkness for a season, so will the Son of Righteousness withdraw his offers of mercy from all who continue to neglect them. But, remember that season is one that never ends—one dark, perpetual night."

The captain, deeply affected, went into the cabin, lit his lamp, took his Bible, and engaged in reading till we had retired to rest.

In the morning, as soon as we were seated at the breakfast table, the captain invited our friend to ask a blessing. "Gentlemen," said he, "this is the first time that ever I made such a request, and never till this young man came on board have I been asked for the privilege of holding prayers, though I have a thousand times expected it, both on the ocean and on the lake; and have often cursed religion in my heart and believed that it was all a delusion. Now I see the influence of the Bible, and though I make no claim to religion myself, I respect it, for my parents were Christians, and, though I have never followed their counsels, I cannot forget them."

And thus for three days, we regularly attended family worship, and had much interesting conversation on various subjects; for there was nothing in the religion of the young man to repress the cheerfulness of social intercourse. From his familiarity with the Bible, his readiness in illustrating its truths and presenting its motives, and from his fearless, but judicious and persevering steps, we concluded that he was a minister of the gospel. From all he saw, he gathered laurels to throw at his Master's feet, and in all his movements endeavored to show that eternity is not

to be trifled with. A few hours after we arrived in port, we learned that he was a MECHANIC. Before we reached the wharf the captain came forward and with much feeling bade him farewell, declaring that he was resolved to live as he had done no longer. His wife, he said was a Christian, and he meant to go and live with her. And he added, "I have had ministers as passengers on board of my vessel Sabbath days and week days, but never before have I been reminded of the family altar, where my departed parents knelt."

As we left the vessel, every countenance showed that our friend had, by his decided, yet mild and Christian faithfulness, won the gratitude of many, and the esteem of all.

—The Repairer

THIS THING IS FROM ME.

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thing is from Me, for I am your purse bearer and I would have you draw from and depend upon Me. My supplies are limitless.—*Phil.* 4:19. I would have you prove My promises, Let it not be said of you, "In this thing ye did not believe the Lord your God."—*Deut.*, 1:32.

Are you passing thru, a night of sorrow? This thing is from Me. I am "The man of sorrows and acquainted with grief." I have let earthly comforters fail you, that by turning to me you may obtain everlasting consolation, II. *Thess.* 2:16-17. Has some friend disappointed you? One to whom you opened out your heart? This thing is from Me. I have allowed this disappointment to come that you may learn that—

"The best friend to have is Jesus;
He will hear you when you call,
He will keep you lest you fall,
The best friend to have is Jesus."

I want to be your confidant, Has someone repeated things about you that are untrue. Leave them to Me, and draw closer, unto Me, thy shelter, out of reach of the strife of tongues, for "I will bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgment as the noonday."—*Psa.* 37:6.

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Orphanage Supplement

TO EVANGELICAL VISITOR

NOTICE.

In view of the fact that only one Orphanage has sent in a report the last three months for the supplement, due to the fact of changes, conditions, etc., we are including "The Orphanage Supplement" in the regular sixteen pages of the "Evangelical Visitor" this issue.

"WEAR AND TEAR."

It is true, in any line of work undertaken for God, and also in the business world that no matter how prosperous the results of the work there is connected with it some "Wear and tear." We Remember now the saying of a noted writer, "The more needy the field, the more prosperous the outlook." Be this as it may, our dear readers and co-workers in the service of the Lord will pardon us for being tempted many times to feel that there is just a little more "Wear" and a little more "Tear" connected with Orphanage work than any other work. Where there are so many children housed up during the winter months, where practically one room serves for both a living and play room, it is needless to say, the beautiful sunshiny days of springtime and the warm, balmy winds from the south which dry up the mud come none too soon and always bring with it a desire to make a general clean up from the top throughout.

This spring it was found necessary to take down all the old plastering from the walls of the parlor and sitting rooms. This meant that we live principally in the dining room and kitchen for about two weeks as it took about that time to complete the second coat of new plaster. We are well pleased with the job and the rooms are now in order again. Three rooms were also being papered at the same time, also the kitchen, which was papered with white oil-cloth. All

this meant work and expense but since it is all done the children and all join in hearty appreciation.

While it means "wear" and "tear" both temporally and physically, our time and strength is the Lord's and we thank God for work and for a little place in His vineyard. May we be true till Jesus says, "It is enough, come up higher." Will you pray for us?

Yours for service,
Katie Bollinger

OPEN DOOR

Mrs. Fred Anguish of Morrison, Ill., passed away April 5th. It was her dying request that the children be put into the "Mt. Carmel Home." Notwithstanding, our hands are already full and our room limited, we felt this is the work whereunto God has called, and He would help us through. At present writing, papers are accordingly being filed and the three girls, Catharine, Elinor, and Cora Anguish will find an Open Door for care and protection at Mt. Carmel Home

We know from experience this is no play work. God only knows the care and anxiety that many times attend our way. It is truly a responsibility but the words of Isaiah have come to us with great force. "Fear thou not for I am with thee, be not dismayed for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee, yea, I will help thee, yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my Righteousness. Isa. 41: 10."

We need your prayers and cooperation,

K. N. B.

NEEDS

Should there be anyone having a Bible perhaps an old fashioned one, which they would like to spare it

would be greatly appreciated. Our Morning worship Bible has been used till it refuses to stay together.

THE POWER OF INFLUENCE

It has been said that "we are writing the gospels, a chapter a day in the deeds that we do and the words that we say. Pray, what is the gospel according to you?" This question comes to each one of us. If we are aware of it or not there is an influence going out from each one of our lives which is telling for good or evil. Men are reading our lives more than they are reading their Bibles, so it is very important that our lives measure up to the standard of God's word.

We see even in the lives of children how easily they yield to the influence of their associates, nor does it stop there but the influences that are brought to bear on their every day lives are moulded into their characters. I once heard a boy say, when asked why he stopped being a Christian, that it was because he was teased about it. Think of the awful results of the influence of the ones who did the teasing. After all there is consolation in the thought that neither the power of influence nor any other power can make a man do wrong without his own consent.

Let us be careful of the influence that goes out from our lives, Jesus said, "But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea." Matt. 18:6.

Count that day lost whose low descending sun views from thy hand no worthy action done.

H. W. HOKE.

If there be no enemy, no fight; if no fight, no victory; if no victory, no crown.—Savonarola.

TELL ALL YOUR TROUBLES TO JESUS.

Tell all your troubles to Jesus,
His sympathy reaches so wide;
He well understands without telling,
But blessed it is to confide.
He holdeth you close to His bosom,
And biddeth your sorrow to cease;
He whispers of joy everlasting,
He whispers of comforting peace.

Tell all your troubles to Jesus,
A wonderful Savior is he;
He went to the deeps of all sorrow,
And knoweth the strength of your plea.

Oh, surely 'twill help you to tell him,
And lean on the arm of his might;
He promised his yoke should be easy,
His burden, he said, should be light.

Tell all your troubles to Jesus,
Our pitiful Savior so strong,
Abundantly able to help you,
And willing to banish the wrong.
Oh, deem not that you are forgotten,
Though weeping your sight may bedim,
But tell all your troubles to Jesus,
For there is compassion with Him.
Selected.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF MT. CARMEL ORPHANAGE.

For January, February and March, 1925

Receipts

Cash on hand	\$126.67
A friend, Dayton, Ohio	10.85
Elizabetht'n S. S., Elizabetht'n, Pa.	15.00
Ida Cassel, Hamilton, Ont., Can.....	30.00
Florence Shirk, Minneapolis, Kans.	5.00
Mabel Fowler, Minneapolis, Kans. ...	5.00
Fairview S. S., Clayton, Ohio.....	13.00
Morrison friends, Morrison, Ill.....	25.00
Solicitation in Chadwick	53.00
O. F. Stump, Avilla, Ind.	5.00
Robert Shirk, Shannon, Ill.....	10.00
David Kreider, Shannon, Ill.	2.00
Cora Albright, Shannon, Ill.	2.00
Bethel S. S., Detroit, Kans.	12.63
Portland Soc. Club, Prophetst'n, Ill.	10.00
A friend, Washingtonboro, Pa.....	10.00
Highland S. S., West Milton, Ohio....	13.15
Margaret Kempster estate, Prophets- town, Ill	50.00
Sr. Stevenson, Chicago, Ill.	10.00
Morrison Solicitation	499.05
Bro. Garwick, Coleta, Ill.	3.00
Abilene Church, Abilene, Kans.....	25.00

Eggs	143.72
Other produce	76.54
County allowance	90.00
Total	\$1,245.61

Expenses

Groceries	\$198.13
Dry goods and clothing	54.66
Shoes	33.53
Fuel	186.26
Hardware and repairs	204.71
School supplies	15.95
Taxes	67.60
Feed, Seed, etc.	102.79
Poultry and stock	65.15
Note and interest	219.30
Telephone	6.25
Labor, etc.	30.25
Auto license	8.10
To children	18.30
Miscellaneous	14.46
Total	\$1,225.44

Other Donations:

One comforter, Mrs. Allen, Detroit, Kans.; Sewing, Bethel Sewing Circle, Kans.; Soap, clothing, etc., Shannon, Ill.; Clothing, Mr. Ludens, Morrison, Ill.

We wish to express our heart-felt appreciation for the love and kindness our friends have shown toward us and the work of the Lord, by supplying our needs in a temporal way. We believe you have done it as unto the Lord and that He has taken notice of it and will reward you accordingly.

We are truly glad to report sufficient funds in sight to pay off all indebtedness, it surely is a good feeling to know that we "owe no man anything."

We are trusting God to supply our daily needs and to give us wisdom in using what He gives, so that we need not go in debt for anything.

It is our purpose to do all we can to support ourselves by raising fruit and vegetables for our use also for market.

Will you pray that God may have His way in our hearts and lives.

H. W. HOKE, Treas.

While the earth remaineth, seed time and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease. Gen. 8:22.

At this season of the year we are again reminded of the above portion of God's Word. Altho these words were spoken by God in Noah's time, yet they are just as true now as they were then.

How lifeless everything out of

doors looked for a number of months, but now all is changed. The earth seems to be full of life. The trees and grass that were so brown are now clothed in green. How our hearts should continually be lifted up in praise to our God who has all power in His hands and can bring these things to pass.

The coming of spring brings with it many duties, in the house as well as on the outside. Spring opened up earlier here this spring than last. We have already had asparagus and rhubarb to use from the garden. We are all anxious for the time when we can have lettuce and radishes to eat.

We still have a nice lot of canned fruit and vegetables in the cellar, also plenty of potatoes. When we think of those in our own state who have been deprived of these temporal blessings, because of storm, we feel we are wonderfully blest. We feel unworthy, yet grateful, for all our blessings.

While we are kept very busy providing for our physical needs, we feel we are doing it as unto the Lord, and can go to Him for strength and grace to accomplish the same.

Mrs. Harvey W. Hoke.

No Book of Discipline or rules of living can take the place of Him who is the source of all authority as also of all goodness. We reaffirm our belief in His immediate guidance and in the Truth that all obedient hearts have access to Him through Jesus Christ His Son, who is the revelation of the undying love of the Father and whose sacrifice of Himself is the propitiation for our sins; who lived, died and rose again for our salvation. Through Him only can we have eternal life, "for neither is there any other name under heaven, that is given among men, wherein we must be saved." We believe that the Holy Spirit is given for our instruction, reproof and comfort, and for our guidance in the will of our Heavenly Father; and that only in doing His will shall our faith in Christ be counted to us for righteousness.

Foreign Missionary Department

"The Fields are White Already to Harvest"

FROM INDIA

To the Visitor family, greetings:

We are glad tonight that we have the privilege of coming to you again by way of a letter. Our minds often wander back to you dear ones in America. You ask if we long to be there. Not as our home. No! We could not enjoy it after several years of service among the heathen. Our hearts ache more now than before we come to the field. We have seen conditions and tasted the joys of service.

Our lesson tonight was "Draw nigh to God and He will draw nigh to you." We do praise Him for the privilege of coming to Him. How sweet to just hide away with Him alone. We also have learned a little of the joy of united prayer. The first Friday of every month we lay aside all the daily duties and spend the day with Him. We all gather at one place and there counsel with Him about our work. Our burdens all are brought to Him and with united petitions we wait upon Him.

We are realizing His answer. Last week a young Mohammedan boy left his father's house and came to the mission. He has for some time been reading of Christianity and really studied it. Now he openly declares before the people his intentions are to be a Christian. His father is one of the head men of their religion in this section. One time he made a statement that our preaching would amount to nothing, as no respectable person would ever give up their religion to accept ours. He thought the poor and sick might come but no one else.

Now his eyes are opened. One that is very dear to him, his oldest son, wants to leave him and be a Christian. This is a wonderful step to victory. Some others of this religion have been at the breaking point for some time. We are praying that God will continue to convict and

that even the heart of this father may be touched.

Your prayers are much needed for this young man. It is a step hard for any one, with a home like he had, to say goodbye to all. It would not be impossible for him to stay at home, but it is not likely that he will be allowed to do so.

The weather has turned quite bad the last few weeks. The change came rather sudden and was rather depressing. Old mother earth is badly scorched. We have had some nice showers this winter.

The building work at Saharsa is slowly moving on. The rafters are now on the new church. We will be glad for the room in this building. The Middle English school hall, where we have had our services for the past year, is far too small to properly accommodate our people for services. Our Sunday school has an average attendance of from 65 to 75 mostly orphanage children and Christians.

The Mela was held this month for the Hindus. Our workers with several Indians were out camping. They sold nearly two thousand gospels and tracts. Held meetings every night at the tent. We trust some seed has fallen on good ground and will bring forth fruit for His glory.

After the Mela several of the missionaries with some Indians spent some time at Madhipura. Our hearts are sad when we think of the place being left without missionaries. The people are calling for workers. They plead to have us come and live with them. We trust God will so arrange that we can live there at least part of the year.

There are now 24 girls in the school. Some have been sent from Catholic homes. We hope in this way to draw the parents to real Christianity. The girls have been doing real well in school. They have been doing all their sewing and cooking besides

being in school. They are a bunch full of fun and not entirely faithless. Some have been baptized, others have asked for it, but we want them to really know what it means to be a Christian.

We hope to have a series of meetings to begin April 8 and continue until the evening of the eleventh when we will close with the Lord's Supper and feet washing.

When you dear ones are in your daily devotions don't forget the lost millions of India. You are responsible for at least part of these people.

In His glad service,
B. Ella Gayman.

REPORT OF FOREIGN MISSION TREASURER

From Feb. 1, to May 1, 1925.

Balance Feb. 1, 1925.....	\$ 695.99
In His Name, Mifflintown, Pa.,.....	20.00
In His Name Lebanon, Pa.,.....	1.00
H. A. Light, Lebanon, Pa.,.....	1.00
D. B. Light, Lebanon Pa.,.....	1.00
Mrs. Loyd Wolf, Lebanon, Pa.,.....	2.00
Palmyra Cong. Lebanon, Pa.,.....	35.42
Morrison Cove Dist. Pa.,.....	110.52
Sr. A. H. Gish, Harrisburg, Pa.,.....	10.00
Anna Myers, Harrisburg, Pa.,.....	5.00
Campbellstown Cong., Lebanon, Pa.,.....	25.75
Mt. Pleasant Cong., Rapho, Pa.,.....	156.00
Ruth Stout Souderton, Pa.,.....	5.00
Ruth Stout, Souderton, Pa.,.....	5.00
A sister, Mt Joy, Pa.,.....	5.00
A Sister, Montgomery Dist., Pa.,.....	2.00
J. and Ella Lehman, Carlisle.....	100.00
A. C. & Anna Zook, Chambersburg.....	40.00
Annie S. Schwend, New Danville, Pa.,.....	5.00
A Bro. and Sr., Mowersville, Cong. Pa.,.....	5.00
A Sister, East Petersburg, Pa.,.....	10.00
Mary Rosenberger, Souderton, Pa.,.....	5.00
New Guilford Dist. Pa.,.....	55.75
Messiah Bible College, Pa.,.....	30.00
Grantham Cong., Pa.,.....	82.92
Manor and Pequea Dist., Pa.,.....	105.00
Jos. Lehman, York, Pa.,.....	2.00
Mary Reavely, Grantham, Pa.,.....	28.00
Cedar Springs, Mackeyville, Pa.,.....	180.00
Manheim Cong. Rapho Dist. Pa.,.....	48.75
Graterford Cong. Trappe Dist. Pa.,.....	36.75
Maytown S. S., Maytown, Pa.,.....	75.06
Ringgold Dist., Pa.,.....	6.00
Birthday Offering, Grantham, Pa.,.....	12.23
Free Grace S. S., Millersburg, Pa.,.....	50.00
Miami Dist. Ohio.....	41.06
Clark Co., Dist., Ohio.....	190.40
J. H. Hoover and wife, Mansfield, O.,.....	10.00

Wayne Co. Cong. Ohio.....	11.00
Valley Chapel Cong., Ohio.....	85.75
Ralph H. Herr, Clayton, Ohio.....	20.00
A Sister, Lima, Ohio.....	100.00
Irvin Gramm, West Milton, O.	20.00
Valley Chapel, S. S., Ohio.....	13.00
In His Name, Chicago Ill.....	50.00
S. R. and Lizzie Wolf, Galesburg, Ill.	15.00
Des Moines Cong., Iowa.....	71.49
In His Name, Upland, Cal.	250.00
A Bro. and Sr., Oakley, Cal.	25.00
Katie Haugh, Waukena, Cal.....	172.47
San Francisco Mission, Cal.....	63.45
Lawrence Frey, Abilene, Kan.....	10.00
Abram Noel, Abilene, Kan.....	25.00
Minnie Hickerson, Sedgwick, Kans.	25.00
Jacob Haldeman, Hope, Kans.	50.00
Edith Haldeman, Hope, Kans.	5.00
Jos. Eshelman, Sedgwick, Kans.....	3,000.00
Eva L. Gingrass and husband, Sedgwick, Kans.	75.00
Iva Hickerson and husband, Sedgwick, Kans.	50.00
J. A. Roch, Navarre, Kans.	10.00
Ida Lenhert, Navarre, Kans.	30.00
Levi Byer, Hamlin, Kans.....	100.00
Mrs. A. Wenger, Kans.....	1.00
Engle Hershey, Abilene, Kans.	25.00
Goldie Sollenberger, Hazleton, Kans.....	5.00
Hebron, S. S., Green, Kans.....	51.52
Adda Engle, Green, Kans.	25.00
Mrs. L. J. Sidler, Detroit, Kans.....	20.00
Peter Bert, Detroit, Kans.	25.00
W. Page, Detroit, Kans.....	10.00
E. N. Sheets, Detroit, Kans.....	1.00
Newbern S. S., Detroit, Kans.	27.88
Rosebank S. S., Kans.	16.23
Belle Springs S. S., Kans.	12.07
Brown Co. S. S., Kans.....	58.94
Hebron S. S., Green, Kans.....	22.95
Rosebank S. S., Kans.....	15.66
Hebron S. S., Green, Kans. (India)	56.08
Brown Co. S. S. Kans.....	115.01
Rose Bank S. S., Kans.	18.69
Union Grove Cong., Ind.	65.40
Abilene Cong., Kans.....	246.00
Christian Union, S. S., Ind.	255.00
Wainfleet Cong. Canada.....	30.20
Wainfleet Cong., Canada.....	40.00
Wainfleet Cong., Canada.....	31.37
Wainfleet Cong., Canada.....	450.00
Bertie Cong., Canada.....	50.00
Markham Cong., Canada.....	140.00
Markham Cong., Canada.....	200.00
Markham Cong., Canada.....	10.00
Markham Cong., Canada.....	100.00
Markham Cong., Canada.....	5.00
Six Line Cong., Canada.....	17.10
Rosebank Cong., Canada.....	59.00
Maple Grove Cong., Canada.....	48.00
Maple Grove Cong., Canada.....	1.00
Maple Grove Cong., Canada.....	5.00
Maple Grove Cong., Canada.....	5.00
Markham Dist., Can.....	50.00
Markham Dist., Can.....	50.00
Markham Dist., Canada.....	456.69
Markham Dist., Canada.....	4.00
Markham Dist., Native Worker, Can.....	74.00
Waterloo Dist., Rosebank Cong., Can.....	75.00

Waterloo Dist., Maple Grove, Can.....	61.80
Black Creek Dist., Welland Mission, Canada.....	5.25
Black Creek Dist., Wainfleet Cong., Canada.....	38.00
Black Creek Dist., Cheapside Cong., Canada.....	22.25
Black Creek Dist., Bertie Cong., Can.....	81.50
Black Creek Dist., Springvale Cong., Canada.....	27.00
Nottawa Dist., B. & H. Line Cong., Canada.....	19.40
Nottawa Dist., Lisle Cong., Can.....	12.07
Nottawa Dist., a Brother—Canada.....	40.00
Red Star Cong., Okla.....	14.25
Paul Engle, Okla.....	15.00
Ira A. Berg, Dalton, Ohio.....	5.00
Zion S. S., Carland, Mich.....	23.75
Bethel S. S., Merrill, Mich.....	18.29
Fairland S. S., Fairland, Pa.....	36.00
Mary E. Byers, Cal.,—For India.....	250.00
Bell Spring S. S., Kan.....	15.34
A Sister, Filer, Idaho.....	10.00
Mrs. D. V. Heise, Clarence, N. Y.....	15.00
Clarence Center Cong., N. Y.	105.00

Total Receipts and Cash Balance, 10,266.45

Month's Expenditure

Maintenance So. Africa.....	719.37
Maintenance So. Africa.....	1,440.50
Maintenance So. Africa.....	2,918.00
Maintenance India.....	1,500.00
Native Teachers, So. Africa.....	145.00
Orphans (for India).....	290.00
Interest on Donations.....	96.00
Stationery.....	2.00
Home Miss. Maintenance.....	225.00

Total Expenditures.....\$7,335.87

Balance in Gen. Treasury.....\$2,930.58

S. G. ENGLE,
4014 Spring Garden Street,
Philadelphia, Penna.

REPORT OF SOUTH AFRICA FARM FUND

Balance Reported Sept. 1.....	\$645.38
D. H. Kreider, Shannon, Ill.....	10.00
Samuel Lutz, Dallas, Iowa.....	5.00
Fannie Heise, Clarence, N. Y.....	50.00
A Brother, Phila., Pa.	10.00
Lillian Kline, Phila. Pa.....	10.00
Elizabeth Graybill, Phila, Pa.	1.00
A. J. Snively, Hope, Kans.	25.00
Mary E. Book, Ramona, Kans.	50.00
Bethany S. S, Thomas, Okla.....	26.25
Alice Maggart, Pleasant Hill, Ohio.....	2.50
Total.....	835.13
Forwarded Feb. 17.....	500.00
Balance in Treasury.....	335.13
Forwarded to Date.....	\$7000.00

S. G. ENGLE, Treas.

THIS THING IS FROM ME.

(Continued from page 11.)

Are you bowed down and weary?
Have your plans been all upset?
This thing is from Me. You made your plans, then came asking Me to bless them, but I would have you let Me plan for you and then I take the responsibility, for "This Thing is too heavy for thee, thou art not able to perform it thyself alone?"—*Ex.* 18:18. You are only an instrument, not an agent.

Have you longed to do some great work for Me, and instead been laid aside on a bed of pain and weakness? This thing is from Me I could not get your attention in your busy days, I want to teach you some of my deepest lessons.

"They also serve who stand and wait."

I want you to learn to sing—
I am not eager, bold or strong,
All that is past;
I am ready not to do
At last! At last!

Some of my greatest workers are those shut out from active service, that they may learn to wield the weapon of all-prayer.

Are you suddenly called to occupy a difficult and responsible position? Launch out on Me? I am trusting you with the possession of difficulties," and for "This thing the Lord thy God shall bless thee in all thy works and in all that thou puttest thine hands unto." Deut. 15:10.

This day I place in your hands this pot of holy oil, make use of it freely, my child. Let every circumstance, as it arises, every word that pains you, every interruption that would make you impatient, every revelation of your own weakness, be anointed with it. Remember interruptions are Divine instructions. (Rev. C. A. Fox).

The sting will go as you learn to see me in all things, therefore, "Set your hearts unto all the words which I testify among you this day . . . for it is a vain thing; because it is your life, and through This thing ye shall prolong your days in the land. Deut. 32: 40,47;

—Laura A. B. Snow, Sel. by E. L. H.

LEANING ON JESUS.

I have been alone with Jesus,
My head upon His breast,
For I was very weary,
I wanted there to rest.

I have been alone with Jesus,
He bid me stay awhile,
And I felt it very precious—
The sunshine of His smile.

For I was weary, weary, and longed
to be at rest,
And oh, it was so peaceful there,
while leaning on his breast.

Shall I tell you what I told Him
While I was waiting there?
I told Him all my trouble,
I told him all my care.

I told Him Satan's whisperings
Oft called me into sin;
And I asked Him if I might not
Forever stay with Him.
For I was weary, weary and longed to
be at rest.
And oh, it was so peaceful there,
while leaning on his breast.

Shall I tell you what He told me
While I was waiting there?
For it took away my trouble,
It took away my care.

He told me how He loved me,
His wayward, erring child,
'Twas easy to believe him,
For still on me he smiled.

For I was weary, weary, and longed
to be at rest,
And oh, it was so peaceful there,
while leaning on His breast.

Then he told me I was welcome
To stay with him for aye;
And he said that he would never
Cast his loving child away.

"Hark", he said, "I am your Savior
Firm as a rock I stand,
Come and rest beneath my shadow
When weary in this land."

Oh, 'tis precious, very precious, to
lean on Jesus' breast,
For when the heart is weary, 'tis the
only place of rest.

Selected.

INFIDELITY UTTERLY FAILS

Infidelity has never raised a man or woman from sin. It never took a drunkard from the gutter, a gambler from a life of shame. It never found a man coarse and brutal and made him a kind husband and father. It never went into heathen lands among the depraved, and lifted them out of their degradation. It has never written down negative languages, translated literature, prepared text books or planted schools. Has it added anything to human happiness? Does it bring comfort to the chamber of death? The religion of Jesus has done this, and more, too. "A tree is known by its fruit."

Richard Weaver tells the following:

"When I was a collier, I was working one day alongside a great, boastful skeptic, who was removing the supports from parts of the workings. It sometimes happens, as on this occasion, that a stone gets loose, and comes crashing down upon the miner. This particular stone was only a small one, but quite large enough to frighten any brave skeptic. I was not a Christian then, yet I always abhorred his braggart skepticism. When I went to him he was lying under the stone moaning 'Lord, help me.' Putting my hand upon the stone I pressed it down so as to make it appear heavier. 'What are you going to do?' I asked; but his only answer was, 'The Lord help me.' As I pressed heavier and heavier, his fear increased, and he doubled his cries to the Lord, whom he affected to despise. At length I took off my hand, and showed him the size of the stone, saying, 'See there! What is the worth of your infidelity, when a stone that size can drive it all out of you in half a minute?' Atheism cannot stand the approach of death."—Sel.

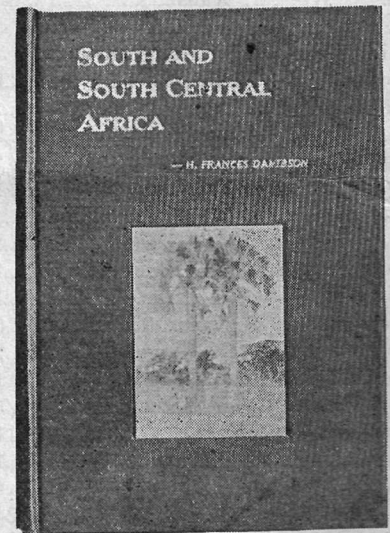
A FACT

A revival is needed when the church wants shorter sermons and more musical exercises, in which, perhaps, ungodly choirs shout lies to heaven.

Why don't you say, amen?—E. P. Marvin.

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